

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEPELLE NORTHERN WATER					
BID NUMBER:	LNW 07/22/23	CLOSING DATE:	12 May 2023	CLOSING TIME:	11H00am
DESCRIPTION	PANEL OF ATTORNEYS FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT NO.01 LANDROS MARE STREET					
LEPELLE NORTHERN WATER HEAD OFFICE					
01 LANDROS MARE SREET					
POLOKWANE					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Nthabeliseni Monyayi		CONTACT PERSON	Motatetsi Mantsho	
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NAME OF BIDDER					
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
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]	
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	
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) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.					

PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:	
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2.	ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4.	THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3	APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA .
2.4	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.6	WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7	NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

LEPELLE NORTHERN WATER



TENDER NO: LNW 07/22/23

PROJECT NAME: APPOINTMENT OF PANEL OF ATTORNEYS FOR THE
PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO LEPELLE NORTHERN WATER

CLOSING DATE: 12 MAY 2023 @ 11:00am

ISSUED BY:

LEPELLE NORTHERN WATER

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NAME OF TENDERER: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____ (incl. VAT)

Panel of Attorneys Specification

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1. BACKGROUND

Lepelle Northern Water (“LNW”) requires legal support and representation in several specialized legal fields, as specified in the table 1 below on below. While LNW has competent in-house Legal Unit with experience in many of these areas, we seek to augment our existing capabilities by being able to draw upon the resources of outside legal expertise when needed. Bidders should be a registered practicing firm of attorneys in good standing with the Legal Practice Council (“LPC”) and South African Revenue Services (“SARS”).

2. SPECIFICATION

Bids are hereby invited from professionally registered practicing firm of attorneys in good standing with the LPC to the panel of legal services attorneys to represent and provide legal support to LNW on legal matters. LNW expects from time-to-time legal support, assistance, and legal representation in several areas, as specified in the table one 1 below. While the LNW has a competent in-house Legal Unit with experience in many of these areas, we seek to augment our existing capabilities by being able to draw upon the resources of outside legal experts when needed and as and when legal representation is required. It is expected that the panel of attorneys shall be always available to provide the services diligently and in a professional manner.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work for the project entails the following details below on table 1 (one):

Table 1: Scope of Work

No	Area of Work	Scope of Work	Skills required	YES OR NO
1	Commercial law	a) Draft and/or vet service level agreements and other contracts as may be required, including the provision of opinion and advise relating to	a) Experience in working in transactions of a commercial law nature.	

		<p>matters unique to agreements for the public sector in general and specific to the operational requirements of the LNW.</p> <p>b) Generally, advise on all commercial matters relating to (but not limited to) tax law, and commercial litigation where applicable.</p>	<p>b) Experience in providing advice in general commercial law.</p> <p>c) Experience in drafting complex commercial contracts.</p> <p>d) Excellent research and drafting skills, for purposes of preparing legal opinions of a commercial and/or corporate law nature.</p> <p>e) Ability to work and deliver specific outputs on time.</p>	
2.	Civil litigation	<p>a) Provide opinions, advisory and litigation services where applicable in respect of the regulatory framework that pertains to the LNW and its mandate.</p> <p>b) Institute and defend litigious matters by and against LNW in various courts/forums or tribunals on behalf of LNW.</p> <p>c) Develop and review appropriate litigation strategies on each matter.</p> <p>d) Ensure effective and efficient litigation process is followed.</p> <p>e) Collect legal costs.</p> <p>f) Provide custody of all pleadings and documents in litigation matters.</p>	<p>a) Experience and knowledge of litigation processes and procedures in various forums including but not limited to the Constitutional Court, SCA, Labour Court, High Court and Magistrate Court/ forums/tribunals.</p>	

