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**INVITATION TO QUOTE – PROCUREMENT OF A MINUTE’S WRITING TOOL**

**RFQ NO:** RFQ/NHC/2025/26/046

**DESCRIPTION:** APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROCURE AN AI-ENABLED MEETING TRANSCRIPTION AND MINUTE-DRAFTING TOOL

**ISSUED:** 19/01/2026

**CLOSING DATE:** 26/12/2025

**CLOSING TIME:** 11:00AM

**VALIDITY PERIOD:** 30 DAYS FROM DATE OF CLOSURE

**PUBLIC VIEWING SESSION FOR INTERESTED PARTIES**

<b>Date:</b>	Not Applicable / Indicate details if applicable
<b>Time:</b>	N/A
<b>Venue:</b>	N/A
<b>Compulsory:</b>	N/A

**RFQ DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE AND TIME**

[procurement@nhc.org.za](mailto:procurement@nhc.org.za)

**ENQUIRIES:**

Any clarification required by interested parties regarding the meaning or interpretation of the document or any aspect concerning the submission is to be requested **in writing** from:

Supply Chain Management: Acquisition Management  
 National Heritage Council  
 Email: [procurement@nhc.org.za](mailto:procurement@nhc.org.za)

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**1. INVITATION TO SUBMIT A QUOTATION**

The National Heritage Council (NHC) hereby invites interested and eligible Suppliers, to submit a quotation for the procurement of the above-mentioned as per attached requirements.

1.1. THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MUST BE FURNISHED (Failure to do so may result in your offer being disqualified)

SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF SUPPLIER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
<i>ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		<i>ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					

**SUPPLIER INFORMATION**

**IF THE ANSWER IS “NO” TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS).**

1.2. Submission

- a) Suppliers must ensure that quotations are submitted timeously to the correct email address as indicated on the cover page of the bid document.
- b) All quotations must be submitted on the official forms (Not to be retyped).
- c) Bid received after the closing date and time or submitted to the wrong email address will not be considered.

1.3. Non-commitment

- a) The National Heritage Council (NHC) is not bound to accept any of the quotations submitted.
- b) NHC reserves the right to withdraw or amend these terms of reference by notice in writing to parties who have received the terms of reference prior to the closing date.

1.4. Validity Period

- a) The offer of the Supplier must be valid for 30 days from the closing date of the bid.

**2. BACKGROUND**

The National Heritage Council (NHC) of South Africa is a public entity that is responsible for the preservation, promotion and protection of the country's heritage. The important areas that the NHC focusses on are policy development for the sector to meet its transformation goals, public awareness and education, knowledge production in heritage subjects that were previously neglected, as well as making funding available to projects that place heritage as a socio-economic resource.

The NHC is a Schedule 3A public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999 as amended by Act 29 of 1999, that came into existence through an amendment of the Cultural Laws Second Amendment Act, no 69 of 2001, and was officially constituted through the National Heritage Council Act, Act 11 of 1999).

The NHC identified the need for the procurement of above-mentioned goods and/or services.

The procurement will be done in line with the 80/20 preference point system as determined in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, No 5 of 2000 and its Regulations.

**3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The items listed in the attached table were identified for the procurement of applicable goods and/or services. The following terms and conditions are applicable:



