

BID NUMBER: HO/ICT/111/08/2022

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR APPOINTMENT
OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
ENTERPRISE NETWORK FOR PASSENGER RAIL
AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA (PRASA)**

CLOSING DATE	29 September 2022
CLOSING TIME	12:00
BID DOCUMENTS DELIVERY ADDRESS	PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA 30 WOLMARANS STREET UMJANTSHI HOUSE BRAAMFONTEIN
BIDDER NAME
BID RETURN ADDRESS	30 WOLMARANS STREET UMJANTSHI HOUSE BRAAMFONTEIN

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Each recipient of this RFP agrees to keep confidential any information of a confidential nature which may be contained in the information provided (the "Confidential Information Provided"). The Confidential Information provided may be made available to Bidder's subcontractors, employees and professional advisers who are directly involved in the appraisal of such information (who must be made aware of the obligation of confidentiality) but shall not, either in the whole or in part, be copied, reproduced, distributed or otherwise made available to any other party in any circumstances without the prior written consent of PRASA, nor may it be used for any other purpose than that for which it is intended.

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All Confidential Information Provided (including all copies thereof) remains the property of PRASA and must be delivered to PRASA on demand. Further, by receiving this RFP each Bidder and each of its members agrees to maintain its submission in Bid to this RFP confidential from third parties other than PRASA and its officials, officers and advisers who are required to review the same for the purpose of procurement of the RFP.

Any recipient residing outside the Republic of South Africa is urged to familiarise themselves with and to observe any regulatory requirements relevant to the proposed transaction (whether these derive from a regulatory authority within or outside the Republic of South Africa).

Any requirement set out in this RFP regarding the content of a response to the RFP is stipulated for the sole benefit of PRASA, and serves as expressly stated to the contrary, may be waived at its discretion at any stage in the procurement process.

PRASA is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFP and/or its receipt of a Proposal in response to it. Please note that PRASA reserves the right to:

- Modify the RFP's goods / service(s) / works and request Respondents to re-bid on any changes;
- Withdraw, amend the RFP at any time without prior notice and liability to compensate or reimburse any respondent;
- Reject any Proposal which does not conform to instructions and specifications which are detailed herein
- Disqualify Proposals submitted after the stated submission deadline;
- Call a respondent to provide additional documents which PRASA may require which have not been submitted to PRASA.
- Not necessarily accept the lowest priced Proposal or alternative bid;
- Not accept any response to the RFP or appoint a final bidder;
- Reject all proposals if it so decides;
- Withdraw the RFP on good cause shown;

- Award a contract in connection with this Proposal at any time after the RFP's closing date;
- Award a contract for only a portion of the proposed goods/ service/s/ works which are reflected in the scope of this RFP;
- Split the award of the contract between more than one Service Provider, should it at PRASA's discretion be more advantageous in terms of, amongst others, cost or development considerations;
- Make no award at all;
- Validate any information submitted by Respondents in response to this bid. This would include, but is not limited to, requesting the Respondents to provide supporting evidence. By submitting a bid, Respondents hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to PRASA to do so;
- Request annual financial statements prepared and signed off by a professional accountant or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise; and/or
- Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing date and/or after the award of the business, unless the contract specifically provided for it.

To adopt any proposal made by any bidder at any time and to include such proposal in any procurement document which may or may not be made available to other bidders.

All costs and expenses incurred by Bidders in submitting responses to this RFP shall be borne by the Bidders and PRASA shall not be liable for any costs or expenses whatsoever or any claim for reimbursement of such costs or expenses.

Should a contract be awarded on the strength of information furnished by the Respondent, which after conclusion of the contract, is proved to have been incorrect, PRASA reserves the right to cancel the contract and/or place the Respondent on PRASA's list of Restricted Suppliers.

PRASA reserves the right to negotiate market-related price with the bidder scoring the highest points or cancel the bid; if the bidder does not agree to a market related price, negotiate a market related price with the bidder scoring the second highest points or cancel the bid; if the bidder scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market related price, negotiate a market related price with the bidder scoring the third highest points or cancel the bid. If the market related price is not agreed as envisaged in this paragraph, PRASA will cancel the bid.

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PRASA reserves the right to negotiations Best and Final Offer (BAFO) with selected Respondents where none of the Proposals meet RFP requirement, are affordable and demonstrate value for money and there is no clear preferred response to the RFP

PRASA will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with its Proposal, whether or not the Respondent is awarded a contract.

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2 ACRONYMS

BBBEE	Broad Based-Black Economic Empowerment
CIDB	Construction Industries Development Board
DTiC	The Department of Trade and Industry and Competition
PPPFA	Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000 (as amended from time to time)
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act No.1 of 1999 (as amended from time to time)
PRASA	Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa
RFP	Request for Proposal
SANAS	South African National Accreditation System

3 INTERPRETATION

In this RFP, unless inconsistent with or otherwise indicated by the context –

headings have been inserted for convenience only and should not be taken into account in interpreting the RFP;

any reference to one gender shall include the other gender;

words in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;

any reference to natural persons shall include legal persons and vice versa;

words defined in a specific clause have the same meaning in all other clauses of the RFP, unless the contrary is specifically indicated;

any reference to the RFP, schedule or appendix, shall be construed as including a reference to any RFP, schedule or appendix amending or substituting that RFP, schedule or appendix;

the schedules, appendices and Briefing Notes issued pursuant to this RFP, form an indivisible part of the RFP and together with further clarifying and amending information provided by PRASA, constitute the body of RFP documentation which must be complied with by Bidders;

in the event of any inconsistency between this RFP or other earlier information published with regard to the Project, the information in this RFP shall prevail; and this RFP shall be governed by and applied in accordance with South African law.

4 DEFINITIONS

In this RFP and in any other project documents (as defined below) which so provides, the following words and expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them below and cognate expressions shall have a corresponding meaning, unless inconsistent with the context:

“Accounting Authority” means the Board of PRASA;

“Contract” means the Contract to be entered between PRASA and the successful Bidder for the provision of the services procured in this RFP.

“Bid” means the Bid to the RFP submitted by Bidders;

“Bidders Briefing Session” means the non-compulsory briefing session to be held at the offices of PRASA, in order to brief the Bidders about this tender;

“Black Enterprise” means an enterprise that is at least 51% beneficially owned by Black People and in which Black People have substantial Management Control. Such beneficial ownership may be held directly or through other Black Enterprises;

“Black Equity” means the voting equity held by Black People from time to time;

“Black People” means African, Coloured and Indian South African citizens, and “Black Person” means any such citizen ;

“Black Woman” means African, Coloured and Indian South Africa Female citizen;

“Briefing Note” means any correspondence to Bidders issued by the PRASA;


“Business Day” means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in South Africa;

“Bidders” means individuals, organisations or consortia that have been submitted responses to the RFP in respect of the tender;

“Consortium” means any group of persons or firms jointly submitting a Bid as Bid to this RFP and “Consortia” means more than one Consortium;

“Contractor” the successful Bidders who has signed a Contract with PRASA in terms of this RFP.

“Closing Date” means the closing date for submission of bids/ Proposals by Bidders which is 29 September 2022 at 12:00

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“Project” means this project for the **APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR IMPEMENTATION OF AN ENTERPRISE NETWORK FOR PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA (PRASA)**

“RFP” means the Request for Proposals issued by PRASA for this tender; and

“Scope of Work” means the scope of work for this project as detailed out in the RFP technical specifications (Annexure 4).

SECTION 1

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1 INVITATION TO BID

You are hereby invited to submit a bid to meet the requirements of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa. Responses to this RFP [hereinafter referred to as a **Bid** or a **Proposal**] are requested from persons, companies, close corporations, or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as an **entity**, **Bidder**].

BID DESCRIPTION	Appointment of a Service Provider for Implementation of an Enterprise Network for PRASA
BID ADVERT	This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge. With effect from 29 August 2022
ISSUE DATE	30 August 2022
NON-COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	06 September 2022 Click here to join the meeting
CLOSING DATE	29 September 2022 at 12:00 Bidders must ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address. As a general rule, if a bid is late or delivered to the incorrect address, it will not be accepted for consideration.
VALIDITY PERIOD	180 Business Days from Closing Date Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, at the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period.
CLOSING DATE FOR QUESTIONS	12 September 2022
CLOSING DATE FOR RESPONSES BY PRASA	15 September 2022
CONTACT PERSON	Siphiwe Kubheka 012 748 7086

Any additional information or clarification will be emailed to all Respondents, if necessary.

2 FORMAL BRIEFING

A formal briefing session will be held on Microsoft Teams but should Respondents have specific queries they should email these to the PRASA employee(s) indicated in above.

2.1 A non-compulsory pre-proposal RFP briefing will be conducted on Microsoft Teams on the 06th of September 2022 at 11:00 The briefing session will start punctually, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents joining late.

2.1 Despite the briefing session being non-compulsory, PRASA nevertheless encourages all Respondents to attend. PRASA will not be held responsible if any Respondent who did not attend the non-compulsory session subsequently feels disadvantaged as a result thereof.

3 BRIEFING SESSION MINUTES AND NOTES

3.1 PRASA will issue briefing session notes together with the response to the clarification questions within 7 days from the date of the briefing session.

3.2 Clarifications will be issued to all Respondents to this RFP utilizing the contact details provided at receipt of the responses to the RFP documentation, after submission to the authorised representative.