		g) Provide oral and written legal advice throughout litigation process.		
3.	<p>Debt collection</p> <p>Debt collection shall be managed in terms of the Debt Collectors Act, 1998 (Act No.114 of 1998) as amended and the Government Gazette no 36515 on regulation related to the Debt Collectors.</p>	<p>a) Advise on all Debt Collection matters.</p> <p>b) Recover debts on behalf of LNW in line with the Debt Collectors Act, 1998 (Act No.114 of 1998).</p> <p>c) Institute debt collection matters in various courts/forums on behalf of LNW.</p> <p>d) Develop debt recovery strategies for LNW.</p> <p>e) Attend to legal recoveries on behalf of the LNW. Must have in-depth knowledge of litigation procedure in High Court and Magistrates' as well as the relevant legislation and case law in the recovery process. Practical knowledge of the recoveries process in respect of Debt Collection including but not limited to knowledge and application of the National Credit Act, the PFMA and the Consumer Protection Act.</p>	a) Experience and knowledge of debt collection.	
4.	Labour and Employment	<p>a) Provide labour related advice and/or legal opinions on labour and employment law related matters (strikes, collective bargaining, restructuring disputes, over interpretation and application of collective agreements, litigation in all labour tribunals and courts <i>et cetera</i>)</p> <p>b) Act as presiding officer or initiator in disciplinary matters/proceedings against employees of LNW.</p>	<p>a) Experience in labour and employment law litigation.</p> <p>b) Understanding of the regulatory framework governing public entities.</p> <p>c) Understanding of labour and employment law jurisprudence for purposes of providing legal advice.</p>	

		<p>c) Act as appeal authority for disciplinary appeals and grievances <i>et cetera</i>.</p> <p>d) Representing the LNW at arbitrations, the labour court and other forums for labour disputes/ alternative dispute resolution.</p> <p>e) Advice on the law relating to retirement funding and employee benefits.</p>	<p>d) Knowledge of Bargaining Council, CCMA and other dispute resolution fora.</p>	
5.	Property and intellectual property law and conveyancing	<p>a) Provide legal opinions and advice on all aspects of intellectual property law.</p> <p>b) Render all professional services required, including but not limited to drafting and/or vetting agreements, registration services, <i>et cetera</i>.</p> <p>c) Provide legal advice to LNW relating to the registration of LNW's property portfolio (servitudes, movable and immovable property).</p> <p>d) Assisting in the structuring and drafting of property transactions</p> <p>e) Register property and or patents /copyrights on behalf of LNW.</p> <p>f) Protect and enforce intellectual property rights on behalf of LNW.</p>	<p>a) Experience in conveyancing and/or structuring of property transactions.</p> <p>b) Experience in registering/ protecting and/or enforcing property and intellectual property.</p>	
6.	Criminal cases	<p>a) Provide legal representation to employees of LNW at criminal courts</p>	<p>a) Experience and knowledge of criminal law and the justice system</p>	

NOTE Table 1: For each area of work discipline required indicate by marking yes or no on table above. Bidders are only allowed to choose a maximum of two (2) work areas. Selecting more than two (2) fields and not marking yes or no will invalidate the bid. Failure to adhere to this requirement will lead to disqualification.

4. **OUTPUT**

Requires legal support and representation in a number of specialized legal fields;

6. **PRICING SCHEDULE**

Pricing Schedule is attached as **annexure A** and must be completed in full and Signed.

7. **PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

The normal LNW process will be followed in line with the company's SCM policy and -procedures with no deviations from the normal anticipated.

8. **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Preferential Points System will be used to evaluate this bid in line with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act,2022. Bidders will be evaluated on mandatory first, then functionality and only those qualifying by achieving the minimum cut off point of 70 will be evaluated further on administrative compliance and then price and preference points allocation as the final stage.

THIS BID WILL BE EVALUATED AND ADJUDICATED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Relevant specifications
2. Value for money
3. Capability to execute the contract
4. LNW SCM Policy
5. PPPFA & associated regulations

9.1. Mandatory requirements (Pre-qualification)

The following is a list of the information to be provided by the bidder. A proposal that does not include the information required below will be deemed non-responsive and subject to disqualification. In setting forth its qualification, each firm shall provide, concise but adequate detail, the information sought below:

