

INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 1000M RATED FULLY OPERATIONAL REMOTELY OPERATED VEHICLE WITH MANIPULATOR ARM, FIBER OPTIC ELECTRIC WINCH WITH 1100M FIBER OPTIC UMBILICAL AND SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE PLAN AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT. THE CONTRACT DURATION IS 10 YEARS FROM SIGNING OF CONTRACT

Bidder Name:				
Bid Number:		NRF/SAIAB/34/2021-22		
Closing Date: Closing Time:		Friday, 26 August 2022 11.00 AM		
Compulsory Briefing Session:		An online compulsory briefing session will be held. Date: 11 August 2022 at 11:00 AM		
		Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/94567854781?pwd=RkZHeXdsSUc0UFZabUIXOUIhWFA4dz 09		
Bid Submission:		Electronic submissions must be sent to bids@saiab.nrf.ac.za		
		Bids must be submitted in two separate electronic folders, one with the compliance and technical response, and the second with the financial response.		
		The financial response must be password protected. Folders must be titled with the bidder's company name and folder title. Attachments are limited to 25 MB per email.		
		Bidders are to send an email to bids@saiab.nrf.ac.za post submission with the password to their financial envelope.		
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INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION TO THE NRF

The National Research Foundation Act as amended, Act 19 of 2018, establishes the National Research Foundation ("NRF") as the juristic legal entity that will contract with the awarded bidder. Please visit the NRF website (https://www.nrf.ac.za) for more information.

BACKGROUND TO SAIAB

The South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB), based in Makhanda formerly known as Grahamstown, Eastern Cape, is a National Research Facility of the National Research Foundation, a public entity, established in terms of the National Research Foundation Act No. 23 of 1998. SAIAB is an internationally recognised centre for the study of aquatic biodiversity.

PART A - THE TENDER

CONTEXT OF THIS PROCUREMENT NEED

The South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity is a biological sciences Research Institute specialising in aquatic biodiversity, with a specific academic focus on fish (Ichthyology). In addition to foundational taxonomy and systematics, the Institute specialises in providing cutting-edge research infrastructure platforms for research in marine and freshwater environments, the curation and management of biological specimens and tissue samples, molecular biology and genomics and the supervision of postgraduate students

The Institute is seeking to procure a fully functional 1000m rated Observation/intervention class (class 2: Observation with payload option), electric Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) including a 9 year service plan, a downstream repairs, maintenance, upgrades and technical support for a period of 10 years from signing of contract., with the following accessories:

- 4K video and >16MP still camera on a tilt platform.
- Five function manipulator arm.
- Adjustable brightness LED lighting on a tilt platform.
- Navigation: Sonar, depth sensor, altimeter, compass, pitch and roll sensor, Ultra Short Base Line (USBL)
 Tracking system.
- Surface recording and dive event log system.
- Electric winch with 1100m fibre optic umbilical.
- Spare parts and tools as specified in this document.

The ROV will be used for visual surveys using its 4K video and 16MP stills camera, as well as the collection of biological specimens using its five function manipulator arm.

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DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

The purpose of this bid invitation is to appoint a service provider to supply and deliver a new 1000m Class II Remotely Operated Vehicle for research purposes. The ROV will be used for visual surveys using its 4K video and 16MP stills camera, as well as the collection of biological specimens using its 5 function manipulator arm. The proposed system should be fully integrated and ready to use. The service provider will be expected to provide a 9-year service plan for the ROV and conduct all routine maintenence and repairs, and upgrades to the ROV and its components.

1.ROV	Class II	Class II – Observation ROVs with Payload Option (up to 13kg payload in water)
1.1	Proven design	The make and model of ROV proposed must be a proven design with three examples (written references with contacts) of having being operated deeper than 750m. With favorable reviews regarding reliability, maneuverability and operability at depth. Use the Review letter format on page 46 of this document.
	Fit for purpose	Equipment must have been sited in a peer reviewed academic publication in which it was used successfully for marine research at a depth of greater than 750m. Provide at at least 1 publication.
1.2	Size	<1200mm (L) <750mm (W) <700mm (H)
1.3	Design	Open frame
1.4	Weight (in air)	< 110kg (without tool skid)
1.5	Depth rating	≥1000 msw (meters sea water)
1.6	Payload	≥13kg
1.7	Thrust (forward)	≥50kgf
1.8	Thrust (lateral)	≥28kgf
1.9	Thrust (vertical)	≥13kgf
1.10	Speed	≥3knots (on surface)
1.11	Power requirements	Single Phase 100-230VAC Frequency: 50-60 Hz < 5.5kVA
1.12	Maneuverability	3 axis and spin on own axis.
2. Thrusters	Туре	DC Brushless electric thrusters
2.1	Configuration	Minimum of 4 vectored horizontal thrusters and 1 vertical thruster
2.2	Propellers	Magnetically coupled
2.3	Control	Variable speed
3. Lights	Туре	LED

3.1.	Number of lights	≥3			
3.1	Variable brightness	0 - ≥ 3500 lumens each			
3.2	Tilt	Lights to be attached to tilt platform to be directed in the same direction as the camera			
3.3	Control	On/off, brightness & tilt angle (-90° to +90°)			
4. Navigation and sensors		Sensors integrated into ROV			
4.1	Compass	Accuracy: ≤1 ⁰			
4.2	Depth	Accuracy ≤ 0.5%			
4.3	Pitch & Roll	Resolution ≤ 1°			
4.4	Camera/tilt platform angle	Resolution ≤ 1°			
4.5	Rotation counter				
4.6	Altimeter	Accuracy ≤ 1 %			
4.7	Temperature	Range ≤0°C to ≥35C Resolution: ≤ 0.1°C			
4.8	Autopilot function status	Auto depth or altitude and auto direction			
4.9	USBL tracking system	See below			
4.10	Video overlay	All data to be included in video overlay			
4.11	Data export	All navigation data to be exportable for live dive logging			
5. Tilt platform	Туре	Electric			
5.1	Angle	-90° to +90° (straight down to straight up)			
5.2	To accommodate	1 x Camera & laser unit			
		3 x LED lights (positioned right, left and center of camera axis)			
6. Camera	Capability	Simultaneous colour video and still photographs, controlled from surface.			
6.1	Live feed to surface	≥4K resolution			
6.2	Video (internal recording) quality	≥4K resolution			
6.3	Stills quality	≥16MP			
6.4	Zoom	≥20x optical zoom			
6.5	Focus	Auto			
6.6	Focus range	≤10mm - infinity			
6.7	Recording capacity (internal)	≥10 hrs @ 4K			

6.8	Image type	JPEG
7. Lasers	5 laser unit	
7.1	Configuration	2 sets of 2 parallel lasers (horizontal) for size
		1 offset laser for distance.
7.2	Replicability of laser position	All lasers to be set in a single unit/frame so that they are set in a fixed position relative to one another and to the camera.
8. Umbilical	Umbilical type	Fiber optic
8.1	Length	1100m
8.2	Diameter	≤14mm
8.3	Buoyancy	Positively buoyant in seawater
9. Winch	Electric winch	Capable of spooling umbilical.
9.1	Capacity	≥1100m
9.2	Winch power requirements	Single phase 100-270VAC
9.3	Winch and umbilical size	≤1.25m (L) x ≤1.0m(W) x ≤1.0m (H)
9.4	Deck cable (SU to winch)	10m
9.5	Enclosure rating (dust/moisture)	IP55 or higher
9.6	Attachment point to secu	re winch to the deck of vessel
10. Sonar	Туре	360 scanning sonar
10.1	Range	≤0.5m to ≥100m
10.2	Range Resolution	≤50mm
10.3	With deck unit display and controls	Adjustable: Range Gain
11. USBL Tracker	Data output	Vessel position and speed
		ROV position (GPS coordinate)
11.1	Operational depth	≥1000m
11.2	Operational range	≥1100m
11.3	Update rate	≤ 5 seconds
11.4	Targets	≥ 2 target tracking
11.5	Display	Visual representation of vessel, ROV and clump weigh positions with

		distances from vessel position		
11.6	Additional battery powered subsea transponder	To attach to clump weight for clump weight tracking		
11.7	Motion reference	Integrated pitch roll and heading sensors to compensate for vessel movement.		
12. Surface units	Max size	< 70cm x 70cm		
12.1	Weight	< 70kg (each unit)		
12.2	Flying monitor	15 inch or larger 4K resolution		
12.3	Power requirements	Single phase 100-270 VAC.		
12.4	Line Insulation Monitor	To detect umbilical or vehicle faults		
12.5	Video output	4 x 4K video outputs		
12.6	NMEA Data export	 Depth Heading Altitude Pitch & roll Location (GPS coord) from USBL Tilt platform angle Water temperature 		
12.7		Sonar display and controls		
12.8	Camera control –	Video on/off Photographs Zoom		
13. ROV Controls				
13.1	3 axis joystick for horizontal control	3 axis and spin on own axis with a single joystick		
13.2	Trim control			
13.3	Dive and surface burst c	ontrol		
13.4	Thruster enable/disable			
13.5	Lights on/off and dimmer	r dial		
13.6	Auto pilot	Heading hold Depth hold/Altitude hold		
13.7	Thruster power	2 preset power settings to toggle between		

