

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**RFP REFERENCE No.: GMA/009/21**

### PROVISION OF MEDIA MONITORING AND ANALYSIS

**The GMA seeks:**

to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced service provider to conduct media monitoring and analysis.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

In this Request for Proposal, unless a contrary intention is apparent:

**Automated Tender System (ATS)** means an electronic procurement (e-Procurement) web-based system that facilitates complete bidding process from the advertising of the requirement through to the award of contract. This includes the exchange of all relevant documents in electronic format.

**Business Day** means a day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

**Bid** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form lodged by a Bidder in response to an invitation in this Request for Proposal, containing an offer to provide goods, works or services in accordance with the Specification as provided in RFP Part B.

**Bidder** means a person or organisation that submits a Bid

**Closing Time** means the time, specified as such under the clause "Indicative Timetable" of this RFP Part A, by which Tenders must be received.

**Draft Status** means an incomplete tender submission by closing date and time

**Evaluation Criteria** means the criteria set out under the clause "Evaluation Criteria Format" of this RFP Part A.

**GMA** means the Gautrain Management Agency; a PFMA Schedule 3(C) listed Provincial Public Entity, established in terms of the GMA Act No. 5 of 2006.

**Intellectual Property Rights** includes copyright and neighbouring rights, and all proprietary rights in relation to inventions (including patents) registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, confidential information (including trade secrets and know how) and circuit layouts, and all other proprietary rights resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic fields.

**Member** means an employee of the GMA.

**Proposed Contract** means the agreement including any other terms and conditions contained in or referred to in this RFP that may be executed between the GMA and the successful Bidder.

**Project** means Provision of media monitoring and analysis.

**Request for Proposal** or **RFP** means this document (comprising each of the parts identified under RFP Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D) including all annexure and any other documents so designated by the GMA.

**Services** means the services required by the GMA, as specified in this RFP Part B.

**Service Provider** means successful bidder appointed and contracted by GMA.

**Specification** means any specification or description of the GMA's requirements contained in this RFP Part B.

**State** means the Republic of South Africa.

**Statement of Compliance** means the statement forming part of a Tender indicating the Bidders compliance with the Specification.

**Submitted Status** means a complete bidders' tender submission by closing date and time.

**Tendering Process** means the process commenced by the issuing of this Request for Proposal and concluding upon formal announcement by the GMA of the selection of a successful Bidder(s) or upon the earlier termination of the process.

**Website** means the website administered by GMA located at [www.gma.gautrain.co.za](http://www.gma.gautrain.co.za)

## **INTERPRETATIONS**

In this RFP, unless expressly provided otherwise:

A reference to:

- (a) "includes" or "including" means includes or including without limitation; and
- (b) "R" or "Rands" is a reference to the lawful currency of the Republic of South Africa.

## RFP - PART A

### INTRODUCTION

1. The Gautrain Management Agency (GMA) is a PFMA Schedule 3(C) listed provincial public entity which has been established in terms of the GMA Act No. 5 of 2006. The GMA is substantially funded from the Provincial Revenue Fund in order to carry out the following strategic objectives:
  - Assist the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) in implementing Gautrain and achieving the Project's objectives.
  - Act on behalf of GPG in managing the relationship between Province and the Concessionaire in terms of the Concession Agreement and ensure that the interests of Province are protected.
  - Enhance the integration of Gautrain with other transport services and Public Transport Plans.
  - Promote and maximise the Socio-Economic Development and B-BBEE objectives of the GPG in relation to Gautrain.
  - Liaise with and promote co-operation between government structures in all three spheres of Government in relation to Gautrain.
  - Liaise with persons having an interest in the project.
  - Manage assets relating to Gautrain and promote their preservation and maintenance.
  - Manage the finances of the Gautrain Project and the financial securities provided by the Concessionaire.
  - Monitor the policy and legislative environment of the Gautrain Project
  
2. The Bombela Concession Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd (BCC or the Concessionaire) entered into a Concession Agreement with the Gauteng Province (Province) for the design, partial finance, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link until 27 March 2026. The Operations Commencement Date (OCD) 1 started on 08 June 2010 for the section between Sandton station and ORTIA station. Extended Phase (EP) 1 services commenced on 02 August 2011 between Hatfield and Rosebank stations. The Operations Commencement Date 2 services commenced on 07 June 2012 between Rosebank and Park stations, in so doing providing a complete service between Park and Hatfield stations. At the end of the concession period, the Concessionaire shall transfer the Gautrain System to the GMA.

3. The GMA is inviting responses to this Request for Proposal (reference number GMA/009/21) in order to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced service provider to conduct media monitoring and analysis for the GMA as specified in this RFP PART B – Terms of Reference.
4. The appointment of a successful service provider is subject to conclusion of a service level agreement between the GMA and the service provider.

**RFP OBJECTIVES**

5. The objective of the tender is to find suitably qualified and experienced service provider to conduct media monitoring and analysis for a period of three (3) years.

**INDICATIVE PROJECT TIMETABLE**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Issue of RFP	23 November 2021
<b>Closing Date for submitting questions</b>	<b>10 December 2021</b>
<b>Closing Date and Time</b>	<b>14 December 2021 at 11H00</b>
Intended completion of evaluation of tenders	14 January 2022
Intended formal notification of successful Bidders	18 January 2022
Effective date of contract	01 February 2022

*\*This timetable is provided as an indication of the timing of the tender process. It is indicative only and subject to change by the GMA. Bidders are to provide proposals that will allow achievement of the intended commencement date.*

**SUBMISSION OF TENDERS**

**Web-based Online Submission (Compulsory)**

GMA has implemented an Automated Tender System (“ATS”) as part of its digitization strategy. The ATS is an electronic procurement (e-Procurement) web-based system that facilitates complete bidding process from the advertising of the requirement (tender) through to the award of contract. This includes the exchange of all relevant documents in electronic format through a secure platform with data security and probity features.

<p>Proposal Submission</p>	<p>All bids must be submitted through a secure web-based Automated Tender System (“ATS”).</p> <p>To avoid any challenges that may affect submitting a bid on time, Bidders should at least ensure that they <u>are registered in the ATS and ready to submit bid documents 48hours before closing date and time; and after registration, complete submission of all bid documents at least 5 hours before closing date and time.</u> <b>GMA takes no responsibility for any Bidder’s failure to successfully submit a bid by closing date and time.</b></p> <p><b>NO BIDS MAY BE PHYSICALLY SUBMITTED AT GMA OFFICES.</b></p>
<p>Access to the ATS</p>	<p><a href="https://eprocurement.gautrain.co.za/">https://eprocurement.gautrain.co.za/</a></p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: THE MAXIMUM SIZE FOR SUBMIT BIDS IS 50MB PER ATTACHMENT</b></p>
<p>Hours of access to ATS</p>	<p>24/7. Submission of bid proposal will close at 11h00 on 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2021</p>
<p>Data Format</p>	<p>PDF files only may be uploaded</p>
<p><b>Enquiries</b></p>	<p>For ATS system related problems contact IT Helpdesk on <a href="mailto:ats_helpdesk@gautrain.co.za">ats_helpdesk@gautrain.co.za</a></p> <p>For Tender Queries contact SCM on <a href="mailto:tenderenquiries@gautrain.co.za">tenderenquiries@gautrain.co.za</a></p>
<p><b>ATS Bid Submission Status (Draft or Submitted)</b></p>	<p>Bidders must ensure that all their tender documents are uploaded on the ATS before closing date and time by clicking the “<b>submit</b>” button for the bids to reflect <b>submitted</b> status.</p>

	Bids that are in <b>draft</b> status at the closing date and time shall be considered as non-submission.
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**RULES GOVERNING THIS RFP AND THE TENDERING PROCESS**

**APPLICATION OF RULES**

6. Participation in the tender process is subject to compliance with the rules contained in this RFP Part A.
  
7. All persons (whether or not a Participant in this tender process) having obtained or received this RFP may only use it, and the information contained therein, in compliance with the rules contained in this RFP Part A.
  
8. All Bidders are deemed to accept the rules contained in this RFP Part A.
  
9. The rules contained in this RFP Part A apply to:
  - a. The RFP and any other information given, received or made available in connection with this RFP, and any revisions or annexure;
  
  - b. the Tendering Process; and
  
  - c. any communications (including any briefings, presentations, meetings and negotiations) relating to the RFP or the Tendering Process.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**STATUS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

10. This RFP is an invitation for service provider/s to submit a proposal(s) for the provision of the services as set out in the Specification contained in this RFP Part B. Accordingly, this RFP must not be construed, interpreted, or relied upon, whether expressly or implied, as an offer capable of acceptance by any person(s), or as creating any form of contractual, promissory or other rights.
  
