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To Tenderers	Date	15 June 2026
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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Enquiry Number	E2955CXMWP
Description / Project Title	Provision of Forensic and Anti-Corruption Services for Eskom and Eskom Subsidiaries (Forensic Investigations Backlog Project) for a period of 18 months (12 months with 6 months contingency)
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Item	Questions	Answers	Clarity Published Dates
1.	On 15 July 2025, Eskom issued a 5-year tender for forensic services. The reference number was E1568CXMWP and the closing date; 18 August 2025. We are waiting for the final adjudication of this tender. What we have been receiving so far is Extension of Validity Request.	This enquiry under reference number E2955CXMWP does not in any way replace the enquiry under reference number was E1568CXMWP. The enquiry under reference number was E1568CXMWP is ongoing and will be finalised shortly. The enquiry under reference number E1568CXMWP is for the appointment of service	08 June 2026

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	We have now received a new Tender Document also for Eskom Forensic Services with the Reference Number E2955CXMWP. The period of this particular one, unlike the previous 5-year, is 12- month with an option for 6 months. We have to concede that this is <i>sui generis</i>, something of its own kind wherein another forensic tender on the same services is advertised amid a pending one. May you therefore assist us by clarifying on the status of the previous request and whether this new one automatically nullify the previous one.	providers over a longer term to deal with forensic cases on an as and when basis. The enquiry under reference number E2955CXMWP is for the appointment of service providers over an 18-month period with a specific scope.	
2.	Regarding the Public Interest Score (PIS) requirement, the tender document states that where financial statements are not audited, tenderers must submit either their PIS or IT34C. Could you please confirm how this requirement applies to small companies whose financial statements are not audited but are independently reviewed? Would the independently reviewed financial statements be sufficient on their own, or should they also be accompanied by the PIS and/or IT34C	The PIS and ITA34C are compliments to the financial statements. SME's must submit the financial statements as independently compiled or reviewed where an audit has not been performed. The PIS is an indication to the business on the requirements at the time of the financial statement preparation.	08 June 2026
3.	Annexure I - SBD 6.1 on page 50 of 55 the table does not have any specific goals allocated for this tender. In the tender briefing session it was stated that the 90/10 principle will be used. May you please let me know how we should complete this form?	The 90/10 principle will be used. Tenderers must refer to notes on page 50 of 55 and complete the second last column of Table 1.	08 June 2026
4.	SBD 6.1 tier (* vs #) — The content list (clause 1.1.8) marks Annexure I as * (disqualifiable), but the returnables table (p14) marks it # (score-zero, non-disqualifiable). Which governs? (We'll submit it regardless, but the answer affects risk.)	This returnable is required to be submitted at tender closing date and time. The returnable will not be requested by the Procurement Practitioner. A tenderer that does not submit the required returnable at stipulated deadline or submits an	11 June 2026

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		incomplete returnable; will not be disqualified but will score zero.	
5.	Annexure L — wrong tender reference. The Pricing Schedule header reads "Tender Ref: MWP1457CX_R" and the sheet tab "MWP1576CX_R" — neither is E2955CXMWP, and the description says "Consulting Services Panel" not the Backlog Project. Confirm this is the correct pricing schedule to use for this tender. (Don't want to price on the wrong form and be disqualified.)	The updated " Annexure L_Pricing Schedule Rev01 Forensic Backlog Project_Tender_MWP2955CXMWP " which reflects tender no E2955CXMWP has been published on Eskom Tender Bulletin and National Treasury e-Tender portal.	11 June 2026
6.	Annexure O — which evaluation sheet applies? The workbook has three sheets: "Investigations & Post Invest" (threshold 70, matches the ITT) plus "Category A" and "Category B" (threshold 75, referencing a different procurement MWP1457CX, 3-yr/5-yr panel). Confirm scoring is solely on the 70-threshold sheet and the Category A/B sheets don't apply.	Refer to the updated " Annexure O - Technical Evaluation Criteria_Rev01 Forensic Investigations Backlog Project " The tender number has been updated to reflect E2955CXMWP for 18 months project. The "Investigations & Post Invest" sheet will apply with the threshold of 70%. Categories A and B are not part of the evaluation sheet under this tender, E2955CXMWP.	11 June 2026
7.	CPA applicability. The Annexure E/F header says CPA is "not applicable to professional services," yet Annexures L and P both carry a dedicated CPA-for-professional-services clause (CPI Headline, from each anniversary). Confirm CPA applies from year 2 (documents point to yes — a one-line confirmation closes it).	Tenderers to ignore the Annexure E/F Headings and refer to the following statement: <i>"For contracts with a duration more than twelve (12) months, CPA will not be applicable for the first year. CPA will then only be applied from year two (2) onwards."</i>	11 June 2026
8.	Pricing basis given "negotiable standard panel rates." Annexure L says rates are "negotiable standard rates across the panel ... for phase 2 task order allocation." Confirm how price is scored at Gate 2 if rates are to be standardised/negotiated across the panel after award — i.e., what exactly is being price-scored.	Refer to the updated statement below on Annexure L – Pricing Schedule: <i>"Tenderers should be aware that this project will operate on a task-based framework, with costs</i>	11 June 2026