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13.8	Hand control unit cable	5 meters or longer			
14. Surface	Video recording	4K resolution footage recording			
recording and data logging	resolution	Ability to save still images from video (screen grabs)			
14.1	Departing unit type	Lanton			
14.1	Recording unit type Data logging	Laptop Capable of logging the following:			
14.2	Data logging	Date and time			
		Vehicle depth			
		Vehicle pitch and roll			
		Camera angle (tilt platform)			
		Vehicle altitude			
		Temperature			
		Position (GPS coordinates from USBL)			
		Custom events			
14.3	Record voice over	Ability to record voice-over on footage			
14.4	Storage	2TB or larger steady state drive			
15. Manipulator	5 function arm with	Claw (open/close)			
	control unit	Wrist (360° twist)			
		Elbow (in/out)			
		Shoulder (in/out)			
		Shoulder (up/down) Cutting to all an allowers			
		Cutting tool on claw			
15.1	Tool skid	Self contained tool skid			
15.2	Removable	Must be easily removable from the ROV – bolts and 1 connector that can be blanked off.			
15.3	ROV to fly with or withou	t manipulator skid on.			
15.4	Weight (max)	• <50Kg (in air)			
13.4	Weight (max)	Neutral in water			
Spares					
16. Field maintenance	16. Field maintenance kit as recommended by OEM including a minimum of:				
16.1	All necessary tools to	Supplied in a waterproof, shockproof, sturdy box (pelican case or			
	replace any of the	similar)			
	following components				
16.2	1 x thruster unit				
16.3	2 x propeller assemblies				
16.4	1 x tilt motor				
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16.5	1 x LED light (whole unit)		
16.6	2 x LED Lamp PCBs		
16.7	1 x junction box PCB		
16.8	1 x fibre optic umbilical splicing kit		
16.9	1 x o-ring kit		
16.10	1 x fuse kit		
16.11	1 x propeller baring replacement kit		
16.12	Spare ferrules and connectors		
16.13	Blank plugs for all external connectors		
17. Comprehensive spares kit recommended by OEM including a minimum of:	Supplied in a waterproof, shockproof, sturdy box (pelican case or similar)		
17.1	1 x Vehicle Power supply unit		
17.2	Full set of replaceable Set of all replaceable ROV and surface unit PCBs PCBs		
17.3	1 x LED lamp		
17.4	1 x Thruster unit		
17.5	1 x O ring kit		
17.6	1 x fuse kit		
17.7	1 x navigation node		
17.8	1 x prop assembly		
17.9	1 x joystick		
17.10	1 x fiber optic umbilical splicing kit		
18. Tool skid			

18.1	Tool skid repair kit
19. Winch	
19.1	Winch spares kit
19.2	Winch tool kit
20. Umbilical	
20.1	Spare 1100m fibre optic umbilical (terminated on subsea end)
21. Tools	Community of the second control of the secon
21.1	Complete set of tools for fault finding, field servicing and comprehensive services.
21.2	Fiber optic tool kit
22. Transport boxes	
22.1	Transport boxes for all components The follow transport boxes (or pelican cases or equivalent): ROV Winch ROV surface PSU Sonar surface unit USBL surface unit (waterproof) Recording unit (waterproof) Tool boxes (waterproof) Spares boxes (waterproof)
23. Operations Manua	al
23.1	 Full operations manual (electronic and hard copy) in English to be provided and must include: Operational instructions All electrical circuit diagrams Schematic diagrams of all serviceable components All cable and connector pin-outs Fault finding instructions
24. Service plan	
24.1	Bidder to provide a 5 year service schedule as recommended by the OEM
25. Downstream upgr	ades, repairs and spares,

25.1	Service, as required by the OEM, of ROV, winch and surface units.
	Repairs and maintenance
	Replacement of components
	Upgrades to the system

BIDDER REQUIREMENTS

The bidder must provide evidence of the following:

- Bidder is an authorised distributer of the OEM
- Bidder is an authorised service agent of the OEM
- Bidder must have been in the ROV sales and service industry for > 5 years
- Bidder must have ROV training facilities to be verified in the workshop site visit

Failure to provide documentation of evidence of the above requirements will result in disqualification of bid.

BIDDERS WORKSHOP REQUIREMENTS

A site visit during the evaluation of the bid to bidders premesis will be conducted where the bidder will demonstrate their capacity.

Bidders must have fully equipped ROV workshops in South Africa with the following capabilities:

- Bidder has a OEM authorised service technician employed.
- ii) Demonstrated capacity to conduct full services as recommended by the OEM
- iii) Demonstrated capacity to repair ROVs and umbilicals
- iv) Proven capability to design and fabricate custom components for ROVs
- v) Facilities to pressure test ROV and/or components to 100 bars (equivalent of 1000m).

Failure to provide documentation of evidence of the above requirements will result in disqualification of bid.

WARRANTEE

A minimum 1-year warrantee for all components

Failure to provide documentation of evidence of the above requirements will result in disqualification of bid.

ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER REQUIREMENTS

- i) The OEM must have been in the ROV manufacturing business for a minimum of 10 years (Bidder must provide copy of company profile).
- ii) The OEM must be IMCA accredited (Bidder to provide copy of certification).
- iii) To ensure a reputable brand of ROV is provided, the OEM must have sold a minimum of 15 similar or larger ROVs (Bidder to provide portfolio).
- iv) OEM must have the management system certification ISO 9001 and ISO 45001. (Bidder to provide copy of certification)

Failure to provide documentation of evidence of the above requirements will result in disqualification of bid.

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THE BID SELECTION PROCESS

PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Pre-qualification criteria is not applicable to this bid.

This bid will be evaluated in three stages as follows:

STAGE 1: SUBMISSION OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS AND SCHEDULES

Bids will be evaluated for compliance with the procedural requirements of the bid, which entails the completion and/or submission of the returnable documents and schedules specified in the Returnable Documents and Schedules Checklist in page 14 below.

Failure to comply with the mandatory requirements in this stage may result in bid disqualification. However, SAIAB may apply the discretion to allow bidders to complete and/or sign returnable schedules not completed and/or signed in the first instance or to submit returnable documents not submitted in the first instance. Such returnable schedules or documents must be of a purely administrative nature (such as SBD forms or B-BBEE certificate), and may not pertain to the substance of the bid such as to affect the competitive position of bidders by giving one or more bidders a second and unfair opportunity to augment the quality (substantive) aspects of their bid. No award will be done without complete provision of returnable documents and schedules.

STAGE 2: TECHNICAL EVALUATION

Each bid will be evaluated against the technical/quality criteria outlined in pages 15 -17 below.

Bids which fail to meet the requirements of Stage 2 will be disqualified and not evaluated further in Stage 3.

STAGE 3: PRICE AND PREFERENCE POINTS SCORING

Bid price proposals are compared on an equal and fair basis, considering all aspects of the bid pricing requirements. Qualifying bids are ranked on price and preference points claimed in the following manner:

- (i) **Price** with the lowest priced bid receiving the highest price score as set out in the Preferential Procurement Policy Regulations 2017;
- (ii) **Preference** preference points as claimed in the preference claim form (SBD 6.1) supported by a valid BBBEE certificate or sworn affidavit, in the case of EMEs and QSEs, are added to the price ranking scores.

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STAGE 1 – SUBMISSION OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS AND SCHEDULES

All mandatory criteria need to be complied with to move on to the next stage of evaluation. All SBD forms indicated as mandatory must be completed and signed by bidders failing which, a bid submission may be disqualified for non-compliance. SAIAB may apply the discretion to allow bidders to complete and/or sign returnable schedules not completed and/or signed in the first instance or to submit returnable documents not submitted in the first instance. Such returnable schedules or documents must be of a purely administrative nature (e.g. SBD forms, B-BBEE certificate), and may not pertain to the substance of the bid such as to affect the competitive position of bidders by giving one or more bidders a second and unfair opportunity to augment the quality (substantive) aspects of their bid.

Document description	Weight	Criteria (All criteria are weighted equally to each other)	Assess ment Methodo logy	Bid Section Reference	SCM Verification
SBD 1 Form (Invitation to Bid)	Mandatory	Has the bidder completed and signed the SBD 1 Invitation to Bid form?	Yes/No	Page 35	
SBD 3.1 Form (Pricing Schedule) – submitted in a separate electronic folder	Mandatory	Has the bidder submitted its pricing for the infrastructure and the service plan?	Yes/No	Page 32- 33	
SBD 4 Form (Bidder's Disclosure)	Mandatory	Has the bidder completed and signed the SBD 4 form? Has the bidder disclosed any conflict of interest which would preclude it from responding to this bid?	Yes/No	Page 38- 39	
SBD 6.1 Form (Preferential Points Claimed)	Mandatory	Has the bidder completed and signed the SBD 6.1 form?	Yes/No	Page 40- 42	

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STAGE 2 – TECHNICAL EVALUATION

<u>NOTE</u>: Bidders must carefully review the evaluation criteria and instructions below and ensure that they understand what information is required, including all documentation that is required to be submitted in this stage of evaluation. No second opportunity will be given to submit documentation not submitted, except in the case where there is no competition (i.e. one bid is received) and therefore no prejudice will accrue to any other bidder.

Bidders must meet all mandatory requirements below (i.e. requirements marked as 'Mandatory') in order pass this stage of evaluation and move on to the next stage of evaluation.

