

BID INVITATION

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

INVITATION TO JOIN A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS

FOR THE PROVISIONING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) is headquartered in the City of Gqeberha, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, South Africa, with a strategic operational footprint in South Africa and beyond the borders in the African continent. The CDC's vision is to be the leading catalyst for the championing of socio-economic development. This it seeks to achieve through the development and operation of the 9 003-hectare Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ), a transshipment hub and a leading investment destination in Africa, providing highly skilled competence and capacity for the execution of quality complex infrastructure and related projects throughout South Africa and selected markets on the African continent, and advisory on the development of industrialization and logistics zones. The CDC's advanced capabilities are successful enablers in economic zone development and management, real assets management, infrastructure planning and development for National, Provincial, Local Government Departments and State-owned Entities, technology integration while realising related socio-economic impact areas such as skills and SMME development. The foundational culture of the CDC's approach, backed by core values, is innovation and continuous improvement.

The CDC attracts local and foreign investment into the Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and the Nelson Mandela Bay Logistics Park (NMBLP); conceptualises and develops complex, multi-disciplinary projects; and provides programme management, strategic advisory, economic research and human capital services. It manages the entire development and service provision through innovative approaches that combine multi-disciplinary skills.

INVITATION AND SCOPE OF WORK

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) is inviting qualified service providers to join a panel of service providers for the provisioning of telecommunications services.

The objective is to utilise the panel of service providers as and when required, as a base for enabling additional products and services to be offered to the CDC and its customers. Bidders must note that all products and services will be offered to customers through the CDC.

SCOPE OF WORK

The CDC requires successful respondents to show their willingness to abide with the CDC policies and administrative regulations that governs the CDC telecommunications infrastructure, by signing an agreement.

Once the panel of service providers has been finalised, the CDC will engage respondents in each category on various models as and when required, firstly being the maintenance of existing services, secondly for new customer specific services and lastly for custom solutions. Respondents will be required to provide a pricing schedule for the applicable category.

The CDC reserves the right to remove any future services within the scope.

Respondents are required to have the relevant experience and knowledge in the telecommunications industry. Bidders will be allowed to bid for either all, a few or one of the categories of services.

The categories are listed on the below table.

PANEL OF SERVICES SELECTION TABLE (BIDDER MUST TICK THE CATEGORY OF SERVICES THEY ARE TENDERING FOR)						
CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	CATEGORY 4	CATEGORY 5	CATEGORY 6	CATEGORY 7
Internet Connectivity Products	Fixed Network Infrastructure	Wireless Network Infrastructure	Hosted Services	Unified Comms & Collaboration (UCC)	Software and OEM Licensing	Professional Services

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- a. The CDC's Procurement Policy and Procedures shall apply.
- b. The following shall apply:
 - i. Public Finance Management Act (PFMA);
 - ii. National Treasury Regulations;
 - iii. Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), 2000 and Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017;
 - iv. B-BBEE Act number 53 of 2003 (as amended by Act number 46 of 2013);
 - iii. Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations, Act (85 of 1993);
 - iv. Compensation for Occupational injuries and disease Act (130 of 1993);
 - v. Any other applicable legislation.
- c. The 80/20 preference system will be applied at the time of acquiring the products and services.
- d. Bidders will be required to comply with the local production and content requirements at the time of acquiring the products and services. Therefore, bidders must familiarise themselves with the designated sectors as per the dtic list. Refer to the following dtic reference link: <http://www.thedtic.gov.za/sectors-and-services-2/industrial-development/industrial-procurement/>
- e. Bidders must confirm their company registration with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (formerly CIPRO) as CDC will not award any bid to any business that appears on the CIPC List of de-registered businesses. The CDC may verify company registration with CIPC through BizPortal.
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- g. Bidders must provide proof of registration on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) or provide a Treasury CSD registration number e.g. MAAA0.
- h. Bidders with less than 51% black shareholding (QSEs & Generics) are to submit a valid SANAS Accredited B-BBEE Verification Certificate (with the full applicable B-BBEE elements) Bidders with more than 51% black shareholding (EMEs & QSEs) are to submit a sworn affidavit stamped and signed by the Commissioner of Oaths as per the DTI B-BBEE template. In case of a JV, a consolidated B-BBEE certificate must be submitted as well as individual B-BBEE Certificates/affidavit of their entities to confirm the type of enterprise.
- i. The empowerment and development objectives (33% SMME Involvement) will be controlled by implementing the procedure listed in (i) below, where the bidder in terms of the Amended BBBEE Codes is a Generic Entity (Turnover of over R50mil).