11. No binding contract or other understanding for the supply of the Services will exist between the GMA and any Bidder unless and until the Agency has executed a formal written contract with the successful Bidder.

**ACCURACY OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

12. Whilst all due care has been taken in connection with the preparation of this RFP, the GMA makes no representations or warranties that the content in this RFP or any information communicated to or provided to Bidders during the Tendering Process is, or will be, accurate, current or complete. The GMA, and its officers, employees and advisors will not be liable with respect to any information communicated which is not accurate, current or complete.
13. If a Bidder finds or reasonably believes it has found any discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in this RFP or any other information provided by the GMA (other than minor clerical matters), the Bidder must promptly notify the Agency in writing (by e-mail to the address [tenderenquiries@Gautrain.co.za](mailto:tenderenquiries@Gautrain.co.za)) of such discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in order to afford the GMA an opportunity to consider what corrective action is necessary (if any).
14. Any actual discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in this RFP or any other information provided by the GMA will, if possible, be corrected and provided to all Bidders without attribution to the Bidder who provided the written notice.

**ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE RFP**

15. The GMA reserves the right to change any information in, or to issue any addendum to this RFP before the Closing Time. The GMA and its officers, employees and advisors will not be liable in connection with either the exercise of, or failure to exercise this right.
16. If the GMA exercises its right to change information in terms of clause 15, it may seek amended Tenders from all Bidders.

**REPRESENTATIONS**

17. No representations made by or on behalf of the GMA in relation to this RFP will be binding on the GMA unless that representation is expressly incorporated into the contract ultimately entered into between the GMA and the successful Bidder.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

18. All persons (including all Bidders) obtaining or receiving this RFP and any other information in connection with this RFP, or the Tendering Process must keep the contents of the RFP and

other such information confidential, and not disclose or use the information except as required for the purpose of developing a proposal in response to this RFP.

## **COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE TENDERING PROCESS**

### **REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION**

19. All communication and attempts to solicit information of any kind relative to this tender should be in writing and channelled to the Supply Chain Management Unit via the ATS and the response will be provided on the same platform .
20. Any communication by a Bidder to the GMA will be effective upon receipt by the SCM Unit (provided such communication is sent through the correct channel of communication).
21. The GMA has restricted the period during which it will accept questions or requests for further information or clarification and reserves the right not to respond to any enquiry or request, irrespective of when such enquiry or request is received.
22. Except where the GMA is of the opinion that issues raised apply only to an individual Bidder, questions submitted, and answers provided will be made available to all Bidders through the GMA's ATS portal without identifying the person or organisation which submitted the question.
23. In all other instances, the GMA may directly provide any written notification or response to a Bidder by email to the address of the Bidder (as notified by the Bidder to the SCM Unit).
24. A Bidder may, by notifying the SCM Unit in writing, withdraw a question submitted in accordance with clause 19, in circumstances where the Bidder does not wish the GMA to publish its response to the question to all Bidders.

### **UNAUTHORISED COMMUNICATIONS**

25. Bidders may not contact (including promotional or advertising activities) any GMA staff or Advisors of GMA, except through the channel in clause 19 above, on any matter pertaining to the bid from the time when the bid is advertised to the time the bid is awarded. Communicating with any GMA staff or Advisors of GMA except through the channel in clause 19 above will be perceived as an effort by a bidder to influence bid evaluation, bid

adjudication or bid award decisions in any manner, and will result in rejection of the bid concerned. Nothing in this clause is intended to prevent communications with staff of, or advisors of the GMA to the extent that such communications do not relate to this RFP or the Tendering Process.

26. Bidders must not otherwise engage in any activities that may be perceived as, or that may have the effect of, influencing the outcomes of the Tendering Process in any way.

#### **IMPROPER ASSISTANCE, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION**

27. Bidders may not seek or obtain the assistance of employees, contractors, or advisors of the GMA in the preparation of their tender responses, except where contractors or advisors are participating in the tender in which case the Bidder must disclose such participation in its tender by declaring their possible interest or conflict in the relevant SBD 4 form.

28. The GMA may in its absolute discretion, immediately disqualify a Bidder that it believes has sought or obtained such improper assistance.

29. Bidders are to be familiar with the implications of contravening the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004 and any other relevant legislation.

30. Bidders are encouraged to stop crime at the GMA in its tracks and report it anonymously to: telephone: **0800 222 585** or **SMS 33490** or **email: [gautrain@whistleblowers.co.za](mailto:gautrain@whistleblowers.co.za)** or **Whistle Blowers App (<https://www.whistleblowing.co.za/download-app/>)**

#### **ANTI-COMPETITIVE CONDUCT**

31. Bidders and their respective officers, employees, agents, and advisors must not engage in any collusion, anti-competitive conduct, or any other similar conduct in respect of this Tendering Process with any other Bidder or any other person(s) in relation to:

- a. The preparation or lodgement of their Tender
- b. the evaluation and clarification of their Tender; and
- c. the conduct of negotiations with the GMA.

32. Collusion, anti-competitive conduct or any other similar conduct may include disclosure, exchange, and clarification of information whether or not such information is confidential to the GMA or any other Bidder or any other person or organisation.

33. In addition to any other remedies available to it under law or contract, the GMA may, in its absolute discretion, immediately disqualify a Bidder that it believes has engaged in any collusive, anti-competitive conduct or any other similar conduct during the entire Tendering Process.

#### **COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE TENDERING PROCESS**

34. Any complaint about the RFP or the Tendering Process must be submitted to the SCM Unit in writing, (preferably by email: tenderenquiries@gautrain.co.za), immediately upon the cause of the complaint arising or becoming known to the Bidder.

35. The written complaint must set out:

- a. The basis for the complaint, specifying the issues involved;
- b. how the subject of the complaint affect the organisation or person making the complaint;
- c. any relevant background information; and
- d. the outcome desired by the person or organisation making the complaint.

36. If the matter relates to the conduct of an official, employee or advisor of the GMA, the complaint should be addressed in writing marked for the attention of the Chief Executive Officer of the GMA and delivered to the physical address of the GMA (44 Grand Central Boulevard, Midrand).

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

37. A Bidder must not, and must ensure that its officers, employees, agents, and advisors do not place themselves in a position that may give rise to actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest between the interests of the GMA and/or the Gauteng Provincial Government and the Bidders interests during the Tender Process.

38. The Bidders Response in this RFP Part C requires the Bidder to provide details of any interests, relationships or clients which may or do give rise to a conflict of interest in relation to the supply of the services under any contract that may result from this RFP.

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39. If the Bidder submits its Tender and a subsequent conflict of interest arises, or is likely to arise, which was not disclosed in the Tender, the Bidder must notify the GMA immediately in writing of that conflict.
40. The GMA may immediately disqualify a Bidder from the Tendering Process if the Bidder fails to notify the GMA of the conflict as required.

**LATE TENDERS**

41. Tenders must be lodged by the Closing Date and Time electronically in the ATS. The ATS system will automatically lock at the Closing Date and Time. Late bids will not be accepted or considered.
42. The determination of the GMA as to the actual time that a Tender is lodged is final.

**TENDER DOCUMENTS**

**BIDDERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

43. Bidders are responsible for:
- a. Examining this RFP and any documents referenced or attached to this RFP and any other information made or to be made available by the GMA to Bidders in connection with this RFP;
  - b. fully informing themselves in relation to all matters arising from this RFP, including all matters regarding the GMA's requirements for the provision of the Services;
  - c. ensuring that their Tenders are accurate, complete, and submitted on ATS;
  - d. making their own enquiries and assessing all risks regarding this RFP, and fully considering and incorporating the impact of any known and unknown risks into their Tender;
  - e. ensuring that they comply with all applicable laws in regard to the Tendering Process particularly as specified by National Treasury Regulations, Guidelines, Instruction Notes and Practice Notes and other relevant legislation as published from time to time in the Government Gazette;
  - f. submitting proof of registration on National Treasury Centralised Supplier Database and all other returnable documents as listed on the Checklist; and
  - g. Failure to provide the required information could result in disqualification of the bidder.

**PREPARATION OF TENDERS**

44. Bidders must ensure that:

- a. Their Tender is submitted in the required format as stipulated in this RFP Part A; and
- b. all the required information fields in RFP Part C are completed in full and contain the information requested by the GMA and signed.

**Note to Bidders:** *The GMA may in its absolute discretion reject a Tender that does not include the information requested.*

45. Unnecessarily elaborate responses or other presentations beyond that which is sufficient to present a complete and effective tender proposal are not desired or required. Elaborate and expensive visual and other presentation aids are not necessary.