Evaluation Criteria	Evidence required	Page Reference	Weight	Assessment Methodology
Meets technical specification	Full technical specification documents for all components to be provided including completed technical compliance	45-52	Mandatory	Go / No Go
Fit for purpose	A peer reviewed publication in which the equipemtnn has been sited for marine research purposes at depths greater than 750m.	5	Mandatory	Go / No Go
Authorised distributor of OEM	OEM letter as distributor to be provided	11	Mandatory	Go / No Go
Authorised service agent of OEM	OEM letter as agent to be provided	11	Mandatory	Go / No Go
ROV Service workshop in South Africa	Site visit meets requirements on scorecard in all criteria	51	Mandatory	Go / No Go
Authorised service technicians based in South Africa	Letter of authorisation including technicians name to be provided	11	Mandatory	Go / No Go

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Supplier has ROV training facility in South Africa	Pictures of training facility to be provided	11	Mandatory	Go / No Go
Supplier has been in ROV sales and servicing business for >5 years	Supplier Company registration documents to be provided	11	Mandatory	Go / No Go
OEM must have been in the ROV manufacturing business for >10 years	OEM Company registration documents to be provided	12	Mandatory	Go / No Go
OEM must be IMCA accredited.	Certificate to be provided	12	Mandatory	Go / No Go
OEM must have sold a minimum of 15 ROVs of similar size or larger.	Portfolio to be provided	12	Mandatory	Go / No Go
Guarantee of spare parts for a duration of 10 years	Guarantee letter form manufacturer to be provided	12	Mandatory	Go / No Go
OEM to have ISO 9001 and ISO 45001 Management System Certification	Certification to be provided	12	Mandatory	Go / No Go
Three (3) written references, with contact details for those customers for whom the bidder has completed work within the last sixty months (preferably last thirty-six months) that meets the minimum threshold of "Meets requirements."	Has the bidder submitted three reference letters from clients relevant to this bid? Do all reference letters indicate that the services provided meet requirement?	45	Mandatory	Go / No Go
Three (3) written review letters, from users of similar ROV (same make and model as the one	Has the bidder submitted three review letters from users relevant to this bid? Do all review letters indicate that the ROV	46	Mandatory	Go / No Go

"Meets requirements."		proposed in this bid), with contact details for those customers for whom the bidder has completed work within the last sixty months (preferably last thirty-six months) that meets the minimum threshold of	meets requirement?			
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BIDDER IS ABLE TO DELIVER THE SPECIFICATION?	YES - PASS TO PRICING	NO – DISQUALIFIED

STAGE 3 – PRICE AND PREFERENCE POINTS SCORING

Bids which meet the minimum requirements in Stage 2, will be evaluated on price and BBBEE status level (Stage 3) as follows -

CRITERIA	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	20
TOTAL POINTS FOR PRICE AND B-BBEE MUST NOT EXCEED	100

PART A.1 – BID PREPARATION

BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS

Bidders are urged to carefully study these bidding instructions, as well as all corresponding instructions pertaining to the bid evaluation criteria, scope of works, pricing and returnable, contained in this bid document. Failure to comply with these instructions will be at the bidder's risk, and may affect the evaluation of its bid.

1.	<u>Late bids</u>			
	Bids received after the closing time and/or date shall not be considered.			
2.	Authority of bid signatory			
	The bid must be signed by a person duly authorised to do so.			
3.	Clarification of the bid			
3.1	A bidder requiring any clarification of the bid documents may direct the request for clarification in writing, to the SAIAB representatives listed on the cover page of this bid document.			
3.2	A response will be provided by SAIAB in writing. The response (including an explanation of the query, but without identifying the source of the query) will be sent to all prospective, identifiable bidders.			
3.3	The last date for the submission of requests for clarification is 16th August 2022.			
4.	Bid preparation costs			
	Bidders will be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and submissions of their bids.			
5.	Tender Briefing Session			
5.1	Bidder will be required to attend the online tender briefing session.			
6.	Counter proposals			
	No counter proposals will be accepted.			
7.	Alterations to the bid document			
	Bidders may not make any alterations or additions to the content of this bid document, except to comply with the instructions issued by SAIAB, i.e. the completion of the schedules indicated as mandatory for completion. Any alterations made to the content of this bid document other than those mandated by SAIAB will result in the invalidation of a bidder's submission.			
8.	Submitting a tender offer			
8.1	Bidders may submit one tender offer only, either as a single tendering entity or as a member of a joint venture or consortium, unless otherwise stated in this bid document.			
8.2	Each party to a joint venture or consortium must individually complete and submit the SBD returnable schedulincluded in this bid document.			
8.3	Bidders must return all returnable documents and schedules after completing them in their entirety, preferab electronically, or by writing legibly in non-erasable ink. The bid document must be submitted in its entirety.			
10.	Clarification of bidder's tender offer after submission			
10.1	Bidders may be required by SAIAB, to provide clarification of their tender offer during the bid evaluation or adjudication stages. This may include providing a breakdown of rates or prices, or correction of arithmetical errors by the adjustment of certain rates or item prices (or both).			
10.2	No change in the competitive position of bidders or substance of the tender offer may be sought, offered, or			

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	permitted.		
11.	Two envelope system		
11.1	SAIAB utilises the two-envelope system to minimise any form of price bias in the technical evaluation phase.		
11.2	All responses must be submitted in two electronic folders; the first folder shall contain the technical, and compliance response and the second shall contain only the pricing response.		
11.3	Bidders must ensure that they do not include any pricing details in the first folder, as SAIAB reserves the right to disqualify such bids.		
11.4	Bidders are required to package their bid as follows:		
	Folder 1: Compliance and Technical Response		
	Folder 2: Pricing Response		
12.	Central Supplier Database registration		
	Bidders must be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database ('CSD') in order to be recommended for the award of this bid, and must provide their CSD supplier number in their bid submission.		
13.	Tax compliance status		
13.1	Bidders must ensure that their tax matters are in order. No award will be made to any bidder whose tax matters have not been declared to be in order by the South African Revenue Services (SARS).		
13.2	Each party to a joint venture, consortium or partnership must comply with the above requirement.		
13.3	The bid will be declared non-responsive in the event that the bidder's tax matters are shown not be in order, and the bidder fails to ensure that its tax matters are in order within such timeframe as may be granted by SAIAB in writing.		
14.	Invalid bids		
	Tenders shall be invalid if –		
14.1	In a two-envelope system, a bidder fails to submit both a technical proposal and a separate financial offer.		
14.2	The bidder has been listed on the National Treasury's Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, or has been listed on the National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers and who is therefore prohibited from doing business with the public sector.		
14.3	The bidder has been restricted from doing business with any Organ of state.		
15.	Price negotiations prior to award		
15.1	The award of this bid may be subject to price negotiations with the preferred bidder or bidders, where there are opportunities for realising cost savings, or where bid prices are not market related.		
15.2	SAIAB reserves the right to reject overpriced or under-priced bids outside the identified price range for the bid.		
16.	SAIAB's right to vary requirements at time of award		
	SAIAB reserves the right, at the time of making the award, to decrease the quantity of goods specified in the pricing schedule without any change to the unit price(s), or the terms and conditions of the bid, provided that the items to be decreased were specified in the bid document to be optional, or to be quoted on for indicative purposes.		
17.	Cancellation of the bid prior to award		
	SAIAB reserves the right to cancel this bid at any time before award, where -		
17.1	Due to changed circumstances there is no longer a need for the services specified in this bid.		

17.3	No bids meet the required specifications.	
17.4	There is a material irregularity in the bid process.	
18.	Bid award	
18.1	The bid will be awarded after approval by the NRF's Delegated Authority, to the bidder with the highest combined score for Price and B-BBEE status level, unless other objective criteria, specified in the bid document, applies.	
	Due diligence may be carried out on the recommended bidder, as such the recommended bidder may be required to submit at least three client references from clients to whom similar services have been provided.	
18.3	Reference letters must be completed in the template provided in this bid document or in the same format, and must indicate that expectations were met.	
18.4	The award will be subject to final verification of the bidder's tax compliance status.	
19.	Collusion, fraud and corruption	
	Any effort by the bidder to influence evaluation, comparisons, or award decisions in any manner will result in the rejection and disqualification of the bidder concerned.	
20.	Fronting	
20.1	SAIAB supports Government's Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) initiatives, recognising that real empowerment is achieved by individuals and businesses conducting themselves in accordance with the Constitution and in an honest, fair, equitable, transparent, and legally compliant manner. Therefore, SAIAB condemns any form of fronting.	
20.2	SAIAB's evaluation committees may conduct or initiate investigations to determine the accuracy of bidders' B-BBEE representations.	
20.3	Should SAIAB have reasonable grounds to suspect any form of fronting, the bidder in question will be notified and given 7 days from the date of notification to provide evidence refuting the finding of fronting.	
20.4	Should the bidder be unable to refute the finding to the satisfaction of SAIAB, SAIAB reserves the right to reject the bid submitted by the bidder or cancel any contracts entered into with the bidder, and apply to National Treasury to restrict for the bidder to be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years, and exercise any other remedies SAIAB may have against such a bidder.	
21.	<u>Disclaimers</u>	
	SAIAB has produced this document in good faith. The NRF, its agents, and its employees and associates do not warrant its accuracy or completeness; make no representation, warranty, assurance, guarantee or endorsements to any third parties concerning the document. SAIAB has no liability towards the bidders in connection therewith.	
22.	General definitions	
22.1	"B-BBEE" means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Bla Economic Empowerment Act.	
22.2	"B-BBEE status level of contributor" means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practic on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act.	
22.3	"Bid" means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by the National Research Foundation for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals.	
22.4	"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act" means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003).	
22.5	"Contract" means the entire bid document inclusive of scope of work, specification, price conditions, price quote	

	table, service delivery conditions, performance conditions with their key performance indicators, and general conditions when attached to the Standard Bidding Document 7 (SBD 7) which has been signed by the awarded bidder and the National Research Foundations.
22.6	"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.
22.7	"Functionality" means the ability of a bidder to provide goods and\or services in accordance with specifications as set out in these bid documents.
22.8	"Proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor" means:
	- B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
	- A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
	- Any other requirement prescribed by the B-BBEE Act.
22.9	"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.
22.10	"Equipment" means the operational unit including spares, replacement components, consumables, subsystems, firmware and software that delivers the specified output.
22.11	"NRF" means the National Research Foundation and it is used interchangeably with its business units managing the contract being SAIAB.

PART B - THE CONTRACT

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

These Special Conditions of Contract must be cross-referenced against the General Conditions of Contract (GCC). The Special Conditions of Contract qualify or augment specific clauses of the GCC, or introduce conditions not included in the GCC.

