



SOUTH AFRICA

Electoral Commission

Bid Specifications

Auction 0010501495

Fortinet Software Licenses Renewals

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Failure to comply with the completion of the auction conditions and the required information or submission of the required stipulated documents indicated below shall invalidate a bid.

1 Introduction

The Electoral Commission (IEC) is looking to renew support, maintenance and licence subscription for its Fortinet equipment it uses during a major election event such as the National and Provincial Elections (NPE) 2024. The equipment includes FortiADC 1000-F load balancers, Fortigate-1500D firewalls, FortiDDOS-1200B and FortiWeb-3000E Web Application firewalls.

Suppliers must place a bid on the Votaquotes (e-Procurement) system and then provide all the required documentation before the due dates as specified in this document and on the Votaquotes web site.

2 Background Information

The Electoral Commission has invested extensively in ICT technologies, which provide a platform to effectively support and enable its business processes and to meet its goal of providing a free and fair election process in an open and transparent environment. The Electoral Commission's ICT Department intends to continue running a highly efficient, secure and stable ICT environment making full use of industry standards, best practices and disciplines based upon stable, secure and reliable technologies

The Electoral Commission has the following Fortinet security equipment that it uses at during a major election event such as NPE 2024 whose software licenses and subscriptions needs to be renewed.

Type		Serial Number	Item
LOAD BALANCER	1.	FAD1KFT618000066	FortiADC-1000F
	2.	FAD1KFT618000070	FortiADC-1000F
FIREWALL AND INTRUSION PREVENTION	3.	FG1K5DT919800145	FortiGate-1500D
	4.	FG1K5DT919800187	FortiGate-1500D
DISTRIBUTED DENIAL OF SERVICE PREVENTION (DDOS)	5.	FI1K2B5818000039	FortiDDoS-1200B
WEB APPLICATION FIREWALL	6.	FV-3KETE18000025	FortiWeb-3000E
	7.	FV-3KETE18000032	FortiWeb-3000E

3 Technical Specifications

The technical specification for the required products is as specified below. It must be noted that the technical specifications below are the minimum requirements; the only deviation that may be accepted will be in case where the bidder's specification is better. Anything below specification may be disqualified.

The IEC seeks to renew the Fortinet licenses and subscriptions for a period of 12 months starting in September 2023 for the following IEC owned equipment.

	Product Code	Description	Included Support Types
1	FC-10-AD1KF-619-02-12	Fortinet FortiADC-1000F 1 Year Advanced Bundle Serial Numbers: FAD1KFT618000066 FAD1KFT618000070	24 x 7 FortiCare (Hardware, Enhanced and Telephone Support; Web / Online Support for Firmware & General Updates), Advanced Malware Protection, IP Reputation, FortiWeb Security Service
2	FC-10-01500-950-02-12	FortiGate-1500D 1-Year Unified Threat Protection (UTP) Serial Numbers: FG1K5DT919800145 FG1K5DT919800187	NGFW Application Control, IPS, Antivirus, Botnet, IP/Domain Reputation, Mobile Security, Web Filtering, Antispam, FortiSandbox Cloud, Virus Outbreak Protection, Content Disarm & Reconstruction, 24x7x365 FortiCare Support Services
3	FC-10-V3006-580-02-12	FortiWeb-3000E 1 Year Advanced Bundle Serial Numbers: FV-3KETE18000025 FV-3KETE18000032	24x7 FortiCare plus AV, FortiWeb Security Service, IP Reputation, FortiWeb Cloud Sandbox, Credential Stuffing Defense Service
4	FC-10-01K03-247-02-12	FortiDDoS-1200B 1 Year 24x7 FortiCare Premium Contract Serial Number: FI1K2B5818000039	24 x 7 Hardware, Enhanced and Telephone Support; Web / Online Support for Firmware & General Updates, IP Reputation and Domain Reputation Service

4 Planning Assumptions

The IEC has made the following assumptions:

- 4.1 The IEC will provide technical resources for all IEC's designated work including setup and configuration of own systems and databases.
- 4.2 Whenever the need arises the successful bidder shall do initial equipment configuration of operating systems and environmental specific requirements.
- 4.3 The delivery of the hardware, software licenses and implementation services required must be completed within the days as stipulated in the delivery and implementation schedule stipulated in [section 11](#).
- 4.4 The bidder's change control management process must be flexible enough to facilitate speedy deployment

and resolution of problems without compromising management controls and security.