**ILLEGIBLE CONTENT, ALTERATION AND ERASURES**

- 46. Incomplete Tenders may be disqualified or evaluated solely on information contained in the Tender.
- 47. The GMA may disregard any content in a Tender that is illegible and will be under no obligation whatsoever to seek clarification from the Bidder.
- 48. The GMA is entitled to amend any bid conditions, validity period, specifications, or extend the closing date of bids before the closing date. All bidders, to whom the bid documents have been issued, will be advised in writing of such amendments in good time.

**OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY ERRORS**

49. All notifications to bidders shall be done via email to the email addresses registered in the ATS.

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR TENDERING COSTS**

- 50. The Bidders participation or involvement in any stage of the Tendering Process is at the Bidders sole risk, cost, and expense. The GMA will not be held responsible for, or pay for, any expense or loss that may be incurred by Bidders in relation to the preparation or lodgement of their Tender.
- 51. The GMA is not liable to the Bidder for any costs on the basis of any contractual, or promissory or restitutionary grounds whatsoever as a consequence of any matter relating to the Bidders participation in the Tendering Process, including without limitation, instances where:

- a. The Bidder is not engaged to perform under any contract; or
- b. the GMA exercises any right under this RFP or at law.

**DISCLOSURE OF TENDER CONTENTS AND TENDER INFORMATION**

52. All Tenders received by the GMA will be treated as confidential. The GMA will not disclose any Tender contents and Tender information, except:
- a. As required by law;
  - b. for the purpose of investigations by other government authorities having relevant jurisdiction;
  - c. to external consultants and advisors of the GMA engaged to assist with the Tendering Process; or
  - d. for the general information of Bidders required to be disclosed as per National Treasury Regulations, Guidelines, Instruction Notes or Practice Notes.

**USE OF TENDERS**

53. Upon submission in accordance with the requirements of submission of Tenders, all Tenders submitted become the property of the GMA. Bidders will retain all ownership rights in any intellectual property contained in the Tender.
54. Each Bidder, by submission of their Tender, is deemed to have licensed the GMA to reproduce the whole, or any portion, of their Tender for the purposes of enabling the GMA to evaluate the Tender.
55. Further, in submitting a Tender, the Bidder accepts that the GMA shall, in accordance with the requirements of Treasury Regulation No. 16A.6.3(d) and the National Treasury Instruction Note on *Enhancing Compliance Monitoring and Improving Transparency and Accountability in Supply Chain Management*, publish (on the internet or otherwise):
- a. The names of all Bidders that submitted bids in relation to this RFP within 10 (Ten) working days after the closing date of this RFP, if the bid is above the threshold value of R500 000; and
  - b. on award of the bid, the name of the successful Bidder, the contract price, B-BBEE level of contribution status, the contract number and description of the contract awarded.

**PERIOD OF VALIDITY**

56. All Tenders received must remain valid and open for acceptance for a minimum of 120 (One hundred and twenty) days from the Closing Date. This period may be extended by written mutual agreement between the GMA and the Bidder.

**STATUS OF TENDER**

57. Each Tender constitutes an irrevocable offer by the Bidder to the GMA to provide the Services required and otherwise to satisfy the requirements of the Specification as set out in this RFP Part B.
58. A Tender must not be conditional on:
- a. The Board approval of the Bidder or any related governing body of the Bidder being obtained;
  - b. the Bidder conducting due diligence or any other form of enquiry or investigation;
  - c. the Bidder (or any other party) obtaining any regulatory approval or consent;
  - d. the Bidder obtaining the consent or approval of any third party; or
  - e. the Bidder stating that it wishes to discuss or negotiate any commercial terms of the contract.
59. The GMA may, in its absolute discretion, disregard any tender that is, or is stated to be, subject to any one or more of the conditions detailed above (or any other relevant conditions).
60. The GMA reserves the right to accept a Tender in part or in whole or to negotiate with a Bidder in accordance with the clause 88 (Unreasonable disadvantage) of this RFP Part A.

**TENDER RESPONSE**

**COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFICATION**

61. Under Part C of this RFP, a Bidder must submit a tabulated statement showing its level of compliance to the Specification contained in this RFP Part B.
62. In particular, Bidders must state if they will not comply with the Specification or will only comply with the Specification subject to conditions. Full details of the non-compliance (including the nature and extent of the non-compliance and any reasons for such non-compliance) must be stated in the space provided in the tabulated statement.
63. No response is required in respect of a particular section of the Specification where Bidders will comply with the Specification. Only sections that Bidders have not complied

with, or will only comply with subject to conditions, should be noted in the tabulated statement.

64. The GMA is prepared to contemplate minor variations or departures from the Specification proposed by Bidders.

65. However, Bidders should note that significant or substantive variations or departures from the Specifications will not be viewed favourably unless the Bidder is able to clearly demonstrate to the satisfaction of the GMA the necessity for such variations or departures.

**Note to Bidders:** *The GMA will assume that a Bidders Response complies in all relevant respects with the Specification unless the Bidder states otherwise. Failure to notify the GMA of any non-compliance may result in a Bidders Response being disregarded.*

66. For the purposes of clauses 70,71 and 72:

- **Yes/Complies** means that in all respects the Bidders Response meets or otherwise satisfies all specified outputs, characteristics or performance standards.
- **Will comply subject to conditions** means that the specified outputs, characteristics or performance standards can only be met by the Bidder subject to certain conditions.
- **No/Will not comply** means that the specified outputs, characteristics or performance standards is not met by the Bidders Response.

#### **GENERAL**

67. Indefinite responses such as “noted”, “to be discussed” or “to be negotiated” are not acceptable.

68. Where the Bidder is unwilling to accept a specified condition, the non-acceptance must be clearly and expressly stated. Prominence must be given to the statement detailing the non-acceptance. It is not sufficient that the statement appears only as part of an attachment to the Tender or be included in a general statement of the Bidders usual operating conditions.

69. An incomplete Tender may be disqualified or assessed solely on the information completed or received with the Tender.

#### **ALTERNATIVE TENDER**

70. A Bidder may submit an alternative proposal. An alternative proposal will only be accepted if:

- a. The Bidder also provides a conforming Bidders Response; and
  - b. The alternative proposal is clearly identified as an “Alternative Tender”.
71. An Alternative Tender may:
- a. Not comply with the Specifications for the relevant Services due to inherent design or capability in the operation of the Services; or
  - b. Provide the Services in a manner different to that specified in this RFP Part B.

### **INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS**

72. Bidders are encouraged to offer options or solutions which may, in an innovative way, contribute to the GMA's ability to carry out its operations in a more cost-effective manner.
73. These options or solutions may be related to:
- a. The outputs, functional, performance and technical aspects of the requirement; or
  - b. Opportunities for more advantageous commercial arrangements.
74. Any such options or solutions will be considered by the GMA on a “commercial in confidence” basis if so requested by the Bidder.
75. Where a Bidder submits an offer which meets the requirements of this RFP in an alternative and practical manner, the Tender must also include any supplementary material (including such pricing and costing details as may be necessary to enable the GMA to fully assess the financial impact of the alternative proposal), which demonstrates in detail that such an alternative will fully achieve and/or exceed all the specified requirements, together with references as to why the additional features may be advantageous.
76. The GMA reserves the right to consider such offers on their merits or not to consider them at all.

### **CONTRACT DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

77. The Conditions of Tendering include a provision for the disclosure of contract information (refer to this RFP Part A dealing with “Use of Tenders”).
78. If a Bidder wishes to withhold the disclosure of specific contract information, the Bidder must clearly outline how the release of this information will expose trade secrets, business strategy or unique methodologies that may expose the business unreasonably to disadvantage.

### **TRADE SECRETS**

79. In considering whether specific information should be categorised as a trade secret, Bidders should assess:

- a. The extent to which it is known outside of the Bidders business;
- b. the extent to which it is known by the persons engaged in the Bidders business;
- c. any measures taken to guard its secrecy;
- d. its value to the Bidders business and to any competitors;
- e. the amount of money and effort invested in developing the information; and
- f. the ease or difficulty with which others may acquire or develop this information.

### **UNREASONABLE DISADVANTAGE**

80. In determining whether disclosure of specific information will expose a Bidders business unreasonably to disadvantage, the following should be considered:

- a. Whether the information is generally available to competitors; and
- b. Whether it could be disclosed without causing substantial harm to the competitive position of the business.

The GMA will consider these applications in the Tender evaluation and negotiations (if any) with Bidders.