- i. Only law firms which are registered and in good standing with the Legal Practice Council (LPC) will be considered and / or appointed. Firms should attach :
 - proof of registration with LPC,
 - letter of good standing with LPC
 - and a valid fidelity certificate.
- ii. Scope of work table 1 is completed with yes or no on only two (2) criteria.
- iii. Proof of registration on the Central Suppliers Database (CSD) subject to verification online.
- iv. Bidder must submit a business profile with clear description of the management and organogram of the firm and detailing the number and identity of partners, associates, assistants and candidate attorneys. The business profile must also describe the specialized services which the firm could provide to the LNW as per table 1 above.
- v. The bidder must state under oath on an affidavit any potential conflict of interest that the bidder may have in providing services to LNW. The affidavit must be submitted together with the bid document:
 - Discuss fully any conflict of interests, actual or potential, which might arise in connection with your firm's involvement with LNW. If your firm believes that a conflict of interest might arise, please describe how such conflict would be resolved.
 - Each firm must certify in writing that its representation of LNW will not create any conflict of interest involving that firm including taking instructions but not limited against LNW.
 - Identify any past, pending or threatened Court litigation and or disciplinary proceedings to which you or any of your partners are or were a party and which may affect your reputation and/or could either materially impair your ability to perform the services envisaged herein and for which this bid was issued, or will and /or might materially adversely affect the financial condition of your firm.
- vi. The JV agreement for JV partners to be submitted indicating percentage split up to 100% for partners to render agreement valid.

(Only applicable to JV Bidders)

- vii. All bid documents must be completed in BLACK ink where applicable; (No tampering of bid documents with either correction fluid, sticky papers or any other thing which can indicate that the bid document has been tampered with). Any cancellation and scratching on the bid document signatures are required next to the cancellation. Failure to adhere to the requirements bidders will be disqualified.
- viii. Bidders must submit one original bid document marked original, a copy of the original bid document marked copy and a soft copy in a form of a CD/USB containing all the bid document. If there is any difference between the Original Bid document and a copy, the Original Bid Document will be considered.
- ix. Key Personnel ('s) Proof of academic qualifications certified not older than 3 months at the closing date of the bid.
- x. Proof of location not older than Three (3) months
- xi. Fully completed and signed Pricing Schedule

NB: Failure to comply with any of the above requirements will lead to disqualification of the tenderer.

9. BID EVALUATION METHOD

Bids will further be evaluated in terms of Method 4:

- i. Stage 1: Evaluation on Functionality Minimum of 70 points to be scored to be considered responsive
- ii. Stage 2: Evaluation on Price and Preference Points Allocation (As per the Preferential Procurement regulations 2022) 80/20 or 90/10.

10. STAGE 1 EVALUATION ON FUNCTIONALITY

Under functionality, Bidders must achieve a minimum of 70 points of functionality to be considered for further evaluation in stage 2.

EVALUATION PROCESS. All submissions duly lodged will be evaluated on functionality as pre-qualifying criteria. The evaluation criteria and points for measuring functionality are indicated below.	Points
Company Experience: Reflecting Area of Work 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five (5) Reference letters with Five (5) and above cases successful handled (20 points)	20

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) Reference letters with Four (4) cases successful handled (15 points) • Three (3) Reference letters with Three (3) cases successful handled (10 points) • Two (2) Reference Letters with Two (2) cases successful handled (5 Points) • Less than Two (2) Reference Letters with less than Two (2) cases successful handled (0 Points) <p>Failure to submit letters with 2 elements from table 1 above will lead to disqualification.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bidders must attach proof of positive and relevant signed reference letters on a client's letter head stating the nature of work successfully completed on behalf of the said clients to score points. (The letter must clearly state the name of the company, nature of work, list cases handled and status, the responsible project manager and contact details.) Bidders who select more than one field should submit positive and relevant reference for both fields. Bidders will not score points for company experience for submitting reference letters that are not relevant to the preferred field on table 1 above. <p>NB: The reference provided may be subject to verification</p>	
<p>Company Experience: Reflecting Area of Work 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five (5) Reference letters with Five (5) and above cases successful handled (20 points) • Four (4) Reference letters with Four (4) cases successful handled (15 points) • Three (3) Reference letters with Three (3) cases successful handled (10 points) • Two (2) Reference Letters with Two (2) cases successful handled (5 Points) • Less than Two (2) Reference Letters with less than Two (2) cases successful handled (0 Points) <p>Failure to submit letters with 2 elements from table 1 above will lead to disqualification.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bidders must attach proof of positive and relevant signed reference letters on a client's letter head stating the nature of work successfully completed on behalf of the said clients to score points. (The letter must clearly state the name of the company, nature of work, list cases handled and status, the responsible project manager and contact details.) Bidders who select more than one field should submit positive and relevant reference for both fields. 	<p>20</p>