3.3 Bidders / Respondents are requested to promptly confirm receipt of any clarifications sent to them.

3.4 Bidders / Respondents must ensure responses to the clarifications are received on or before the deadline date stated.

4 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION OF RFP RESPONSE


Proposal Responses must be submitted to PRASA in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

The Secretariat / Tender Office

RFP No: **HO/ICT/111/08/2022**

Description of Bid **APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF ENTERPRISE NETWORK FOR PRASA.**

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Closing address 30 WOLMARANS STREET,
UMJANTSHI HOUSE
BRAAMFONTEIN

5 DELIVERY INSTRUCTION FOR RFP

Delivery of Bid

The Bid envelopes must be deposited in the PRASA tender box which is located at the main entrance of **UMJANTSHI HOUSE** and must be addressed as follows:

**THE SECRETARIAT / TENDER OFFICE
PRASA ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE TENDER BOX UMJANTSHI HOUSE
30 WOLMARANS STREET
BRAAMFONTEIN JOHANNESBURG**

6 BROAD-BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC OBLIGATIONS

As explained in more detail in the attached SBD 6.1 (BBBEE Preference Points Claim Form) in and as prescribed in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), Act 5 of 2000 and its Regulations, Respondents are to note that PRASA will award “preference points” to companies who provide valid proof of their B-BBEE status using either the latest version of the generic Codes of Good Practice or Sector Specific codes)if applicable).

Note: Failure to submit valid and original (or a certified copy of) proof of the Respondent’s compliance with the B-BBEE requirements stipulated in this RFP (the B-BBEE Preference Points Claim Form) at the Closing Date of this RFP, will result in a score of zero being allocated for B-BBEE.

6.1 B-BBEE Joint Ventures or Consortiums

Respondents who would wish to respond to this RFP as a Joint Venture [JV] or consortium with B-BBEE entities, must state their intention to do so in their RFP submission. Such Respondents must also submit a signed JV or consortium agreement between the parties clearly stating the percentage [%] split of business and the associated responsibilities of each party. If such a JV or consortium agreement is unavailable, the partners must submit confirmation in writing of their intention to enter into a JV or consortium agreement should they be awarded business by PRASA through this RFP process. This written confirmation must clearly indicate the percentage [%] split of business and the responsibilities of each party. In such cases, award of business will only take place once a signed copy of a JV or consortium agreement is submitted to PRASA.

Respondents are to note the requirements for B-BBEE compliance of JVs or consortiums as required by SBD 6.1 [the B-BBEE Preference Point Claim Form] and submit it together with proof of their B-BBEE Status as stipulated in the Claim Form in order to obtain preference points for their B-BBEE status.


Note: Failure to submit a valid and original B-BBEE certificate for the JV or a certified copy thereof at the Closing Date of this RFP will result in a score of zero being allocated for B-BBEE.

6.2 Subcontracting

Subcontracting as per Section 9 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations: PRASA expects the bidders to subcontract 30% of the value of this contract in compliance with Section 9 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in automatic disqualification.

The successful tenderer must subcontract a minimum of 30% of the value of this contract to:

- a) An EME or QSE
- b) An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people
- c) An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people who are youth
- d) An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people who are women
- e) An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people with disabilities
- f) An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships
- g) A cooperative which is at least 51% owned by black people

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- h) An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people who are military veterans or
- i) More than one of the categories referred to in paragraphs a) to h).

The bidders may subcontract any company provided that the company is registered on the National Treasury CSD database and is within the designated groups provided above. A potential CSD Subcontract List is searchable on CSD under the following reference numbers:

- **Procurement number HO/ICT/111/08/2022 (CSD query 4418) - Computer or network or internet security**
- **Procurement number HO/ICT/111/08/2022v2 (CSD query 4419) - Datacom and network connectivity installation devices and equipment**

A bid that fails to meet this subcontracting requirement will be regarded as an unacceptable bid. Respondents are required to submit proof of the subcontracting arrangement between themselves and the subcontractor.

Respondents are to note that it is their responsibility to select competent subcontractors that meet all requirements of the bid so that their bid is not jeopardised by the subcontractor when evaluated. Respondents are responsible for all due diligence on their subcontractors.

Respondent/s are discouraged from subcontracting with their subsidiary companies as this may be interpreted as subcontracting with themselves and / or using their subsidiaries for fronting. Where a Respondent intends to subcontract with their subsidiary this must be declared in their bid response.

The successful Respondent awarded the contract may only enter into a subcontracting arrangement with PRASA's prior approval. The contract will be concluded between the successful Respondent and PRASA, therefore, the successful Respondent and not the sub-contractor will be held liable for performance in terms of its contractual obligations.

In terms of **SBD 6.1** of this RFP [the B-BBEE Preference Point Claim Form] Respondents are required to indicate the percentage of the contract that will be sub-contracted as well as the B-BBEE status of the sub-contractor/s.

7 COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 For specific queries relating to this RFP during the RFP process, bidders are required to adhere strictly to the communication structure requirements. A Q&A Form should be submitted to Sipiwe Kubheka at skubheka@prasa.com before the 12th of September 2022, substantially in the form set out in Annexure 5 hereto.
- 7.2 In the interest of fairness and transparency PRASA's response to such a query will be made available to the other Respondents who have attended the non-compulsory briefing session. For this purpose, PRASA will communicate with Respondents using the contact details provided at the briefing session.
- 7.3 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate in writing with the Bid Secretariat, at telephone number on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal.
- 7.4 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.
- 7.5 Respondents are warned that a response will be liable for disqualification should any attempt be made by a Respondent either directly or indirectly to canvass any officer(s) or employee of PRASA in respect of this RFP between the closing date and the date of the award of the business. Furthermore, Respondents found to be in collusion with one another will automatically be disqualified and restricted from doing business with PRASA in future.

8 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 8.1 PRASA shall ensure all information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidence. In this regard Respondents / Bidders are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure Agreement All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information gleaned from provision of the Services, which is either directly or indirectly related to PRASA's business, written approval to divulge such information must be obtained from PRASA.
- 8.2 Respondents must clearly indicate whether any information submitted or requested from PRASA is confidential or should be treated confidentially by PRASA. In the absence of any such clear

indication in writing, PRASA shall deem the response to the RFP to have waived any right to confidentiality and treat such information as public in nature.

9 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE RFP

9.1 All responses to the RFP must be submitted in two sealed envelopes/boxes; the first envelop/box shall have the technical, compliance and BBBEE response and the second envelop/box shall only have the financial response. Bidders must ensure that they do not indicate any financial information in the first envelop/box. PRASA may disqualify Bidders who fail to adhere to this requirement.

9.2 Bidders are required to package their response/Bid as follows to avoid disqualification:

Volume 1 (Envelop 1/Package 1)

- **Part A:** Compliance Response and B-BBEE Response
- **Part B:** Technical or Functional Response (response to scope of work)

Volume 2 (Envelop 2/ Package 2)

- **Part C:** Financial Proposal (including BoQ and FORM C)

Volume 2 Has to be submitted in a separate sealed envelope. Bidders must make their pricing offer in envelop 2/package 2, no pricing and pricing related information should be included in the Volume 1 envelop 1.

- 9.3 Bidders must submit 1 original response, 1 copy and an electronic version which must be contained in Memory Cards clearly marked in the Bidders name.
- 9.4 Bidders must ensure that their response to the RFP is in accordance with the structure of this document.
- 9.5 Where Bidders are required to sign forms they are required to do so using a black ink pen.
- 9.6 Any documents forming part of the original responses to RFP but which are not original in nature, must be certified as a true copy by a Commissioner of Oaths.
- 9.7 Each response to RFP must be in English and submitted in A4 format, except other graphic illustrations, which may not exceed A3 format, unless the contrary is specifically allowed for in this RFP. Responses to RFP must be neatly and functionally bound, preferably according to their different sections.

- 9.8 The original responses to RFP must be signed by a person duly authorized by each consortium member and Subcontractor to sign on their behalf, which authorization must form part of the responses to RFP as proof of authorization. By signing the responses to RFP the signatory warrants that all information supplied by it in its responses to RFP is true and correct and that the responses to RFP and each party whom the responses to RFP signatory represents, considers themselves subject to and bound by the terms and conditions of this RFP.
- 9.9 The responses to RFP formulation must be clear and concise and follow a clear methodology which responses to RFP must explain upfront in a concise Executive Summary and follow throughout the responses to RFP.
- 9.10 Responses to RFP must provide sufficient information and detail in order to enable PRASA to evaluate the responses to RFP but should not provide unnecessary detail which does not add value and detracts from the ability of PRASA to effectively evaluate and understand the responses to RFP. The use of numbered headings, bullet points, sections, appendices and schedules are encouraged.
- 9.11 Information submitted as part of a responses to RFP must as far as possible, be ordered according to the order of the required information requested by PRASA. All pages must be consecutively numbered.
- 9.12 Responses to RFP must ensure that each requirement contained in the RFP is succinctly addressed. Responses to RFP should as far as possible use the terms and definitions applied in this RFP and should clearly indicate its interpretation of any differing terminology applied.
- 9.13 Response to RFP documents are to be submitted to the address specified in paragraph 5 above, and Bidders must ensure that the original and copies (where applicable) are identical in all respects as PRASA will not accept any liability for having disqualified a bidder for failing to provide a mandatory returnable document.
- 9.14** Unless otherwise expressly stated, all Proposals furnished pursuant to this RFP shall be deemed to be offers. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.
- 9.15 Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter. Subject only to clause 16 [Alterations made by the Respondent to Bid Prices] of the General Bid Conditions,

alterations, additions or deletions must not be made by the Respondent to the actual RFP documents.

