



REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

SALGA IS EMBARKING ON A FULLY AUTOMATED SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (SCM) PLATFORM. A SMARTER, FASTER WAY TO MANAGE PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIPS, DESIGNED TO DRIVE EFFICIENCY & TRANSPARENCY. THE PLATFORM WILL BE LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY 2026.

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE CONTACT scm@salga.org.za

You are hereby invited to submit Quotation for the requirements of
SALGA

RFQ number:	RFQ130232
RFQ Issue Date	27 March 2026
COMPULSORY/ NON COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	None
Briefing Session Date and Time: <i>(if applicable)</i>	None
RFQ Closing date:	30 March 2026
RFQ Description:	Request for quotations for the development of a Multilingual LLM Platform for Local Government

SPECIFICATIONS

- See attached specifications

Please note:

1. Quotation should be valid for at least 30 days.
Is the offer strictly according to specifications? Yes/No
2. If not to specification, state deviation(s)
3. Please indicate your delivery period:
4. All the Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) forms must be completed in full and returned with the quotation.
5. Please indicate a valid Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration number on your quotation. Tax status will be verified on CSD.
6. All prices must be VAT inclusive, if no indication is given, prices will be evaluated as inclusive.
7. No quotations received after closing time and date will be accepted without prior arrangement with the sender of this request.
8. It is the responsibility of the vendor to verify the receipt of any quotations forwarded to this office.
9. If you are unable to quote, please respond to the sender and state the reason/s for not quoting.
10. This quotation is subject to the general conditions of contract, as well as any special conditions stated in the specifications.
11. Requests relating to procurement of goods for designated sectors, the quotations shall be evaluated in relation with the minimum thresholds for local production and content prescribed per sector:
12. For bids of above R2 000 to R50 million, SALGA evaluates these in terms of the 80/20 adjudication criteria where:
 - a) Price: 80 b) BBBEE Level of contribution: 20 TOTAL: 100
13. For bids of above R50 million, SALGA evaluates these in terms of the 90/10 adjudication criteria where:
 - a) Price: 90 b) BBBEE Level of contribution: 10 TOTAL: 100

NAME OF SERVICE PROVIDER:

TOTAL PRICE (INCL VAT):

I hereby accept the above-mentioned conditions.

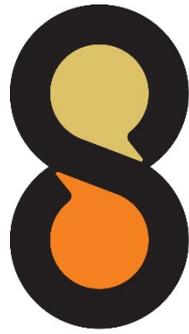
This RFQ is subject to the general conditions of the RFQ, National Treasury's general conditions of contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other special conditions of contract (SCC).

NAME OF BIDDER (COMPANY NAME)

SIGNATURE

CAPACITY:

DATE:



SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

SALGA

Inspiring service delivery

Request for quotations for the development of a Multilingual LLM Platform for Local Government

RFQ NO. 130232

Closing date and time: 30 March 2026 at 11:00

Bid Validity Period: 90 Days

Submit via email:

EMAIL: nmsomi@salga.org.za

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The appointed services provider is expected to provide SALGA with the following:

1. LLM Development and Customised SML for Local Government

To design, develop, and deploy a customisable, cloud-based multilingual Large Language Model (LLM) platform for cross-municipal processes in marketing, communication, and customer service, with multilingual capabilities.

2. Multilingual Capabilities

The platform must natively support at least three South African vernacular languages (over and above English)

The team must include members with proven experience in building and deploying custom AI/ML models for vernacular languages.

3. LG Data Integration

Enable ingestion, processing, and secure management of local government data, ensuring compliance with relevant data protection and governance standards.

Develop data flows and pipelines tailored to local language content and municipal requirements.

4. Model Training and Agent Customisation

Employ Gen-AI and ML models for the use of LG data and specific municipal data (across all media – i.e. text, document, audio, image, video)

Provide mechanisms for continuous improvement and adaptation of language models to evolving municipal needs – and the customisation of agents for each identified use case.

5. User Access and Security

Implement robust role-based access control and integration with approved security solutions. Maintain comprehensive audit trails – to ensure model explainability.

Ensure sensitive data is secured sufficiently.

6. Integration and Interoperability

Provide integration capabilities to connect to identified data sources – such as social media platforms, online news agencies, and other reliable and accredited data sources.

7. Reporting and Audit Trails

Provide technical and user training to SALGA staff and identified municipal teams on the use of the platform and/or the incremental training of the models.

2. BIDDER REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Specifications and requirements

- Demonstrate ability to develop and maintain cloud-based, multilingual AI platforms using modern frameworks (post-2019 tech stack).
- Evidence of successful deployment of AI/ML solutions for vernacular languages in South Africa or similar contexts – including using both open-source and AWS proprietary stacks.

- The bidders will be expected to demonstrate technical ability and capability to develop and maintain a *custom* model for at least three South African vernacular languages

In addition, the following principles – in line with SALGA Digital’s framework – will be expected:

Technical Area	Technology
Development Framework	.Modern Stack (post 2019 tech development track)
Infrastructure	AWS stack, with interoperability to integrate with 3 rd party platforms if needed
User Interface	Web-based and Mobile

2.2 Bidder competences

- Verifiable experience in developing AI/ML platforms for public sector or municipal environments – including in supporting multi-lingual (with focus on English and vernacular languages) capabilities
 - Reference letter and/or links to solution/platform/application.
- AWS Partnership
- Ability to construct/customise and deploy the platform within six to eight weeks
 - Excluding project kick-off, scoping, and training

2.3 CV/Qualifications

- CVs/profiles of team leaders, especially with expertise in vernacular language AI/ML development.
- Lead developer must have relevant, strong qualifications/certifications in the area of Language Models. Post-graduate expertise in this environment will be critical

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship

¹ the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3 DECLARATION

I, _____ the _____ undersigned, (name)..... in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring

² 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.

institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

- 3.6 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.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature Date

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Position Name of bidder

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- 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 To be completed by the organ of state

(delete whichever is not applicable for this tender).

- a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **90/10** preference point system.
- b) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** preference point system.
- c) Either the **90/10 or 80/20 preference point system** will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/ highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10
2	9
3	7

4	6
5	4
6	3
7	2
8	1
Specific Goals	
SMME's	4
100% Black Women owned	3
100 % Youth	3
Total Points	20

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“tender”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) **“price”** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) **“tender for income-generating contracts”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) **“the Act”** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20 or 90/10

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right) \text{ or } Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

3.2. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20 or 90/10

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) \text{ or } Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—

- (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or

(b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,

then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.)

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
SMME's	4	
100% Black Women owned	3	
100 % Youth	3	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name of company/firm.....

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One-person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Public Company
- Personal Liability Company
- (Pty) Limited
- Non-Profit Company
- State Owned Company

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I 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 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering 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 tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted 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, if deemed necessary.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)	
SURNAME AND NAME:
DATE:
ADDRESS:

