

# REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

You are hereby invited to submit proposal to the South African Post Office Limited for Reinstatement of Universe Licences, Support and Maintenance for Securemail.

## SECTION 1 Section to be completed by bidder

MAAA NUMBER:	
BIDDER COMPANY NAME	
BIDDER CONTACT PERSON	
BIDDER CONTACT DETAILS	EMAIL:
	TEL :

## SECTION 2 Section to be completed by SCM

RFQ NUMBER:	RFQ/25/26/177		
ISSUE DATE:	2026/03/10		
OBJECTIVE OF BID:	<p>The objective of this bid is to engage an <b>authorized reseller or certified partner</b> of Rocket Software to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reinstate SAPO's lapsed Universe Software licences and support and maintenance for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of reinstatement</li> </ul>		
CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS: CLOSING DATE AND TIME	2026/03/13	at	09:00
RFQ CLOSING DATE AND TIME	2023/03/16	at	11:00
PROPOSAL TO BE EMAIL TO	SAPORFQ@POSTOFFICE.CO.ZA		
RFQ VALIDITY PERIOD:	120 DAYS (from closing date of this RFQ)		
ENQUIRIES: PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	Bernadette van Zyl Tel: 012-845-2452 Email address: <a href="mailto:Bernadette.vanzyl@postoffice.co.za">Bernadette.vanzyl@postoffice.co.za</a>		

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# SBD1 - INVITATION TO BID

<b>YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POST OFFICE LIMITED</b>					
BID NO:	<b>RFQ/25/26/177</b>	CLOSING DATE	<b>2023/03/16</b>	CLOSING TIME:	<b>11h00</b>
DESCRIPTION:	<b>Reinstatement of Universe Licences, Support and Maintenance for Securemail.</b>				
<b>BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MUST BE FORWARD TO:</b>					
SAPORFQ@POSTOFFICE.CO.ZA					
<b>BIDDING PROCEDURE AND TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRETED TO</b>					
CONTACT PERSON:	<b>BERNADETTE VAN ZYL</b>				
TELEPHONE NO:	<b>012-845-2452</b>				
EMAIL ADDRESS:	<a href="mailto:Bernadette.vanzyl@postoffice.co.za">Bernadette.vanzyl@postoffice.co.za</a>				
<b>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</b>					
NAME OF BIDDER:					
POSTAL ADDRESS:					
STREET ADDRESS:					
TELEPHONE NO:	<b>CODE</b>		<b>NUMBER:</b>		
CELLPHONE NO:					
FACSIMILE NO:	<b>CODE:</b>		<b>NUMBER:</b>		
EMAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NO:					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS:	<b>TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:</b>		<b>or</b>	<b>CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE NO:</b>	<b>MAAA</b>
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]			ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
<b>QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS</b>					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA [RSA]?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.					

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

<b>1. BID SUBMISSION:</b>
<p>1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.</p> <p>1.2. <b>ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.</b></p> <p>1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.</p> <p>1.4. <b>THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).</b></p>
<b>2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.</li> <li>• <u>BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.</u></li> <li>• APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.</li> <li>• BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.</li> <li>• <u>IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.</u></li> <li>• WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.</li> <li>• NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."</li> </ul>

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.**

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: \_\_\_\_\_

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

[Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# SBD4 - BID BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

## 2. BIDDER'S DECLARATION IN RESPECT OF EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of the Directors / Trustees / Shareholders / Members / Partners of the Bidder employed by the State"?  YES  NO

If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, in table below.