- 4.5 Bidder to provide applicable change management processes.
- 4.6 The recommended service provider shall provide all relevant details needed to ensure successful operations capability within the organization.

5 General Bid Conditions

The following standard bid conditions must be adhered to and complied with; failing which the bid will be disqualified.

- 5.1 All bids must be placed online on eProcurement website <https://votaquotes.elections.org.za>.
- 5.2 Bidders must complete and submit [section 18: Technical Bid Response](#) Sheet to demonstrate compliance with the required technical bid specification.
- 5.3 The bidder must be authorized to sell the product supplied; an OEM proof of reseller authorization is required. Likewise, an OEM proof of accreditation for maintenance of the product is required.
- 5.4 An OEM letter(s) of proof of the reseller agreement, authorization and/or maintenance accreditation must accompany the written documentation for this bid.
- 5.5 Should the reseller authorization and/or maintenance accreditation be from a distributor, then a proof of authorization authorizing the distributor to resell and/or to authorize others by the OEM, must be submitted.
- 5.6 The bidder must submit a statement of service, describing the service and support that is covered under the contract/warranty including the roles of the bidder and the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).
- 5.7 The bidder must provide at least two (2) contactable references of past and current services of a similar nature that the bidder provided or is currently providing. Reference details must include the following: customer name, contact person, contact details (telephone, email, physical address) and service description and value of services offered. [Section 20](#) provides a guideline and reference details required, however bidders are free to format their response as they prefer. Some guideline definitions include:
 - 5.7.1 Service value defined in terms of contract value, personnel resources and duration.
 - 5.7.2 Similar service value are those services of comparative value.
 - 5.7.3 Similar services are those services, which include supply of similar products and services as per the technical requirements stated in 3 above and of comparative value.
- 5.8 Bidders must adhere to the delivery schedule in [section 11](#)

- 5.9 Bidders must have at least three (3) years' experience in providing Fortinet licenses. Bidders must submit a profile or a letter confirming experience
- 5.10 Bidders must complete and submit [section 17: Bidder's Disclosure – SBD4](#)
- 5.11 Bidder must provide an example SLA that incorporates the OEM Warranty as part of the bid submission

6 Quality Control

The following quality control conditions must be adhered to and complied with, failing which the bid may be disqualified.

- 6.1 The bidder takes responsibility for the completeness and quality of their bid submission.
- 6.2 The bidder must undertake and warrant that the proposal is in line with the tender specifications.
- 6.3 The bidder will have the primary responsibility of ensuring that the proposed equipment complies with the required specification in terms of functionality and technical specification including quantity and quality.
- 6.4 The IEC may also call on bidders to make presentations in order for the Electoral Commission to ensure full compliance with all its requirements and as part of the bid evaluation process prior to the conclusion of the adjudication of the bid. Any such request for presentations shall only be for clarification purposes in support of mandatory requirements that must be adhered to as part of the written submission requirements of this bid. Failure to submit mandatory requirements shall not be rectified by the call for presentations. Any restrictions or conditions associated with any elements of the service offering/s must be detailed. The Electoral Commission reserves the right to reject conditions which are considered unfavourable to its business or unacceptable.
- 6.5 The bidder must provide the associated support and maintenance for the duration of the contract. The support and maintenance must include all services as per product code.
- 6.6 The submission of a bid implies acceptance of the terms specified in the provisions laid down in the specifications, the procurement and, where applicable, additional documents.
- 6.7 Bidders are expected to examine carefully and respect all instructions and standard formats contained in these specifications.
- 6.8 A bid that does not contain all the required information and documentation will be disqualified.
- 6.9 Notwithstanding any shortcomings in these specifications, service providers must ensure that the proposed solution will form a workable and complete solution.