<p>d) Bidders will not score points for company experience for submitting reference letters that are not relevant to the preferred field on table 1 above.</p> <p>NB: The reference provided may be subject to verification</p>	
<p>Key Personnel Experience: Area of Work 1</p> <p>Above 10 years = 10 Points</p> <p>0-9 Years= 0 points</p> <p><i>No points will be allocated if no organogram (with specific job title indication for this specific key personnel) attached with certified ID copies not older than 3 months from the closing of the bid.</i></p>	10
<p>Key Personnel Experience: Area of Work 2</p> <p>Above 10 years = 10 Points</p> <p>0-9 Years= 0 points</p> <p><i>No points will be allocated if no organogram (with specific job title indication for this specific key personnel) attached with certified ID copies not older than 3 months from the closing of the bid.</i></p>	10
<p>Qualifications of the Key Personnel: Area of Work 1</p> <p>The key personnel must have relevant qualifications in the field of Law and points will be allocated as follows:</p> <p>NQF level 10 and above= 15 points</p> <p>NQF level 8-9= 10 points</p> <p>NQF level 6-7= 5 Points</p> <p>NQF Level 5 and below= 0 Points</p> <p>Bidders must attach proof of academic qualifications certified not older than 3 months at the closing date of the bid.</p>	15
<p>Qualifications of the Key Personnel: Area of Work 2</p> <p>The key personnel must have relevant qualifications in the field of Law and points will be allocated as follows:</p> <p>NQF level 10 and above= 15 points</p> <p>NQF level 8-9= 10 points</p> <p>NQF level 6-7= 5 Points</p>	15

NQF Level 5 and below= 0 Points Bidders must attach proof of academic qualifications certified not older than 3 months at the closing date of the bid.	
Location of the Law Firm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Firm located within Limpopo = 10 Points ➤ Firm located outside Limpopo = 5 Points Municipal rates account of not more than three months old or lease agreement with account statement or stamped letter from tribal authority must be attached to proof location.	10
Total Points	100
Threshold Points	70

11. STAGE 2 EVALUATION ON PRICE AND PREFERENCE POINTS ALLOCATION

Stage 2: Evaluation on Price and Preference Points Allocation (As per the Preferential Procurement regulations 2022) 80/20 or 90/10

1. Financial offer and Preference Points Allocation
2. Score tender evaluation points for financial offer.
3. Confirm that tenderers are eligible for the Preference Points Allocation (As per the
4. Preferential Procurement regulations 2023) claimed, and if so, score tender evaluation points.
5. Calculate total quotation evaluation points.
6. Rank quotations offers from the highest number of tender evaluation points to the lowest.
7. Recommend the quotation with the highest number of quotation evaluation points for the award of the contract, unless there are compelling and justifiable reasons not to do so.

NB: NO TENDERS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE (see definition on SBD 4 attached)

Score the financial offers of remaining responsive tender offers using the following formula:

N_{FO} = $W_1 \times A$ where:

N_{FO} = the number of tender evaluation points awarded for the financial offer.

W_1 = the maximum possible number of tender evaluation points awarded for the financial offer as stated in the Tender Data.

A = a number calculated using either formulas 1 or 2 below as stated.

Formula	Basis for comparison	Option 1	Option 2
1	Highest price or discount	$(1 + \frac{(P - P_m)}{P_m})$	P/P_m
2	Lowest price or percentage commission/fee	$(1 - \frac{(P - P_m)}{P_m})$	P_m/P

where:

P_m = the comparative offer of the most favorable tender offer.