Full Names	Identity Number	Name of State Institution

## 3. BIDDERS' DISCLOSURE IN RESPECT OF INDEPENDENT BIDDING

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

3.7 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the state for a period not exceeding 10 years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

**4. DIRECTORS**

Bidders to submit the list of Directors on the company letterhead as follows:

First Name	Middle Name (where applicable)	Surname	Gender	Race

**5. SHAREHOLDERS**

Bidders to submit the list of Shareholders on the company letterhead as follows:

First Name	Middle Name (where applicable)	Surname	Gender	Race

Share certificates must be submitted

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ABOVE IS CORRECT AND ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS INFORMATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Position/Designation	_____ Name of Bidder

# A.SCOPE OF SUPPLY AND SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

SA Post Office require the service of a suitably authorized vendor to Reinstate SAPO's lapsed Universe Software licences and support and maintenance for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of reinstatement

## 2. POINT OF DELIVERY OF SERVICES

IT department, NPC Building, Jeff Masemola Street, Pretoria

## 3. PRICE BASIS

- 3.1 Bidders shall take into account that the Post Office's total requirements may not be allocated to only one bidder.
- 3.2 Where figures are referred to in numerals and in words and there is a conflict between the two, the words will prevail.
- 3.3 The successful bidder shall commit to the programme of continuous improvement, which will result in cost-efficiencies during the currency of the relationship.

## 4. PAYMENT

The Contract Price is the amount, agreed to by both parties during contract negotiation process, which the Post Office shall pay to the Service Provider for the Services rendered in terms of the Agreement. The Contract Price for the Services provided by the Service Provider to the Post Office shall be inclusive of VAT and payable 30 days upon statement date.

## 5. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 Bidders responding to this RFQ are deemed to do so, on the basis that they acknowledge and accept all the Terms and Conditions of this RFQ.
- 5.2 Proposals must be submitted through email address [SAPORFQ@POSTOFFICE.CO.ZA](mailto:SAPORFQ@POSTOFFICE.CO.ZA). It is the bidder's sole responsibility to ensure that the bid has been received by the **2023/03/16 at 11:00. Late submissions will not be accepted.**
- 5.3 All documents and correspondence must be in English, failure to comply, the bid proposal will not be evaluated.
- 5.4 Pricing schedule must be completed in South African Rand (ZAR). Failure to provide the bid in South African Rand will result in the bid being non-responsive.
- 5.5 If the proposal is submitted by a Consortium / JV / Partnership, each company forming part of the Consortium / JV / Partnership **must submit consolidated BBBEE Certificate for scoring point and proof of Consortium / JV / Partnership.**

## 6. CONSULTATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL

Bidders shall consult, **in writing**, with the undernoted Post Office officials should there appear to be any discrepancy, ambiguity or uncertainty pertaining to the meaning or effect of any description, dimension, quality, quantity or any other information contained in this bid. The Post Office undertakes to provide clarification in writing to all Bidders, provided that the request is received prior to the closing date and time for clarifications.

Official	Location	Contact Details
Bernadette van Zyl [Procurement Officer]	South African Post Office Limited Supply Chain Management Cnr. James Drive and Moreleta Street, Silverton, Pretoria.	012-845-2452 <a href="mailto:Bernadette.vanzyl@postoffice.co.za">Bernadette.vanzyl@postoffice.co.za</a>

## 7. CLARIFICATIONS

- 7.1 Bidders are encouraged to submit clarification questions in writing to South African Post Office Officials mentioned above not later than end of day, **2026/03/13 at 09:00**. No further questions will be entertained after this period.
- 7.2 The SAPO will respond in writing to queries and distribute to all bidders who attended the briefing session after receipt of questions.
- 7.3 Oral communication or instruction by SAPO or its representative shall have no standing in this RFQ unless and until they have been confirmed in writing.
- 7.4 SAPO accepts no responsibility for the failure of any bidder not receiving notifications or correspondence relating to this RFQ.

## 8. VALIDITY PERIOD OF PROPOSAL

The period during which the Post Office shall have the right to accept a proposal without any right of withdrawal on the part of the bidder shall be **Hundred and Twenty [120] days** from the date on which proposals are due. After such period a bidder may withdraw his proposal if he has not been notified of its acceptance.

Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, at the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period. However, once the adjudication body has approved the process and award of the business to the successful bidder(s), the validity of the successful bidder(s) bid will be deemed to remain valid until a final contract has been awarded. Should a bidder fail to respond to a request for extension of the validity period before it expires, that bidder will be excluded from the tender process? With regard to the validity period of next highest ranked bidders, refer to clause **10.3.11**

## 9. COST OF THE BID

Each Bidder shall bear all of its costs (of whatsoever nature) associated with the preparation or submission of its bid and of negotiating with the SAPO regarding a possible contract agreement and any other costs and expenses incurred by the Bidders in connection with or arising out of the competitive procurement process.

## 10. BIDDING CONDITIONS

- 10.1 The South African Post Office reserves the right to reject and/or disqualify any proposal:
  - 10.1.1 Received without the data and information requested.
  - 10.1.2 Submitted after the stated submission deadline [closing date]
  - 10.1.3 Which does not conform to instructions and specifications detailed herein
- 10.2 That fails to comply with specification.
  - 10.2.1 That contains any information that is found to be incorrect or misleading in anyway.
  - 10.2.2 Such non-compliant bids shall be rejected without further evaluation, provided that SAPO believes, in its own discretion, that the non-compliance is minor then SAPO may continue with the evaluation, or seek clarification thereon or reject the Bid.
- 10.3 The South African Post Office reserves the right:
  - 10.3.1 Not to award or cancel this RFQ at any time and shall not be bound to accept the highest scoring or any bid.
  - 10.2.2 To negotiate with one or more Preferred or Reserved Bidders identified in the evaluation process, regarding any terms and conditions, including price without offering the same opportunity to any other Bidder who has not been awarded the status of the Preferred or Reserved Bidder.
  - 10.3.3 To accept part of a bid rather than the whole bid.
  - 10.3.4 To split the award of the bid between two or more Bidders.
  - 10.3.5 To cancel and/or terminate the bid process at any stage, including after the Closing Date and/or after presentations have been made, and/or after bids have been notified of their status as such.

- 10.3.6 To carry out site inspections, product evaluations or explanatory meetings in order to verify the nature and quality of the Services bidden for, whether before or after adjudication of the bid.
- 10.3.7 Request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise; to cancel the contract and/request that National Treasury place the Respondent on its Database of Restricted Suppliers for a period not exceeding 10 years, on the basis that a contract was awarded on the strength of incorrect information furnished by the Respondent or on any other basis recognised in law;
- 10.3.8 To award the bid to a Bidder who is not the highest scoring Bidder, provided that an objective criteria was indicated in the evaluation criteria.
- 10.3.9 To correct any mistakes at any stage of the bid that may have been in the bid documents or occurred at any stage of the bid process.
- 10.3.10 To award the business to the next ranked bidder, provided that he/she is still prepared to provide the required Goods/Services at the quoted price, should the preferred bidder fail to sign or commence with the contract within a reasonable period after being requested to do so. Under such circumstances, the validity of the bids of the next ranked bidder(s) will be deemed to remain valid, irrespective of whether the next ranked bidder(s) were issued with a Letter of Regret. Bidders may therefore be requested to advise whether they would still be prepared to provide the required Goods/Services at their quoted price, even after they have been issued with a Letter of Regret.
- 10.4 No attempts may be made, whether directly or indirectly, to canvass any member of SAPO staff before the award of the contract. Any enquiries must be referred, in writing, to the specified person(s).

## **11 JOINT VENTURES, CONSORTIUMS, PARTNERSHIPS AND TRUSTS**

- 11.1 A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their specific goal as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- 11.2 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their specific goal as an unincorporated or incorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid.
- 11.3 Bidders must submit concrete proof of the existence of joint ventures and/or consortium arrangements. SAPO will accept signed agreements as acceptable proof of the existence of a joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.
- 11.4 The joint venture and/or consortium agreements must clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of the Lead Partner and the joint venture and/or consortium party. The agreement must also clearly identify the Lead Partner, with the power of attorney to bind the other party/parties in respect of matters pertaining to the joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.

## **12 SAMPLES (If applicable)**

SAPO shall not pay for samples provided and damaged / destroyed samples as a result of destruction testing.