- 3.1 NHC's conditions of purchase shall apply. The NHC reserves the right to accept or reject any changes to the requirements.
- 3.2 The validity period of the quotation must be clearly stated on the quotation.
- 3.3 The expected delivery period must be clearly stated on the quotation. Where the project runs over the specified period, suppliers must include an estimated detailed project plan with timeframes, objectives and achievable milestones.
- 3.4 Suppliers must ensure compliance with their tax obligations and submit the Tax Status Pin code with the bid proposal.
- 3.5 Quotation prices must be valid for 30 days from the date of closure of this RFQ.
- 3.6 Quotations must be included on the company letterhead that include the contact details and quote number and must be duly signed.
- 3.7 NHC will not be liable for a cost(s) incurred by Suppliers to prepare and submit a quotation.
- 3.8 The NHC reserves the right to accept or reject any quote and to annul the quotation process at any time prior to the award of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected supplier(s).
- 3.9 NHC reserves the right to cancel the RFQ at any time.
- 3.10 Prices quoted shall be in South African Rand and inclusive of VAT as well as any associated costs such as delivery, insurance, taxes, etc. for the stipulated period as indicated in the attached requirements. Quotations that were not costed for the entire scope of the project and the period will not be considered.
- 3.11 No price adjustment or amendment will be considered by the NHC after closure of the RFQ. This is a fixed price request for quotation unless otherwise specified in the specifications or terms of reference.
- 3.12 Where the NHC determines that it will be in the best interest of the project to appoint multiple suppliers, the NHC reserves the right to award the RFQ to multiple suppliers by indicating on the purchase order, the items applicable.
- 3.13 Goods or services shall be supplied / rendered upon receipt of an official purchase order from the NHC. No services must be rendered or goods delivered before an official NHC purchase order or service level agreement (SLA) signed.
- 3.14 The NHC reserve the right to do due diligence on the quotations.
- 3.15 The NHC reserves the right to benchmark prices quoted.
- 3.16 NHC shall pay within 30 days after receipt of an invoice.
- 3.17 All invoices must be submitted to SCM via the email to [finance@nhc.org.za](mailto:finance@nhc.org.za) in the format as prescribed by the South Africa Revenue Services (SARS). The checklist for compliance of the invoice can be found following the following link: [Tax-Invoice-Checklist-Version-2-29032016.pdf](#).
- 3.18 Late and / or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.



#### 4. EVALUATION OF BID

The evaluation of the bid proposals will be done in two (2) phases as mentioned below:

- Phase 1: SCM compliance requirements
- Phase 2: Price and specific goals

##### 4.1 Phase 1: SCM compliance requirements

Bid quotations received will be verified for completeness and correctness. NHC reserves the right to accept or reject a bid based on the completeness and correctness of the documentation and information provided.

Suppliers are to ensure that they submit the following documentation / information with their bid.

<b>Proof of registration on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) of National Treasury</b>	Suppliers must be registered on the CSD. The CSD registration number must be provided. Staff are not required to be registered on CSD.
<b>Annexure A: (Supplier's Disclosure)</b>	Completed and signed
<b>Annexure B: (Preference Points Claim Form)</b>	Completed and signed of points are claimed
<b>Tax Status Pin Code issued by South African Revenue Services (SARS)</b>	Supplier's tax matters must be in order
<b>BBBEE Certificate</b>	Valid and compliant original or certified copy of the B-BBEE certificate or Sworn Affidavit must be submitted for any points claimed
<b>Annexure C: POPIA Supplier Notice and Consent Form</b>	Completed and signed
<b>Annexure D: NHC's Supplier Code of Conduct</b>	Completed and signed
<b>Annexure E: Supplier Evaluation Checklist</b>	Completed and signed
<b>Audited financial statements for the past two (2) years</b>	Submitted with quotation

Suppliers who comply with the above requirements will be considered for further evaluation.

##### 4.2 Phase 2: Price and specific goals

Suppliers who comply with the requirements of this bid will be evaluated according to the preference point scoring system as determined in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act No 5 of 2000.

Points for this RFQ shall be awarded for:

- a) Price; and
- b) Specific Goals (Refer to Annexure B: Preference points claim form)

The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Price</b>	80
<b>Specific Goals</b>	20
<b>Total points for Price and Specific Goals</b>	<b>100</b>

**5. BID AWARD**

Subject to Section 2(1)(f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, the RFQ will be awarded to the Supplier(s) who scores the highest points.

The successful Supplier will be required to sign an award letter and SBD 73. Contract for (Income-Generating Contracts).

**6. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

The General Conditions of Contract (GCC) will form part of this RFQ and may not be amended. A copy of the GCC may be obtained from National Treasury at [Microsoft Word - General Conditions of Contract PracNote9 of 2007-08 19-2-2008 .doc](#).



**SUPPLIER’S DISCLOSURE**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM**

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

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

**2. SUPPLIER’S DECLARATION**

2.1. Is the Supplier, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest<sup>1</sup> in the enterprise, employed by the state?  
**YES/NO**

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State Institution

2.2. Do you, or any person connected with the Supplier, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:

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





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

2.3.1. If so, furnish particulars

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.....