### **EVALUATION OF TENDERS**

#### **EVALUATION PROCESS**

81. Following the Closing Time, the GMA intends to evaluate the Tenders received.

82. Tenders will be evaluated against the Evaluation Criteria specified under the section "Evaluation Criteria Format".

83. Without limiting the GMA's rights in the RFP, the GMA may at any time during the Tendering Process choose to:

- a. Shortlist one or more Bidders; and
- b. accept one or more of the Tenders.

84. Unless the Evaluation Criteria explicitly require, the GMA may, but is not in any way bound to, shortlist, to select as successful, or to accept the Tender offering the lowest price.

85. Should the GMA choose to include a short-listing stage in its evaluation process, the GMA is not, at any time, required to notify Bidders or any other person or organisation interested in submitting a Tender.
86. A Bidders Response will not be deemed to be unsuccessful until such time as the Bidder is formally notified of that fact by the GMA. The commencement of negotiations by the GMA with one or more other Bidders is not to be taken as an indication that any particular Bidders Response has not been successful.

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA FORMAT**

87. The evaluation criteria is weighted to reflect the importance of project requirements noted in the Specifications:
88. In evaluating Bidders Responses, the GMA will have regard to:
- a. Specific evaluation criteria identified in the list below;
  - b. the overall value for money proposition presented in the Bidders Response; and
  - c. particular weighting assigned to any or all of the evaluation criteria specified below.
89. For the purposes of this RFP clause 98, 'value for money' is a measurement of financial and non-financial factors, including:
- a. Quality levels; and
  - b. performance standards.
90. Value for money will be assessed on a 'whole of life' basis (including the transitioning-in, the contract term and the transitioning-out phases of the relationship between the GMA and a Bidder), with a view to long-term sustainability of the value for money proposition and with a focus on ensuring that value for money outcomes are promoted and protected following the conclusion of any contract that may result from this RFP.
91. Administrative compliance will be determined in accordance with the conditions listed in this RFP.
92. The evaluation criteria will be in line with the PPPFA, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000) and Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017.
93. Evaluation will be based on a point system and three-stage evaluation process. As a pre-requisite, a bid must comply with the requirements of the bid solicitation and meet the pre-qualification requirements before being evaluated further to next stage. The minimum threshold of the functionality evaluation criteria must also be met in order for the bid to be declared responsive and qualify to the next evaluation stage.

94. The value of this bid is estimated to be below R 50,000,000 and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall apply. The following is the weighting awarded for each element, and the threshold score.

<b>Evaluation element</b>	<b>Weighting</b>	<b>Threshold score</b>
Technical proposal	100	<b>70 Points</b>
B-BBEE proposal	20	N/A
Price proposal	80	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	

**FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION**

95. The evaluation criteria for measuring functionality, and the weighting attached to each criterion is detailed in **Part B of the RFP document, Paragraph 7 of Terms of Reference**. Failure to provide adequate information for evaluation of the criteria listed below will at least result in minimal subjective consideration and may result in loss of points.

96. The minimum threshold for functionality is seventy (70) points . The bids that do not meet this threshold will be disqualified from further evaluation.

97. Thereafter, only the qualifying bids will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference point system, where a maximum of 80 points are allocated for price and a maximum of 20 points are allocated in respect of the level of B-BBEE contribution of the bidder.

**PRICE EVALUATION**

98. Price points will be calculated on the total price of the proposed solution as per terms of reference.

**B-BBEE EVALUATION**

99. Twenty (20) points are allocated. B-BBEE rating certificates and affidavits signed under oath are applicable and points allocated in terms of the BBBEE Codes of Good Practice guideline as indicated in the following table.

100. Bidders must submit valid BBBEE Certificates and affidavits signed under oath which will be verified and the duly completed and signed SBD 6.1 declaration form to qualify for preference points.

<b>B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor</b>	<b>Number of points</b>
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

**POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION**

101. The preference points claimed by each bidder for attaining the B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor will be allocated to each qualifying bid when determining the total bid score under the preference points system. The points scored by a bidder in respect of the level of B-BBEE contribution contemplated in the table above will be added to the points scored for price.

**CLARIFICATION OF TENDERS**

102. The GMA may seek clarification from and enter into discussions with any or all of the Bidders in relation to their Tender. The GMA may use such information in interpreting the Tender and evaluating the cost and risk in accepting the Tender. Failure to supply clarification to the satisfaction of the GMA may render the Tender liable to disqualification.

103. The GMA is under no obligation to seek clarification of anything in a Tender and reserves the right to disregard any clarification that the GMA considers to be unsolicited or otherwise impermissible in accordance with the rules set out in this RFP.

**DISCUSSION WITH BIDDERS**

## **BID NO.: GMA/009/21 – PROVISION OF MEDIA MONITORING AND ANALYSIS**

104. The GMA may elect to engage in detailed discussions with any one or more Bidders, with a view to maximising the benefits of this RFP as measured against the evaluation criteria and in fully understanding a Bidders offer.

105. In its absolute discretion, the GMA may invite some or all Bidders to give a presentation to the GMA in relation to their submissions, that may include a demonstration of software, programs or unique methodologies proposed, if applicable.

106. The GMA is under no obligation to undertake discussions with, or to invite any presentations from Bidders.

107. In addition to presentations and discussions, the GMA may request some or all Bidders to:

- a. Conduct a site visit, if applicable;
- b. provide references or additional information; and/or
- c. make themselves available for panel interviews.

### **BEST AND FINAL OFFERS**

108. Bidders or where the Tendering Process involves a short-listing process, shortlisted Bidders may be invited by the GMA to submit a best and final offer in relation to all or certain aspects of their respective Tenders.

109. The GMA is under no obligation to give Bidders the opportunity to submit a best and final offer. If the GMA chooses to give Bidders the opportunity to submit a best and final offer, it is under no obligation to give notification before the Closing Time that such opportunity will be given.

110. Notwithstanding the possibility that the GMA may give Bidders the opportunity to submit a best and final offer, Bidders should be aware that the GMA will, in conducting its evaluation of Tenders, rely on all information (including all representations) contained in such Tenders. Bidders are therefore encouraged to submit their best and final offers in the first instance.

### **SUCCESSFUL TENDERS**

**NO LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT**

111. Selection as a successful Bidder does not give rise to a contract (express or implied) between the successful Bidder and the GMA for the supply of the Services. No legal relationship will exist between the GMA and a successful Bidder for the supply of the Services until such time as a binding contract is executed by them.

**PRE-CONTRACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS**

112. The GMA may, in its absolute discretion, decide not to enter into pre-contractual negotiations with a successful Bidder.

113. A Bidder is bound by its Tender and all other documents forming part of the Bidders Response and, if selected as a successful Bidder, must enter into a contract on the basis of the Tender without negotiation.

**NO OBLIGATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT**

114. The GMA is under no obligation to appoint a successful Bidder or Bidders (as the case may be), or to enter into a contract with a successful Bidder or any other person, if it is unable to identify a Tender that complies in all relevant respects with the requirements of the GMA, or if due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the Services requested, or if funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure. For the avoidance of any doubt, in these circumstances the GMA will be free to proceed via any alternative process.

115. The GMA may conduct a debriefing session for all Bidders (successful and unsuccessful). Attendance at such debriefing session is optional.

**ADDITIONAL RULES**

116. It is a condition of the tendering process that Bidders will be required to complete all the forms annexed to this RFP Part C.

117. A Bidder who does not submit all the information as required by the GMA may be disqualified from the Tendering Process.

**BIDDER WARRANTIES**

118. By submitting a Tender, a Bidder warrants that:

- a. In lodging its Tender, it did not rely on any express or implied statement, warranty or representation, whether oral, written, or otherwise made by or on behalf of the GMA, its officers, employees, or advisers other than any statement, warranty or representation expressly contained in the RFP;
- b. it did not use the improper assistance of GMA employees or information unlawfully obtained from the GMA in compiling its Tender;
- c. it is responsible for all costs and expenses related to the preparation and lodgement of its Tender, any subsequent negotiation, and any future process connected with or relating to the Tendering Process;
- d. it otherwise accepts and will comply with the rules set out in this RFP; and
- e. it will provide additional information in a timely manner as requested by the GMA to clarify any matters contained in the Tender.

**GMA'S RIGHTS**

119. Notwithstanding anything else in this RFP, and without limiting its rights at law or otherwise, the GMA reserves the right, in its absolute discretion at any time, to:

- a. Cease to proceed with, or suspend the Tendering Process prior to the execution of a formal written contract;
- b. alter the structure and/or the timing of this RFP or the Tendering Process;
- c. vary or extend any time or date specified in this RFP for all or any Bidder or other persons;
- d. terminate the participation of any Bidder or any other person in the Tendering Process;
- e. require additional information or clarification from any Bidder or any other person or provide additional information or clarification;
- f. call for new Tenders;
- g. reject any Tender received after the Closing Time;
- h. reject any Tender that does not comply with the requirements of this RFP; or

- i. consider and accept or reject any alternative tender.