## **13 CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE**

The terms and conditions applicable to any order / contract that may result from this bid will be stated in the main contract between SAPO and appointed service provider.

# **B.CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

## **1 DEFINITION**

Unless otherwise expressly stated, or the context otherwise requires, the words and expressions listed below shall, when used in this Confidentiality Agreement, bear the meanings ascribed to them:

- 1.1 “**Bidder**” shall mean any person who attends the briefing session and/or any entity which is represented at the briefing session whose details and signature are set out in the attendance register;
- 1.2 “**Confidentiality Agreement**” shall mean this confidentiality Agreement; and
- 1.3 “**Post Office**” shall mean the South African Post Office, a public company with limited liability duly incorporated in accordance with company laws of the Republic of South Africa with registration number 1991/005477/06.

## **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Bidder has attended a briefing session which is hosted by the Post Office, at which the Post Office shall provide information to Bidders who wish to enter into discussions with the Post Office concerning a number of issues pertaining to the possible provision of services by the Bidder to the Post Office, which discussions may or may not result in the Post Office and the Bidder entering into an agreement, arrangements, discussions or alliances.
- 2.2 During the briefing session and in negotiating the business relations, the Post Office shall disclose confidential information relating to its business to the Bidder.
- 2.3 The Bidder agrees to be bound by the terms and to be subject to the conditions of this Confidentiality Agreement.

## **3 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Confidential Information in respect of this Confidentiality Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, all oral, written, printed, photographic and recorded information of all types that is:

- 3.1 Confidential or secret information relating to the commercial and financial activities of the Post Office, which would include legal, financial, contractual or commercial arrangements between the Post Office group of companies, customers and/or third parties;
- 3.2 Confidential information and details concerning current or prospective customers, suppliers, commercial associates and other parties with whom the Post Office enjoys a commercial relationship;
- 3.3 Proposed, impending or actual commercial transactions, arrangements, ventures, agreements or opportunities which are of a confidential or secret nature;
- 3.4 Trade secrets, operating procedures, quality control procedures, approximate operation personnel requirements, descriptions, trade names, trademarks, know how, techniques, technology, copyright, and all goodwill relating to the business and any other existing intellectual property rights or any intellectual property created as a result of the provision of services;
- 3.5 confidential or privileged information concerning disputes, claims, litigation or similar actions in which any party is or may become involved; and
- 3.6 Any other information surrounding the nature of the discussions giving rise to this Confidentiality Agreement.

## **4. EXCLUDED INFORMATION**

There will be no obligation of confidentiality or restriction on the use of information where:

- 4.1 The information is publicly available, or becomes publicly available otherwise than by action of the Bidder; or

- 4.2 The information was already known to the Bidder (as evidenced by its written records) prior to its receipt under this or any previous confidentiality agreement between the parties or their affiliates; or
- 4.3 The information was received from another party not in breach of an obligation of confidentiality.

## **5. NON-DISCLOSURE**

- 5.1 The Bidder acknowledges that the Confidential Information is a valuable and unique asset proprietary to the Post Office.
- 5.2 The Bidder agrees that it shall not disclose the Confidential Information to any third party for any reason or purpose whatsoever without the prior written consent of the Post Office.
- 5.3 The Bidder may disclose the Confidential Information only to its directors and other officers, employees and professional advisors agents and consultants only on a strictly need-to-know basis and on the terms and conditions provided for in this Confidentiality Agreement.
- 5.4 The Bidder undertakes not to use the Confidential Information for any purpose other than:
  - 5.4.1 That for which it is disclosed; and
  - 5.4.2 In accordance with the provisions of this Confidentiality Agreement.
- 5.5 The Bidder undertakes to ensure that their employees will observe and comply with their obligations in respect thereof, whether or not they remain employees of the Bidder.
- 5.6 The Bidder agrees that it shall only, where necessary, disclose the Confidential Information to its professional advisers, agents and consultants, provided that such professional advisers, agents and consultants sign a similar undertaking and that they are aware of the confidential nature of the information being made available to them.
- 5.7 The Bidder shall takes all steps necessary to procure that such professional advisers, agents and consultants agree to abide by the terms of this Confidentiality Agreement to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of the Confidential Information to third parties.