**3. DECLARATION**

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

- 3.1. I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3. The Supplier has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>2</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.5. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the Supplier, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.6. There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the Supplier with any official of the procuring institution in relations to its procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the Supplier was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.7. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and / or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for

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<sup>2</sup> Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

criminal investigation and / or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTIONS 03 OF 2021/2022 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

..... Signature:	..... Date:
..... Position:	..... Name of Supplier:



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

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

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

### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 **To be completed by the organ of state**

*(delete whichever is not applicable for this tender).*

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

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

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

1.4 **To be completed by the organ of state:**

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
<b>PRICE</b>	80
<b>SPECIFIC GOALS</b>	20
<b>Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS</b>	100



- 1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

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

## 3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

### 3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

**80/20**

**or**

**90/10**

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

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

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

#### 3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

**80/20                      or                      90/10**

$$P_s = 80 \left( 1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = 90 \left( 1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

Where

$P_s$  = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

$P_t$  = Price of tender under consideration

$P_{max}$  = Price of highest acceptable tender

### 4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:
- 4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
- (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
  - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,
- then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

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

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

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
B-BBEE Compliance Based on Section 10 of the B-BBEE Act (Act 53 of 2003 as amended by Act 46 of 2013) Level 1 = 10 pts Level 2 = 8 pts Level 3 = 6 pts Level 4 = 5 pts Level 5 = 4 pts Level 6 = 3 pts Level 7 = 2 pts Level 8 = 1 pt Non-compliant contributor = 0	10	
The promotion of SMME's	10	

#### DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

- 4.3. Name of company/firm.....
- 4.4. Company registration number: .....
- 4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM
- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
  - One-person business/sole propriety
  - Close corporation
  - Public Company
  - Personal Liability Company
  - (Pty) Limited
  - Non-Profit Company
  - State Owned Company
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]
- 4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:
- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
  - ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as



indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;

- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
  - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;
  - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;
  - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
  - (d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
  - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

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<b>SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)</b>	
<b>SURNAME AND NAME:</b>	.....
<b>DATE:</b>	.....
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	.....
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**POPIA: SUPPLIER NOTICE AND CONSENT FORM**

I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this consent form.

<b>Full Name (Print)</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Name of Company (If Applicable)</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

(Hereinafter referred to as the **"Data Subject"**)

A company / organisation duly incorporated under the laws of the Republic of South Africa, having its main place of business at:

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

with Registration number \_\_\_\_\_.

**Preparatory Statement**

Whereas the **"Data Subject"** is in agreement with the contents of this Notice and Consent Form and grants NHC permission to process certain confidential / personal information, for purposes of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ whereas the "Data Subject" is considering making an offer (the "Offer") to NHC on a solicited Bid/RFQ/RFP/RFI, subject to conducting due diligence, as a result of which certain confidential / personal information of the Data Subject may be disclosed to NHC.

The Data Subject hereby gives consent to the following:

Where the supplier is a juristic person, this consent applies to the personal information of its representative's directors, or employees whose data may be processed in the course of the procurement process

**1. Purposes**

NHC will process, including collect, personal information (as set out in point 2 below) for the following purposes:

- 1.1. Strategic sourcing
- 1.2. Procurement
- 1.3. Contract management
- 1.4. Supplier management
- 1.5. Invoice management
- 1.6. Debt recovery



1.7. Fraud prevention

1.8. Supplier discovery

The provision of personal information is voluntary. However, if personal information is not provided, NHC might not be able to perform the above-mentioned purposes.

**2. Legal basis for the processing**

Personal information is processed on the basis that:

- i) processing information is necessary for pursuing the NHC's legitimate interests (according to section 11(1) of the Protection of Personal Information Act, No 4 of 2013 (POPIA), which lies in achieving the purposes as set out in point 1 above,
- ii) processing is necessary to carry out actions for the conclusion or performance of "supply chain management functions" for which you are party (according to section 11(1)(b) of POPIA) or
- iii) processing complies with an obligation imposed by law on NHC (according to section 11(1)(c) of POPIA.