- 9.16** Bidders are required to review the Contract. Bidders may further amend and or delete any part of the Draft Contract where they deem fit to do so. Where Bidders have amended and or deleted any part of the Contract, it must be clearly visible by using track changes and must ensure that the disc copy of their bid submission for the Draft Contract is in word version and not password protected. **It must be noted that the marked up Contract will form part of the evaluation (Annexure 6).**

10 RFP TIMETABLE

PRASA may at its sole discretion amend any of the milestone dates indicated in the table below. Bidders will be informed of any amendments to the timeline through the issue of the Addendum.

RFP PROCESS	MILESTONE DATES
Bid issue date	30 August 2022
Briefing Session for Bidders on Microsoft Teams	Click here to join the meeting
Closing date for Questions	12 September 2022
Closing date for Responses (by PRASA)	15 September 2022
Closing Date for Submission of final Bid	29 September 2022 at 12:00
Evaluation of Proposals (Bidders note that PRASA may call for Presentation of bidders offers at any stage of the evaluation process)	TBA
Appointment of the successful Bidder	TBA
Contract Negotiations	TBA
Signing of Contract	TBA
Contract Commencement	TBA

PRASA may at its sole discretion amend any of the milestone dates indicated in the table above. Bidders will be informed of any amendments to the timeline through the issue of briefing notes.

11 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Bidders must ensure that they comply with all the requirements of the RFP and if Bidders fail to submit any of the required documents, such Bids shall, at the sole discretion of PRASA, be disqualified the Bidder. PRASA reserves the right to call a Bidder to provide additional documents which PRASA may require from a Bidder which have not been submitted to PRASA.

Respondents must ensure that they comply with all the requirements of the RFP and if Bidders fail to submit any of the required documents, such Bids shall, at the sole discretion of PRASA, be disqualified.

The successful Bidder [hereinafter referred to as the **Service Provider**] shall be in full and complete compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations.

12 NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

Respondents are required to self-register on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) which has been established to centrally administer supplier information for all organs of state and facilitate the verification of certain key supplier information. Only foreign suppliers with no local registered entity need not register on the CSD. The CSD can be accessed at <https://secure.csd.gov.za>. Respondents are required to provide the following to PRASA in order to enable it to verify information on the CSD:

Supplier Number: _____ **Unique registration reference number:** _____.


13 TAX COMPLIANCE

Respondents must be compliant when submitting a proposal to PRASA and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

It is a condition of this RFP that the tax matters of the successful bidder be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

The Tax Compliance status requirements are also applicable to foreign Respondents/ individuals who wish to submit bids.

Respondents are required to be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) as indicated in paragraph 12 above and the National Treasury shall verify the Respondent's tax compliance status through the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

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Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

For this purpose, the attached SBD 1 marked FORM A must be completed and submitted as an essential returnable document by the closing date and time of the bid.

New Tax Compliance Status (TCS) System

SARS has implemented a new Tax Compliance Status (TCS) system in terms of which a taxpayer is now able to authorise any 3rd party to verify its compliance status in one of two ways: either through the use of an electronic access PIN, or through the use of a Tax Clearance Certificate obtained from the new TCS system.

Respondents are required to provide the following to PRASA in order to enable it to verify their tax compliance status:

Tax Compliance Status (TCS) Pin:_____.

14 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

In responding to this bid, PRASA acknowledges that it may obtain and have access to personal data of the Respondents. PRASA agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Respondents in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law. Furthermore, PRASA will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal data submitted by Respondents or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any Third Party without the prior written consent from the Respondents. Similarly, PRASA requires Respondents to process any personal information disclosed by PRASA in the bidding process in the same manner.

SECTION 2

BACKGROUND OVERVIEW AND SCOPE REQUIREMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this project is for PRASA to appoint a suitably qualified service provider for the implementation of enterprise network solution for PRASA in all regions. The scope includes Campus, Data Centre, various offices, Stations, Depots, WAN and MAN networks.

The RFP seeks to establish a 60 months contract. It is the target of PRASA to have the project implementation completed within the first 24 months of the contract. The remaining 36 months will be for the support and maintenance.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PRASA has built a network that allows the convergence of multiple networks to transport all data service information across single coherent network architecture using PRASA-owned optic fibre network that runs along the railway lines. These data services can be broken down into three different classes:

Business Services

These are the services, which allow local and remote user's access to applications, as well as the transport of Datacentre (DC) application data external to the DC for application communication, data backup, Business Intelligence etc.

ICT Services

These are the services that Prasa internal users require to complete their day to day responsibilities. Examples are SAP, email, internal LAN access, file and print functions, Intranet as well as Internet access, and multimedia communication (telephony, video conferencing, document collaboration etc.).

Operational Services

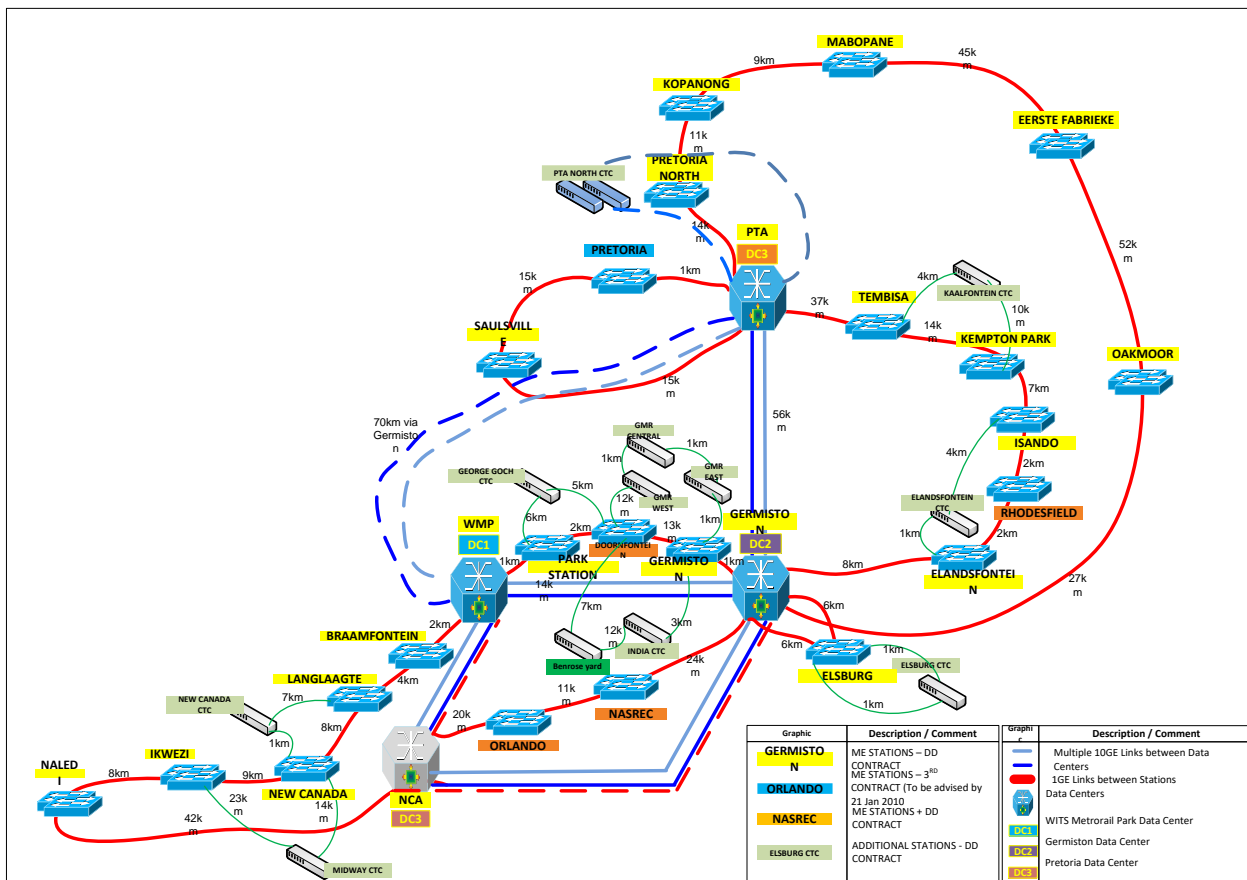
These are the customer facing services which Prasa is deploying to support the business operation and improve the commuter experience. Examples are: Ticketing, CCTV, PA systems, Digital signage, Public Help Points, Access Control, Wireless communications to the new trains etc.

The main objective to bear in mind is to simplify operations and, therefore, lower operating expenses (OPEX), whilst providing the highest levels of services delivery, reliability, bandwidth access,

manageability and access to Business Intelligence.

The first phase of the network was commissioned in 2009 and the second phase in 2012.

The network is split into three regions GP, KZN and WC, with each retaining a similar architecture similar to the one below.



The existing Metro Area Network is based on MPLS-IP core with Metro-Ethernet rings connecting Stations and other sites for Gauteng, Western Cape and Kwazulu-Natal regions.