- 6.10 Although the Electoral Commission will only deal with the principal service provider, if a bidder plans to sub-contract any of the services in this bid, they are required to attach copies of sub-contracting agreements in their bid response documentation.
- 6.11 The IEC will issue an official purchase order to the successful bidder before any services can be delivered.
- 6.12 The IEC reserves the right and discretion to amend the quantities or cancel or not award this bid based on any reason including operational or financial requirements.

7 Supplier Performance

- 7.1 Contracting of any service provider to render goods and/or services to the Electoral Commission are subject to the fulfilment of the Electoral Commission's due diligence audit requirements.
- 7.2 An essential component of the Electoral Commission's due diligence audit requirements may involve site visits to potential suppliers/contractors as well as inspection of various key documents underpinning the establishment of the companies involved in bids of the Electoral Commission. This also includes confirmation of capability and capacity requirements to execute the services specified in such bids.
- 7.3 Upon notification of the Electoral Commission's intention to award a contract, the successful bidder may be required to enter into a service level agreement (SLA/contract) with the Electoral Commission.
- 7.4 The purpose of the SLA (if applicable other than what the Electoral Commission's standard purchase orders provide for) is to fix performance criteria within the key requirements of this request for quotation, namely quantity, quality and delivery.
- 7.5 The SLA may contain elements such as supplier progress milestones, delivery schedules, quality checkpoints and invoicing procedures.
- 7.6 The Electoral Commission reserves the right to reject any services delivered not conforming to the bid specification.
- 7.7 Where previously-agreed delivery schedules are not met by a supplier, the Electoral Commission shall have the right to appoint an alternative supplier to make good the shortfall in supply. Any additional costs incurred by the Electoral Commission in obtaining such corrective services or products from another source will be for the account of the defaulting supplier.

8 Pricing Requirements

- 8.1 Total bid price must be submitted online on the eProcurement (Votaquotes) portal.
- 8.2 The total bid price must be broken down as detailed in [section 19 – Pricing Schedule](#) and submitted as part of the bid. Completion of the detailed pricing schedule by responding to each item is compulsory. Failure to complete and submit this detailed pricing schedule as part of the bid submission shall lead to disqualification.
- 8.3 The total bid price must be firm for 180 days and must be in South African Rand inclusive of VAT.
- 8.4 The total bid price must be inclusive of all factors which may contribute the cost of fulfilling the bid, factors such as:
 - a) Software License renewal costs for 12 months.
 - b) Delivery costs to the Electoral Commission's national office in Centurion, Gauteng, South Africa.
- 8.5 The Electoral Commission will pay for the licenses upfront for a period of 12 months once the licenses are received.
- 8.6 The Electoral Commission reserves the right to adjust costs by excluding some cost factors.
- 8.7 All costs associated with the solution must be captured on the pricing table - no additional costs will be entertained.

9 Evaluation of Bidder's Disclosure (SBD4)

All bids received will be evaluated and assessed in respect of the mandatory information provided in [section 17: Bidder's Disclosure \(SBD4\)](#). Any potential issues that may arise or transgressions that may identified will be pursued in accordance with statutory obligations and requirements.

In this regard, the following must be noted:

- 9.1 The Electoral Commission must, as part of its supply chain management (SCM) processes, identify and manage all potential conflicts of interest and other disclosures made by a person participating in procurement process to enable the accounting officer or delegated authority to make informed decisions about the person participating in the SCM process.
- 9.2 As such, the Bidders Disclosure form, issued as Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 4, is attached herewith for all entities who participate in the bid process in [section 17](#).
- 9.3 As part of the evaluation of the procurement process, the information provided by a person on the SBD4 form must be evaluated.
- 9.4 In so doing, it must be noted that if the bid evaluation establishes that:

- (a) a person within the bidding entity is an employee of the State, the Electoral Commission's CEO must request the relevant accounting officer/accounting authority whether the person-
 - (i) Is prohibited from conducting business with the State in terms of Section 8 of the Public Administration Management Act, 2014; or
 - (ii) has permission to perform other remunerative work outside of their employment, where the PAMA does not apply to such employee;
- (b) the conduct of a person constitutes a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004;
- (c) the conduct of a person constitutes a transgression of the Competition Act, 1998, the conduct must be reported to the Competition Commission; and
- (d) the conduct of a person must be dealt with in terms of the prescripts applicable to the Electoral Commission.