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		<i>based to case classification at the task order allocation stage. The assignment of task orders will be performance-driven, meaning service providers will only secure additional work if they consistently demonstrate strong productivity, high-quality deliverables, and compliance with required turnaround times."</i>	
9.	Hard-copy contradiction. Annexure U (Standard Conditions) §2.2 requires "the complete original tender and one (1) complete hard copy," but the ITT says electronic only, no hard copy. Confirm e-Tendering electronic submission is the sole method (the ITT should override, but U is generic).	Tenderers to refer to the second paragraph under section 2.2 of Annexure U – Eskom Standard Conditions of Tender which reads as follows: <i>"For E-tendering the tenderer must upload and finalize the tender via Eskom Tender bulletin site on the Eskom E- tendering page by no later than the closing date and time for tender."</i> submission.	11 June 2026
10.	Confirm the 04 Jun clarification-meeting minutes/addenda — we have the subcontracting-removal addendum; confirm no other addenda are outstanding.	The addendum named "SDL&I Subcontracting Removal - Forensic Investigations Backlog Project" has been published on Eskom Tender Bulletin and National Treasury e-Tender portal.	11 June 2026
11.	Annexure L typo — "will be disqualified, and the submission will be deemed responsive" should read non-responsive. Cosmetic; flag only if you want it corrected.	Annexure L – Pricing Schedule updated to read "non-responsive"	11 June 2026
12.	a) We are in receipt of the Invitation to Tender/Proposal from Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd and the following addenda issued by Eskom: Do we need to fill in the table provided in this section, if so, what addenda issued by Eskom is the above paragraph referring to and where do I get this information if we have to fill in the said table.	a) Tenderers to complete the table and provide details of any addenda (changes) issued during the tendering period.	11 June 2026

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	b) Provide the cataloguing information as described in the Invitation to Tender ♦. I have ticked this one, is that correct or required?	b) Tenderers to ignore cataloguing section as it is not applicable.	
13.	I just want to find out where the documents (Annexure A – J) are loaded? It is not currently on the Eskom portal.	Annexures A – J are part of the Invitation to Tender document.	11 June 2026
14.	Regarding the Health & Safety section on page 11, under 'Risk Assessment as per Act No. 85 of 1993', are there any additional specification requirements or evaluation criteria that should be included?	Ordinarily, basic principles of risk assessment are accepted based on the methodology used by respective suppliers, and these are basic variables to be considered: Activity (broken down-e.g. driving, walking to the office, administrative, etc), Hazard & Risk associated with such activity, risks rating according to their matrix and control measures (mitigation measures ought to be practical not abstract).	11 June 2026
15.	With regard to the requirement relating to the company's track record, specifically the submission of reference letters confirming that the company provided post-investigation support to clients, we would like clarification on the following: If a company had multiple contracts with the same client at different times and provided post-investigation support under each of those contracts, may the company submit separate reference letters for each contract? Or is the requirement based on the number of distinct clients rather than the number of contracts? Your guidance on this matter would be appreciated.	The intention of the requirement for reference letters is intended to demonstrate relevant experience, commitment, and availability of the tenderer during and after the contract period as far as post investigation support on completed investigations are concern. Tenderers may submit the duly reference letter/s from same client provided, such letter clearly indicates the different contract/cases , distinct engagement, or the scope of services rendered, also the period within which the post investigation services was rendered.	11 June 2026
16.	Could you please clarify whether the table should contain all 20 CVs, or only the CVs for the Director, Senior Manager, Manager, and Investigator roles?	The table should only have the CV's for the Director, Senior Manager, Manager, and Investigator roles, unless the service provider has capacity for other specialised forensic services in which case these services should also be included.	15 June 2026