NHC process the following personal information (for specific natural or juristic person and can be used to identify you or that person):

2.1. Master data

- a) Name
- b) Addresses
- c) Contact numbers
- d) Email address
- e) Other contact details of the supplier
- f) Supplier primary contact person's name and contact information
- g) Job position and role / qualifications
- h) Partner roles of the suppliers needed for invoicing and ordering
- i) Identification / company registration number
- j) BBBEE status
- k) Central Supplier Database number

2.2. Accounting and payment information

- a) VAT and Income tax numbers



- b) Tax clearance pin
- c) Bank details
- d) Bank account type and number
- e) Name of the account holder
- f) Attachment of confirmation documents
- g) Terms of payment
- h) Accounting correspondence

2.3. Supplier classification

- a) Category
- b) Vender portfolio
- c) Product categories
- d) Main product category
- e) Additional product categories
- f) Vendor category

2.4. Declared conflict or potential conflict of interest

2.5. Information on goods and/or services offered by supplier

- a) Quantity and quality of offered goods and/or services
- b) Other commercial terms of the offer

2.6. Contract information

- a) Commercial terms of the contract
- b) Legal terms of the contract
- c) Any other contractual documentation
- d) Information about contract performance and instances of non-performance

**3. Retention periods**

Personal information will only be kept for as long as the NHC reasonably consider necessary for achieving the purposes set out in point 1 above and as is permissible under applicable laws. NHC will, in any case, retain personal information for as long as there are statutory retention obligations or potential legal claims are not yet time barred.

**4. Law enforcement**



NHC may disclose personal information if required:

- a) By a subpoena or court order
- b) To comply with any law
- c) To protect the safety of any individual or the public
- d) To prevent violation of supplier relation terms.

## 5. Regulators

NHC may disclose personal information as required by law or governmental audit.

## 6. Sharing

NHC may share personal information with:

- a) other divisions or public entities within the South African Government as the South African Weather Service (SAWS) is a Section 3(a) public entity under the Ministry of Environmental Affairs and is governed by a Board, so as to provide joint content and services like registration, for transactions and customer support, to help detect and prevent potentially illegal acts and violations of our policies, and to guide decisions about our products, services.
- b) an affiliate, in which case we will seek to require the affiliates to honour this privacy notice.
- c) our goods or services providers under contract who help provide certain goods or services or help with parts of our business operations, including fraud prevention, bill collection, marketing technology services (our contracts dictate that these goods or services providers only use information in connection with the goods or services they supply or services they perform for the SAWS and not for their own benefit).
- d) credit bureaus to report account information, as permitted by law
- e) banking partners as required by credit card association rules for inclusion on their list of terminated merchants (in the event that you utilize the services to receive payments and you meet their criteria)
- f) other third parties who provide us with relevant services, where appropriate.

## 7. Supplier rights

Under applicable law, you have, among others, the rights (under the conditions set out in applicable law):

- i) To check whether and what kind of personal data we hold about you and to request access to and the right to rectify the information collected
- ii) In certain circumstances, to object to the processing of personal information, in the prescribed manner, on reasonable grounds relating to your particular situation, unless legislation provides for such processing or to object for the purposes of direct marketing; or



iii) For complaints or queries, you may contact the Information Regulator:

**Address:** 33 Hoofd Street, Forum III, 3rd Floor, Braampark, Braamfontein, Johannesburg

**Email:** [inforeg@justice.gov.za](mailto:inforeg@justice.gov.za)

**Website:** <https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg>

## 8. Your obligations

You may only send us your own personal information or the information of another data subject where you have their permission to do so.

## 9. Security

We take the security of personal information very seriously and always do our best to comply with applicable data protection laws. Our website is hosted in a secure server environment that uses a firewall and other advanced security measures to prevent interference or access from outside intruders. We authorize access to personal information only for those employees who require it to fulfil their job responsibilities. We implement disaster recovery procedures where appropriate.

## 10. Data Storage

We will try to keep the personal information we collect as accurate, complete, and up to date as is necessary for the purposes defined in this notice. Please note that to better protect you and safeguard your personal information, please inform us of any required corrections to your personal information.

## 11. Limitation

We are not responsible for, give no warranties, nor make any representations in respect of the privacy policies/notices or practices of any third parties.

## 12. Enquiries

Any queries or concerns arising from this notice and consent from or the way in which NHC handle personal information, please contact the National Heritage Council as follows:

NATIONAL HERITAGE COUNCIL  
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Menlyn, Pretoria  
+27 12 748-3910  
Email: [enquiries@nhc.org.za](mailto:enquiries@nhc.org.za)

## Annexure D: NHC's Supplier Code of Conduct

### ADHERENCE TO THE NATIONAL HERITAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF ETHICS

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The National Heritage Council (NHC) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethics and integrity in all its operations. The Code of Conduct outlines the expectations and requirements for all suppliers, contractors and service providers (collectively referred to as "Suppliers") who wish to do business with the NHC.