9.5 If it is established that a person has committed a transgression in terms of the above, or any other transgression of SCM prescripts, the bid may be rejected and the person may be restricted.

9.6 The Electoral Commission's CEO must inform National Treasury of any action taken against a person within 30 days of implementing the action.

9.7 During the bid evaluation process, the Electoral Commission must in addition to other due diligence measures, establish if a person is not listed in-

- (a) the Register of Tender Defaulters; and
- (b) the list of restricted suppliers.

9.8 A bid related to a restricted bidder or tender defaulter shall be rejected.

9.9 The under-mentioned assessment criteria will be used to evaluate the elements relating to SBD4, CSD registration, tax compliance, restricted suppliers and tender defaulters:

	Assessment Criteria	Bidder Requirement (YES/NO)	Comments
1.	Bidder is registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD). *		
2.	Bidder is tax compliant. **		
3.	The bidder is not an employee of the state.		
4.	Having certified the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.		
5.	Having certified to the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Competition Act.		

	Assessment Criteria	Bidder Requirement (YES/NO)	Comments
6.	The bidder is not a tender defaulter as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		
7.	The bidder is not a restricted supplier as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		

* No bid shall be accepted if a supplier is not registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD).

** A bidder must be tax compliant before a contract is awarded. A bid will be disqualified if the bidder's tax affairs remains non-compliant as per the provisions of National Treasury Instruction No 09 of 2017/2018 Tax Compliance Status Verification.

10 Adjudication and Award of Contract

- 10.1 Bidders are advised to refer to the [section 21: Bid Evaluation Criteria](#) to ensure that they have addressed all critical bid requirements.
- 10.2 The bid will be awarded to a bidder whose solution successfully conforms to bid specifications.
- 10.3 The Electoral Commission will issue an official purchase order before any services can be rendered.
- 10.4 It should be noted that the Electoral Commission seeks to gain the best solution technically and financially and will select from the results of the bid a solution it deems to give the best investment.

11 Delivery Timeframe

- 11.1 The successful bidder will be required to complete delivery within 30 days from receipt of an official purchase order for the licenses

12 Technical Enquiries

- 12.1 Enquiries pertaining to the specifications can be directed to Siviwe Gwadiso at telephone number 012 622 5700 or email <mailto:gwadisos@elections.org.za> or to Libisi Maphanga at email maphangal@elections.org.za.

13 Briefing Session

13.1 There will be no briefing session for this bid.

14 Written Submissions

All submissions must be received on or before the closing date and time for submissions, as stipulated on the e-Procurement website <https://votaquotes.elections.org.za>. Submissions received after the final date and time will lead to bids being disqualified and not considered. Written submissions must be delivered to the Electoral Commission's Procurement & Asset Management Department. Delivery can be through any of the following means:

- Upload to the auction website;
- Place in the Electoral Commission tender box situated in the foyer of the Electoral Commission national office in Centurion at the following address before the closing date and time of this auction;

**Election House
Riverside Office Park,
1303 Heuwel Avenue,
Centurion,
0157**

Note: Clearly mark your submission: For the attention of Procurement and Asset Management – AUCTION 0010501495

Failure to submit all of the required documentation before the closing time shall invalidate the bid. It remains the responsibility of the bidder to confirm receipt of the required documentation with the Electoral Commission Procurement and Asset Management Department.