### **GOVERNING LAWS**

120. This RFP and the Tendering Process is governed by the laws applying in the Republic of South Africa.

121. Each Bidder must comply with all relevant laws in preparing and lodging its Tender and in taking part in the Tendering Process.

122. All tenders must be completed using the English language and all costing must be in South African Rands.

### **INCONSISTENCY**

131. If there is any inconsistency between any parts of this RFP, a descending order of precedence must be accorded to:

- a. the conditions of tendering in Part A and Part B of this RFP, and any annexure or attachments;
- b. the Bidders response in Part C of this RFP;
- c. any other part of this RFP, so that the provision in the higher ranked document, to the extent of the inconsistency, prevails.

## RFP – PART B

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### 1) PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (“RFP”) is to procure services of a suitably qualified and experienced service provider to conduct media monitoring and analysis on behalf of the Gautrain Management Agency’s (GMA) for a period of three (3) years.

#### 2) BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE GAUTRAIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY

**a)** The Gautrain Management Agency (GMA) was established in terms of the Gautrain Management Agency Act No. 5 of 2006 in order to manage, coordinate and oversee the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link Project and to act on behalf of the province in managing the relationship between the Province and the Concessionaire in terms of the Concession Agreement (CA) which was signed on 28 September 2006. The main objective of the GMA is to manage, coordinate and oversee the Gautrain. To do so, the GMA must:

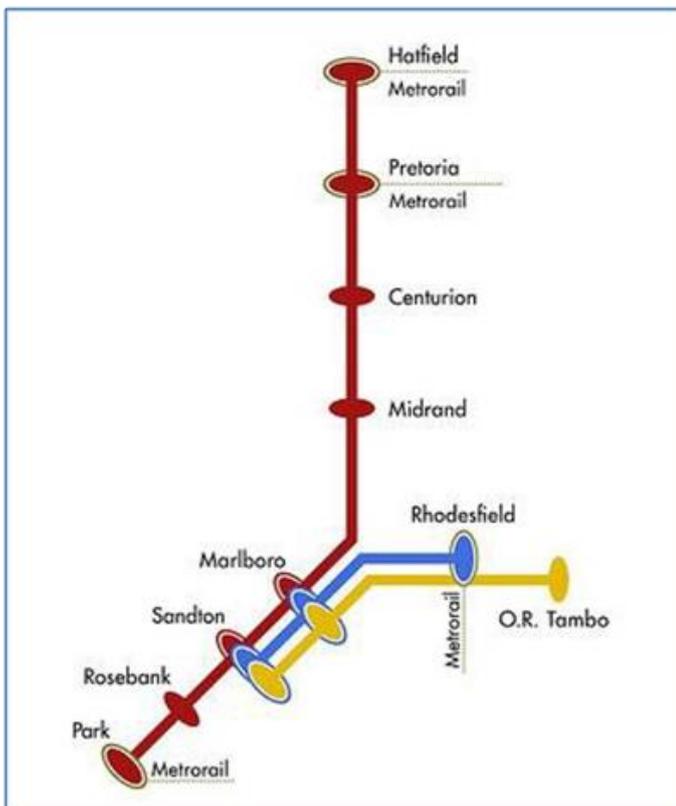
- 2.1.1. Assist the Gauteng Provincial Government (“GPG”) in implementing Gautrain and achieving its objectives.
- 2.1.2. act on behalf of GPG in managing the relationship between GPG and the Concessionaire in terms of the Concession Agreement (“the CA”) and ensure that the interests of GPG are protected.
- 2.1.3. enhance the integration of Gautrain with other transport services and Public Transport Plans.
- 2.1.4. promote and maximize the Socio-Economic Development and BBBEE objectives of the GPG in relation to Gautrain.
- 2.1.5. liaise with and promote co-operation between government structures in all three spheres of Government in relation to Gautrain.
- 2.1.6. liaise with persons having an interest in Gautrain.
- 2.1.7. manage assets relating to Gautrain and promote their preservation and maintenance.
- 2.1.8. manage the finances of the Gautrain and the financial securities provided by the Concessionaire; and
- 2.1.9. monitor the policy and legislative environment of the Gautrain.

- b) To achieve the above, the GMA has set its purpose as **“transforming spaces, people and the economy through mobility”**.

### 3) THE GAUTRAIN RAPID RAIL LINK SYSTEM

#### a) General Description

- 3.1.1. The Bombela Concession Company (RF) (Pty) Ltd (BCC or the Concessionaire) entered into a Concession Agreement with the Gauteng Province (Province) for the design, partial finance, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link until 27 March 2026. The Operations Commencement Date (OCD) 1 started on 08 June 2010 for the section between Sandton station and ORTIA station. Extended Phase (EP) 1 services commenced on 02 August 2011 between Hatfield and Rosebank stations. The Operations Commencement Date 2 services commenced on 07 June 2012 between Rosebank and Park stations, in so doing providing a complete service between Park and Hatfield stations. At the end of the concession period, the Concessionaire may transfer the Gautrain System to the GMA.
- 3.1.2. The Concessionaire signed an Operating Contract with Bombela Operating Company (Pty) Ltd (BOC) for the operation and maintenance of the System (Train, Station, and Bus operations). In turn, BOC entered into two subcontracts, namely a maintainer contract in terms of which the Bombela Maintenance Company (BMC) is responsible for the maintenance of the works including the existing Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs) or 4-car train sets and Mega Express which is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the dedicated Gautrain bus service.
- 3.1.3. The rail network comprises 82 route kms, 25kV AC electrified, and signalled standard gauge track infrastructure of which 15.3 route kms is situated underground, 10 stations, one maintenance depot and 24 4-car EMUs constructed to the UK narrow structural gauge. The rail network layout is illustrated in Figure 1 below.



**Figure 1: Diagrammatic layout of the Gautrain Rapid Rail System**

3.1.4. The Gautrain Depot is situated between Marlboro and Midrand stations on the North-South section of the System. This is where the EMUs and buses are inspected, maintained, cleaned, and dispatched. The operations control centre is located at the depot and all train movements and communication of the system are coordinated there. BOC and BMC offices are both located at the Gautrain Depot.

#### **4) SCOPE OF WORK**

- a)** The GMA requires services of a media monitoring and analysis company for a period of three (3) years.
  
- b)** Considering the number of publications and relevant reputational value expressed in monetary value, Gautrain and GMA profiles and impacts thereof on their reputation supports the need to understand better which reports are meaningful. An efficient way to achieve this insight is through media monitoring which facilitates analysis of these reports.

## 5) PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this project are to:

- a) monitor Gautrain and GMA brand reputation through media management;
- b) monitor the media sentiment for the Gautrain and the GMA;
- c) build media relationships for the Gautrain and the GMA; and
- d) build and promote the Gautrain brand value.

## 6) SCOPE OF WORK

### 6.1.1 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- a) During the last financial year ended on 31 March 2021, Gautrain received just under 5,000 media reports with twelve (12) analysis reports delivered.
- b) The service must include, inter alia:
  - 6.2.1. Daily real time monitoring Gautrain's and GMA's presence in the traditional media sphere of broadcast, print and online media globally and in South African online sites.
  - 6.2.2. Daily real-time monitoring Gautrain's and GMA's online presence inclusive of blogs, forums, and mainstream media websites.
  - 6.2.3. The Gautrain search keywords should include:
    - 6.2.3.1 Gautrain Management Agency
    - 6.2.3.2 MEC for Gauteng Department of Transport and Roads Infrastructure
    - 6.2.3.3 William Dachs
    - 6.2.3.4 Tshepo Kgobe
    - 6.2.3.5 Barbara Jensen-Vorster
    - 6.2.3.6 Bombela Concession Company
    - 6.2.3.7 Kesagee Nayager
  - 6.2.4. Sentiment analysis of media reports detected.
  - 6.2.5. Sentiment analysis also to be verified by actual readers/people and not an automated analysis programme only.
  - 6.2.6. Daily media monitoring notifications.
  - 6.2.7. Mobile (SMS/WhatsApp) notification with link to clip when Gautrain and/or GMA have headline presence.
  - 6.2.8. An interactive, online dashboard accessible to a minimum of five (5) people. The dashboard should be inclusive of, but not limited to points listed under Section 6.2.9.