#### 2. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Suppliers must comply with all applicable laws, regulations and standards, including but not limited to:

- 2.1. Section 195 and Section 217 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa
- 2.2. The Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (PRECCA)
- 2.3. The Public Financial Management Act, 1999 (PFMA)
- 2.4. The Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (POPIA)
- 2.5. Treasury Regulations as issued in terms of the PFMA
- 2.6. Any other legislative requirements conducting crime in public procurement.

#### 3. ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES

Suppliers are expected to conduct their business in an ethical manner and act with integrity. This includes:

##### 3.1 Anti-Corruption and Bribery

Suppliers must not engage in any form of bribery, corruption, or unethical practices. Offering, giving, receiving or soliciting any form of bribe or kickback is strictly prohibited.

##### 3.2 Fraud Prevention

Suppliers must not engage in fraudulent activities, including misrepresentation of facts, falsification of documents or any other form of deceit.

##### 3.3 Fair Competition

Suppliers must compete fairly and not engage in anti-corruptive practices.

#### 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST



Suppliers must avoid any conflict of interest that could impair their ability to act impartially and in the best interest of the NHC. Any potential conflicts of interest must be disclosed to the NHC immediately.

## **5. GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

Suppliers must not offer or accept gifts, hospitality or other benefits that could influence or appear to influence business decisions.

Acceptable tokens of appreciation must be of nominal value and in line with customary business practices.

## **6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION**

Suppliers must protect the confidentiality of all information received from the NHC and must not disclose any confidential information to third parties without prior written consent. Suppliers must also comply with all applicable data protection laws and regulations.

## **7. LABOUR PRACTICES**

Suppliers must uphold the highest standards of human rights and labour practices, including:

### **7.1. Non-Discrimination**

Suppliers must not discriminate against any employee or applicant based on race, gender, age, disability, religion or any other protected characteristic.

### **7.2. Fair Treatment**

Suppliers must treat all employees with respect and dignity and must not engage in any form of harassment or abuse.

### **7.3. Child Labour**

Suppliers must not use child labour and must comply with all applicable child labour laws.

## **8. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Suppliers must provide a safe and healthy working environment for their employees and comply with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations.

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Suppliers must comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations and strive to minimise their environmental impact.

## **10. REPORTING AND WHITLEBLOWING**





Suppliers must report any suspected violations of this Code of Conduct or any unethical behaviour to the NHC. The NHC is committed to ensure the confidentiality of reports received.

## 11. ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in the termination of the supplier's contract and other legal actions. The NHC reserves the right to audit and monitor compliance with the Code of Conduct.

Non-compliance with this Code of Conduct may result in:

- 11.1 Immediate termination of the supplier's contract;
- 11.2 Disqualification from future procurement opportunities with the NHC; and or blacklisting of the supplier and its directors with the relevant authority;
- 11.3 Reporting to relevant regulatory or law enforcement authorities;
- 11.4 Civil or criminal proceedings where applicable.

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to the conditions as stipulated in the Code of Conduct and are committed to oblige with the terms and conditions as specified in the Code of Conduct. I confirm that I have read and understand the terms and conditions as set out in the Code of Conduct and have the Power of Attorney to sign this document on behalf of the supplier.

<b>Full Name and Surname (Print):</b>	
<b>Designation / Role in company:</b>	
<b>Supplier Name:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

**Annexure E: Supplier Evaluation Checklist****SUPPLIER EVALUATION CHECKLIST**

<b>Supplier Name:</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Contact Details:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

Suppliers are required to tick the applicable box that is applicable to their environment. Failure to complete this checklist may request in the quotation to be regarded as a non-responsive quotation.

**1. COMPLIANCE WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)****1.1. SDG Alignment**

The supplier's operations align with the following SDGs (check all that apply):

- 1.1.1.  SDG 1: No Poverty
- 1.1.2.  SDG 2: Zero Hunger
- 1.1.3.  SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- 1.1.4.  SDG 4: Quality Education
- 1.1.5.  SDG 5: Gender Equality
- 1.1.6.  SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- 1.1.7.  SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- 1.1.8.  SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- 1.1.9.  SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- 1.1.10.  SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- 1.1.11.  SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- 1.1.12.  SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- 1.1.13.  SDG 13: Climate Action
- 1.1.14.  SDG 14: Life Below Water
- 1.1.15.  SDG 15: Life On Land
- 1.1.16.  SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- 1.1.17.  SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

**1.2. Sustainability Practices**

- 1.2.1.  The supplier has implemented sustainability practices in their operations.
- 1.2.2.  The supplier regularly monitors and reports on their sustainability performance.