P = the comparative offer of tender offer under consideration.

12. STAGE 3 PREFERENCE POINTS ALLOCATION

The 80/20 or 90/10 Preferential Point System will be used to evaluate the bid.

Table 2: Preference Points Allocation (As per the Preferential Procurement regulations 2022)

#	Specific Goals	Means of verification	80/20	90/10
1	Disability (Minimum of 1 shareholder ownership in the company)	CSD Report	5	2.5
2	Black women (100% Black women ownership in the company)	CSD Report	5	2.5
3	Black ownership (100% black ownership in the company)	CSD Report	5	2.5
4	Black Youth (Minimum of 1 shareholder Black youth ownership in the company)	CSD Report	5	2.5
	Total Points		20	10

The points scored by the tenderer in respect of the level of Preference Points Allocation must be added to the points scored for price.

13. STAGE 4 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE

Only to be requested from the preferred bidder within 48 hours.

- i) Complete all SBD forms.
- ii) Letter of Good standing, COIDA
- iii) Company registration documents
- iv) Certified valid ID copies of the company shareholders not older than 3 months.

NOTE:

- a) All the above administrative compliance documents will be requested from the preferred bidder if not submitted with the tender document and failure to submit within 48hrs will lead to disqualification.***
- b) The JV agreement for JV partners to be submitted indicating percentage split up to 100% for partners to render agreement valid (Point will be allocated as per pro rata (proportional) JV percentage split).***
- c) The JV partners must submit both mandatory documents for each Company.***
- d) Preferred JV bidder will be required to submit a JV bank account and VAT number.***
- e) The bidders must comply with all terms and condition including requirements as stipulated in the Tender Documents to be evaluated further.***
- f) LNW is not compelled to accept the lowest or any bid.***
- g) LNW reserves the right to reduce the scope of works due to budget constraint or reduction of scope by client.***
- h) Bidders will be subjected to risk assessment, verification, and arithmetic check.***

14. CONTRACTING CONDITIONS

1. The appointed firm or firms of attorneys shall benchmark with the guideline tariffs issued by the Legal Practice Council of South Africa, although tariffs should not compromise the standard of service to be delivered.
2. Statement of any special consideration with respect to billing or payment of fees and expenses that your firm offers and that you believe would differentiate it from other proposers and make your firm's services more cost effective for LNW.
3. Notwithstanding the rates of the firm reflected in its proposal issued:

- a) The firm acknowledges that amount of work, if any that will be instructed to attend will be depended *inter alia* on its rates;
- b) LNW will only pay disbursements, in addition to agreed rates that have been incurred. Proof of all disbursements must be attached to the statement of account;
- c) The fee notes submitted shall be in itemized form and clearly indicating the actual work done;
- d) The firm may submit interim bills to LNW at appropriate intervals during the course of each matter as appropriated
- e) In the event that LNW is successful in any litigation and costs are awarded to it, those costs shall be for the account of LNW outlay in covering the firm's costs. The service provider must ensure collection of the said legal costs immediately they are awarded by the Court.
- f) The firm shall promptly advise LNW of any award of costs against it or in its favour in any matter;
- g) LNW shall exercise its best endeavours to settle any invoices sent to it by the firm within 30 days of receipt of same, any delays shall be communicated to the law firm and reasons thereof. The firm will not be entitled to charge interest on any unpaid bills unless specifically agreed with the LNW.
- h) Briefing of Junior/Junior Senior or Senior Advocates will be done in consultation with LNW. The Services provider should not brief advocates without the consent of the Manager Legal Services of LNW. The fee structure of the advocate will be discussed first before any brief could be made.

TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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

- 1 In order to meet this requirement bidders are required to complete in full the attached form TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate Requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit bids.
- 2 SARS will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of approval.
- 3 The original Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted together with the bid. Failure to submit the original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate will result in the invalidation of the bid. Certified copies of the Tax Clearance Certificate will not be acceptable.
- 4 In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.
- 5 Copies of the TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" form are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website www.sars.gov.za.
- 6 Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website www.sars.gov.za.

Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate

Purpose

Select the applicable optionTenders ☐ Good standing ☐

If "Good standing", please state the purpose of this application

Particulars of applicant

Name/Legal name (Initials & Surname or registered name)			
Trading name (if applicable)			
ID/Passport no		Company/Close Corp. registered no	
Income Tax ref no		PAYE ref no	7
VAT registration no	4	SDL ref no	L
Customs code		UIF ref no	U
Telephone no	CODE - NUMBER	Fax no	CODE - NUMBER
E-mail address			
Physical address			
Postal address			

Particulars of representative (Public Officer/Trustee/Partner)

Surname			
First names			
ID/Passport no		Income Tax ref no	
Telephone no	CODE - NUMBER	Fax no	CODE - NUMBER
E-mail address			
Physical address			

Tender number

Estimated Tender amount R ,

Expected duration of the tender year(s)

Date started	Date finalised	Principal	Contact person	Telephone number	Amount

Are you currently aware of any Audit investigation against you/the company?.....

If "YES" provide details

YES	NO
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I the undersigned confirm that I require a Tax Clearance Certificate in respect of or .

I hereby authorise and instruct to apply to and receive from SARS the applicable Tax Clearance Certificate on my/our behalf.

Signature of representative/agent

- -

Date

Name of representative/agent

I declare that the information furnished in this application as well as any supporting documents is true and correct in every respect.

Signature of applicant/Public Officer

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Name of applicant/
Public Officer

1. It is a serious offence to make a false declaration.
2. Section 75 of the Income Tax Act, 1962, states: Any person who
 - (a) fails or neglects to furnish, file or submit any return or document as and when required by or under this Act; or
 - (b) without just cause shown by him, refuses or neglects to-
 - (i) furnish, produce or make available any information, documents or things;
 - (ii) reply to or answer truly and fully, any questions put to him ...As and when required in terms of this Act ... shall be guilty of an offence ...
3. **SARS will, under no circumstances, issue a Tax Clearance Certificate unless this form is completed in full.**
4. Your Tax Clearance Certificate will only be issued on presentation of your South African Identity Document or Passport (Foreigners only) as applicable.

SBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written price quotation). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-
 - the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
 - the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.
2. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**
 - 2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:
 - 2.2 Identity Number:.....
 - 2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder², member):
 - 2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:
 - 2.5 Tax Reference Number:
 - 2.6 VAT Registration Number:
 - 2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / PERSAL numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

¹"State" means –

- (a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (b) any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) provincial legislature;
- (d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
- (e) Parliament.

²"Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state? **YES / NO**

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:

Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed :

Position occupied in the state institution:

Any other particulars:

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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? **YES / NO**

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid document? **YES / NO**

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months? **YES / NO**

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES/NO

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

3 Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

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4 DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS
DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

November 2011

Multi-Company Declaration Forms

The purpose of this declaration form is to provide detail to the state entity (LNW) the multi companies a director or an individual may own, the ownership maybe in the many forms (shareholding in a registered company-CIPC, director of a Trust, Company-CIPC, Partnership member or Sole Proprietor).

The information requested must be completed in full and signed by the concerned party:

Name of Company	Co. Registration No.	Registration Date	Shareholder Initial & Surname	% owned	Identity Number	Physical Address

I, the undersigned (full name).....

Certify that the information furnished on this declaration form is true and correct.

I accept that, in addition to cancellation of a contract, action may be taken against me should this declaration prove to be false.

I also confirm that i will immediately inform Lepelle Northern Water if any declared information above changes in the next six (06) months.

NB. NOTE THAT IF SHAREHOLDERS OR DIRECTORS BELONG TO MORE THAN ONE COMPANY, BOTH COMPANIES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED.

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER: BID NO.: **LNW 07/22/23**

CLOSING TIME 11:00

CLOSING DATE: **12 May 2023**

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 150 **DAYS** FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM DESCRIPTION
NO : **LNW 07/22/23:PANEL OF ATTORNEYS FOR PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES**
BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY **(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.

2. Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project.