The following are special conditions of the contract:

1	Definitions	
Substit	ute GCC Clause 1.21 with the following:	
1.21	"Purchaser" means the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB).	
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Substit	ute Clause 1.24 with the following:	
1.24	"Services" shall mean all activities pertaining to the deliverables the supplier is required to deliver to the purchaser unde the contract. This definition shall also be applicable, as the context requires, anywhere where the words "supplies" o "goods" appear in the GCC.	
Add the	e following after Clause 1.25:	
1.26	"Supplier" means the provider of the services, with whom the contract is concluded.	
3	General	
Substit	ute Clause 3.1 with the following clause:	
3.1	The contract will be valid for a period of ten (10) years from the date of signing the contract, or until such time as the contract amount has been exhausted.	
3.2	Commencement will be the date of final signature on the SBD 7 Contract Form.	
Substit	ute Clause 3.2 with the following clause:	
3.2	The parties will be liable to each other arising out of or in connection with any breach of the obligations detailed of implied in this contract, subject to clause 28.	
Add the	e following clauses after Clause 3.3	
3.3	All parties in a joint venture or consortium shall be jointly and severally liable to the purchaser in terms of this contract and shall carry individually the minimum levels of insurance stated in the contract, if any.	
3.4	The parties shall comply with all laws, regulations and bylaws of local or other authorities having jurisdiction regarding the delivery of the goods and give all notices and pay all charges required by such authorities.	
3.5	The supplier shall:	
3.5.1	Only when notified of the acceptance of the bid by the issuing of the order, commence with and carry out the delivery the services in accordance with the contract, to the satisfaction of the purchaser.	
3.5.2	Provide all of the necessary materials, labour and equipment required for the delivery of the services, including an temporary services that may be required.	
3.5.3	Sign the service level contract with SAIAB customer at the rate submitted in this bid.	
3.6	The Purchaser shall:	
3.6.1	Call ad hoc meetings with the supplier, as and when required during the course of the contract. The supplier will be required to attend such meetings, reasonable notice having been given by the purchaser.	

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3.6.2	Issue orders for the goods required under this Contract. No liability for payment will ensue for any work done if an order has not been issued to the supplier.
3.6.3	Regularly have progress meetings with the Supplier to establish that the services are being performed in compliance with the contract.
3.6.4	Give any instructions and/or explanations and/or variations to the supplier including any relevant advice to assist the supplier to understand the contract documents.
3.6.5	Grant or refuse any extension of time requested by the supplier to the period stated in clause 10.
5 Add 4ba	Use of contract documents and information
5.5	following clause after Clause 5.4: The recipient of confidential information shall be careful and diligent as not to cause any unauthorised disclosure or use of the confidential information, in particular, during the contract term and after termination of the contract. The recipient shall not:
5.5.1	Disclose the confidential information, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity, without the purchaser's prior written consent.
5.5.2	Use, exploit or in any other manner whatsoever apply the confidential information for any other purpose whatsoever, other than for the execution of the contract and the delivery of the deliverables or
5.5.3	Copy, reproduce, or otherwise publish confidentiality information except as strictly required for the execution of the contract.
5.6	The recipient shall ensure that any employees, agents, directors, contractors, service providers, and associates which may gain access to the confidential information are bound by agreement with the recipient both during the term of their associations with the recipient and after termination of their respective associations with the recipient, not to -
5.6.1	Disclose the confidential information to any third party, or
5.6.2	Use the confidential information otherwise than as may be strictly necessary for the execution of the contract,
5.6.3	The recipient shall take all such steps as may be reasonably necessary to prevent the confidential information from falling into the hands of any unauthorised third party.
5.7	The undertakings set out in this clause shall not apply to confidential information, which the recipient is able to prove:
5.7.1	Was independently developed by the recipient prior to its involvement with the purchaser or in the possession of the recipient prior to its involvement with the purchaser;
5.7.2	Is now or hereafter comes into the public domain other than by breach of this contract by the recipient;
5.7.3	Was lawfully received by the recipient from a third party acting in good faith having a right of further disclosure and who do not derive the same directly or indirectly from the purchaser, or
5.7.4	Required by law to be disclosed by the recipient, but only to the extent of such order and the recipient shall inform the purchaser of such requirement prior to any disclosure.
5.8	The recipient shall within one (1) month of receipt of a written request from the purchaser to do so, return to the purchaser all material embodiments, whether in documentary or electronic form, of the confidential information including but not limited to:
5.8.1	All written disclosures received from the purchaser;
5.8.2	All written transcripts of confidential information disclosed verbally by the purchaser; and
5.8.3	All material embodiments of the contract intellectual property.
5.9	The recipient acknowledges that the confidential information is made available solely for the execution of the contract and for no other purpose whatsoever and that the confidential information would not have been made available to the recipient, but for the obligations of confidentiality agreed to herein.
5.10	Except as expressly herein provided, this contract shall not be construed as granting or confirming, either expressly or impliedly any rights, licences or relationships by furnishing of confidential information by either party pursuant to this contract.
5.11	The recipient acknowledges that the unauthorised disclosure of confidential information may cause harm to the purchaser. The recipient agrees that, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of confidentiality, the purchaser is entitled to seek injunctive relief or specific performance, in order to obtain immediate remedies. Any such remedy shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any other remedies available at law, including monetary damages.
5.12	Copyright and Intellectual Property
	The third party hereby gives SAIAB permission, in terms of the Protection of Private Information Act 4 of 2013, to process, collect, receive, record, organise, collate, store, update, modify, retrieve, alter, consult, use, disseminate,

11	Insurance		
	ute Clause 11.1 with the following:		
11.1	Without limiting the obligations of the supplier in terms of this contract, the supplier shall effect and maintain the followin additional insurances:		
	(a) Public liability insurances, in the name of the supplier, covering the supplier and the purchaser against liability for the death of or injury to any person, or loss of or damage to any property, arising out of or in the course of thi Contract,		
	(b) Registration / insurance in terms of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act, Act 130 of 1993. This can either take the form of a certified copy of a valid Letter of Good Standing issued by the Compensation Commissioner, or proof of insurance with a licenced compensation insurer, from either the bidder's broker or the insurance company itself		
	(c) The supplier shall be obliged to furnish SAIAB with proof of such insurance as SAIAB may require from time t time for the duration of this Contract.		
	(d) The goods supplied under the contract are fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damag incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery.		
13	Incidental Services		
Substit	te Clause 13.1 with the following:		
13.1	Any incidental services required for the delivery of the contract shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and will only be valid if confirmed through the issue of a written purchase order that specifies, where applicable, quality, quantity, description, unit price, and delivery date.		
15	Warranty		
Substit	ute clause 15.2 with the following:		
15.2	The supplier must provide a warranty of 12 months on all installed equipment from date of delivery of the ROV.		
16.	Payment		
Add the	following clause after clause 16.4:		
16.5	The Supplier's invoices must meet the following minimum requirements:		
	(a) Reference the purchase order number		
	(b) Detailed line items as specified in purchase order		
	(c) Include statement of account		
16.6	Invoices must be accompanied by the SAIAB authorised representative's signature, confirming performance/delivery i accordance with prescribed quality and/or quantity, conformance to specification, and unit pricing in accordance wit the contract and any purchase orders issued in terms of the contract.		
17	Prices		
Add the	following clause after clause 17.1:		
17.2	The contract price quoted by the supplier is required to remain firm for the duration of the contract, and will not be subject to adjustments.		
22	Penalties		
	ite clause 22.1 with the following:		
Jubstiti	Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the		

	Performance Measures	Deliverable	Triagor	Danalty
	Performance requirement Delivery time of ROV	ROV to be delivered to	Trigger Late delivery	Penalty R 1000/day
	Delivery time of ROV	SAIAB within 7 months of	Late delivery	R 1000/day
		issuing purchase order.		
	Turnaround time to assist	Acknowledgement of	Longer than 1 day	Poor reflection on contract
	with technical support	request for technical assistance within 1 working day.	response time	review – repleat occurance may result in termination of contract
	Telephonic technical support	Telephonic support from technician within 1 working day of requesting support.	Longer than 1 day response time	Poor reflection on contract review – repleat occurance may result in termination of contract
	On site technical support	Technician to be dispatched to site within 72 hours of problem diadnosis of problem.	Longer than 72 hours to dispatch technical support.	Poor reflection on contract review – repleat occurance may result in termination of contract
	Turnaround time for routine services.	Service to be completed within 6 weeks of receipt of ROV at workshop. A 6 week lead time will be arranged so that preperatiosn can be made. Does not apply if inforeseen repairs are required that need parts to be sources, in which case a reasonable timeframe will be agreed upon.	Service takes longer than 6 weeks unless reasonable eplaination can be provided.	Poor reflection on contract review – repleat occurance may result in termination of contract
 B1	Notices			
-	e Clause 31 with the following	N		
31.1			nations made between the Pa	urtics pursuant to the Centra
71.1	Any notice, request, consent, approvals or other communications made between the Parties pursuant to the Contract shall be in writing and forwarded to the addresses specified in the contract and may be given as set out hereunder an shall be deemed			
	to have been received when:			
	(i) hand delivered – on the day of delivery;			
	(i) hand delivered – on the	day of delivery;		
	· · ·	e day of delivery; i) working days after mailing;		

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa, words in the masculine mean in the feminine and neuter, words "department" means organs of state inclusive of public entities and vice versa, and the words "will/should" mean "must".

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The National Research Foundation cannot amend the National Treasury's General Conditions of Contract (GCC). The National Research Foundation compiles separate Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to this bid where applicable supplementing the General Conditions of Contract. Where there is conflict, the provisions of the Special Conditions of Contract shall prevail.