- 6.2.9. A PowerPoint monthly media analysis report presentation inclusive, but not limited to the following information:
- a) Overview of coverage.
  - b) Number of articles by:
    - i. Medium (Print/broadcast and online).
    - ii. Estimated readership and listenership as per the South African Rates and Data (SARD) rates.
    - iii. Publication/station/website.
    - iv. Journalist.
- 6.2.10. Overall sentiment analysis (positive, neutral, negative).
- 6.2.11. Sentiment analysis as per segment categorisation e.g.:
- a) Operations,
  - b) Public transport,
  - c) Public transport integration (ticketing, mobile application, and modal integration),
  - d) Social Economic Development,
  - e) Spatial development,
  - f) Gautrain service enhancements and Gauteng Rapid Rail Integrated Network extensions,
  - g) General issues related to the Gautrain and GMA.
- 6.2.12. Overall Advertising Value Equivalent (AVE).
- 6.2.13. Overall word cloud.
- 6.2.14. Overview of sources.
- 6.2.15. Archive of actual clippings for print, broadcast and online screen grabs.
- 6.2.16. Analysis to be done based on qualitative and quantitative methodologies.
- 6.2.17. Handover of all media clips at the end of contract period.

## **7) SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

Bidders must submit the following information that will form part of the bid evaluation.

### **a) Team qualification and experience:**

- 7.1 The team to be assembled by the Bidder must consist, but not limited to the following key individuals:
- i. Project Leader.
  - ii. Media monitoring professional (minimum of 2 people).

- iii. Media Analysis professional (minimum of 2 people).

7.2 Bidders must submit detailed CV's that demonstrate the qualifications and experience of personnel listed above as per the requirements of this RFP.

**(a) Qualifications of the team**

- i. **Project leader:** An NQF 7 qualification in Communication, Public Relations or Media qualification.
- ii. **Media monitoring professional:** An NQF 6 qualification in Communication, Public Relations or Media qualification.
- iii. **Media Analysis professional:** An NQF 6 qualification in Communication, Public Relations, or Media qualification.

**(b) Experience of the team**

The key individuals must have the following minimum work experience:

- i. **Project leader:** A minimum 5 years in leading and managing media monitoring and analysis team and projects.
- ii. **Media monitoring professional:** A minimum 3 years' experience in media monitoring and media monitoring dashboards.
- iii. **Media Analysis professional:** A minimum 3 years' experience in producing media analysis reports, research, and data analysis.

**b) Company Experience:**

Bidders must demonstrate a minimum of five (5) years' experience in delivering media monitoring and analysis services.

**c) Methodology and Approach:**

Bidders must demonstrate understanding of the objectives of the RFP as outlined in Section 6 above through the methodology and approach that would be adopted for delivering the expected outputs, and the degree of detail of such output. The methodology and approach must include, but not limited to the following:

- i) media monitoring and analysis approach, inclusive of provision of the monthly analysis, quality checks and validation by actual readers/people.

- ii) An organogram or project structure of a dedicated team that would be responsible for the delivery of the required service; including any outsourced services where applicable.
- iii) Roles and responsibilities of each professional team member and previous relevant experience.
- iv) Trackable quantitative metrics on each of the media categories.
- v) Qualitative measurement of sentiment (tone), messages, prominence, dominance, spokespersons, and other parameters.
- vi) Analysis methodologies to achieve accurate assessment with cost efficiency.
- vii) Archiving capabilities and hand over process of media clips to the GMA at the end of the service.
- viii) Management and Reporting Bidders to provide details on the interaction approach with the GMA in relation to media monitoring and analysis services.

**d) Portfolio of evidence** (on media monitoring and analysis):

Bidders must include examples from previous work done, of deliverables such as media email alerts, models of three media monitoring clips, online dashboard, and print, broadcast, online reports, media analysis report, and analysis projects.

**e) References:**

Bidders must provide a list of three (3) contactable references where similar services were rendered in the past three (3) years. The list must also include the description, contract value and year the service was rendered. The GMA reserves the right to contact the references to verify the information provided by the Bidders.

**f) Special Conditions of Contract:**

Bidders must indicate any special conditions in the provisioning of the required service.

## **8) EVALUATION CRITERIA**

### **8.1. Stage 1: Administrative Compliance Evaluation**

- 8.1.1. Submitting incomplete and unsigned Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) may result in disqualification of the bid.
- 8.1.2. Bidders must ensure that all their tender documents are uploaded on the Automated Tender System (ATS) before closing date and time by clicking the

“submit” button for the bids to reflect submitted status thus considered as a “submitted bid”.

8.1.3. A bid that is in “draft” status at the closing date and time shall be considered as a non-submission and will not be evaluated.

**8.2. Stage 2: Functionality Evaluation Criteria**

8.2.1.The functionality of proposals will be evaluated and scored out of 100 (one hundred) points, with a minimum threshold of seventy (70) points.

8.2.2.The functionality of the bids will be evaluated based on the criteria indicated in Table 1 below.

8.2.3.Bidders must meet the following criteria with a minimum threshold of 70 points to qualify for further evaluation.

8.2.4.The weight of each sub-criteria represents total points obtainable, therefore if a Bidder submits as per the minimum requirements presented in Section 7 (Submission Requirements), 70% of the total weight indicated in Table 1 will be applicable.

8.2.5. The maximum attainable points are 100.

Table 1: Evaluation Criteria

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Sub Criteria</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>1. Team Qualifications (section 7 (a))</b>	1.1. Project Lead – minimum Degree in Communication, Public Relations or Media studies <b>(3)</b> 1.2. Media Monitoring professional - minimum Diploma in Communication, Public Relations or Media Studies <b>(2)</b> 1.3. Media analysis professional - minimum Diploma in Communication, Public Relations or Media Studies <b>(2)</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2. Team Experience (section 7 (b))</b>	2.1. Project Lead - minimum of 5 years' experience in leading a media and monitoring <b>(3)</b> 2.2. Media Monitoring professional - minimum of 3 years' experience in media monitoring) <b>(2)</b> 2.3. Media analysis professional - minimum of 3 years' experience in media monitoring <b>(2)</b>	<b>7</b>

Evaluation Criteria	Sub Criteria	Total Points
<b>3. Company experience (section 7 (c))</b>	3.1. Company profile highlighting a minimum of 5years experience in media monitoring and analysis services as per the scope of this RFP <b>(14)</b> 3.2. Signed, three recent references on (not older than three years) media monitoring and analysis <b>(6)</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>4. Portfolio of Evidence (section 7 (e))</b>	4.1. A portfolio of evidence inclusive of: a. A media analysis report <b>(5)</b> b. Additional examples of three media monitoring clips, email alerts and analysis projects that the company has worked <b>(6)</b> c. Example and screenshots of media reports (print, and online) <b>(2)</b> d. A screenshot of the dashboard <b>(2)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>5. Methodology (section 7 (d))</b>	5.1. Describe approach and explain innovation of the technological tools that will be used for: a. Daily media monitoring <b>(3)</b> b. Media analysis on weekly and/or monthly basis <b>(4)</b> c. Validation of sentiment analysis by actual readers/people <b>(10)</b> d. Describe capability of being able to provide an innovative online tool, interactive dashboard inclusive of archiving of clips, but not limited to points listed under section 6.2.9 <b>(15)</b> e. Description of qualitative and quantitative methodologies to do a media analysis report <b>(8)</b> f. Client interaction approach: monthly status meetings and updates on monitoring trends and media analysis reporting <b>(2)</b>	<b>45</b>

Evaluation Criteria	Sub Criteria	Total Points
	g. Client interaction approach: Provision of mobile and web notification when Gautrain and GMA are mentioned as a headline <b>(3)</b>	
<b>6. References</b>	6.1 A list of three (3) contactable references where similar services were rendered in the past three (3) years. The list must also include the description, contract value and year the service was rendered <b>(6)</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Points</b>		<b>100</b>

### 8.3. Stage 3: Price & Preference Points Evaluation

8.3.1. The 80/20 preference points system will be applied as follows:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS
Price	80
B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	20
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR PRICE AND B-BBEE</b>	<b>100</b>

### 8.4. Points awarded for B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution:

In terms of Regulation 5 (2) and 6 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contributor in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points
1	20
2	18
3	16

4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

**9) COSTING INSTRUCTION**

- 9.1.** Bidder’s price proposal must include all costs including one-time set-up costs and on-going monthly charges. The price proposal must separate the cost of required items from optional items.
  
- 9.2.** The successful Bidder must execute the required services as articulated in Section 6 of this RFP optimally such that time and resources are monitored to maximum efficiency and minimum costs.

**10) CONTRACT PERIOD**

The scope of work of this RFP will be rendered for a contract duration of three (3) years.

**11) COMPLIANCE TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT (“POPI ACT”)**

- 11.1.** The GMA respects the right to privacy and therefore aims to ensure that it complies with the legal requirement of the POPI Act in collecting, processing, storing, sharing, and destroying any personal information which is provided to the GMA.
  