15 Summary of Submission Requirements

- 15.1 All bids must be placed online on eProcurement website <https://votaquotes.elections.org.za>.
- 15.2 All written supporting documentation must be submitted as stipulated in the bid requirement.
- 15.3 Submissions received after the closing date and time will lead to bids being disqualified and not considered.
- 15.4 The bidder must complete and submit [section 17: Bidder's Disclosure \(SBD4\)](#) which is also provided on eProcurement (Votaquotes) portal.
- 15.5 The following supporting documents must be submitted as part of the written submissions. Failure to submit these will lead to the bid being disqualified;
 - 15.5.1 Completed technical specifications in accordance with the requirements in [section 18: Technical Bid Response Sheet](#) to demonstrate compliance with the bid specification as per 5.2
 - 15.5.2 Two (2) relevant contactable References, as per 5.7 - [section 20: Guideline Reference Table](#)
 - 15.5.3 Completed pricing schedule as per 8.2 - [section 19: Pricing Schedule](#)
 - 15.5.4 A letter of proof of the reseller agreement either from the OEM or an authorized distributor; (i.e. if the reseller is authorized by a distributor) as per 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5. If the reseller agreement is from a distributor, then proof from the OEM authorizing the distributor needs to be included
 - 15.5.5 A statement of service, describing the service and support that is covered under the warranty including the roles of the bidder and the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) as per 5.6
 - 15.5.6 Profile or letter showing at least 3 years' experience as per 5.9
 - 15.5.7 An example SLA document incorporating OEM's warranty as per 5.11

16 Closing Date

The closing date and time of this tender is specified on the eProcurement (Votaquotes) website in accordance the bidding requirements. The closing date and time is determined by the clock on the Electoral Commission's servers and is not negotiable. Bidders must also take note supporting documentation must be delivered before closing date and time.

17 Bidder's Disclosure (SBD4)

Bidder's Disclosure – SBD4			
The Bidder must complete and submit the SBD4 form. Failure to submit the SBD4 will lead to disqualification			
Company Name (Bidder):			
No.	Description	Yes / No	Comment
1.	Bidder is registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD). **		
2.	Bidder is tax compliant. ***		
3.	The bidder is not an employee of the state.		
4.	Having certified the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.		
5.	Having certified to the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Completion Act.		
6.	The bidder is not a tender defaulter as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		
7.	The bidder is not a restricted supplier as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		

* No late bid, as a whole or in part, shall be accepted.

** No bid shall be accepted if a supplier is not registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD).

*** A bidder must be tax compliant before a contract is awarded. A bid will be disqualified if the bidder's tax affairs remains non-compliant as per the provisions of National Treasury Instruction No 09 of 2017/2018 Tax Compliance Status Verification.

18 Technical Bid Response Sheet

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Completion of this technical bid response sheet by the bidder is compulsory.

Bidder must respond to each and every item in the response sheet.

Failure to complete and submit this technical bid response sheet as part of the bid submission shall lead to disqualification.

	Product Code	Description	QTY	Bidder must indicate whichever is applicable		Bidder's response/technical specification for proposed solution – if providing more than minimum requirement
				Yes	No	
1	FC-10-01K03-247-02-12	FortiDDoS-1200B 1 Year 24x7 FortiCare Premium Contract Serial Number: FI1K2B5818000039	1			
2	FC-10-AD1KF-619-02-12	Fortinet FortiADC-1000F 1 Year Advanced Bundle Serial Numbers: FAD1KFT618000066,FAD1KFT618000070	2			
3	FC-10-01500-950-02-12	FortiGate-1500D 1-Year Unified Threat Protection (UTP) Serial Numbers: FG1K5DT919800145, FG1K5DT919800187	2			
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19 PRICING SCHEDULE

PRICING SCHEDULE – DETAILED BREAKDOWN

Completion of this Price Schedule by the bidder is compulsory. Bidders must also provide a product code for the proposed component.

Failure to complete and submit this pricing schedule as part of the bid submission shall lead to disqualification.

Costs must be inclusive of VAT

	Product Code	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.	FC-10-01K03-247-02-12	FortiDDoS-1200B 1 Year 24x7 FortiCare Premium Contract Serial Number: FI1K2B5818000039	1	R.....	R.....
2.	FC-10-AD1KF-619-02-12	Fortinet FortiADC-1000F 1 Year Advanced Bundle Serial Numbers: FAD1KFT618000066,FAD1KFT618000070	2	R.....	R.....
3.	FC-10-01500-950-02-12	FortiGate-1500D 1-Year Unified Threat Protection (UTP) Serial Numbers: FG1K5DT919800145, FG1K5DT919800187	2	R.....	R.....
4.	FC-10-V3006-580-02-12	FortiWeb-3000E 1 Year Advanced Bundle Serial Numbers: FV-3KETE18000025, FV-3KETE18000032	2	R.....	R.....
*TOTAL BID PRICE					R.....