GCC 1	Definitions - The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
1.1	"Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
1.2	"Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
1.3	"Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
1.4	"Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement

	process or in contract execution.
1.5	"Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products
1.0	internationally.
1.6	"Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown, or produced, or from which the services are supplied. Goods produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components
1.7	"Day" means calendar day.
1.8	"Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
1.9	"Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
1.10	"Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
1.11	"Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad markets its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
1.12	" Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
1.13	"Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
1.14	"GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
1.15	"Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
1.16	"Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
1.17	"Local content" means that portion of the bidding price, which is not included in the imported content if local manufacture does take place.
1.18	"Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components, and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
1.19	"Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
1.20	"Project site", where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
1.21	"Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
1.22	"Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
1.23	"SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
1.24	"Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
1.25	"Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.
GCC2	Application
2.1	These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
2.2	Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
2.3	Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.
GCC 3	General
3.1	Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
3.2	With certain exceptions (National Treasury's eTender website), invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za
GCC 4	Standards
4.1	The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.
GCC 5	Use of contract documents and information
5.1	The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure made to any such employed person is in confidence and shall extend only as far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
5.2	The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
5.3	Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
5.4	The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.
GCC6	Patent rights
6.1	The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use
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	of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.
GCC7	Performance security
7.1	Within thirty days (30) of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
7.2	The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
7.3	The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms: 7.3.1 bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or 7.3.2 cashier's or certified cheque.
7.4	The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier within thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
GCC8	Inspections, tests and analyses
8.1	All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
8.2	If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the purchaser or an organization acting on behalf of the purchaser.
8.3	If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period, it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
8.4	If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
8.5	Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the supplier shall defray the cost in connection with these inspections, tests, or analyses.
8.6	Supplies and services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
8.7	Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies are held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies, which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal, the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.
8.8	The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract because of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.
GCC9	Packing
9.1	The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt, and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
9.2	The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.
GCC10	Delivery and Documentation
10.1	Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.
10.2	Documents submitted by the supplier specified in SCC.
GCC11	Insurance
11.1	The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery.
GCC12	Transportation
12.1	Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.
GCC13	Incidental services
13.1	The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC: 13.1.1 Performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods; 13.1.2 Furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods; 13.1.3 Furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods; 13.1.4 Performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and 13.1.5 Training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, conducted in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.
13.2	Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.
GCC14	Spare parts
14.1	As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier: 14.1.1 Such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and 14.1.2 In the event of termination of production of the spare parts: 14.1.2.1 Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements;

	and
	14.1.2.1 Following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.
GCC15	Warranty
15.1	The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models and those they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
15.2	This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.
15.3	The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
15.4	Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.
15.5	If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights, which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.
GCC16	Payment
16.1	The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
16.2	The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfilment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
16.3	Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
16.4	Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.
GCC17	Prices
17.1	Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.
SCC	No additional special conditions other than stated in the price section in this document.
GCC18	Contract amendment
18.1	No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.
GCC19	Assignment
19.1 GCC20	The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.
20.1	Subcontract The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.
GCC21	Delays in supplier's performance
21.1	Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in
21.2	the contract. If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods
21.2	and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration, and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
21.3	No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
21.4	The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.
21.5	Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.
21.6	Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.
GCC22	Penalties
22.1	Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual
	delivered price of the delayed goods of disperiornied services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.
GCC23	delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23. Termination for default
	delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

	appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.
23.3	Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.
23.4	If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.
23.5	Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Authority actively associated.
23.6	If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information: 23.6.1 the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser; 23.6.2 the date of commencement of the restriction 23.6.3 the period of restriction; and 23.6.4 the reasons for the restriction. These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.
23.7	If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than ten (10) years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to Section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.
GCC24	Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights
24.1	When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other amount which may be due to him.
GCC25	Force Majeure
25.1	Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.
25.2	If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event
GCC26	Termination for insolvency
26.1	The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.
GCC27	Settlement of disputes
27.1	If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
27.2	If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
27.3	Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
27.4	Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
27.5	Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein, 27.5.1 the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and 27.5.2 the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.
GCC28	Limitation of liability
28.1	Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6; 28.1.1 the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and 28.1.2 the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.
GCC29	Governing language
29.1	The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.
GCC30	Applicable law
30.1	The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
GCC31	Notices
31.1	Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper

	service of such notice.
31.2	The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.
GCC32	Taxes and duties
32.1	A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.
32.2	A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.
32.3	No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid, the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services
SCC	No special condition applicable, unless specified elsewhere in this document.
GCC33	National Industrial Participation Programme
33.1	The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
SCC	No special condition applicable, unless specified elsewhere in this document.
GCC34	Prohibition of restrictive practices
34.1	In terms of Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is/are or a contractor(s) was/were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).
34.2	If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has/have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.
34.3	If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has/have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and/or terminate the contract in whole or part, and/or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and/or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

PART B.1 - PRICING

	PRICING INSTRUCTIONS							
1.	Applicable currency: All prices shall be quoted in South African Rand.							
2.	Completion of pricing schedule: Bidders shall complete the pricing schedule in full, inserting all the information required therein, namely, the cost of hardware labour, maintenance and data connectivity.							
	In addition to the pricing schedule in this bid document, bidders may prepare a more detailed pricing schedule should they wish to do so, and include this in their pricing proposal, provided that such additional pricing schedule is in line with the deliverables on the SAIAB issued pricing schedule.							
3.	Price Quotation Basis : prices quoted must be inclusive of all applicable taxes including VAT , less all unconditional discounts, plus all costs to deliver the services and/or goods. Where imported goods/services are to be used, and pricing is subject to exchange rate fluctuations, the exchange currency against the Rand must be stipulated, as well as the exchange rate at the time of bidding. The portion of the bid price subject to exchange rate fluctuations must be stated.							
4.	Submission of pricing: bidders must submit their pricing proposals in a password protected, unzipped electronic folder. The password must be emailed to bids@saiab.nrf.ac.za. The pricing folder must be clearly labelled as such. (See Annexure I: Electronic Bid Submission – Guideline for Bidders)							

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BID PRICE SCHEDULE (SBD 3.1) (Submit pricing in separate password protected, unzipped electronic folder)

SBD 3.1 PRICING SCHEDULE -

	QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE UNIT PRICE		TOTAL PRICE	
Year	1				IIIOI. VAI	
1	1	ROV (subsea) unit as specified (including commission)	each			
2	1	Surface units (PSU and Sonar)	each			
3	1	USBL system	each			
4	1	Recording unit (laptop, software and cabling)	each			
5	1	Winch with 1100m umbilical and deck cable				
6	1	Tool skid – 5 function manipulator arm	each			
7	1	Spare umbilical 1100m (terminated at subsea end)	each			
8	1	Spares – field kit (with case)	Per kit			
9	1	Spares – comprehensive kit (with case/s)	Per kit			
10	1	Tools and toolboxes	Complete set of tools			
11	1	Freight (including insurance)	Delivered to SAIAB			
12	3	Training course (relevant training for proposed ROV)				
Year	2		<u> </u>			
13	1	Annual routine service - 1 year (incl. labour) Within scope of service plan –	Full service			
14	1	Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance)	40 hrs			
15	1	Maintenance, repairs, upgrades, technical support (including on site support by techniciansif required) as required	Provisional s	um	R1,000,000	
16	1	Training course (relevant training for proposed ROV)	Per person			
Year	3					
17		Annual routine service – 2 year service Within scope of service plan	Full service			
18		Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance)	40 hrs			
19	1	Maintenance, repairs, upgrades, technical support (including on site support by technicians) as required	R1,000,000			

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	QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE		
Year	· 4						
20	1	Annual routine service – 3 year service	Full service				
		Within scope of service plan					
21	1	Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance)	40 hrs				
22	1	R1,000,000					
Year	5						
23	1	Annual routine service – 4 year service.	Full service				
		Within scope of service plan					
24	1	1 Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance) 40 hrs					
25	1	Maintenance, repairs, upgrades, technical support (including on site support by technicians) as required	Provisional s	um	R1,000,000		
Year	6						
26	1	Annual routine service – 5 year service	Full service				
27	1	Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance)	nforeseen maintenance) 40 hrs				
28	1	Mmaintenance, repairs, upgrades, technical support (including on site support by technicians) as required	Provisional sum		R1,000,000		
Year	7						
29	1	Annual routine service – 6 year service	Full service				
30	1	Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance)	40 hrs				
31	1	Maintenance, repairs, upgrades, technical support (including on site support by technicians) as required	Provisional s	um	R1,000,000		
Year	8		•				
32		Annual routine service – 7 year service	Full service				
33		Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance)	40 hrs				
34		Maintenance, repairs, upgrades, technical support (including on site support by technicians) as required	Provisional s	um	R1,000,000		
Year	9	,					
35		Annual routine service – 8 year service	Full service				
36		Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance) 40 hrs					
37		Maintenance, repairs, upgrades, technical support Provisional sum (including on site support by technicians) as required					
Year	10		•		•		
38		Annual routine service – 9 year service	Full service				
39		Labour cost (unforeseen maintenance)	40 hrs				
	•	•	•		•		

	QTY			UNIT PR	RICE	TOTAL PRICE	
			MEASURE			Incl. VAT	
40	Maintenance, repairs, upgrades, technical support (including on site support by technicians) as required					R1,000,000	
Total (Total Cost is determined by multiplying quantity by unit price for all line items						
TOTA	TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE OF ABOVE (CEILING PRICE) Incl VAT						
Exchange rate used at time of picing schedule if applicable							

PART C - RETURNABLE SCHEDULES

INVITATION TO BID (SBD 1)					
Bid number	NRF/SAIAB/34/2021-22				
Closing date and time	Friday, 26 August 2022 at 11.00AM				
The NRF recognises the date and time as	recorded on its systems for closure purposes.				
S	SUMMARY OF BID REQUIREMENTS				
MANIPULATOR ARM, FIBER OPTIC E	RATED FULLY OPERATIONAL REMOTELY OPERATED VEHICLE WITH ELECTRIC WINCH WITH 1100M FIBER OPTIC UMBILICAL AND SERVICE CHNICAL SUPPORT. THE CONTRACT DURATION IS 10 YEARS FROM				
Bid submission method:	Electronic submissions must be sent to bids must be submitted in two separate electronic folders, one with the compliance and technical response, and the second with the financial response. Technical submissions must be in searchable PDF format. The financial response must be password protected. Folders must be titled with the bidder's company name and folder title. Attachments are limited to 25 MB per email. Bidders are to send an email to bids@saiab.nrf.ac.za post submission with the password to their financial envelope. Receipt will be confirmed by SAIAB via email.				
Compulsory briefing session:	An online compulsory briefing session will be held. Date: 11 August 2022 at 11:00 AM Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/94567854781?pwd=RkZHeXdsSUc0UFZabUIXOUIhwFA4dz09				
Two envelope system	Yes				
Price validity period from date of closur	e Ninety (90) days				
	SUPPLIER INFORMATION				
Name of Bidder					
Postal Address					
Street Address					
Telephone Number					
Code Nun	nber				
Cell Phone Number					