- 11.2.** The GMA expects Bidders to comply with the provisions of the POPI Act fully. Furthermore, where applicable, the GMA expects that the Bidders should have obtained consent from data subjects to release their personal information to third parties.

**12) CONFIDENTIALITY**

The successful Bidder must sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement and to the following:

**12.1.** keep confidential information they shall have access to, which could include but is not limited to statistics, audit reports, data, as well station office and backrooms.

**12.2.** Maintain the strictest confidentiality for:

**12.2.1** all information that may reasonably be regarded as confidential, being information not in the public domain, whether such information is oral or written, recorded or stored by electronic, magnetic, electro-magnetic or other form or process, or otherwise in a machine readable form, translated from the original form, recompiled, made into a compilation, wholly or partially copied, modified, updated or otherwise altered, originated or obtained by, or coming into the possession, custody or knowledge of either party; or

**12.2.2** any information relating to either GMA's, present and future research, analysis, compilations and studies, development of any system, business or financial activity, product, services, market opportunities, existing and potential customers and clients, marketing or promotion of any products, product pricing, contractual arrangements, technical knowledge, strategic objectives and planning relating to the Gautrain.

### **13) DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Bidders must submit a declaration of any conflict of interest, any other involvement in the GMA, Concession Company, Transport Authority of Gauteng and the Department of Roads and Transport, as well as any other conflicts arising from awarding of pending bids that may affect the discharge of their responsibilities in this RFP. This declaration of interest must be completed in Annexure 1 of this RFP.

### **14) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Commercials produced in this project will be sole property of GMA to be used as it see fit. Any trademarks, name, copyright, and any intellectual property rights thereto, including, but not limited to, any process, know-how, formula, composition, characteristic, technology, idea, right of invention, right of design, patent, patent application rights, rights of copyright subsisting in or relating to any product, formula, composition, product packaging, container, art work, design, or package insert, and any documentation and/or material featuring or embodying a registered

trademark, whether existing at the time of this contract or which may come into existence pursuant to the contract shall remain the property of the GMA.

## **15) BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN**

- 15.1. Service Provider shall, for the duration of the contract, have in place a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan (BCDR Plan) in the event of a disaster or other service delivery interruptions specifically with reference to resources management, data, storage and process management and product or service delivery in terms of the contractual obligations.
- 15.2. In the event that Service Provider invokes its BCDR Plan in relation to an incident that could impact on its ability to discharge its contractual obligations as agreed, it shall notify Service Recipient as soon as reasonably practicable following such invocation and shall at all times keep the Service Recipient abreast of developments pertaining to such disaster.
- 15.3. The Service Provider shall ensure that the BCDR Plan is tested on a regular basis, and at least annually. The Service Provider shall provide the Service Recipient with a report following each test that summarizes the tests conducted and its outcomes. Where gaps or issues were identified during the BCDR testing, the service provider shall provide the Service Recipient with a corrective plan on how and by when the gaps / issues will be addressed.
- 15.4. The Service Provider shall provide the Service Recipient with a monthly report on the progress of the remediation plan. GMA reserves the right to, at any given time and with due cause, request the Service Provider to conduct a BCDR test, or include the Service Provider in GMA's own BCDR test.

## RFP - PART C:

### BIDDERS DECLARATION

All responses must be provided within the specified boxes, must comply with the word and page limits imposed and must respond to this RFP Part B in accordance with the Conditions of Tendering in this RFP Part A. All Annexures form part of the Bidders Response and must be completed in full and signed.

<b>BIDDERS DECLARATION</b>	
<p>I the undersigned _____ (full name) hereby certify that:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have read, understood and accept the conditions contained in this RFP.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have supplied all the required information, and all the information submitted as part of the RFP is true and correct.</p>	
<b>NAME OF THE BIDDER</b>	
<b>IDENTITY NUMBER</b>	
<b>POSITION</b>	
<b>AUTHORISED SIGNATORY</b>	

<b>BIDDERS RESPONSE</b>				
<b>FULL NAME</b>				
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>				
<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS</b>				
<b>ENTITY REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>				
<b>VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER</b>				
<b>CONTACT PERSON'S FULL NAME</b>				
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER 1</b>	<b>CODE</b>		<b>NUMBER</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER 2</b>	<b>CODE</b>		<b>NUMBER</b>	
<b>FACSIMILE NUMBER</b>	<b>CODE</b>		<b>NUMBER</b>	
<b>CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER</b>				
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS</b>				
<b>TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>	
<b>REGISTERED ON NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRALISED SUPPLIER DATABASE</b>	<b>YES</b>		<b>NO</b>	
<b>FULL NAME OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORY</b>				
<b>TITLE OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORY</b>				
<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORY</b>				

<b>DATE OF SIGNATURE</b>	
<b>ALTERNATIVE TENDER</b>	<i>Word limit – [500] words</i>
<p>Where a Bidder also submits an Alternative Tender, it must include any supplementary material, together with associated prices, which demonstrates in detail that such an alternative will fully achieve and/ or exceed all the specifications or requirements together with references as to why the alternative proposal/s may be advantageous. This should be cross-referenced to the Specification.</p>	
<b>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>	
<p>Provide details of any interests, relationships or clients which may give rise to a conflict of interest and the area of expertise in which that conflict of interest may arise.</p>	<i>Complete as attached in SBD 4</i>

## Register on the Central Supplier Database for Government managed by National Treasury

with effect from **1 April 2016** the Central Supplier Database (CSD) will serve as the single source of key supplier information for all spheres of government providing consolidated, accurate, up-to-date, complete and verified supplier information to procuring organs of state.

The establishment of a CSD will result in one single database to serve as the source of all supplier information for all spheres of government. The purpose of centralising government's supplier database is to reduce duplication of effort and cost for both supplier and government while enabling electronic procurement processes.

Prospective suppliers interested in pursuing opportunities within the South African Government and those that are already registered on the GMA supplier database are encouraged to **self-register** on the CSD. This self-registration application represents an expression of interest from the supplier to conduct business with the South African Government. Once submitted, your details will be assessed for inclusion on the CSD.

**Access the CSD site on [www.csd.gov.za](http://www.csd.gov.za)**

Contact National Treasury for further clarity on the process:

Email: [csd@treasury.gov.za](mailto:csd@treasury.gov.za)

Telephone: 012 315 5509

**Bidders must submit with their proposals proof of registration on CSD. The proof of registration must indicate the following:**

- CSD Supplier Number
- CSD Unique RRN

**SBD 1 (A)**

**INVITATION TO BID**

<b>YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE GAUTRAIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY</b>					
BID NUMBER:	<b>GMA/009/21</b>	CLOSING DATE:	<b>14 DECEMBER 2021</b>	CLOSING TIME:	<b>11H00</b>
DESCRIPTION	<b>PROVISION OF MEDIA MONITORING AND ANALYSIS</b>				
<b>BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED THROUGH A WEB-BASED AUTOMATED TENDER SYSTEM (ATS)</b>					
Link address: <a href="https://eprocurement.gautrain.co.za/">https://eprocurement.gautrain.co.za/</a>					
<b>BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO</b>			<b>TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:</b>		
CONTACT PERSON	<b>NKOSINATHI ZULU</b>		CONTACT PERSON	<b>NKOSINATHI ZULU</b>	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	<b>011 086 3500</b>		TELEPHONE NUMBER	<b>011 086 3500</b>	
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:tenderenquiries@Gautrain.co.za">tenderenquiries@Gautrain.co.za</a>		E-MAIL ADDRESS		
<b>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</b>					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		<b>OR</b>	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES &amp; QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]</b>					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR <b>THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</b>	<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		
<b>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.</b>					

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

<p><b>1. BID SUBMISSION:</b></p> <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, 2017, 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.</b></p>
<p><b>2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.</p> <p>2.2 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.</p> <p>2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.</p> <p>2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.</p> <p>2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.</p> <p>2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.</p> <p>2.7 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."</p>

**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: .....



**PRICING SCHEDULE**

Name of Bidder: .....	Ref Number: GMA/009/21
Closing Time: 11H00 AM	Closing Date: 14 December 2021

**OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 120 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.**

Bidders are required to submit a separate detailed price proposal.

**PRICING DECLARATION**

Dear Sir/Madam

After having carefully read through and examined this RFP Reference Number GMA/009/21 in its entirety together with all the provisions contained in each section of the RFP document,

We hereby offer to provide media monitoring and analysis to the Gautrain Management Agency as per requirements stated in the Terms of Reference(TOR) section of the REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL document:

IN AMOUNT: R \_\_\_\_\_ (including VAT)

IN WORDS: R \_\_\_\_\_ (including VAT)

We confirm that this price covers all costs associated with the provision of media monitoring and analysis to be rendered to the Gautrain Management Agency as per the requirements in the TOR.