****The total bid price is the bid price that must be placed on eProcurement (auction). No any other additional costs will be accepted for bid evaluation and adjudication purposes.**

20 Guideline Reference Table

Reference #1

EACH REFERENCE MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:		
Customer name		
Contact Person		
Contact Details	Email	
	Telephone	
	Physical address	
Service Description	Product	
	Services Provided	
Service Value	Contract Value (estimate)	
	Was this service provided in the last 24 months? (Y/N)	

Reference #2

EACH REFERENCE MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:		
Customer name		
Contact Person		
Contact Details	Email	
	Telephone	
	Physical address	
Service Description	Product	
	Services Provided	
Service Value	Contract Value (estimate)	
	Was this service provided in the last 24 months? (Y/N)	

21 Evaluation Criteria

Bidders are advised to refer to Appendix E to ensure that they have addressed all critical bid requirements which will be used to assess the bids. Bidders are NOT expected to complete and submit this section.

21.1 Stage 1: Assessment of Bidder's Disclosure

All bids received will be evaluated and assessed in respect of the mandatory information provided in the Bidder's Disclosure (SBD4) as well as the register for restricted suppliers and tender defaulters.

Any potential issues that may arise or transgressions that may be identified will be pursued in accordance with statutory obligations and requirements.

In this regard, the following must be noted:

- 21.1.1 The Electoral Commission must, as part of its supply chain management (SCM) processes, identify and manage all potential conflicts of interest and other disclosures made by a person participating in procurement process to enable the accounting officer or delegated authority to make informed decisions about the person participating in the SCM process.
- 21.1.2 As such, the Bidders Disclosure form, issued as Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 4, is attached herewith for all entities who participate in the bid process.
- 21.1.3 As part of the evaluation of the procurement process, the information provided by a person on the SBD4 form must be evaluated.
- 21.1.4 In so doing, it must be noted that if the bid evaluation establishes that:
 - (a) a person within the bidding entity is an employee of the State, the Electoral Commission's CEO must request the relevant accounting officer/accounting authority whether the person-
 - (i) Is prohibited from conducting business with the State in terms of Section 8 of the Public Administration Management Act, 2014; or
 - (ii) has permission to perform other remunerative work outside of their employment, where the PAMA does not apply to such employee;
 - (b) the conduct of a person constitutes a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004;
 - (c) the conduct of a person constitutes a transgression of the Competition Act, 1998, the conduct must be reported to the Competition Commission; and
 - (d) the conduct of a person must be dealt with in terms of the prescripts applicable to the Electoral Commission.

- 21.1.5 If it is established that a person has committed a transgression in terms of the above, or any other transgression of SCM prescripts, the bid may be rejected and the person may be restricted.
- 21.1.6 The Electoral Commission's CEO must inform National Treasury of any action taken against a person within 30 days of implementing the action.
- 21.1.7 During the bid evaluation process, the Electoral Commission must in addition to other due diligence measures, establish if a person is not listed in-
- (a) the Register of Tender Defaulters; and
 - (b) the list of restricted suppliers.
- 21.1.8 A bid related to a restricted bidder or tender defaulter shall be rejected.
- 21.1.9 The under-mentioned assessment criteria will be used to evaluate the elements relating to SBD4, CSD registration, tax compliance, restricted suppliers and tender defaulters:

	Assessment Criteria	Bidder Requirement (YES/NO)	Comments
1.	Bidder is registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD). *		
2.	Bidder is tax compliant. **		
3.	The bidder is not an employee of the state.		
4.	Having certified the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.		
5.	Having certified to the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Competition Act.		
6.	The bidder is not a tender defaulter as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		
7.	The bidder is not a restricted supplier as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		

* No bid shall be accepted if a supplier is not registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD).