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Code			Numb	er						
Facsimile Number										
Code			Numb	er						
E-Mail Ad	dress									
VAT Regis	stration Num	ber								
Tax (Status	Compliance System PIN OR Central Supplier Database No.									
B-BBFF S	Status Level		Tick App	licable Box		B-BB	EE Status Level	Tick A	pplicable Box.	
	on Certificate		□Yes □	No			n Affidavit	□Yes	□No	
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	ence points f						0 0: 40_0,0			, q
South Afr	Are you the accredited representative in South Africa for the goods/services/works offered? Are you a foreign-based supplier for the goods/services/works offered? Are you a foreign-based supplier for the goods/services/works offered?							stionnaire		
										_
Is the en	tity a resident	of the Rep	ublic of So	outh Africa	(RSA)?				□Yes □No	
Does the	entity have a	branch in	the RSA?						□Yes □No	
Does the	entity have a	permaner	nt establish	ment in the	RSA?				□Yes □No	
Does the	entity have a	ny source	of income	in the RSA	?				□Yes □No	
Is the en	tity liable in th	e RSA for	any form c	f taxation?					□Yes □No	
	ver is "No" to outh African F				require	ement t	to register for a tax o	omplian	ce status system	pin code
					SUBI	MISSI	ION			
1.	Bids must b	e delivered	by the stir				address. Late bid wil	not be a	accepted for consi	deration.
2.		st be subr	nitted on				rms provided – (not			
3.									gislative	
4.	The succes	sful bidder	will be req	uired to fill	in and	sign the	e contract signature f	orm (SB	D7) for this contra	ict.
5.	The specific	cation will f	orm part of	the contra	ct.					
			TAX	COMPLI	ANCE	REC	UIREMENTS			
1.	Bidders m	ust ensure	compliand	ce with their	r tax ob	ligation	is.			
2.	Where the	bidder is	registered	on the Cen	tral Sup	oplier D	oatabase (CSD), a CS	SD numb	per must be provid	led
 Where the bidder is registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD), a CSD number must be provided 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. Application for tax compliance status (TCS) pin is made via e-filing through the SARS website www.sars.gov.za. 										

4.	Bidders may also submit a printed TCS certificate together with the bid, available via e-filing through the SARS website www.sars.gov.za.
5.	In bids where consortia/ joint ventures/ sub-contractors are involved; each party must submit a separate TCS certificate/PIN/CSD number.
6.	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.

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SBD 4 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 persinstitution?	son connected with the bidder,	have a relationship with any p		d by the procuring
2.2.1	If so, furnish particu	lars:			
2.3		•	shareholders / members / par any other related enterprise w YES/N	hether or not they a	•

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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.

2.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:	
2.0.1	, 1	
3	DECLARATION	
		wing statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:
3.1 3.2		the contents of this disclosure; panying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in
3.3	The bidder has arrived at t	he accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or ued as collusive bidding.
3.4	regarding the quality, quantity market allocation, the intention bid and conditions or delivery	no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor y, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, on or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
3.4		ng bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
3.5	of the procuring institution in provide clarification on the bi	tions, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to d submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the or terms of reference for this bid.
3.6	related to bids and contracts, and possible imposition of ad may be reported to the Natio conducting business with the	and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation ministrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or nal Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and as Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.
		RMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. E 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 SH	HOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.
	Signature	Date
	Position	Name of bidder

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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.

SBD 6.1 - PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017

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:
 - 1.1.1 The 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R 50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
 - 1.1.2 The 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R 50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included)
 - 1.1.3 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	20
TOTAL POINTS FOR PRICE AND B-BBEE MUST NOT EXCEED	100

- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The purchaser reserves the right to require either of a bidder, before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim concerning preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.
- 1.4 A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20: $Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min} \right)$	OR	90/10:	$Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min} \right)$
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Where Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Price of bid under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable bid

- 1.5 Points awarded for B-BBEE status level of contributor
 - 1.5.1 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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Non-compliant
Number of points (90/10 system)	10	9	6	5	4	3	2	1	contributor
Number of points (80/20 system)		18	14	12	8	6	4	2	0

2 Bid declaration

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

B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL	Level:
B-BBEE POINTS CLAIMED	Points

2.2 Points claimed in respect of paragraph 3 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 2 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

3 Sub-contracting

3.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? (Tick applicable box)

_	YES NO			
.2	If yes, indicate:	stro oto d		0/
	What percentage of the contract will be subcor			
	2. The name of the sub-contractor			
	The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.			
3.3	Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE? (Tick applicable b	ox)		
	YES NO			
3.4	Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an Regulations, 2017:	enterprise in	terms of Pre	eferential Pro
Des	signated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:		EME√	QSE√
Bla	ack people			
	ack people who are youth			
-	ack people who are women			
-	ack people with disabilities			
	ack people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships			
Cod	operative owned by black people			
Bla	ack people who are military veterans			
OR	R			
Any	y EME			
Any	y QSE			
ecla	aration with regard to company/firm		•	•
.1	Name of company/firm:			
.2	VAT registration number:			
.3	Company registration number			
.4	Type of company/ firm (Tick applicable box)		T	
TYI			Tick appli	cable box
Par	rtnership/Joint Venture /Consortium			
One	e person business/sole proprietor			
Clo	ose corporation			
	mpany			
Cor				

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

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

5 Bidder declaration

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-BBEE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- 1. The information furnished is true and correct;
- 2. The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- 3. In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1 and 3, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- 4. 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.

WITNESSES	
1	SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
2	DATE:ADDRESS

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REFERENCE LETTER FORMAT

Referee Letterhead (Copy and paste this reference letter onto referee company latter head)

Referee Legal Name:							
REFERENCE ON COMPANY:							
Bid Number:	Number: NRF/SAIAB/34/2021-22						
Bid Description: Supply and deliv	very of	1000m rated fully oper	ational Remotely Opera	ted Vehicle with			
manipulator arm, fiber optic electric	c winch	with 1100m fiber option	umbilical and service a	ind maintenance			
plan and technical support.							
Describe the service/work the above	ve bidde	er provide to you below	1				
Criteria / risks		Below requirements	Meets requirements	Exceeds requirements			
Professionalism							
Completion times							
Satisfaction with work done							
Availability of spares							
Availability of technical support							
Technology up to date							
Management of costs							
Overall Impression							
Other comments							
Approximate value of contract							
Would you use the provider again?	Would you use the provider again? □YES □NO						
Completed by:							
Signature:							
Company Name:	Company Name:						
Contact Telephone Number:							
Contact email address:							
Date:							

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REVIEW LETTER FORMAT

Reviewee Letterhead (Copy and paste this reference letter onto reviewee company latter head)

Reviewer Legal Name:				
REFERENCE ON COMPANY:				
Bid Number:	NRF	/SAIAB/34/2021-22		
Bid Description: Supply and delive	ry of	1000m rated fully ope	rational Remotely Oper	ated Vehicle with
manipulator arm, fiber optic electric	winch	with 1100m fiber option	c umbilical and service	and maintenance
plan and technical support.				
ROV type (Make & model):				
Describe the type of work you carry of	out us	sing your ROV:		
Your max depth of operation with this	s RO	V:		
Describe the conditions in which you	have	used your ROV (curre	nt, sea conditions, etc.)	:
What tether management system did	d you	use for operation at thi	s depth:	
Criteria / risks		Below requirements	Meets requirements	Exceeds requirements
In your opinion, how suitable is this ROV for observation operations beyond 750m?				
How would you rate this Vehicle's manoeuvrability				
How would you rate this Vehicle's reliability				
Availability of spares				
Availability of technical support				
Overall Impression				
Other comments				
Would you purchase this make and model		l of ROV again?		□YES □NO
Completed by:				
Signature:				
Company Name:				
Contact Telephone Number:				
Contact email address:				
Date:				

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TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE

Please indicate on the list below (in the column "Specify") the whether the proposed System meets technical specification. All specifications required must be specifically indicated in the proposal. Failure to fully complete the list may result in a disqualification.

			Specify:
1. ROV	Class II	Class II – Observation ROVs with Payload Option (up to 13kg payload in water)	ROV class:
1.1	Size	<1200mm (L) <750mm (W) <700mm (H)	L: W: H
1.2	Design	Open frame	Yes/No
1.3	Weight (in air)	< 110kg (without tool skid)	Weigh in air:
1.4	Depth rating	1000msw or more	Depth Rating:
1.5	Payload	≥13kg	Payload:
1.6	Thrust (forward)	≥50kgf	Forward thrust:
1.7	Thrust (lateral)	≥28kgf	Lateral thrust:
1.8	Thrust (vertical)	≥13kgf	Vertical thrust:
1.9	Speed	≥3knots (on surface)	Speed:
1.10	Power requirements	Single Phase 100-230VAC Frequency: 50-60 Hz < 5.5KVA	Yes / No
1.11	Manoeuvrability	3 axis and spin on own axis.	Yes/No
2. Thrusters	Туре	DC Brushless electric thrusters	
2.1	Configuration	Min of 4 vectored horizontal thrusters and 1 vertical thruster	Thrusted configuration:
2.2	Propellers	Magnetically coupled	Yes/No
2.3	Control	Variable speed	Yes/No
3. Lights	≥3 x LED lights		
3.1	Variable brightness	0 - ≥ 3500 lumens each	Range:
3.2	Tilt	Lights to be attached to tilt motor to be directed in the same direction as the camera	Yes/No
3.3	Control	Brightness & tilt angle	Yes/No