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3. PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)

4. PERSON AND POSITION

HOURLY RATE

DAILY RATE

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5. PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT

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5.1 Travel expenses (specify, for example rate/km and total km, class of airtravel, etc). Only actual costs are recoverable. Proof of the expenses incurred must accompany certified invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED

RATE

QUANTITY

AMOUNT

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TOTAL: R.....

Name of Bidder:

** "all applicable taxes" includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance contributions and skills development levies.

- 5.2 Other expenses, for example accommodation (specify, eg. Three star hotel, bed and breakfast, telephone cost, reproduction cost, etc.). On basis of these particulars, certified invoices will be checked for correctness. Proof of the expenses must accompany invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
.....	R.....
.....	R.....
.....	R.....
.....	R.....
TOTAL: R.....			

6. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid
 7. Estimated man-days for completion of project
 8. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract? *YES/NO
 9. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.

***[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]**

Any enquiries regarding bidding procedures may be directed to the –

Nthabeliseni Monyayi
 Lepelle Northern Water,
 No, 01 Landros Mare Street
 Polokwane 0699
 Tel. 015 295 1850

Or for technical information –

Motatetsi Mantsho
 Lepelle Northern Water,
 No, 01 Landros Mare Street
 Polokwane 0699
 Tel. 015 295 1804

This document must be signed and submitted together with your bid

THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

The National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme, which is applicable to all government procurement contracts that have an imported content, became effective on the 1 September 1996. The NIP policy and guidelines were fully endorsed by Cabinet on 30 April 1997. In terms of the Cabinet decision, all state and parastatal purchases / lease contracts (for goods, works and services) entered into after this date, are subject to the NIP requirements. NIP is obligatory and therefore must be complied with. The Industrial Participation Secretariat (IPS) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is charged with the responsibility of administering the programme.

1 PILLARS OF THE PROGRAMME

- 1.1 The NIP obligation is benchmarked on the imported content of the contract. Any contract having an imported content equal to or exceeding US\$ 10 million or other currency equivalent to US\$ 10 million will have a NIP obligation. This threshold of US\$ 10 million can be reached as follows:
 - (a) Any single contract with imported content exceeding US\$10 million.
or
 - (b) Multiple contracts for the same goods, works or services each with imported content exceeding US\$3 million awarded to one seller over a 2 year period which in total exceeds US\$10 million.
or
 - (c) A contract with a renewable option clause, where should the option be exercised the total value of the imported content will exceed US\$10 million.
or
 - (d) Multiple suppliers of the same goods, works or services under the same contract, where the value of the imported content of each allocation is equal to or exceeds US\$ 3 million worth of goods, works or services to the same government institution, which in total over a two (2) year period exceeds US\$10 million.
- 1.2 The NIP obligation applicable to suppliers in respect of sub-paragraphs 1.1 (a) to 1.1 (c) above will amount to 30 % of the imported content whilst suppliers in respect of paragraph 1.1 (d) shall incur 30% of the total NIP obligation on a *pro-rata* basis.
- 1.3 To satisfy the NIP obligation, the DTI would negotiate and conclude agreements such as investments, joint ventures, sub-contracting, licensee production, export promotion, sourcing arrangements and research and development (R&D) with partners or suppliers.

- 1.4 A period of seven years has been identified as the time frame within which to discharge the obligation.

2 REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

- 2.1 In order to ensure effective implementation of the programme, successful bidders (contractors) are required to, immediately after the award of a contract that is in excess of **R10 million** (ten million Rands), submit details of such a contract to the DTI for reporting purposes.

- 2.2 The purpose for reporting details of contracts in excess of the amount of R10 million (ten million Rands) is to cater for multiple contracts for the same goods, works or services; renewable contracts and multiple suppliers for the same goods, works or services under the same contract as provided for in paragraphs 1.1.(b) to 1.1. (d) above.

3 BID SUBMISSION AND CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF BIDDERS AND SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS (CONTRACTORS)

- 3.1 Bidders are required to sign and submit this Standard Bidding Document (SBD 5) together with the bid on the closing date and time.