On the backbone, Cisco 7600 nodes run MPLS. The MPLS VPNS are then interworked with VLANs that originate in the metro Ethernet rings that have been formed using the ME3400/ME3600 nodes. These Metro-Ethernet nodes act as CPE on the network. As part of the expansion, 525 IE3000 switches have also been deployed, and they connect to the network via the Metro-Ethernet switches.

The 7600 router is currently acting as MPLS Provider Edge router that performs the following connectivity functions.

- 10G connection to the 6500 switch in the Data centre.

- Aggregates multiple 10G rings
- Aggregates multiple 1G rings.

Unfortunately, these networks have reached end-of-life and end-of-support. As a result, there is a requirement for complete refresh.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The objective of the project is the total replacement of the existing PRASA ICT Network environment in all regions. The scope includes Campus, Data Centre, various offices, Stations, Depots, WAN and MAN networks.


The project includes all the Professional Services (Project Management, Consultation, Surveys, Design, Configuration and Training) as well as the supply and implementation of all equipment, software, cabling and associated infrastructure for all the work packages as set out in section 4.

The RFP seeks to establish a 60 months contract. It is the target of PRASA to have the project implementation completed within the first 24 months of the contract. The remaining 36 months will be for the support and maintenance.

The project also includes all the necessary Warranties, Maintenance and Licensing as stipulated. All equipment supplied must be covered with a 3-year warranty and software must be supplied with 3-year software licences. The warranty and software licence term are effective from the milestone sign-off (site/ring handover).

The winning bidder will provide the following goods and services:

1. Design, Supply and Implement a Next Generation Network
2. Provide Professional Services for
 - a) Architecture and design (high level and Low/Detail level),
 - b) Site surveys WILL be required from the winning bidder.
 - c) Development of network / device configurations.
 - d) Project Management
 - e) Detailed / comprehensive Network Roll-Out Plan with transition and migration plan.
 - f) Labour for deployment, setup / configuration and commissioning / testing, as well as
 - g) As-built documentation.
3. Provide Cabling and associated services where required (Copper, Fibre and Electrical – Low Voltage)
4. Supply all hardware/software and accessories as may be required.
5. Configure Equipment – Network Staging

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6. Deploy and install new network equipment at train stations and other PRASA buildings.
7. Migrate existing Network Services.
8. Decommissioning of Old Equipment.
9. Test and Commission the network, including network services.
10. Provide Detail As-Built Documentation.

4. SCOPE OF WORKS AND AREAS OF FOCUS

The scope of work of the project is subdivided into a number of work packages and the bidder's solution MUST cover all work packages. The summary of the work packages is provided below:

Summary of work packages:

The below work packages are applicable to the regions as follows:

Region	Work Package –A (MAN)	Work Package –B (Datacentres)	Work Package C-H
GP	X	X	X
WC	X		X
KZN	X	X	X
EC			X

4.1 WORK PACKAGE “A”: Next Generation Metro Area Network (MAN) in Gauteng, WC and KZN

Core Layer:

This work package delivers a new Fibre-based Metropolitan Area Network connecting all PRASA stations and depots in the respective regions to the regional Data centres via existing PRASA Fibre infrastructure and redundant DWDM/Dark fibre or third party L2 links.

Aggregation Layer:

This work package delivers a Fibre-based Metropolitan aggregation ring network that connects all PRASA stations and depots in the respective regions and some access rings to the regional MAN Core network via existing PRASA Fibre infrastructure.

Access Layer:

This work package delivers a Fibre-based Metropolitan access ring network that connects all PRASA stations and sub-stations in the respective regions to the regional MAN Core network via existing PRASA Fibre infrastructure.

4.2 WORK PACKAGE “B”: Next Generation Inter- and Intra- Data Centre Network

This work package delivers a Next Generation Inter- and Intra- Data Centre Network in Gauteng (GNC and Braamfontein) and DR site in Durban. The Next Generation data centre is expected to have the orchestration controller that is able to automate, manage the infrastructure and able to achieve the following:

- hardware discovery
- hardware setup and configuration
- configuration standards and enforcement
- reporting and alerting
- system and application health monitoring
- troubleshooting and resilience tasks

4.3 WORK PACKAGE “C”: Campus/Station Network and WI-FI

This work package seeks the design and replace of all existing ICT network infrastructure in various PRASA campuses/stations across the regions. The network (wired and wireless) should be able to offer data services across single coherent network architecture.

These data services can be broken down into three different classes:

Business Services

These are the services, which allow user access to applications hosted in the Datacentre (DC) and/or in the cloud.


ICT Services

These are the services that PRASA internal users require to complete their day to day responsibilities. Examples are SAP, email, internal LAN access, file and print functions, Intranet as well as Internet access, and multimedia communication (telephony, video conferencing, document collaboration etc.). The other IP devices should be able to connect to their respective controllers via the same campus network, examples IP cameras, smart tvs, video conferencing devices, access control, etc

Building Management

Various Building Management as well as Physical Security technologies will be deployed including Access Control, Smart CCTV, Power Metering etc

The Campus/Station size would be categorised into the following classes based on the size of site or facility:

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Office/Site	Size	Class	Devices	
Sub-station / Relay Room	0	Sub-station / Relay Room	12 port industrial switch OR 8 port industrial switch + 8-port low capacity station access switch	
Small	0-10	Class A	24 Ports POE Switch + 4 APs (indoor/Outdoor)	
Medium	>10	Class B	48 Ports POE Switch + 8 APs (indoor/Outdoor)	
Campus/Large	>50	Class C	Site specific	

4.4 WORK PACKAGE “D”: Network Security

This work package seeks the design a modern, modular, layered approach shall be followed in assuring network and all IP traffic security. The network security solution should be able to protect OSI layer 3-7. The solution should be a holistic end-to-end security for PRASA network, from the Data Centre to the endpoint, remote and local connectivity.

4.5 WORK PACKAGE “E”: Network Management and monitoring Solutions

This work package sees the supply and implement a Tier 1 Network Management and monitoring solutions that is able to ensure visibility of network and application performance, simplify management, securely accessible from anywhere by the support team. The solution that can facilitate granular control of who can access which network device and change the associated network settings and be able to enforce the policy across all network platforms. Wi-Fi controller should be centralised in the data centres able to control all access point in all regions.

4.6 WORK PACKAGE “F”: Cabling and facilities

The project seeks to establish an “as and when” contract for the provision of cabling and facilities related infrastructure such as UPS, poles, cooling, cabinets, etc.

Bidders will be provided with estimate quantities for these items.

4.7 WORK PACKAGE “G”: Training and Knowledge Transfer

This work package sees the provision of OEM accredited training services that will result in certified PRASA Resources to provide Level 1 and Level 2 support at all tiers of the network, on all products supplied for work packages.

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4.8 WORK PACKAGE “H”: Network Maintenance and Support – 60 Months

The project also seeks to establish a maintenance and support contract for of ALL **EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS** deployed in PRASA during this project. The maintenance contract shall provide for the replacement of network components when they fail and the provision of software patches when they become available.

5. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS RELATED TO THIS PROJECT

(REFER TO ANNEXURE 4 SECTION 5 - STAGE 1C EVALUATION)

6. EVALUATION PROCESS

Interested bidders for this project shall be evaluated in terms for their administrative responsiveness, substantive responsiveness, technical/functional (capacity testing) evaluation and preference points. The evaluation committee shall use the following Evaluation Criteria depicted in table below for the selection of the preferred bidder that shall render / deliver the required works, goods and / or services.

EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHTING
Stage 1A	Mandatory Compliance Requirements
Stage 1B	Basic Compliance Requirements
Stage 1C	Technical Mandatory Compliance Requirements – (Annexure 4 Section 5). All mandatory requirements in section 5 must be met, failure to meet all the mandatory requirements will lead to disqualification.
Stage 1D	General Compliance Commitments – Annexure C (Annexure 3) must be met, failure to agree to commit to all requirements will lead to disqualification
Stage 2	Technical/Functionality
Technical/Functional Requirements	Threshold of 75% for Functionality
Stage 3	Price and BBBEE
Price	90
BBBEE	10
TOTAL	100

Table: Evaluation Process

7. STAGE 1A – MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS (SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSIVENESS)

If you do not submit the following documents your tender will be automatically disqualified:

No.	Description of requirement
a)	Completion of ALL RFP documentation (includes ALL declarations, ALL Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) and Commissioner of Oath signatures required)
b)	In compliance with the compulsory subcontracting requirement as per Preferential Procurement Regulation, bidders must submit an MOU or Letter of intent signed by all parties indicating the names of companies that it intends subcontracting to, the nature of the works to be subcontracted and contract % that will be subcontracted.

No.	Description of requirement
	The successful bidder will be expected to submit a formal subcontracting agreement signed by all parties within 14 days of the award.

8. STAGE 1B - Basic Compliance Requirements (Administrative Responsiveness)

If you do not submit the following basic compliance documents and should an award be made, these basic compliance documents must be made available within seven (7) days, failing of which the award will be recalled.

No.	Description of requirement
a)	Original or certified B-BBEE certificate issued by SANAS or Affidavit for QSEs and EMEs.
b)	In cases of JVs or consortiums, a combined B-BBEE certificate in the name of the JV/Consortium must be submitted
c)	CSD supplier registration number
d)	A valid and Original Tax Clearance Certificate (valid as at the closing date of this RFP) Or supply SARS Pin
e)	Company registration documents
f)	Copies of Directors' ID documents
g)	Signed Joint Venture, Consortium Agreement or Partnering Agreement (whichever is applicable) if the bidder is bidding as such

9. STAGE 1C - TECHNICAL MANDATORY COMPLIANCE

Technical Mandatory Compliance Requirements – Section 5 (Annexure 4 – Technical Specifications). All mandatory requirements in section 5 must be met, failure to meet all the mandatory requirements will lead to disqualification.