- j. The appointed service provider must sub-contract entities from previously disadvantaged groups (black, female and/or with disability) and/or local (within NMBM) black-owned companies (with a turnover of less than R50mil), where scope and credentials permit.
- k. The CDC will only award the tender to a bidder who is tax compliant. The tax compliance status of the bidders will be verified through CSD and SARS website, therefore prospective bidders must ensure that they are Tax Compliant throughout the validity period of the bid in review.
- l. Functionality assessment may be applicable at the time of acquiring products and services for a particular category and as and when required.
- m. The CDC will not award more than two active projects to one bidder, unless one project has reached 80% completion stage and beyond. Capacity assessment may be conducted in an event that the recommended bidder is the only responsive service provider and has already been awarded two contracts.
- n. Bidders must complete and sign the POPI Act Form Annexure D. In case of Joint Venture/Consortium, a separate form in respect of each party to the JV must be completed.
- o. Public Servants are prohibited from conducting any form of business with organs of state, whether in their own capacity as individuals or through companies in which they are directors. Verification will be done, and bidders will be disqualified should they be found to be in contravention with the regulations. A letter of confirmation must be provided with this bid document should a bidder have been granted permission by National Treasury to conduct business with an organ of state.
- p. Bidders will be required, at the time of acquiring products and services for a particular category to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations, Act (85 of 1993); Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act, (130 of 1993) and Disaster Management Act, (57 of 2002) and all relevant legislations. Upon appointment of the successful bidder, the service provider will be required to develop Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Management Systems in compliance to the SANS Norms and Standards. CDC SHEQ Unit will monitor compliance and implementation of Occupational Health and Safety, Environmental and Quality requirements for the duration of the contract.
- q. The tender validity for this project is twelve (12) weeks from closing date.
- r. Incomplete EOI Document will result in the submissions being deemed null and void and shall be considered non-responsive.
- s. The appointment will be for 4 years.

The EOI documents will be available for download from the CDC Website (www.coega.co.za) free of charge from **Friday, 28 October 2022**. Potential bidders will be required to provide their email addresses in the system before downloading the documentation for correspondence purposes. Potential bidders must therefore ensure that the email addresses are correct.

A non-mandatory briefing meeting that will include a site visit will be conducted at the Coega Business Centre, Cnr Alcyon Road & Zibuko Street, Zone 1, Coega SEZ, Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), South Africa on **Monday, 7 November 2022 at 10h00**.

Queries relating to this EOI may be addressed to Ms. Zine Mtanda, Unit Head: Supply Chain Management e-mail: **tenderscdc62022@coega.co.za** between the period of **28 October 2022 to 14 November 2022**. No new queries received after **14 November 2022** will be entertained.

The closing date and time for the receipt of completed proposals is on **Monday, 21 November 2022 at 12h00**. One original of the completed EOI document shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked: **“CDC/620/22 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: INVITATION TO JOIN A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISIONING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES”**. Documents are to be placed in the tender box at CDC Head Office, Coega Business Centre, Cnr Alcyon Road & Zibuko Street, Zone 1, Coega SEZ, Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), South Africa. EOI documents will not be opened in public. No late submissions will be considered.

Failure to submit all mandatory information required in the EOI will result in the submissions being deemed null and void and shall be considered non-responsive

Telegraphic, telexed, tippexed, facsimiled or e-mail submissions will not be accepted.

No telephonic or any other form of communication relating to this Bid with any other CDC member of the staff, CDC Agent, client or any other role players will be permitted other than Ms Zine Mtanda, Unit Head: Supply Chain Management. All enquiries regarding this bid must be in writing only.

The CDC reserves the right not to accept the lowest proposal in part or in whole or any