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17.	We have completed the e-Tendering training acknowledgement form, and we would like for you to advice where we should submit it to, or it will be part of the tender submission.	The e-Tendering training acknowledgement form should be part of the tender submission at the tender closing date.	15 June 2026
18.	The ITT states that a maximum of 10 points will be awarded for specific goals in accordance with the PPPFA. However, the PPPFA states that the 90/10 system is to be applied where it is envisaged that the contract values will be above R50 million (including taxes). Can Eskom confirm that the contracts to each service provider on this panel during the 18 months will be above R50 million?	This is a project and not a panel. The application of the 90/10 preference point system is based on the estimated contract value. However, the actual value allocated to each service provider will depend on the contract value awarded to each service provider. Therefore, Eskom cannot confirm at this stage that each service provider on the project will receive contracts exceeding R50 million over the 18-month period.	15 June 2026
19.	Functional Evaluation Criteria – 5 Company Track Record (No. of Investigations) Eskom requires bidders to have carried out 30 or more investigations over the past three years. Forensic investigations by their very nature take time to conclude. It is therefore only big audit/ forensic firms that may achieve this requirement. Small firms may not have had the capacity to carry out such number of investigations within three years. Even Eskom itself, despite acknowledging that they have a backlog of cases, have not managed to allocate that number of Task Orders within the past three years. Is it Eskom's intention to exclude SMME's from this panel?	No, as indicated in the tender enquiry, this is a special project with tight timelines. The backlog is required to be completed within twelve months. Accordingly, tenderers are required to demonstrate that they have the capacity to cater the high volume of investigations/cases and to complete investigations within constrained timeframes.	15 June 2026
20.	Functional Evaluation Criteria – 5 Company Track Record (Period of Investigations) "Number of investigations completed in last 36 months" When does the counting backwards of this period begin? As of tender issue date or tender closing date?	Tender closing date.	15 June 2026

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21.	Functional Evaluation Criteria – Company experience and capacity (No. of Resources) Eskom requires the bidders to have a resource count of more than 20 in order to score full points on this criterion. Again, this appears to be targeting big firms at the expense of SMME's which seems to be against Eskom's on own of developing small firms. In addition, the Senior Manager explained during the briefing session that there will be no bulk allocations of Task Orders to the service providers on the panel. And in the clarification notes, Eskom states as follows: <i>"The assignment of task orders will be performance-driven, meaning service providers will only secure additional work if they consistently demonstrate strong productivity, high-quality deliverables, and compliance with required turnaround times."</i> If such will be the case, why does Eskom require 20 resources that will just be remaining idle when no bulk allocations of TOs is contemplated?	The requirement is informed by nature and demand of this project. Points will be allocated as per stated requirements.	15 June 2026
22.	Functional Evaluation Criteria – Company experience and capacity (Years of Experience of Project Leader) Eskom states as follows: <i>"Project Leader is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) or institute of commercial Forensic Practitioners (ICFP), Chartered Accountant CA (SA) or Admitted attorney or Advocate with at least 15 years of investigative Experience =5</i>	To attain the 5 Points, the project leader must have 15 years investigative experience. Less than 15 =0 points on this sub criteria. No in between points.	15 June 2026

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	<i>(no membership and less than 10 years – no points to be awarded for this sub criteria)”</i> What score will be given if the Project Director’s experience is above 10 years but below 15 years? There is a gap there.		
23.	Please clarify the following: Section 2. Team Qualifications and Skills Does the requirement for proof of Professional certification/membership mean that all team members must be certified CFEs or FPs or Auditors etc., or will ACFE Associate membership and ICFP Associate membership also be accepted as professional membership? Section 4. Experience – Testifying How will scoring be done in the various categories for multiple investigators, managers etc., will a combined score be determined for each category e.g., all investigators will have a combined average score? Can more than 10 points be allocated per category?	The requirement is for proof of valid professional membership. The list provided is not exhaustive, as indicated by the inclusion of “etc.” For section 4: for evaluation under section 4 , out the multiple investigators, will consider all if they fully meet the requirements, or the investigator in the most advantageous position than the others.	15 June 2026
24.	I refer to the above matter and the tender, which opened on 27 May 2026 at 18:40 and is scheduled to close on 23 June 2026 at 10:00. I wish to enquire where the tender documents may be obtained, as there appears to be no trace of them on the Eskom website.	Tender documents are accessible on Eskom Tender Bulletin and National Treasury e-Tender portal.	15 June 2026

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