10. STAGE 1D- GENERAL COMPLIANCE COMMITMENTS –

General Compliance Commitments – Annexure C (Annexure 3) must be met, failure to agree to commit to all requirements will lead to disqualification

11. STAGE 2 - TECHNICAL / FUNCTIONALITY REQUIREMENTS

Qualified bidders from Stage 1 shall be evaluated on technicality / functionality after meeting all compliance requirements outlined above. The minimum threshold for the technical/functionality requirements is 75%. Bidders who score below the minimum requirement shall not be considered for further evaluation in stage 3.

Summary of the technical/functional requirements are presented in the table below.

Table: Technical Evaluation Criteria

No.	CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORES
1	Project Management Skills and Experience	15	<p>The bidder is required to provide the detailed Curriculum Vitae of the Project Manager who will be assigned to the project who has acquired the following certification and skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Experience in management of IT Network Infrastructure projects that span across multiple buildings in multiple areas for installation and commission of at least 50 Routers or Switches, b. PMP Certification must be provided with the CV in order to be awarded points for this evaluation criteria. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PMP or Prince2 Certificates (or equivalent) must be provided with the Project Managers' CV in order to be considered to be awarded points for this evaluation criteria; in addition to ii. Relevant post certification experience which can be verified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1: 0-2 Years Post Certification Experience in the management of projects of scope and size as highlighted in Point "a" above and supporting of services in the scope of the project 2: 3-4 Years Post Certification Experience in the management of projects of scope and size as highlighted in Point "a" above and supporting of services in the scope of the project 3: 5-6 Years Post Certification Experience in the management of projects of scope and size as highlighted in Point "a" above and supporting of services in the scope of the project 4: 7-8 Years Post Certification Experience in the management of projects of scope and size as highlighted in Point "a" above and supporting of services in the scope of the project 5: 9 Years and above Post Certification Experience in the management of projects of scope and size as highlighted in Point "a" above and supporting of services in the scope of the project.

No.	CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORES
2	<p>Experience and Track Record for <u>Provision and Maintenance of WAN and MAN Services</u></p> <p>Case References</p>	20	<p>In order to prove experience and understanding of the scope, size and scale of this project for WAN and MAN Services, the bidder is required to provide a minimum of three (3) successfully implemented and completed detailed case references of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MAN nodes in at least 2 metro area that covers the distance of at least 30 kilometre across the connected sites successfully implemented and completed. With at least 50 access nodes. WAN nodes in at least 3 sites connected in the WAN network. <p>Contactable references must be provided for each case reference.</p> <p>0 : Requirements not met: Has not presented evidence of relevant experience/case reference.</p> <p>2: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of WAN and MAN services and one case reference presented and reference verification</p> <p>3: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of WAN and MAN services and two case references presented and reference verification</p> <p>4: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of WAN and MAN services and three case references presented and reference verification – on current and completed projects</p> <p>5: Requirements fully met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of WAN and MAN services and three case references presented and or reference verification – all projects completed</p>

No.	CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORES
3	<p>Experience and Track Record for <u>Provision and Maintenance of LAN and Wi-Fi</u></p> <p>Case References</p>	20	<p>In order to prove experience and understanding of the scope, size and scale of this project for LAN and Wi-Fi Services, the bidder is required to provide a minimum of three (3) successfully implemented and completed detailed case references of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> LAN network that connected the at least 500 users in the same enterprise building. WIFI network that serves at least 1,000 users in the enterprise campus and at least 10 remote areas centrally managed by the Wi-Fi controller <p>Contactable references must be provided for each case reference.</p> <p>0 : Requirements not met: Has not presented evidence of relevant experience/case reference.</p> <p>2: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of LAN and Wi-Fi services and one case reference presented and reference verification</p> <p>3: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of LAN and Wi-Fi services and two case references presented and reference verification</p> <p>4: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of LAN and Wi-Fi services and three case references presented and reference verification – on current and completed projects</p> <p>5: Requirements fully met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of LAN and Wi-Fi services and three case references presented and or reference verification – all projects completed</p>

No.	CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORES
4	<p>Experience and Track Record for Provision and Maintenance of Data Centre Network</p> <p>Case References</p>	10	<p>In order to prove experience and understanding of the scope, size and scale of this project for Data Center network, the bidder is required to provide a minimum of three (3) successfully implemented and completed detailed case references of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Data Center network that connected at least 20 servers in the same data center Pod b. Data Center network that connected to the Data Recovery site (DR) Data center that is at least 20 Kilometre away. <p>Contactable references must be provided for each case reference.</p> <p>0 : Requirements not met: Has not presented evidence of relevant experience/case reference.</p> <p>2: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of all the elements of Data Center network and one case reference presented and reference verification</p> <p>3: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of Data Center network and two case references presented and reference verification</p> <p>4: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per points “a” and “b” above of all the elements of Data Center network and three case references presented and reference verification – on current and completed projects</p> <p>5: Requirements fully met: Has implemented projects as per point points “a” and “b” of Data Center network and three case references presented and or reference verification – all projects completed</p>

No.	CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORES
5	<p>Experience and Track Record for Provision and Maintenance of Network Security solution</p> <p>Case References</p>	10	<p>In order to prove experience and understanding of the scope, size and scale of this project for Network Security solution, the bidder is required to provide a minimum of three (3) detailed successfully implemented and completed case references of:</p> <p>a. Network security infrastructure: Redundant firewalls shall be deployed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • internal and external data traffic protection • Protection of between the servers/applications within the datacentre. Data Center (DC services FW) for 3 tiered-application stack traffic (e.g Web-Application-Database) • Protection of in and out of the datacentre. The Data Centers (DC perimeter firewalling, with IDS capabilities or out of the trusted internal network (like peering with 3rd party links) <p>Contactable references must be provided for each case reference.</p> <p>0 : Requirements not met: Has not presented evidence of relevant experience/case reference.</p> <p>2: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per point “a” above of all the elements of Network Security solution and one case reference presented and reference verification</p> <p>3: Requirements partially met: Has implemented projects as per point “a” above of all the elements of Network Security solution and two case references presented and reference verification</p> <p>4: Requirements partially met: Has implemented as per point “a” above of all the elements of Network Security solution and three case references presented and reference verification – on current and completed projects</p> <p>5: Requirements fully met: Has implemented projects as per point “a” above of Network Security solution and three case references presented and or reference verification – all projects completed</p>
6	<p>Project Methodology and approach to implement the deliverables</p>	15	<p>The bidder must provide a project plan and approach to be followed for this project.</p> <p>The project design plan must consider at least the following 9 topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule shows estimated start and finish dates, major milestones and estimated duration to reach works completion • Time frames for High level and Low-level designs

No.	CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORES
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites surveys plans and schedules • Stakeholder management • Change management • Risk management • Transition and migration plan • Commission and testing • Decommissioning of old equipment <p>0: None of the above topics considered</p> <p>1: 2 of the above topics considered. Detailed descriptions provided.</p> <p>2: 4 of the above topics considered. Detailed descriptions provided.</p> <p>3: 5 of the above topics considered. Detailed descriptions provided.</p> <p>4: 7 of the above topics considered. Detailed descriptions provided.</p> <p>5: All 9 topics are covered. Detailed descriptions provided.</p>
7	Financial Capability Using Current Ratio Bidders to submit their latest financial statement.	10	<p>The current ratio is a liquidity ratio which estimates the ability of a company to pay back short-term obligations. This ratio is also known as cash asset ratio, cash ratio, and liquidity ratio. A higher current ratio indicates the higher capability of a company to pay back its debts. The formula used for computing current ratio is: Current Assets / Current Liabilities.</p> <p>1: Current ratio of less than 0.5</p> <p>2: Current ratio of 0.5 or more</p> <p>3: Current ratio of 0.75 or more</p> <p>4: Current ratio of 1 or more</p> <p>5: Current ratio of 1.5 or more</p>
	Total	100	

12. STAGE 3 - PRICING AND BBBEE

Include or attach detailed pricing schedule

Note that price must be all inclusive (include CPI escalation for the duration of the project).

The following formula shall be used by the Bid Evaluation Committee to score potential bidders on pricing:

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$$P_s = 90 \left[1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right]$$

Where:

P_s = Points scored for the price of tender under consideration; P_t .

= Rand value of the tender under consideration;

P_{\min} = Rand value of the lowest acceptable tender.

The minimum qualifying criteria for pricing is 90 points as per the standard Evaluation Criteria presented in figure above.

The BBBEE component of the evaluation process is weighted at 10 points in figure above of the standard Evaluation Criteria outlined above. Bidders will be awarded points based on the level of the BBBEE status presented in the BBBEE Certificate issued by an approved agency certified by SANAS. Details of the allocation of points by the Evaluation Committee are presented in figure below.

B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	NUMBER OF POINTS(90/10 SYSTEM)
1	10
2	9
3	6
4	5
5	4
6	3
7	2
8	1


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Non-Compliant Contributor	0	

Figure : BBBEE Evaluation Criteria

13. VALIDITY PERIOD

This RFP shall be valid for *180 business days* calculated from Bid closing date.