** A bidder must be tax compliant before a contract is awarded. A bid will be disqualified if the bidder's tax affairs remains non-compliant as per the provisions of National Treasury Instruction No 09 of 2017/2018 Tax Compliance Status Verification.

21.2 Stage 2: Key Qualifying Criteria

Stage 2 – Key Qualifying Criteria				
Company Name (Bidder):				
Failure to comply with any of the requirements below will result in the bid being disqualified				
No.	Description	Yes	No	Comments
1.	Did the bidder place their bid online as per 5.1			
2.	Did the bidder complete and submit technical specification as per 5.2? (section 18: Technical Bid Response Sheet)			
3.	Did the bidder complete and submit pricing schedule as per 8.2? (section 19: Pricing Schedule)			
4.	Did the bidder submit a letter of proof of the reseller agreement either from the OEM or an authorized distributor (i.e. if the reseller is authorised by a distributor) as per 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5? If the reseller agreement is from a distributor, did the bidder provide proof from the OEM authorizing the distributor?			
5.	Did the bidder submit a statement of service, describing the service and support that is covered under the contract including the roles of the bidder and the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) as per 5.6?			
6.	Did the bidder submit an example SLA document as per 5.11?			
Overall Stage 2 Outcomes:		<u>Assessment Comments:</u>		
		Bid qualifies for further consideration: (YES/NO):		

21.3 Stage 3: Technical Evaluation

Technical Evaluation.

	Product Code	Description	QTY	Bidder must indicate whichever is applicable		Comments
				Yes	No	
1	FC-10-01K03-247-02-12	FortiDDoS-1200B 1 Year 24x7 FortiCare Premium Contract Serial Number: FI1K2B5818000039	1			
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4	FC-10-V3006-580-02-12	FortiWeb-3000E 1 Year Advanced Bundle Serial Numbers: FV-3KETE18000025, FV-3KETE18000032	2			
Overall Stage 3 Outcomes:		<u>Assessment Comments:</u>				
		Bid qualifies for further consideration: (YES/NO):				

21.4 Stage 4: Technical Scoring

Bid Evaluation Criteria Stage 4 – Technical Scoring					
To qualify to the next phase of adjudication a bidder must score a minimum of 75% (18.75/25)					
	Criteria	Available Score	Points Allocation	Actual Score	Comments
1	Relevant Reference	20	References: (10 points per reference) a) Customer name = 1 point b) Contact Person = 1 point c) Email = 0.5 point d) Telephone = 0.5 point e) Physical address = 0.5 point f) Product/Solution = 4 points (Fortigate (1), FortiDDOS (1), FortiWeb (1), FortiADC(1)) g) Description of Services provided = 1 points. h) Value (Contract Value Estimate) = 1 point i) Service provided within the last 2 years = 0.5 point Total for references = maximum 20 points per reference (2 references)		
	Experience	5	Bidder has experience in providing firewall software licenses (2 points) a) Fortinet licenses (2 points) b) Any other firewall licenses (1 point) Bidder has experience that is: (3 points) a) 3- 5 years = 2 points b) More than 5 years = 3 points		

Bid Evaluation Criteria					
Stage 4 – Technical Scoring					
To qualify to the next phase of adjudication a bidder must score a minimum of 75% (18.75/25)					
	Criteria	Available Score	Points Allocation	Actual Score	Comments
Overall Stage 4 Outcomes:	<u>Assessment Comments:</u>				
	Bid qualifies for further consideration: (YES/NO):				

21.5 Stage 5: Adjudication of Bids

Only bids that comply with the requirements and conditions of the bid and that meet the minimum criteria in the bid evaluation process as stipulated above will be considered for bid adjudication purposes.

Acceptable bids must be market related.

This bid is deemed not to exceed R50 million including VAT.

Therefore, the 80/20 preference point system (PPPFA scoring) in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2005 (PPPFA) and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 shall apply in the adjudication process of this auction where all acceptable bids received are equal to or below R50 million including VAT. Preference points will be allocated as follows:

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

21.6 Bid Evaluation Committee

	Bid Evaluation Committee Member's Name	Signature
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Overall Adjudication Outcomes: _____