**2. STRATEGIC GOALS****2.1. Small, Medium, Macro Enterprise (SMME) Status**



2.1.1.  The supplier qualifies as an SMME:

Micro enterprises	Annual turnover of R 500k per annum
Very small enterprises	Annual turnover between R 500k and R 2,5 million per annum
Small enterprises	Annual turnover between R 2,5 million and R 10 million per annum
Medium enterprises	Annual turnover between R 10 million and R 20 million per annum

2.1.2.  The supplier is registered with the relevant SMME authorities.

**2.2. HDI Status**

2.2.1.  The supplier qualifies as an HDI.

**2.3. HDI Categories** (check all that apply):

- 2.3.1.  Black
- 2.3.2.  Coloured
- 2.3.3.  Indian
- 2.3.4.  Women
- 2.3.5.  Youth
- 2.3.6.  Persons with Disabilities
- 2.3.7.  Rural
- 2.3.8.  Unemployed
- 2.3.9.  Township

**2.4. Support for SMMEs and HDIs**

2.4.1.  The supplier actively supports and collaborates with other SMMEs and HDIs.

2.4.2. The supplier participates in initiatives aimed at promoting SMMEs and HDIs as per the following categories (check if applicable):

- a)  Black
- b)  Coloured
- c)  Indian
- d)  Women
- e)  Youth
- f)  Persons with Disabilities
- g)  Rural
- h)  Unemployed
- i)  Township

**DECLARATION**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information provided in this checklist is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

<b>Full Name and Surname (Print) of Representative:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

## Annexure F: Specifications / Terms of Reference

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF AN AI-ENABLED MEETING TRANSCRIPTION AND MINUTE DRAFTING TOOL

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The NHC is a Schedule 3A public entity, and an agency of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.

The mandate of the NHC which is drawn from the White Paper on Arts and Culture is contained in Section 4 of the National Heritage Council Act no. 11 of 1999 as per the objects of the Act as stated below:

- 1.1. To develop, promote and protect the national heritage for present and future generations.
- 1.2. To coordinate heritage management.
- 1.3. To protect, preserve and promote the content and heritage which resides in orature in order to make it accessible and dynamic.
- 1.4. To integrate living heritage with functions and activities of the Council and all other heritage authorities and institutions at national, provincial and local levels.
- 1.5. To promote and protect indigenous knowledge systems including but not limited to enterprise and industry, social upliftment, institutional framework and liberatory processes: and
- 1.6. To intensify support for the promotion of history and culture of all our peoples and particularly to support research and publications on enslavement in South Africa

#### 2. SPECIFICATION

The tool must be offering advanced capabilities for collaboration, security, and scalability. It must supports up to 1000 participants per meeting, unlimited chat with guests, and 10 GB of cloud storage per user,

##### 2.1 Scope of Supply:

The supplier must provide an AI-enabled transcription and minutes drafting solution capable of recording, transcribing, summarising and exporting minutes for full-day board meetings. The solution:

- a) Must generate accurate transcripts and structured meeting minutes from spoken conversation.
- b) Must support continuous recording and transcription of meetings up to at least 8 hours without additional licensing tiers, session restarts or per-hour charges.
- c) Must not require the purchase of a separate enterprise collaboration suite (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Microsoft 365 Enterprise) unless it is included as part of the AI transcription solution.



- d) The AI-enabled tool must be compatible with Microsoft 11.

## 2.2 AI-Enabled Transcription and Language Support

The solution must support transcription of at minimum the following languages:

- a) English (South African accents)
- b) IsiZulu
- c) Sesotho / Setswana
- d) Afrikaans

The supplier must:

- a) Provide a list of supported languages with documented accuracy levels per language.
- b) Demonstrate sample transcripts in each required language combination. Transcripts may contain mixed-language phrases. Compliance will be tested on a set of sample recordings prior to award.

## 2.3 Licensing and Usage Terms

- a) Licenses must be sufficient for up to 50 named users (administrators and end users combined).
- b) The solution must include unlimited meeting recording and transcription (no per minute fees that push cost above the threshold).
- c) The supplier must confirm that no additional fees (e.g. per transcript, per minute, per storage used) apply beyond the quoted contract price.