14. POST TENDER NEGOTIATION (IF APPLICABLE)

PRASA reserves the right to conduct post tender negotiations with a shortlist of Respondent(s). The shortlist could comprise of one or more Respondents. Should PRASA conduct post tender negotiations, Respondents will be requested to provide their best and final offers to PRASA based on such negotiations. A final evaluation will be conducted in terms of 90/10.

15. BEST AND FINAL OFFER

PRASA reserves the right to embark on the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) Process where:

- a) None of the proposals meet the RFP requirements;
- b) None of the responses to RFP are affordable and demonstrate value for money; and
- c) There is no clear preferred Response to this RFP.

Upon the decision by PRASA to embark on a BAFO process it shall notify the response to RFP.

16. FINAL CONTRACT AWARD

PRASA will negotiate the final terms and condition the contract with the successful Respondent(s). This may include aspects such as Supplier Development, the B-BBEE Improvement Plan, price and delivery. Thereafter the final contract will be awarded to the successful Respondent(s).

17. FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

PRASA views fairness and transparency during the RFP Process as an absolute on which PRASA will not compromise. PRASA will ensure that all members of evaluation committees declare any conflicting or undue interest in the process and provide confidentiality undertakings to PRASA. The evaluation process will be tightly monitored and controlled by PRASA to assure integrity and transparency throughout, with all processes and decisions taken being approved and auditable.

SECTION 3

PRICING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Respondents are required to complete the Pricing Schedule/ BoQ **Annexure: 8** (Volume 2 /Envelop 2)

1 PRICING

- 1.1. Prices must be quoted in South African Rand, inclusive of VAT.
- 1.2. Price offer is firm and clearly indicate the basis thereof.
- 1.3. Pricing Bill of Quantity is completed in line with schedule if applicable.
- 1.4. Cost breakdown must be indicated.
- 1.5. Price escalation basis and formula must be indicated.
- 1.6. To facilitate like-for like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this price schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule could result in a bid being declared non-responsive.
- 1.7. Please note that should you have offered a discounted price(s), PRASA will only consider such price discount(s) in the final evaluation stage on an unconditional basis.
- 1.8. Respondents are to note that if price offered by the highest scoring bidder is not market related, PRASA may not award the contract to the Respondent. PRASA may:
 - 1.8.1. negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the highest points or cancel the RFP;
 - 1.8.2. if that Respondent does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the second highest points or cancel the RFP; and
 - 1.8.3. if the Respondent scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the third highest points or cancel the RFP.
 - 1.8.4. If a market-related price is not agreed with the Respondent scoring the third highest points, PRASA must cancel the RFP.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PRICES QUOTED

Respondents are to note that, on award of business, PRASA is required to publish the tendered prices and preferences claimed of the successful and unsuccessful Respondents inter alia on the National Treasury e-Tender Publication Portal, (www.etenders.gov.za), as required per National Treasury Instruction Note 01 of 2015/2016.

3 OWNERSHIP OF DESIGN

3.1 The plans and design developed and to be provided by PRASA shall at all times remain the property of PRASA.]

4 SERVICE LEVELS

4.1 An experienced national account representative(s) is required to work with PRASA's procurement department. [No sales representatives are needed for individual department or locations]. Additionally, there shall be a minimal number of people, fully informed and accountable for this agreement.

4.2 PRASA will have quarterly reviews with the Service provider's account representative on an on-going basis.

4.3 PRASA reserves the right to request that any member of the Service provider's team involved on the PRASA account be replaced if deemed not to be adding value for PRASA.

4.4 The Service provider guarantees that it will achieve a 100% [hundred per cent] service level on the following measures:

- a) Random checks on compliance with quality/quantity/specifications
- b) On time delivery.

4.5 The Service provider must provide a telephone number for customer service calls.

4.6 Failure of the Service provider to comply with stated service level requirements will give PRASA the right to cancel the contract in whole, without penalty to PRASA, giving 30 [thirty] calendar days' notice to the Service provider of its intention to do so.

Acceptance of Service Levels:

YES	
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5 TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP (TCO)

- 5.1 PRASA will strive to procure goods, services and works which contribute to its mission. In order to achieve this, PRASA must be committed to working with suppliers who share its goals of continuous improvement in service, quality and reduction of Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).
- 5.2 Respondents shall indicate whether they would be committed, for the duration of any contract which may be awarded through this RFP process, to participate with PRASA in its continuous improvement initiatives to reduce the total cost of ownership [TCO], which will reduce the overall cost of transportation services and related logistics provided by PRASA's operating divisions within South Africa to the ultimate benefit of all end-users.

6 FINANCIAL STABILITY

Respondents are required to submit their latest financial statements prepared and signed off by a professional accountant for the past 1 year with their Proposal in order to enable PRASA to establish financial stability.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20.....

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____


2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

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7 VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The successful Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its Tax Clearance Certificate and valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate, for the duration of any contract emanating from this RFP. Should the Respondent be awarded the contract [the Agreement] and fail to present PRASA with such renewals as and when they become due, PRASA shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies that it may have in terms of the eventual Agreement, to terminate such Agreement forthwith without any liability and without prejudice to any claims which PRASA may have for damages against the Respondent.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20.....

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____


2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

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8 CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFP TERMS & CONDITIONS & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

By signing this certificate the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with, and agrees with all the conditions governing this RFP, including those contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof, including but not limited to the documents stated below and PRASA will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such condition or failed properly to take it into account for the purpose of calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:

1. PRASA's General Bid Conditions*
2. Standard RFP Terms and Conditions for the supply of Goods or Services or Works to PRASA

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in the RFP unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted Bid. Any such submission shall be subject to review by PRASA's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be. A material deviation from the Standard terms or conditions could result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid to which they intend to respond, before submitting the bid. The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFP was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

The bidder understands that his/her Bid will be disqualified if this Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP documents included in the RFP as a returnable document, is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20....

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

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Name _____

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SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

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9 GENERAL CONDITIONS

9.1 ALTERNATIVE BIDS

Bidders may submit alternative Bid only if a main Bid, strictly in accordance with all the requirements of the RFP is also submitted. The alternative Bid is submitted with the main Bid together with a schedule that compares the requirements of the RFP with the alternative requirements the Bidders proposes. Bidders must note that in submitting an alternative Bid they accept that PRASA may accept or reject the alternative Bid and shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria stipulated in this RFP.

9.2 PRASA'S TENDER FORMS

Bidders must sign and complete the PRASA's Bid Forms and attach all the required documents. Failure by Bidders to adhere to this requirement may lead to their disqualification.

9.3 PRECEDENT

In case of any conflict with this RFP and Bidders response, this RFP and its briefing notes shall take precedence.

9.4 RESPONSE TO RFP-CONFIDENTIALITY

Response to RFPs must clearly indicate whether any information conveyed to or requested from PRASA is confidential or should be treated confidentially by PRASA. In the absence of any such clear indication in writing from a response to RFP, PRASA shall deem the response to RFP to have waived any right to confidentiality and treat such information as public in nature.

Where a Bidder at any stage during the RFP Process indicates to PRASA that information or any response to RFP requested from PRASA is or should be treated confidentially, PRASA shall treat such information or response to RFP confidentially, unless PRASA believes that to ensure the transparency and competitiveness of the RFP Process the content of the information or response to RFP should be conveyed to all Bidders, in which event it shall apply the following process:

- PRASA shall confirm with the Bidder whether the raising of confidentiality applies to the entire response to the RFP or only specific elements or sections of the response;
- Where confidentiality is maintained by the Bidder and PRASA is of the opinion that the information or response to RFP if made publicly available would affect the commercial interests of the Bidder or is commercially sensitive information, PRASA shall not release such information to other

Bidders if providing such information or response to the RFP would prejudice the competitiveness and transparency of the RFP Process;

- Where PRASA is of the opinion that information provided is not commercially sensitive or would have no impact on the commercial interests of the relevant Bidder if released and fairness and transparency requires that such information be released to all Bidders, PRASA may:
 - i. inform the relevant Bidder of the necessity to release such information and/or response to RFP and request the Bidder to consent to the release thereof by PRASA; or
 - ii. obtain legal advice regarding the confidentiality of the relevant information and/or response to RFP and the legal ability of PRASA to release such information; or
 - iii. refrain from releasing the information and/or response to RFP, in which event PRASA shall not take account of the contents of such information in the evaluation of the relevant response to RFP.

The above procedures regarding confidentiality shall not apply to any information which is already public knowledge or available in the public domain or in the hands of PRASA or is required to be disclosed by any legal or regulatory requirements or order of any competent court, tribunal or forum.

9.5 RESPONSE TO THE RFP – RFP DISQUALIFICATION


Responses to RFP which do not comply with the RFP requirements, formalities, terms and conditions may be disqualified by PRASA from further participation in the RFP Process.

In particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) PRASA may disqualify, at its sole discretion and without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, a Bidder where the Bidder, or any of its consortium members, subcontractors or advisors have committed any act of misrepresentation, bad faith or dishonest conduct in any of its dealings with or information provided to PRASA.

9.6 CORRUPTION, GIFTS AND PAYMENTS

Neither the Bidders to RFPs, its equity members, the sub-contractors, consortium members nor any of their agents, lenders or advisors shall directly or indirectly offer or give to any person in the employment of PRASA or any other Government official or any of the Advisory Team any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for appointing a particular Bidder, or for showing or omitting to show favour or disfavour to any of the Bidders, its equity members or the sub-contractors in relation to the Project.