We confirm that GMA will incur no additional costs whatsoever over and above this amount.

We undertake to hold this offer open for acceptance for a period of 120 (one hundred and twenty) days from the date of submission of offers. We further undertake that upon final acceptance of our offer, we will commence with the provision of service when required to do so by the Client.

Moreover, we agree that until formal Contract Documents have been prepared and executed, this Form of Tender, together with a written acceptance from the Client shall constitute a binding agreement between us, governed by the terms and conditions set out in this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest or any offer and that we must bear all costs which we have incurred in connection with preparing and submitting this tender.

We hereby undertake for the period during which this tender remains open for acceptance not to divulge to any persons, other than the persons to which the tender is submitted, any

information relating to the submission of this tender or the details therein except where such is necessary for the submission of this tender.

<b>PRICE DECLARATION (MANDATORY INFORMATION)</b>	
I the undersigned _____ (full name) hereby certify that:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have read, understood and unconditionally accept that the conditions contained in above Section of this RFP.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have supplied all the required information, and all the information submitted as part of the Pricing Section of this RFP is true and correct.	
<b>NAME OF BIDDER</b>	
<b>IDENTITY NUMBER</b>	
<b>POSITION</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORY</b>	

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state<sup>1</sup>, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written price quotation). In view of possible allegations of favoritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or

- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf, the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

2. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:

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2.2 Identity Number:.....

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder, member):

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2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:.....

2.5 Tax Reference Number: .....

2.6 VAT Registration Number:  
.....

2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / PERSAL numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder **YES/NO**  
Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state?  
**YES/NO**

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member .....

Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed:  
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Position occupied in the state  
institution:.....

Any other particulars:  
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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? **YES/NO**

2.7.1.1 If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid document? **YES/NO**

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(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.1.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / trustees / shareholders / members  
or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous 12 months **YES/NO**

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have **YES/NO**  
any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may  
be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES/NO**

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members **YES/NO**  
of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are  
bidding for this contract?

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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**3 Full details of director /trustees/members/shareholders.**

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Income Tax Reference Number	State Employee Number / PERSAL Number

**DECLARATION**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME).....

- CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
  
- I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

<b>NAME OF BIDDER</b>	
<b>IDENTITY NUMBER</b>	
<b>POSITION</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED SIGNATORY</b>	

**PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017**

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

**NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.**

**1. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
  - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
  - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 1.2
  - a) The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or
- 1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:
  - (a) Price; and
  - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.
- 1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
<b>PRICE</b>	80
<b>B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR</b>	20
<b>Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed</b>	<b>100</b>

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

- 1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

## **2. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means:
  - 1)** B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
  - 2)** A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
  - 3)** Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) **“QSE”** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (j) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

## **3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE**

### **3.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS**

A maximum of 80 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

**80/20**

$$P_s = 80 \left( 1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

$P_s$  = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

$P_t$  = Price of bid under consideration

$P_{\min}$  = Price of lowest acceptable bid

**4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR**

4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

**5. BID DECLARATION**

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

**6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1**

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: = .....(maximum of 20 points)  
 (Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

**7. SUB-CONTRACTING**

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

**(Tick applicable box)**

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

**(Tick applicable box)**

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

<b>Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:</b>	<b>EME</b>	<b>QSE</b>
	√	√
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
<b>OR</b>		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. **DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM**

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Company
- (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Professional service provider
- Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary

proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;

iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
- (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
- (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
- (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
- (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

<b>WITNESSES</b>	
<b>NAME OF BIDDER</b>	
<b>IDENTITY NUMBER</b>	
<b>POSITION</b>	
<b>AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES OF BIDDERS</b>	
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**DECLARATION OF BIDDERS PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

- 1 This declaration is used by GMA in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
  
- 2 The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
  - a. abused the institution's supply chain management system;
  - b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
  - c. failed to perform on any previous contract.
  
- 3 **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

NO.	QUESTION	YES	NO
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector?  (Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).  <b>The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website (<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</b>	Yes  <input type="checkbox"/>	No  <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

4.2	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)?</p> <p><b>The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</b></p>		
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	<p>Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?</p>		
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	<p>Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?</p>		
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	
<p>I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.</p>	
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## CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

1. This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids<sup>1</sup> invited.
2. Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).<sup>2</sup> Collusive bidding is a *per se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
3. Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
  - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
  - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
4. This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
5. In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (Annexure G) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

<sup>1</sup> Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

<sup>2</sup> Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for GMA which wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

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<sup>3</sup> Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Bid Number and Description)

In response to the invitation for the bid made by:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Institution)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_ that:  
(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorised by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorised by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organisation, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
  - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
  - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
  - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder.
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>3</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.

7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
- (a) prices;
  - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation);
  - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
  - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
  - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid;
- or
- (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. 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.
10. 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 section 59 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 public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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**SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**1. SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

1.1	Do you have a Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) policy statement?	YES/NO Please provide a copy of the policy statement
1.2	Is your SHE programme aligned or certified to comply with the OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001 standards?	YES/NO Please provide details
1.3	Would you be prepared to have your SHE standards audited or modified according to requirements?	YES/NO Please give reasons if applicable
1.5	How do you record and classify injuries sustained during operations?	Please provide details
1.6	How do you record and classify incidents both safety and environmentally related?	Please provide details
1.9	Does your company have any Health and Safety agreements with any major unions?	Please provide details
1.10	Is your company in good standing with a Workman's Compensation Authority	Please provide a copy of the Letter of Good Standing which includes the registration number
1.12	Does your company employ a SHE/Q Manager and who does he/she report to?	YES/NO Please provide details of experience and qualifications of this individual
1.13	What ongoing training is conducted with regard to SHE?	Please provide details
1.14	Does your company have an active Safety Committee?	Please provide details
1.15	How does your company communicate issues/targets to the employees regarding SHE?	Please provide details
1.16	Does your company have a medical surveillance programme in place?	YES/NO Please provide details,
1.17	Have the management duties in terms of the OHSAS been assigned by written appointment to specific individuals within your company?	YES/NO Please provide details of appointments in place.

**2. TECHNICAL AND QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS**

2.1	Do you have a quality policy statement and Quality manual?	YES/NO Please provide a copy of the policy statement
2.2	Is your Quality Management aligned or certified to comply with the ISO 9001:2008?	YES/NO Please provide details
2.3	Would you be prepared to have your Quality Management system audited or modified according to requirements?	YES/NO Please give reasons if applicable
2.5	How do you record and classify incidents and non-conformances related to quality?	Please provide details
2.6	Does your company employ a Quality Manager and who does he/she report to?	YES/NO Please provide details of experience and qualifications of this individual
2.7	What ongoing training is conducted with regard to Quality?	Please provide details
2.10	Are you prepared to allow personnel to access your premises to perform a technical assessment of your capabilities?	YES/NO
2.11	How many different inspection agencies have visited your premises in the last 12 months	Please provide details
2.12	Do you have dedicated quality management resources and transparent processes to ensure quality in procured materials and equipment?	YES/NO Please provide a list of the dedicated resources and a description of the quality management processes.

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## COVID-19 DECLARATION

All persons entering the GMA premises will be subject to screening. Screening is a way for the GMA SHEQ representative to find out if you may have symptoms related to COVID-19 or any other related infectious diseases. The GMA SHEQ representative will ask you questions and scan your forehead to take your temperature.

### **What happens if I have not travelled, have not been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 and do not have symptoms?**

You will be allowed to continue working in the GMA offices, provided you have been cleared for entry by the respective Head of Unit and the SHEQ team) during the Lockdown Levels as per COGTA Regulations and must keep on observing the GMA protocols on protecting yourself and other employees as well as ensuring personal hygiene:

1. Stay at home and self-isolate from others in the household if you feel unwell and do not come to work.
2. Undergo through temperature screening at the beginning of your shift and before the end of your shift.
3. A Face Mask must be worn at all times during your entry, in all common areas, during any interactions with other staff and when you exit the building.
4. Limit the lift occupancy to the maximum of two occupants.
5. Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
6. Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough, or sneeze do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.
7. Maintain social distancing of at-least 1.5 meters away from your colleagues.
8. Avoid physical meetings and consider virtual meeting.
9. The GMA has a right to turn away any employee who does not meet the requirements for acceptable temperature readings as per the NDOH guidelines.

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## RFP - PART D

### GMA SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT

A detailed Supplier Code of Conduct is attached as **Annexure A** of this RFP.