## **6. OWNERSHIP**

- 6.1 All Confidential Information disclosed by the Post Office to the Bidder is acknowledged by the Bidder to be proprietary to the Post Office who shall retain all right, title and interest in and to that information.
- 6.2 The possession of the Confidential Information by the Bidder does not to confer any rights of whatever nature in such Confidential Information to the Bidder.
- 6.3 No provision in this Confidentiality Agreement shall be interpreted to confer any right of license under any trademark, patent or copyright, or any applications for such a trademark, patent or copyright which may be pending now or in the future to the Bidder.

## **7. STANDARD OF CARE**

The Bidder agrees that it shall protect the Confidential Information disclosed pursuant to the provisions of this Confidentiality Agreement using the same standard of care that it applies to its own proprietary, secret or confidential information, but in any event not less than a reasonable standard of care, and that the Confidential Information shall be stored and handled in such a way as to prevent any unauthorized disclosure thereof.

## **8. RETURN OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

- 8.1 The Post Office may at any time request the return of the Confidential Information disclosed to the Bidder. Upon the return of the Confidential Information, the Bidder shall submit a written statement to the Post Office confirming that the Bidder has not retained in its possession or under its control, either directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information.

- 8.2 Alternatively to the return of the material contemplated in clause 0 above, the Bidder shall, at the request of the Post Office, destroy the Confidential Information and furnish the Post Office with a written statement to the effect that all Confidential Information in the possession or under the control of the Bidder has been destroyed.
- 8.3 The Bidder shall comply with the request in terms of this clause 8 within forty-eight hours of receipt of such a request.

**9. BREACH**

- 9.1 Any breach of any obligation or undertaking by the Bidder will constitute a material breach of this Confidentiality Agreement.
- 9.2 The Bidder shall be liable to pay the Post Office all costs incurred in the protection of its interests in terms of this Confidentiality Agreement on an attorney and own client scale.
- 9.3 The Bidder acknowledges that the Post Office shall be entitled to apply to court for an interdict or other appropriate relief against the Bidder, should the Post Office have any reasonable basis to believe that the Bidder is or may be in breach of this Confidentiality Agreement and thus endangering the proprietary interests of the Post Office.

**10. DURATION**

The obligations undertaken by the Bidder in terms of this Confidentiality Agreement shall endure notwithstanding the termination of this Confidentiality Agreement or notwithstanding that either party decides at any time, whether before or after the commencement of this Confidentiality Agreement, not to pursue the discussions to enter into a business relationship or that the relationship between the parties pursuant to those discussions is terminated for any reason whatsoever

**11. GENERAL**

- 11.1 This Confidentiality Agreement constitutes the sole record of the agreement between the parties with regard to the subject matter hereof. No party shall be bound by any express or implied term, representation, warranty, promise or the like not recorded herein.
- 11.2 No addition to, variation of, or agreed cancellation of this Confidentiality Agreement shall be of any force or effect unless in writing and signed by or on behalf of the parties.
- 11.3 No relaxation or indulgence which the Post Office may grant to the Bidder shall constitute a waiver of the rights of the Post Office and shall not preclude the Post Office from exercising any rights which may have arisen in the past or which might arise in future.
- 11.4 The Bidder agrees and confirm by their signature to the RFQ Documents that any present and/or previous discussions or correspondence shall, for purposes of this Confidentiality Agreement, be considered to be Confidential Information.
- 11.5 An approval or consent given by a party under this Confidentiality Agreement shall only be valid if in writing and shall not relieve the other party from responsibility for complying with the requirements of this Confidentiality Agreement nor shall it be construed as a waiver of any rights under this Confidentiality Agreement except as and to the extent otherwise expressly provided in such approval or consent, or elsewhere in this Confidentiality Agreement.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DELEGATED SIGNATORY: \_\_\_\_\_

[print] In his capacity of \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORY: \_\_\_\_\_

[print] Who warrants his authority to sign on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BIDDER [COMPANY]: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## C. CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH BID DOCUMENTS

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify (Name of Company) that I/we acquainted myself/ourselves with the contents of all the documents listed in the Schedule of Bid Documents, as laid down by The South African Post Office for carrying out of the proposed works.