In the event that any of the prohibited practices contemplated under the above paragraph is committed, PRASA shall be entitled to terminate any Response to RFP's status and to prohibit such Response to

RFP, its equity members, its SPV members, its Sub Contractors and their agents, lenders and advisors from participating in any further part of the procurement of the Project.

9.7 INSURANCE

Unless specifically provided for in this RFP or draft contracts, Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid for services professional indemnity insurance and works insurance to an extent (if any) if insurance provided by PRASA may not be for the full cover required in terms of the relevant category listed in this RFP. The Bidder is advised to seek qualified advice regarding insurance.

9.8 NO CONTACT POLICY

Bidders may only contact the bid administrator of PRASA as per the terms of the Communication Structure established by this RFP, except in the case of pre-existing commercial relationships, in which case contact may be maintained only with respect thereto and, in making such contact, no party may make reference to the Project or this RFP.

9.9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No Bidder member, subcontractor or advisor of the response to RFP may be a member of or in any other way participate or be involved, either directly or indirectly in more than one response to RFP or response to RFP during any stage of the Project procurement process, but excluding specialist suppliers of systems and equipment, non-core service providers or financial or commercial institutions whose role is limited purely to lending money or advancing credit to the response to RFP. Bidders are to sign the declaration of interest form. In order to prevent the conflict or potential conflict of interest between Lenders and Bidders to RFP, no advisors or the Contractor/s or Consortium/s to any response to RFP, consortium member or subcontractor may fulfil the role of arranger, underwriter and/or lead bank to the response to RFP. PRASA may disqualify the response to RFP from further participation in the event of a failure to comply with this provision. PRASA views the potential conflict of interest so great as to warrant the reduction of competition for advisory services.

9.10 COLLUSION AND CORRUPTION

Any Bidder shall, without prejudice to any other remedy available to PRASA, be disqualified, where the response to RFP –

- communicates to a person other than persons nominated by PRASA a material part of its response to RFP; or
- Enters into any Contract or arrangement with any other person or entity that it shall refrain from submitting a response to RFP to this RFP or as to any material part of its Response to RFP to

this RFP (refer the prohibition contained in Section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998).

. The Bidders represents that the Bidder has not, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like for the purpose of, with the intention to, enter into collusive Bidding or with reasonable appreciation that, collusive any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like may result in or have the effect of collusive Bidding. The Bidder undertakes that in the process of the Bid but prior to PRASA awarding the Bid to a preferred bidder become involved in or be aware of or do or caused to be done any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like for the purpose of or which may result in or have the effect of a collusive Bid, the Bidder will notify PRASA of such any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like.; or

- offers or agrees to pay or give any sum of money, inducement or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done, or causing, or having caused to be done any act or omission in relation to the RFP Process or any proposed response to RFP (provided nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent a response to RFP from paying any market-related commission or bonus to its employees or contractors within the agreed terms of their employment or contract).

9.11 CONSORTIUM CHANGES

If exceptional circumstances should arise in which a after the submission to the bid and after closing date of submission of bids, there is change in the composition of the Bidder, either through substitution or omission of any member of the Bidder:

- The Response to RFP must notify PRASA in writing of the proposed changes supported by complete details of the material reasons for the changes, the parties impacted by the changes and the impact on the response to RFP.
- PRASA shall evaluate the reasons advanced by the Bidder for the requested changes to the Bidder structure and where PRASA is not satisfied that the reasons advanced are reasonable or material, refuse to accept the change and disqualify the response to RFP, or notify the Bidder in writing of its non-acceptance of the changes and require the Bidder to propose a suitable alternative to PRASA within 10 (TEN) days of its receipt of the decision of PRASA, upon receipt of which PRASA shall -
 - i. Evaluate the alternative proposed for suitability to PRASA, and where the alternative is accepted by PRASA, inform the Bidder in writing of such acceptance and PRASA shall reassess the response to RFP against the RFP requirements and criteria; or

- ii. Where the alternative is not accepted by PRASA, inform the Bidder in writing of such non-acceptance as well as its disqualification from the RFP Process.
- iii. Where PRASA is satisfied that the changes requested under (i) above are reasonable and material, the response to RFP, shall be allowed to effect the required changes and PRASA shall reassess the response to RFP against the RFP requirements and criteria.

9.12 COSTS OF RESPONSE TO THE RFP SUBMISSION

All costs and expenses associated with or incurred by the Bidder in relation to any stage of the Project, shall be borne by the Bidder. PRASA shall not be liable for any such costs or expenses or any claim for reimbursement of such costs or expenses.

To avoid doubt, PRASA shall not be liable for any samples submitted by the Bidder in support of their Responses to RFP and reserves the right not to return to them such samples and to dispose of them at its discretion.

9.13 RESPONSE TO THE RFP WARRANTY

Bidders must provide a warranty as part of their Responses to RFP that their Responses to RFP are true and correct in all respects, that it does not contain a misrepresentation of any kind and that the taxes of all members of the Bidder company, consortium members and or subcontractors are in order and none of the members are undergoing corruption or any criminal-related investigations or have any past convictions for fraud or corruption.

10 CONDITIONS OF TENDER

General

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| Actions | 1 | PRASA's <i>Representative</i> and each <i>tenderer</i> submitting a tender shall act as stated in these Conditions of Tender and in a manner which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective. |
| Interpretation | 2 | Terms shown in <i>italics</i> vary for each tender. The details of each term for this tender are identified in the Request for Tender / Scope of work/ specification. Terms shown in capital initials are defined terms in the appropriate conditions of contract. |
| | 3 | Any additional or amended requirements in the Scope of work/ specification, and additional requirements given in the Schedules in the <i>tender returnables</i> are deemed to be part of these Conditions of Tender. |
| | 4 | The Conditions of Tender and the Scope of work/ specification shall form part of any contract arising from this invitation to tender. |
| Communication | 5 | Each communication between PRASA and a <i>tenderer</i> shall be to or from PRASA's <i>Representative</i> only, and in a form that can be read, copied and recorded. Communication shall be in the English language. PRASA takes no responsibility for non-receipt of communications from or by a <i>tenderer</i> . |
| PRASA's rights to accept or reject any tender | 6 | PRASA may accept or reject any variation, deviation, tender, or alternative tender, and may cancel the tender process and reject all tenders at any time prior to the formation of a contract. PRASA or PRASA's <i>Representative</i> will not accept or incur any liability to a <i>tenderer</i> for such cancellation and rejection but will give reasons for the action. PRASA reserves the right to accept the whole or any part of any tender. |
| | 7 | After the cancellation of the tender process or the rejection of all tenders PRASA may abandon the proposed work and services, have it performed in any other manner, or re-issue a similar invitation to tender at any time. |

Tenderer's obligations

The *tenderer* shall comply with the following obligations when submitting a tender and shall:

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| Eligibility | 1 | Submit a tender only if the <i>tenderer</i> complies with the criteria stated in the Scope of work/ specification. |
| Cost of tendering | 2 | Accept that PRASA will not compensate the <i>tenderer</i> for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a tender. |
| Check documents | 3 | Check the <i>tender documents</i> on receipt, including pages within them, and notify PRASA's <i>Representative</i> of any discrepancy or omissions in writing. |
| Copyright of documents | 4 | Use and copy the documents provided by PRASA only for the purpose of preparing and submitting a tender in response to this invitation. |
| Standardised specifications and other publications | 5 | Obtain, as necessary for submitting a tender, copies of the latest revision of standardised specifications and other publications, which are not attached but which are incorporated into the <i>tender documents</i> by reference. |
| Acknowledge receipt | 6 | Preferably complete the Receipt of invitation to submit a tender form attached to the Letter of Invitation and return it within five days of receipt of the invitation. |
| | 7 | Acknowledge receipt of Addenda / Tender Briefing Notes to the <i>tender documents</i> , which PRASA's <i>Representative</i> may issue, and if necessary apply for an extension to the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> , in order to take the Addenda into account. |
| Site visit and / or clarification meeting | 8 | Attend a site visit and/or clarification meeting at which <i>tenderers</i> may familiarise themselves with the proposed work, services or supply, location, etc. and raise questions, if provided for in the Scope of work/ specification. Details of the meeting are stated in the RFP document, <i>i-tender</i> website and CIDB website. |
| Seek clarification | 9 | Request clarification of the <i>tender documents</i> , if necessary, by notifying PRASA's <i>Representative</i> earlier than the <i>closing time for clarification of queries</i> . |