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4. Navigation and sensors		Sensors integrated into ROV	
4.1	Compass	Accuracy: <1°	Accuracy:
4.2	Depth	Accuracy < 0.5% or better	Accuracy:
4.3	Pitch & Roll	Resolution 1º	Resolution:
4.4	Camera/tilt platform angle	Resolution 1º	Resolution:
4.5	Rotation counter		Yes/No
4.6	Altimeter	Accuracy < 1 %	Accuracy:
4.7	Temperature sensor	Resolution: 0.1°C	Resolution:
4.8	Autopilot function status	Auto depth or altitude and auto direction	Yes/No
4.9	USBL tracking system	See below	
4.10	Video overlay	All data to be included in video overlay	Yes/No
4.11	Data export	All navigation data to be exportable for live dive logging	Yes/No
5. Tilt platform	Туре	Electric	
5.1	Angle	-90° to +90°	Range:
5.2	To accommodate	1 x Camera & laser unit 3 x LED lights (positioned right, left and center of camera axis)	Yes/No
6. Camera	Capability	Simultaneous colour video and still photographs, controlled from surface.	
6.1	Live feed to surface	≥4K resolution	Resolution:
6.2	Video (recording) quality	≥4K resolution	Resolution
6.3	Stills quality	≥16MP	Resolution (MP):
6.4	Zoom	≥20x optical zoom	Zoom:
6.5	Focus	Auto	Yes/No
6.6	Focus range	≤10mm - infinity	Range:
6.7	Recording capacity	>10 hrs @ 4K	Capacity:
6.8	Image type	JPEG	Yes/No
7. Lasers	5 laser unit	2 sets of 2 parallel lasers (horizontal) for size 1 offset laser for distance.	Yes/No
7.1	Replicability of laser position	All lasers to be set in a single unit/frame so that they are set in a fixed position relative to one another and to the camera.	Yes/No How will this be achieved:
8. Umbilical	Umbilical type	Fiber optic	Yes/No
8.1	Length	1100m	Length:

8.2	diameter	≤14mm	Diameter:
8.3	Buoyancy	Positively buoyant in seawater	Yes/No
9. Winch	Electric winch	Capable of spooling proposed umbilical.	Yes/No
9.1	Capacity	1100m	Capacity:
9.2	Winch power requirements	Single phase 100-270VAC	Power requirement:
9.3	Winch and umbilical size	≤1.25m (L) x ≤1.0m(W) x ≤1.0m (H)	L: W: H:
9.4	Deck cable (SU to winch)	10m	Length:
9.5	Enclosure rating (dust/moisture)	IP55 or higher	Yes/No
9.6	Attachment point to secure	e winch to the deck of vessel	Yes/No
10 Sonar	360 scanning sonar		Yes/No
10.1	Range	<0.5m to >100m	Range:
10.2	Range Resolution	<50mm	Resolution
10.3	With deck unit display and controls	Adjustable: Range Gain	Yes/No
11. USBL Tracker	Data output	Vessel position and speed ROV position (GPS coordinate)	Yes/No
11.1	Operational depth	≥1000m	Operational depth:
11.2	Operational range (distance from USBL to target)	≥1100m	Operational Range:
11.3	Update rate	≤ 5 seconds	Update rate:
11.4	Targets	≥ 2 target tracking	Number of targets that unit can track::
11.5	Display	Visual representation of vessel, ROV and clump weigh positions with distances from vessel position	Yes/No
11.6	Additional battery powered subsea transponder	To attach to clump weight for clump weight tracking	Yes/No
11.7	Motion reference	Integral pitch roll and heading sensors to compensate for vessel movement.	Yes/No
12 Surface units	Max size	< 70cm x 70cm x 70 cm	Size:
12.1	Weight	< 70kg (each unit)	Surface unit weights:
12.2	Flying monitor	15 inch or larger 4K resolution	Size: Resolution:

12.3	Power requirements	Single phase 100-270 VAC.	Yes/No
12.4	Line Insulation Monitor	To detect umbilical or vehicle faults	Yes/No
12.5	Video output	4 x 4K video outputs	Yes/No
12.6	NMEA Data export	 Depth Heading Altitude Pitch & roll Location (GPS coord) from USBL Tilt platform angle Temperature 	- Export capabilities:
12.7	Sonar display and controls		Yes/No
12.8	Camera control –	Video on/off photographs zoom	Camera controls:
13. ROV Controls			
13.1	3 axis joystick for horizontal control	3 axis and spin on own axis with a single joystick	Yes/No
13.2	Trim control		Yes/No
13.3	Dive and surface control		Yes/No
13.4	Thruster enable/disable		Yes/No
13.5	Lights on/off and dimmer of	lial	Yes/No
13.6	Auto pilot	Heading hold Depth hold/Altitude hold	Yes/No
13.7	Thruster power	2 preset power settings to toggle between	Yes/No
13.8	Hand control unit cable	5 meters or longer	Yes/No
14. Surface recording and data logging	Video recording resolution	4K resolution footage recording Ability to save still images from video (screen grabs)	Yes/No
14.1	Recording unit type	Laptop	Yes/No
14.2	Data logging	Capable of logging the following: Date and time Vehicle depth Vehicle pitch & roll Camera angle (tilt platform) Vehicle altitude Temperature Position (GPS coordinate from USBL) Custom events	Yes/No
14.3	Record voice over	Ability to record voice-over on footage	Yes/No
14.4	Storage	2TB or larger steady state drive	Storage:

15. Manipulator	5 function arm with control unit	 Claw (open/close) Wrist (360° twist) Elbow (in/out) Shoulder (in/out) Shoulder (up/down) Cutting tool on claw 	Yes/No
15.1	Tool skid	Self contained tool skid	Yes/No
15.2	Removable	Must be easily removable from the ROV – bolts and 1 connector that can be blanked off.	Yes/No
15.3	ROV to fly with or without I	manipulator skid on.	Yes/No
15.4	Weight (max)	<50Kg (in air)	Weigh in air:
		Neutral in water	Weight in water:
Spares			
	e kit as recommended by OE		Provide full list
16.1	All necessary tools to replace any of the following components	Supplied in a waterproof, shockproof, sturdy box (pelican case or equivalent)	Yes/No
16.2	1 x thruster unit		Yes/No
16.3	2 x propeller assemblies		Yes/No
16.4	1 x tilt motor		Yes/No
16.5	1 x LED light (whole unit)	1 x LED light (whole unit)	
16.6	2 x LED Lamp PCBs		Yes/No
16.7	1 x junction box PCB		Yes/No
16.8	1 x fibre optic umbilical splicing kit		Yes/No
16.9	1 x o-ring kit		Yes/No
16.10	1 x fuse kit		Yes/No
16.11	1 x propeller baring replace	ement kit	Yes/No
16.12	Spare ferrules and connec	etors	Yes/No
16.13	Blank plugs for all external connectors		Yes/No
17. Comprehensive spares kit recommended by OEM including a minimum of:	Supplied in a waterproof, equivalent)	shockproof, sturdy box (pelican case or	Provide full list
17.1	1 x Vehicle Power supply unit		Yes/No
17.2	Full set of replaceable PCBs	Set of all replaceable ROV and surface unit PCBs	Yes/No
17.3	1 x LED lamp		Yes/No

17.4	1 x thruster unit		Yes/No
17.5	1 x O ring kit		Yes/No
17.6	1 x fuse kit		Yes/No
17.7	1 x navigation node		Yes/No
17.8	1 x prop assembly		Yes/No
17.9	1 x joystick		Yes/No
17.10	1 x fiber optic umbilical splicing kit		Yes/No
18. Tool skid			
18.1	Tool skid repair kit		Yes/No
19. Winch			
19.1	Winch spares kit		Yes/No
19.2	Winch tool kit		Yes/No
20. Umbilical			
20.1	Spare 1100m fibre optic umbilical (terminated on subsea end)		Yes/No
21. Tools			
21.1	Complete set of tools for fault finding, field servicing and comprehensive services.		Yes/No
21.2	Fiber optic tool kit		Yes/No
22. Transport boxes			
22.1	Transport boxes for all components	The follow transport boxes (or pelican cases or equivalent): ROV Winch ROV surface PSU Sonar surface unit	Yes/No

23. Operations Manua		USBL surface unit (waterproof) Recording unit (waterproof) Tool boxes (waterproof) Spares boxes (waterproof)	
23.1		Full operations manual (electronic and hard copy) in English to be provided and must include: Operational instructions All electrical circuit diagrams Schematic diagrams of all serviceable components All cable and connector pinouts Fault finding instructions	Yes/No
24. Service plan			
24.1	Bidder to provide a 5 year se	ervice schedule as recommended by the	Yes/No
25. Downstream upgr	ades, repairs and spares,		
25.1	Annual service of ROV, wind Unforeseen repairs and main Replacement of component Upgrades to the system	intenance	Yes/No

Workshop Evaluation Scorecard (to be completed at site visit)

Evaluation criteria	Does not meet requirement	Meets requirement	Exceeds requirements
Bidder employs nOEM authorised service technician			
Demonstrated capacity to conduct full services as recommended by the OEM			
Demonstrated capacity to repair ROVs and umbilicals			
Demonstrated capability to design and fabricate custom components for ROVs			

Facilities to pressure test ROV and/or components to 100 bars (equivalent of 1000m)		
Training facility		

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BID SIGNATURE (SBD 1)

I, the bidder, warrant by signature herein, that –

- (i) I have read and accepted each page in this document including any annexures attached to this document.
- (ii) I undertake to supply all the goods, works, and services described in this bid invitation to SAIAB in accordance with the requirements and specifications stipulated herein, at the prices quoted.
- (iii) I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my offer/bid in response to this invitation, covering all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s), rate(s), and calculations are at my own risk.
- (iv) My offer remains binding upon me and open for acceptance by NRF Corporate during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of bid invitation.
- (v) Should the tender be awarded to me, I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me in terms of this document as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of the subsequent contract conditions.
- (vi) During the bidding period I did not have access to any proprietary information of SAIAB or the NRF, or any other matter that may have unfairly placed our bid in a preferential position in relation to any of the other bidder(s).
- (vii) I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this offer/ bid response.

