

RFI NUMBER:	RAF/2025/00037
DESCRIPTION:	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – MIMECAST A1 WITH ADVANCED
	SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS
PUBLISH DATE:	02 DECEMBER 2025
CLOSING DATE:	05 DECEMBER 2025
CLOSING TIME:	11:00 A.M.
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# **BIDDING STRUCTURE**

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Individual bidder	
Joint venture	
Consortium	
Using subcontractors	
Other	
If individual bidder, indicate the following:	
Name of bidder	
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Contact person	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
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If joint venture or consortium, indicate the following:	
(To be completed for each joint venture/ consortium	
member)	
Name of joint venture/consortium members	
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VAT registration number	
Contact person	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
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If using subcontractors, indicate the following:	
Name of prime contractor	
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Contact person	
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Fax number	
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# **ENQUIRIES**

Enquiries regarding this Request for Information should be submitted via e-mail to:

# Bid enquiries:

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Enquiries should reference specific paragraph numbers, where appropriate.

All questions/ enquiries must be forwarded in writing prior to the submission date.

### 1. BACKGROUND OF THE RAF

The Road Accident Fund (RAF) is a schedule 3A public entity established in terms of the Road Accident Fund Act, 1996 (Act No. 56 of 1996), as amended. Its mandate is the provision of compulsory social insurance cover to all users of South African roads, to rehabilitate and compensate persons injured as a result of the negligent driving of motor vehicles in a timely and caring manner, and to actively promote the safe use of our roads.

The customer base of the RAF comprises not only the South African public, but all foreigners within the borders of the country. The RAF head office is in Centurion and RAF intends to establish Customer Experience Centres (CEC) in each province in the country.

### 2. SPECIAL INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

- 2.1 The service provider must be an eligible, registered Service Provider in terms of the applicable laws of the Country and included in the National Treasury Central Supplier Database.
- 2.2 It is expected of bidders to have their Tax matters in order when the proposals are submitted.
- 2.3 Companies or Director that are included on the National Treasury register for Restricted Suppliers and/ or Tender Defaulters will be automatically disqualified from the process.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Road Accident Fund (RAF) requires a Cloud Hosted Email Archiving Solution for a period of 12 months.
- 3.2 As part of RAF Strategic Plan, RAF ICT is on a digital transformation to utilize Cloud Platforms. A cloud hosted email archiving solution is required to enable the RAF to preserve and store messages including their attachments in a structured and accessible manner for the purpose of:
  - Long-term retention
  - Email Security
  - Ransomware
  - Internal threat Management
  - Data Governance and Compliance
  - Legal discovery
  - Historical reference

The solution will ensure that RAF's email data is retained, organized and accessible when needed while assisting RAF to meet regulatory requirements and enhance overall email efficiency.

3.3 The Cloud-based email archiving solution must be hosted within the borders of South Africa in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (POPIA).

### 4. SCOPE OF WORK

To provide a cloud hosted email archiving for Office 356 environment, the following services are required:

### **4.1. CLOUD HOSTED REQUIREMENTS**

The below information represents RAF requirements for the provision of a cloud hosting email for Office 365 environment.

Category	Description
Technical and Functional Requir	rements:
Data migration	Ensure that historical email data is transferred to the cloud archive, and that new emails are continuously synchronized for archiving.  Extraction and conversion of archived email data  Secure data with auditing and reporting  Preservation of data structure
Email capture and ingestion	Collecting, transferring, and storing email messages and associated data from RAF's O365 email system (cloud-based) into the email archive hosted in the cloud.  • Email Data Collection  • Data Extraction  • Data Transformation  • Data Transfer  • Indexing  • Attachment handling  • Metadata preservation  • Version control  • Compression and encryption  • Continuous Ingestion.  • Error handling and logging
Data or email storage and management	<ul> <li>Unified administrative management console</li> <li>E-Discovery</li> <li>Flexible retention</li> </ul>

Indexing and search	Cataloguing and organizing email messages and their associated metadata in a way that makes them easily searchable.  Search functionality in cloud-hosted email archiving Which will allow RAF users to query the indexed email data to find specific messages or information they need.
User interface and access control	A user interface that will be user-friendly, intuitive, and provide easy access to the features and functionalities of the email archiving service.  Access control mechanism that will govern who can access the email archives and what level of access they have.
Backup and Disaster Recovery	Strategies and processes put in place to ensure the availability, integrity, and recoverability of RAF's email data stored in the cloud platform

### 4.2. SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE

Interested bidders must propose a sample of a maintenance and support contract. The proposed contract must support software updates, patches, and performance of regular system maintenance. Further technical assistance should be easily reachable via (phone, email, or client web portal) and provide prompt service.

The bidder is expected to provide technical assistance and be able to respond to technical issues and to provide reliable information on the methodology of implementation and the solution features.

The bidder must respond and resolve calls logged within the following timeframes:

Category	Response	Resolution
Priority 1 - Urgent	15 minutes	1 hour
Priority 2 – High	30 minutes	2 hours
Priority 3 – Medium	45 minutes	6 hours
Priority 4 – Low	60 minutes	+10 hours

**Priority 1** – Urgent means malfunction and/or degraded services of the solution which limits access to the systems; or the solutions are unusable; or disables or prevents access to the solution itself, or renders any strategic element of the solution unusable, with data loss or corruption, license issues; or the above refers to 100% of users affected and/or any administrator

**Priority 2** – High means the malfunction and/or degraded services of the service which affects 50% or less users and/or any administrator as per priority 1 above; or the error has a serious impact on any activity. The system is still usable but will not execute commands promptly.

**Priority 3** – Medium means calls that are affecting the solution which do not fall into priority 1 or 2 above but need to be resolved within 3 hours.

**Priority 4** – Low means the solution service requests that can take longer than five (5) hours (e.g., projects, developments, procurement)

# 4.3. Training Specifications

Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) classroom administrator training with certification in respect of Cloud Hosted Email Archiving Solution for six (6) RAF resources. 100-hour credits from the OEM that can be redeemed over a 5-year period.

# 5. PRICING SCHEDULE

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	PERIOD	QUANTITY	QUANTITY UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Mimecast A1	Email archive with eDiscovery and regulatory compliance workflows, including tools for finding and managing information easily, ensuring legal compliance, and safeguarding your data with bottomless, immutable storage for up to 99 years.	Annual (12 months)	4300		
Advanced Support	Advanced Support includes access to Support Portal, Mimecast Customer Community, Knowledgebase, Administration Console, Educational resources and Certifications from Mimecast University and 24 X 7 telephone support.	Annual (12 months)	~		
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