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| Insurance | 10 | Be informed of the risk that needs to be covered by insurance policy. The <i>tenderer</i> is advised to seek qualified advice regarding insurance. |
| Pricing the tender | 11 | Include in the rates, prices, and the tendered total of the prices (if any) all duties, taxes (except VAT), and other levies payable by the successful <i>tenderer</i> . Such duties, taxes and levies are those applicable 14 days prior to the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> . |
| | 12 | Show Value Added Tax (VAT) payable by PRASA separately as an addition to the tendered total of the prices. |
| | 13 | Provide rates and prices that are fixed for the duration of the contract and not subject to adjustment except as provided for in the <i>conditions of contract</i> . |
| | 14 | State the rates and Prices in South African Rand unless instructed otherwise as an additional condition in the Scope of work/ specification. The selected <i>conditions of contract</i> may provide for part payment in other currencies. |
| Alterations to documents | 15 | Not make any alterations or an addition to the tender documents, except to comply with instructions issued by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> or if necessary to correct errors made by the <i>tenderer</i> . All such alterations shall be initialled by all signatories to the tender. Corrections may not be made using correction fluid, correction tape or the like. |
| Alternative tenders | 16 | Submit alternative tenders only if a main tender, strictly in accordance with all the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i> is also submitted. The alternative tender is submitted with the main tender together with a schedule that compares the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i> with the alternative requirements the <i>tenderer</i> proposes. |
| | 17 | Accept that an alternative tender may be based only on the criteria stated in the Scope of work/ specification and as acceptable to PRASA. |
| Submitting a tender | 18 | Submit a tender for providing the whole of the works, services or supply identified in the Contract Data unless stated otherwise as an additional condition in the Scope of work/ specification. |

NOTE:

- 19 **Return the completed and signed *PRASA Tender Forms and SBD forms provided with the tender. Failure to submit all the required documentation will lead to disqualification***
- 20 **Submit the tender as an original plus 1 copy and an electronic version which must be contained in Memory Cards clearly marked in the Bidders name as stated in the RFP and provide an English translation for documentation submitted in a language other than English. Tenders may not be written in pencil but must be completed in ink.**
- 21 Sign and initial the original and all copies of the tender where indicated. PRASA will hold the signatory duly authorised and liable on behalf of the *tenderer*.
- 22 Seal the original and each copy of the tender as separate packages marking the packages as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY". Each package shall state on the outside PRASA's address and invitation to tender number stated in the Scope of work/ specification, **as well as the *tenderer's* name and contact address**. Where the tender is based on a two envelop system tenderers must further indicate in the package whether the document is **envelope / box 1 or 2**.
- 23 Seal original and copies together in an outer package that states on the outside only PRASA's address and invitation to tender number as stated in the Scope of work/ specification. The outer package must be marked "CONFIDENTIAL"
- 24 Accept that PRASA will not assume any responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the tender if the outer package is not sealed and marked as stated.

Note:

PRASA prefers not to receive tenders by post, and takes no responsibility for delays in the postal system or in transit within or between PRASA offices.

PRASA prefers not to receive tenders by fax, PRASA takes no responsibility for difficulties in transmission caused by line or equipment faults.

Where tenders are sent via courier, PRASA takes no responsibility for tenders delivered to any other site than the tender office.

PRASA employees are not permitted to deposit a tender into the PRASA tender box on behalf of a tenderer, except those lodged by post or courier.

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| Closing time | <p>25 Ensure that PRASA has received the tender at the stated address with the Scope of work / specification no later than the <i>deadline for tender submission</i>. Proof of posting will not be taken by PRASA as proof of delivery. PRASA will not accept a tender submitted telephonically, by Fax, E-mail or by telegraph unless stated otherwise in the Scope of work/ specification.</p> <p>26 Accept that, if PRASA extends the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> for any reason, the requirements of these Conditions of Tender apply equally to the extended deadline.</p> |
| Tender validity | <p>27 Hold the tender(s) valid for acceptance by PRASA at any time within the <i>validity period</i> after the <i>deadline for tender submission</i>.</p> <p>28 Extend the <i>validity period</i> for a specified additional period if PRASA requests the <i>tenderer</i> to extend it. A <i>tenderer</i> agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify a tender, except to the extent PRASA may allow for the effects of inflation over the additional period.</p> |
| Clarification of tender after submission | <p>29 Provide clarification of a tender in response to a request to do so from PRASA's <i>Representative</i> during the evaluation of tenders. This may include providing a breakdown of rates or Prices. No change in the total of the Prices or substance of the tender is sought, offered, or permitted except as required by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> to confirm the correction of arithmetical errors discovered in the evaluation of tenders. The total of the Prices stated by the <i>tenderer</i> as corrected by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> with the concurrence of the <i>tenderer</i>, shall be binding upon the <i>tenderer</i></p> |
| Submit bonds, policies etc. | <p>30 If instructed by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> (before the formation of a contract), submit for PRASA's acceptance, the bonds, guarantees, policies and certificates of insurance required to be provided by the successful <i>tenderer</i> in terms of the <i>conditions of contract</i>.</p> |

- 31 Undertake to check the final draft of the contract provided by PRASA's *Representative*, and sign the Form of Agreement all within the time required.
- 32 Where an agent on behalf of a principal submits a tender, an authenticated copy of the authority to act as an agent must be submitted with the tender.
- Fulfil BEE requirements 33 Comply with PRASA's requirements regarding BBBEE Suppliers.

PRASA'S UNDERTAKINGS

PRASA, and PRASA's *Representative*, shall:

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| Respond to clarification | 1 | Respond to a request for clarification received earlier than the <i>closing time for clarification of queries</i> . The response is notified to all <i>tenderers</i> . |
| Issue Addenda | 2 | If necessary, issue to each <i>tenderer</i> from time to time during the period from the date of the Letter of Invitation until the <i>closing time for clarification of queries</i> , Addenda that may amend, amplify, or add to the <i>tender documents</i> . If a <i>tenderer</i> applies for an extension to the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> , in order to take Addenda into account in preparing a tender, PRASA may grant such an extension and PRASA's <i>Representative</i> shall notify the extension to all <i>tenderers</i> . |
| Return late tenders | 3 | Return tenders received after the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> unopened to the <i>tenderer</i> submitting a late tender. Tenders will be deemed late if they are not in the designated tender box at the date and time stipulated as the deadline for tender submission. |
| Non-disclosure | 4 | Not disclose to <i>tenderers</i> , or to any other person not officially concerned with such processes, information relating to the evaluation and comparison of tenders and recommendations for the award of a contract. |
| Grounds for rejection | 5 | Consider rejecting a tender if there is any effort by a <i>tenderer</i> to influence the processing of tenders or contract award. |
| Disqualification | 6 | Instantly disqualify a <i>tenderer</i> (and his tender) if it is established that the <i>tenderer</i> offered an inducement to any person with a view to influencing the placing of a contract arising from this invitation to tender. |

Test for responsiveness	<p>7 Determine before detailed evaluation, whether each tender properly received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meets the requirements of these Conditions of Tender, • has been properly signed, and • is responsive to the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i>. <p>8 Judge a responsive tender as one which conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the <i>tender documents</i> without material deviation or qualification. A material deviation or qualification is one which, in PRASA 's opinion would</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detrimentally affect the scope, quality, or performance of the works, services or supply identified in the Contract Data, • change PRASA's or the <i>tenderer's</i> risks and responsibilities under the contract, or • affect the competitive position of other <i>tenderers</i> presenting responsive tenders, if it were to be rectified.
Non-responsive tenders	<p>10 Reject a non-responsive tender, and not allow it to be subsequently made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the non-conforming deviation or reservation.</p>
Arithmetical errors	<p>11 Check responsive tenders for arithmetical errors, correcting them as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words shall govern. • If a bill of quantities applies and there is a discrepancy between the rate and the line item total, resulting from multiplying the rate by the quantity, the rate as quoted shall govern. Where there is an obviously gross misplacement of the decimal point in the rate, the line item total as quoted shall govern, and the rate will be corrected. • Where there is an error in the total of the Prices, either as a result of other corrections required by this checking process or in the <i>tenderer's</i> addition of prices, the total of the Prices, if any, will be corrected. <p>12 Reject a tender if the <i>tenderer</i> does not accept the corrected total of the Prices (if any).</p>
Evaluating the tender	<p>13 Evaluate responsive tenders in accordance with the procedure stated in the RFP / Scope of work/ specification. The evaluated tender price</p>

will be disclosed only to the relevant PRASA tender committee and will not be disclosed to *tenderers* or any other person.

Clarification of a tender	14	Obtain from a <i>tenderer</i> clarification of any matter in the tender which may not be clear or could give rise to ambiguity in a contract arising from this tender if the matter were not to be clarified.
Acceptance of tender	15	Notify PRASA's acceptance to the successful <i>tenderer</i> before the expiry of the <i>validity period</i> , or agreed additional period. Providing the notice of acceptance does not contain any qualifying statements, it will constitute the formation of a contract between PRASA and the successful <i>tenderer</i> .
Notice to unsuccessful tenderers	16	After the successful <i>tenderer</i> has acknowledged PRASA's notice of acceptance, notify other <i>tenderers</i> that their tenders have not been accepted, following PRASA's current procedures.
Prepare contract documents	17	Revise the contract documents issued by PRASA as part of the <i>tender documents</i> to take account of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addenda issued during the tender period, • inclusion of some of the <i>tender returnables</i>, and • other revisions agreed between PRASA and the successful <i>tenderer</i>, before the issue of PRASA's notice of acceptance (of the tender).
Issue final contract	18	Issue the final contract documents to the successful <i>tenderer</i> for acceptance within one week of the date of PRASA's notice of acceptance.
Sign Form of Agreement	19	Arrange for authorised signatories of both parties to complete and sign the original and one copy of the Form of Agreement within two weeks of the date of PRASA's notice of acceptance of the tender. If either party requires the signatories to initial every page of the contract documents, the signatories for the other party shall comply with the request.
Provide copies of the contracts	20	Provide to the successful <i>tenderer</i> the number of copies stated in the Scope of work/ specification of the signed copy of the contracts within three weeks of the date of PRASA's acceptance of the tender.