## 2.4 Data Protection and Compliance

- a) The supplier must confirm full compliance with POPIA and relevant data protection laws.
- b) Meeting data, recordings and transcripts must remain the property of the NHC.
- c) The provider may not use any recordings or transcripts for AI training purposes unless explicit, signed consent is obtained from the entity.
- d) Data must be encrypted in transit and at rest, and the data hosting location must be disclosed.

## 2.5 Testing and Demonstration

- a) **Mandatory Functional Test:** Prior to award and as part of the proposal, the supplier must include a link or video clip of a live demonstration using sample audio files. The demonstration must show:



- (i) Continuous transcription of a sample meeting of ≥30 minutes with mixed languages.
- (ii) Generation of a structured meeting minutes summary with decisions, actions and attendees clearly identifiable.

### 3. COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS

The Following must be included on the quotation:

- a) The supplier must provide a stand-alone AI-enabled meeting transcription and minute-drafting solution.
- b) The solution must not require the procurement of an enterprise collaboration platform, productivity suite or additional third-party software (e.g. Microsoft 365 Enterprise, Microsoft Teams Enterprise, Copilot, Zoom Enterprise) to function.
- c) Pricing must be fixed and inclusive of all applicable taxes. The request is for a once-off purchase with no variable, usage-based, per-minute per-hour, per-meeting or per transcription fees that could increase the contract value.
- d) The solution must include licensing for a minimum of fifty (50) named users, inclusive of administrators and end-users. No additional user, role-based or administrative licensing fees may apply outside the quoted price.
- e) The solution must support continuous recording and transcription of meeting lasting a minimum of eight (8) consecutive hours without session termination, forced restarts or additional licensing or cost implications.
- f) The solution must be capable of automatically generating structured meeting minutes, including agenda discussion summaries, key decisions taken and action items with responsibilities (where identifiable).
- g) The solution must be web-based (SaaS) and accessible via standard web browsers (Chrome and Microsoft Edge) and/or available via mobile application (iOS and Android preferred). No on-premises infrastructure or specialized hardware may be required.
- h) The supplier must comply fully with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA). All meeting recordings, transcripts and AI-generated outputs remain the exclusive property of the NHC, may not be used for AI training, analytics or any secondary purpose by the supplier and must be encrypted in transit and at rest.
- i) The supplier must disclose the data hosting location.
- j) The supplier must include once-off onboarding and user training within the quoted price. Training may be delivered virtually and must cover recording meetings, generating transcripts and drafting and exporting minutes.
- k) The suppliers must indicate the expected delivery and activation period not exceeding 7 calendar days from the date of purchase order or contract signature.



l) The supplier must submit official product documentation for the AI-enabled transcription and minute-drafting solution offered. The documentation must be in the form of one or more of the following:

- An official product brochure.
- A technical specification sheet, or
- An official manufacturer pr developed data sheet.

The NHC reserves the right to validate claims made in the brochure or specifications will result in disqualification.

m) Where the bidder is not the original developer of manufacturer of the solution, the supplier must provided proof of authorisation or partnership with the product owner and confirmation that the supplier is authorised to licence, implement and support the solution in South Africa.

#### 4. QUOTATION FORMAT

The quotation should be clear and itemized using the table below.

No	Pricing Component	Unit / Scope	Notes
4.1	Provision of AI-enabled transcription tool with full functionality, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Automatic transcription</li> <li>- Meeting minutes drafting</li> <li>- Speaker labelling</li> <li>- Standard reporting and exports</li> </ul>	Fixed rate for 36 months (covering all users and usage as per specification).	Price must be all-inclusive, no additional fees for usage, users or standard functionality
4.2	Implementing and onboarding, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Installation and configuration</li> <li>- Initial training sessions</li> <li>- User manuals and guides (in English)</li> </ul>	Once-off	Must be included in the fixed rate
4.3	Support and maintenance for the duration of the contract, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Software updates</li> <li>- Technical support</li> </ul>	36 months	Must be included in the fixed rate.

No	Pricing Component	Unit / Scope	Notes
	- Issue resolution		

Failure to include all the items listed in the table above in your quotation may result in disqualification.

## 5. ENQUIRIES

For more information, please send an email to:

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