NB: Failure to provide / or comply with any of the above particulars may render the bid inva	ılid.
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Signature of bidder:

Capacity under which this bid is signed (Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

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ANNEXURE I - ELECTRONIC BID SUBMISSION – GUIDELINE FOR BIDDERS

This document serves the purpose of providing the bidder with guidelines and prescripts on how to submit their bids to the NRF via e-mail.

Conditions for electronic submissions: This section does not apply to soft copies requested on manual submissions. It applies when email submissions are permitted. In circumstances where they are advisable, the business unit needs to ensure that they have appropriate controls and processes in place, such as:³

- Valid process of ensuring that bidder's electronic signatures complies with legislation such as The Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 25 of 2002 (the ECT Act),
- System records exact time and date of submission in a manner that provides appropriate probity to stakeholders such as auditors,
- System to prevent unauthorised access and system to show if infringement,
- System of authorised persons to set / change dates for opening data received,
- System allows simultaneous communication,
- System of record-keeping meets legislative requirements such as The National Archives and Records Service of South Africa Act (Act. No. 43 of 1996, as amended).

PRESCRIPTS

- All files must be submitted in pdf format unless otherwise stated.
- Pricing submission (including any SBDs where bidder's price is quoted) must be password protected and submitted as a separate file.
- Two envelope system: All bidders documents must be submitted to the email address specified on the NRF bid document and however the password to the password-protected pricing file must be submitted to a separate email stated in the email specified in the bid document.
- The NRF email size limit is 4MB, bidder must ensure that their submission is no bigger than this limit.
 - Your files must be Zipped to ensure that your submission is in line with the email size limit
- Timeline for submitting password to NRF
 - o The password for pricing file must **not** be submitted before the bid closes.
 - The password may be submitted 1 minute after bid closure and no later than 2 days post bid closure. Failure to submit within 2 days may lead to bid being unable to be evaluated thus rendering them unresponsive.
- The subject of your email quote verbatim the bid name in the exact words provided in the NRF bid document.

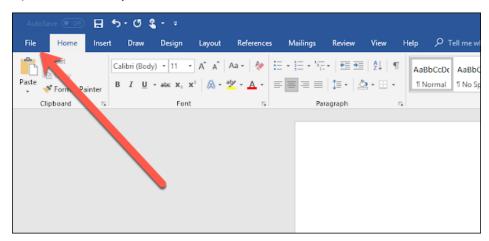
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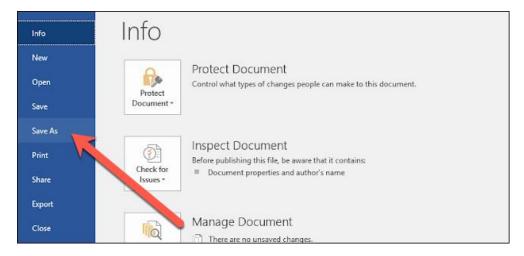
³ SANS 10845-1 paragraph 4.7

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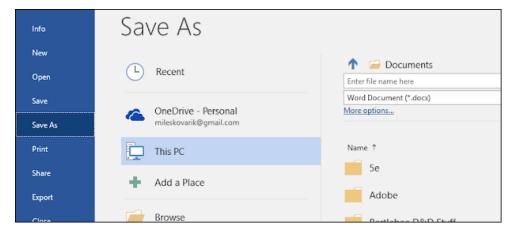
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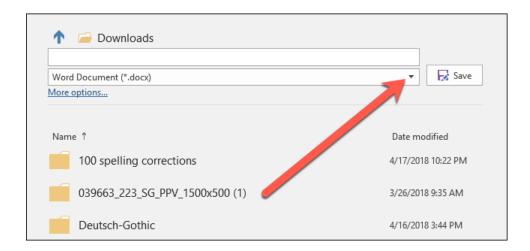
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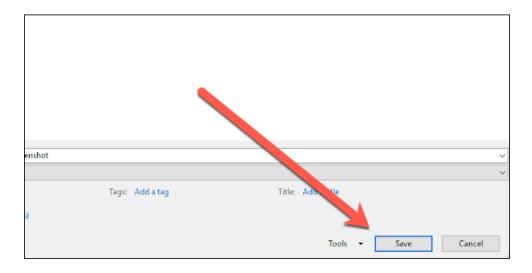
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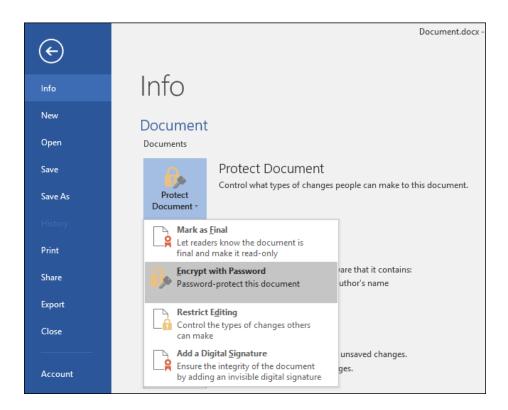
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Password protecting files

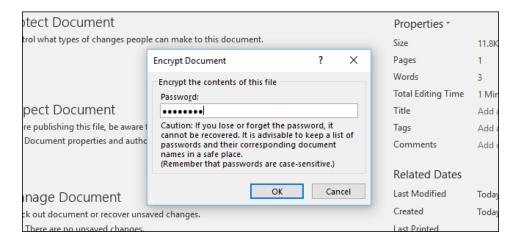
- To password protect an Office document, first open it in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, or Access. Click the "File" menu at the top-left corner of the screen. On the Info pane, click the "Protect Document" button and select "Encrypt with Password."
- The button is only named "Protect Document" in Microsoft Word, but it's named something similar in other apps. Look for "Protect Workbook" in Microsoft Excel and "Protect Presentation" in Microsoft PowerPoint. In Microsoft Access, you'll just see an "Encrypt with Password" button on the Info tab. The steps will otherwise work the same.

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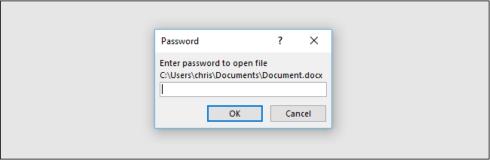
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- Enter the password you want to encrypt the document with. You'll want to choose a good password here. Weak passwords can be easily guessed by cracking software if someone gains access to the document.
- Warning: You'll lose access to the document if you ever forget your password, so keep it safe! Microsoft advises you write down the name of the document and its password and keep it in a safe place.



- When a document is encrypted, you'll see the "A password is required to open this document" message on the Info screen.
- The next time you open the document, you'll see an "Enter password to open file" box. If you
 don't enter the correct password, you won't be able to view the document at all.

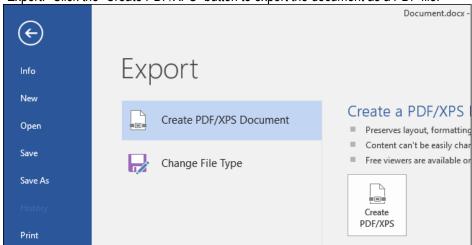


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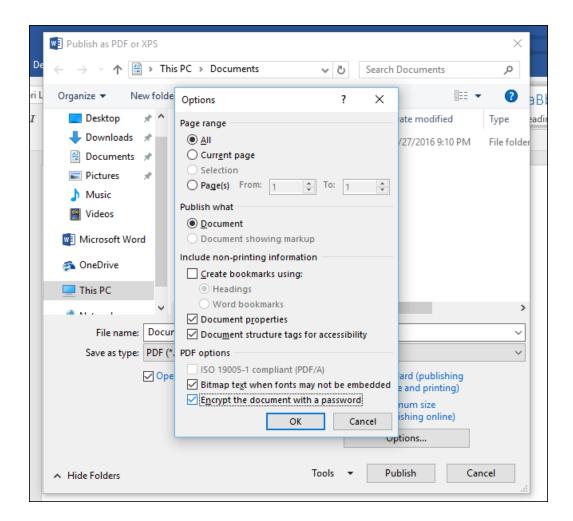
How to Create a Password Protected PDF File

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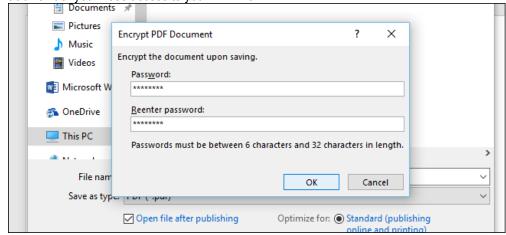
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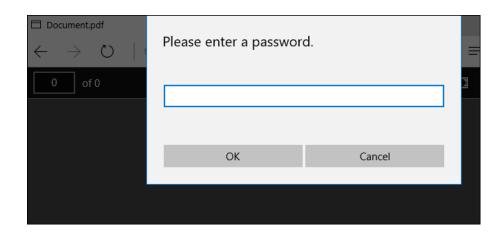
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of the options window, enable the "Encrypt the document with a password" option and click
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- Enter the password you want to encrypt the PDF file with and then click "OK."
- When you're done, enter a name for the PDF file and click the "Publish" button. Office will
 export the document to a password-protected PDF file.
- **Warning:** You won't be able to view the PDF file if you forget the password. Be sure to keep track of it or you'll lose access to your PDF file.



 You'll have to enter the PDF file's password when you open it. For example, if you open the PDF file in Microsoft Edge–Windows 10's default PDF viewer–you'll be asked to enter the password before you can view it. This also works in other PDF readers.



Zipping your files.

- Put all the files into a new folder
- o Right-click on the folder to be sent
- o Select "Send To" and then click "Compressed (Zipped) folder"
- The files will start compressing
- After the compression process is complete, attach the compressed file with the extension .zip to your email.

Keeping passwords safe.

We recommend that you store the password either as a note on a hardcopy document which is then filed or stored safely or a softcopy that is saved in the bid response folder once the bid has been submitted or in line with your document management policy.