- 3.2 In order to accommodate multiple contracts for the same goods, works or services; renewable contracts and multiple suppliers for the same goods, works or services under the same contract as indicated in sub-paragraphs 1.1 (b) to 1.1 (d) above and to enable the DTI in determining the NIP obligation, successful bidders (contractors) are required, immediately after being officially notified about any successful bid with a value in excess of R10 million (ten million Rands), to contact and furnish the DTI with the following information:

- Bid / contract number.
- Description of the goods, works or services.
- Date on which the contract was accepted.
- Name, address and contact details of the government institution.
- Value of the contract.
- Imported content of the contract, if possible.

- 3.3 The information required in paragraph 3.2 above must be sent to the Department of Trade and Industry, Private Bag X 84, Pretoria, 0001 for the attention of Mr Elias Malapane within five (5) working days after award of the contract. Mr Malapane may be contacted on telephone (012) 394 1401, facsimile (012) 394 2401 or e-mail at Elias@thedti.gov.za for further details about the programme.

4 PROCESS TO SATISFY THE NIP OBLIGATION

- 4.1 Once the successful bidder (contractor) has made contact with and furnished the DTI with the information required, the following steps will be followed:
- a. the contractor and the DTI will determine the NIP obligation;
 - b. the contractor and the DTI will sign the NIP obligation agreement;

- c. the contractor will submit a performance guarantee to the DTI;
- d. the contractor will submit a business concept for consideration and approval by the DTI;
- e. upon approval of the business concept by the DTI, the contractor will submit detailed business plans outlining the business concepts;
- f. the contractor will implement the business plans; and
- g. the contractor will submit bi-annual progress reports on approved plans to the DTI.

4.2 The NIP obligation agreement is between the DTI and the successful bidder (contractor) and, therefore, does not involve the purchasing institution.

Bid number Closing date:.....

Name of bidder.....

Postal address

Signature..... Name (in print).....

Date.....

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

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

- 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

- a) The value of this bid is estimated **to exceed/ not to exceed** R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the **80/20 or 90/10** preference point system shall be applicable; or
- b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	90/80
PREFERENCE POINTS	10/20
Total points for Price and preference points must not exceed	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means:
 - 1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
 - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
 - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) **“QSE”** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (j) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\
 P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) & \text{or} & P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)
 \end{array}$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration
 P_t = Price of bid under consideration
 P_{\min} = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

- 4.1 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.)

#	Specific Goals	Means of verification	80/20	90/10
1	Disability (Minimum of 1 shareholder ownership in the company)	CSD Report	5	2.5
2	Black women (100% Black women ownership in the company)	CSD Report	5	2.5
3	Black ownership (100% black ownership in the company)	CSD Report	5	2.5
4	Black Youth (Minimum of 1 shareholder Black youth ownership in the company)	CSD Report	5	2.5
	Total Points		20	10

5. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

5.1 Name of
company/firm:.....

5.2 VAT registration
number:.....

5.3 Company registration
number:.....

5.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
☐ One person business/sole propriety
☐ Close corporation
☐ Company
☐ (Pty) Limited

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5.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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5.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

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

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

5.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the
company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of
contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies
the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we 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 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT
July 2010

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 “Closing time” means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 “Contract” means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 “Contract price” means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 “Country of origin” means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 “Day” means calendar day.
 - 1.8 “Delivery” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 “Delivery ex stock” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the

RSA.

- 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such

obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

- 1.25 “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier’s performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier’s records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
 - (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
 - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or

analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

- 11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

- 12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take

such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract amendments

- 18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

- 19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

- 20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the

supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- (a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any

person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:

- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
- (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
- (iii) the period of restriction; and
- (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which

may be due to him

25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

- 26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
- (a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - (b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

	(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.
29. Governing language	29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.
30. Applicable law	30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
31. Notices	<p>31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice</p> <p>31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.</p>
32. Taxes and duties	<p>32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.</p> <p>32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.</p> <p>32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.</p>
33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)	33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices	<p>34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).</p> <p>34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.</p>

- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.