SIGNED AT \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DELEGATED SIGNATORY \_\_\_\_\_  
[print] In his capacity of \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORY: \_\_\_\_\_  
[print] Who warrants his authority to sign on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BIDDER [COMPANY]: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## D. SPECIFICATION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The South African Post Office (SAPO) utilizes Universe Software within the Securemail environment for mission-critical operations, including database management, replication, and reporting.

The current Universe Software licence has lapsed support and maintenance coverage, resulting in the unavailability of vendor updates, patches, and technical assistance.

This document defines SAPO's requirements for the reinstatement and renewal of Universe Software support and maintenance to restore compliance, regain OEM support access, and ensure operational continuity.

### 2. OBJECTIVE OF BID

The objective of this bid is to engage a suitably authorized vendor to:

- Reinstatement SAPO's lapsed Universe Software licences and support and maintenance for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of reinstatement

This process will restore SAPO's entitlement to vendor support, software updates, and technical maintenance for both production and disaster recovery environments.

### 3. SCOPE OF WORK

The reinstatement and renewal apply to SAPO's Securemail environment with the following licence entitlement:

- Total Concurrent Users: 150 total concurrent user licences (this is the total user entitlement SAPO requires).
- Production Server: Hosts the active workload for up to 150 concurrent users.
- Disaster Recovery (DR) Server: Configured as a standby/failover for the same 150 user entitlement and only activated upon production failure.

Important: Suppliers must confirm whether the proposed reinstatement / support covers the DR standby failover for the same 150 user licences (i.e., no additional per-user licences required for DR activation).

#### 3.1 Deliverables

The successful bidder will be required to:

- Facilitate reinstatement of Universe licence support and maintenance through the OEM or authorized distributor.
- Reinstatement and provide support for 150 total concurrent user licences for a twelve (12) month period post-reinstatement.
- **Provide SAPO with official confirmation of reinstatement and licence compliance from the OEM.**
- Ensure Universe Software and associated replication, DR, and reporting tools are fully supported under the reinstated entitlement.
- Ensure full compatibility of Universe software with Sun Solaris, Linux SUSE, and IBM AIX environments.
- Provide continued access to maintenance releases, software updates, and OEM-level technical support during the active period of coverage.
- Provide technical documentation and escalation procedures for support cases.

#### 4. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Description
Product	Universe Database Software including Replication, DR, and Reporting Tools
Serial Number	20026538
License Type / Entitlement	<b>150 total concurrent user licences</b> (production + DR standby for the same user entitlement)
Current Status	Lapsed Support and Maintenance
Support Period	12 Months from date of reinstatement
Scope	Securemail Production and DR servers supporting replication and reporting workloads
Platform Compatibility	<b>Must be fully compatible with Sun Solaris, Linux SUSE, and IBM AIX.</b> SAPO's infrastructure refresh programme may transition between these platforms; therefore, the reinstated licences and support must remain valid and portable across all.
Vendor Support	OEM (Rocket Software) or Authorized Partner
Deliverables	Reinstatement certificate, licence validation, and renewed support credentials for OEM portal access
Service Coverage	Includes software updates, maintenance releases, remote OEM technical support, and escalation channels
Tools Covered	Replication, DR, and Reporting functionality included under support and maintenance

#### 5. IT CONDITIONS TO BID

- The bidder must be an **authorized reseller or certified partner** of Rocket Software.
- SAPO reserves the right to verify licence legitimacy directly with Rocket Software prior to final acceptance.
- The reinstatement and renewal must cover the **150 total concurrent user entitlement** across production and DR without additional licensing cost should SAPO switch platform during its infrastructure refresh.
- The bidder must confirm platform-agnostic support across **Sun Solaris, Linux SUSE, and IBM AIX** environments.
- The bidder must provide a defined escalation matrix and SLA commitments for incident response and vendor coordination.
- **SAPO reserves the right to request product or technical presentations from shortlisted bidders**

#### 6. PRICING TABLE

All bidders are required to complete **Annexure F – Pricing Schedule** and confirm their proposal.

- **Prices must be quoted in South African Rand (ZAR), exclusive of VAT. VAT, where applicable, will be added at the prevailing rate at the time of invoicing.**
- **Bidders may not alter the structure of the table.**

#### Notes to Bidders:

- Suppliers **must** confirm in writing that the reinstatement and support quote covers failover to DR for the same 150 concurrent user entitlement (i.e., no extra per-user licences required for DR activation).
- SAPO reserves the right to request a detailed cost breakdown during evaluation.
- SAPO reserves the right to negotiate final commercial terms prior to award.

## E.EVALUATION CRITERIA

The bid will be evaluated as follows:

- Phase 1:** Gatekeeping Criteria  
**Phase 2:** Bid Conditions  
**Phase 3:** Commercial – Price [80] and Specific Goals [20]

### 1. PHASE 1: GATEKEEPING CRITERIA

The Bidder is required to provide SAPO with the following in their bid proposal.

**Failure to comply with the Gatekeeping criteria will result in the disqualification of the Bid.**

- Bidders must submit Pricing Schedule **Annexure F**.

### 2. PHASE 2: BID CONDITIONS

Should the Bidder fail to submit at the time of closing of the bid, bidder/s will be requested to submit the outstanding bid condition/s document(s) within two [2] working days. Failure to comply will result in the disqualification of their bid. Excluding statutory requirements that being tax compliance. Seven (7) working days for tax compliance shall apply from the date the request was sent by SAPO.

Bidders must submit the following documents with their proposals.

#### 2.1 Conformance to Specification and Lead Times

The bidder must confirm that the required goods and/or services will be supplied and delivered in accordance with the scope of work and delivery lead time as indicated in the specification document. Bidders must complete in full including letterhead details and submit **Annexure BC** as confirmation of compliance with scope of work and delivery lead time for the Reinstatement of Universe Licences, Support and Maintenance for Securemail.

#### 2.2 Central Supplier Database

Bidders must be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD). If the bidders are not registered the bidder can register online at the following website [www.csd.gov.za](http://www.csd.gov.za) to upload mandatory information as required.

**Note:** SAPO shall disqualify bidders that are in the National Treasury list of restricted suppliers.

#### 2.3 SBD Forms

- Bidders must complete and submit SBD1
- Bidders must complete and submit SBD4

#### 2.4 Tax compliance requirements

SAPO will not do business with a supplier who is not tax compliant. A CSD MAAA number provided by the bidder on the SBD1 form, will enable SAPO to verify a bidder's tax compliance status.

#### 2.5 Specific Goals (The Preferential Point System)

The specific goal that this project seeks is to appoint a service provider/s that are as follows;

- At least 51% Black owned or more.
- At least 51% Youth owned.
- At least 51% Women owned.
- At least 1% owned by Disabled Individual[s]

The following will **be used to assess the specific goal**;

- A SANAS accredited BEE Certificate OR
- Signed Sworn Affidavit attested by a Commissioner of Oaths(EMEs and QSEs) **OR**
- CIPC/DTI BBBEE Certificate [EME's and QSE's]

The Preferential Point system that will be used are 20/80 [20 Preferential Point and 80 Pricing]

**Note:** Tenderers who do not submit specific goal requirements will not be disqualified from the bid process but they will score zero [0] points.

### **PHASE 3: COMMERCIAL EVALUATION**

The Bid will be evaluated on Price [80] and Specific goals [20]

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Sub-criteria</b>
Total price	80/100	Benchmark against lowest quote
Contribution to Specific Goals	20/100	Points will be award to bidders goal table below:
<b>Specific Goal</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Required Documents to be submitted for evaluation</b>
Bidding Company is ≥51% Black owned or more.	10	BEE Certificate - <b>SANAS accredited OR</b> Signed Sworn Affidavit by a Commissioner of oaths (EMEs and QSEs). <b>OR</b> a CIPC/DTI BBBEE Certificate (EMEs and QSEs).
Bidding Company is 51% Youth owned	5	BEE Certificate - <b>SANAS accredited OR</b> Signed Sworn Affidavit by a Commissioner of oaths (EMEs and QSEs). <b>OR</b> a CIPC/DTI BBBEE Certificate (EMEs and QSEs).
Bidding Company is 51% women owned.	3	BEE Certificate - <b>SANAS accredited OR</b> Signed Sworn Affidavit by a Commissioner of oaths (EMEs and QSEs). <b>OR</b> a CIPC/DTI BBBEE Certificate (EMEs and QSEs).
Bidding Company is 1% owned by disabled person	2	BEE Certificate - <b>SANAS accredited OR</b> Signed Sworn Affidavit by a Commissioner of oaths (EMEs and QSEs). <b>OR</b> a CIPC/DTI BBBEE Certificate (EMEs and QSEs).

## **F. PRICING SCHEDULE**

**PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED ANNEXURE F: PRICING SCHEDULE  
FOR COMPLETION**

**G. ANNEXURE BC**

**PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED ANNEXURE BC  
TO BE COMPLETED IN FULL INCLUDING YOUR  
COMPANY LETTERHEAD AND COMPANY  
DETAILS IN SPACE INDICATED**

## H.RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

Returnable Documents means all the documents, and Annexures, as listed in the tables below. There are three types of returnable documents as indicated below and Respondents are urged to ensure that these documents are returned with their bids. The section contains bookmarks for ease of reference.

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

Respondents are required to submit with their bid submissions the following Administrative Documents, and also confirm submission of these documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the tables below:

Administrative Returnable Documents	Submitted [YES OR NO]
Completed SBD 1	
Completed SBD 4	
Completed Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure	
Completed Certificate of Acquaintance with bid Requirements	
Latest CSD Report / MAAA number	
SARS Tax Compliance Certificate	

### 2. EVALUATION DOCUMENTS

#### 2.1 Gatekeeping Criteria

The bidder is required to comply with the gatekeeping criteria to be eligible for further evaluation. **Failure to comply with the gate-keeping criteria will result in the disqualification of the bid.**

Gatekeeping Returnable Documents	Submitted [YES OR NO]
Pricing Schedule Annexure F	

#### 2.2 Bid Condition Documents

Should the Bidder fail to submit at the time of closing of the bid, bidder/s will be requested to submit the outstanding bid condition/s document(s) within two [2] working days. **Failure to comply will result in the disqualification of their bid.** Excluding statutory requirements that being tax compliance. Seven (7) working days for tax compliance shall apply from the date the request was sent by SAPO.

**Failure to comply will result in the disqualification of their bid.**

Bid Conditions Returnable Documents	Submitted [YES OR NO]
Bidders must complete and submit <b>Annexure BC</b> as confirmation of compliance with scope of work and delivery lead time as mentioned on this document.	

### 2.3 Points for Specific Goals

Tenderers who do not submit specific goal requirement will not be disqualified from the bid process, but they will score zero (0) points out of 10/20 for the specific goal.

Required Documents to be submitted for Evaluation	Submitted [YES OR NO]
Valid BBBEE Certificate – <b>SANAS accredited</b> or <b>Signed Sworn Affidavit by a Commissioner of Oath</b> [EME's and QSE's] or a <b>CIPC/DTI BBBEE Certificate</b> [EME'S and QSE'S]	
Is your company a Joint Venture [i.e. Incorporate / Unincorporated], if " <b>YES</b> " submit a consolidated BBBEE Certificate to earn the relevant point[s]	