



PSiRA
Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT THE ONLINE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF 60 MONTHS.

[PSiRA/2025/RFB/25]

Date Issued: [11 MARCH 2026]

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Bid Validity Period: [120 days]

TENDER BOX ADDRESS:

PSiRA Head Office: 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Block B – Eco Glades 2 Office Park, Highveld Ext 70, Centurion.



CHECKLIST OF COMPULSORY RETURNABLE SCHEDULES & DOCUMENTS/REQUIREMENTS

YES	NO	DOCUMENTATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD 1: Invitation to Bid.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD 3.1: Pricing Schedule.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD 4: Declaration of Interest.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD 6.1: Preference Claim Forms in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Conditions of Contract (All pages to be initialed and last page signed by the bidder).
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Sealed and clearly marked bids indicating the bid Reference No. i.e. PSiRA/2025/RFB/25 must be deposited in the PSiRA Head Office tender box located at **420 Witch Hazel Avenue, Eco Glades, Block B2, Eco Park, Centurion, Pretoria**- before the closing date and time.

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to service providers on how to compile a compliant bid proposal.

Bids/Forms will be considered to be fully completed when signed and the following are specified/ reflected and submitted:

- SBD 1: Invitation to Bid**
- Supplier information.
 - Signed on page 2.

- SBD 3.1: - Pricing Schedule**
- Total bid price must be reflected on the form.
 - Company name reflected on the form.
 - Persons who will be involved in the project and rates applicable.
 - Phases according to which the project will be completed, cost per phase and man-days to be spent.
 - Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid.
 - An indication that the bid price is fixed or not, if not for the full period, provide details.
 - Estimated man-days for completion of project.

- SBD 4: - Declaration of interest**
- All questionnaires must be answered on:
- Paragraph 2: 2.1 and 2.1.1.
 - Paragraph 2.2 and 2.2.1.
 - Paragraph 2.3 and 2.3.1
 - Paragraph 3
 - Signed, dated, position specified, and name of bidder specified.

- SBD 6.1:** Preference Claim Forms in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022
- Paragraph 4.1: Completion of table 1.
 - Declaration with regards to company/firm (paragraph 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4).
 - Signature(s) of tenderer(s), surname and name, date and address.

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1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this tender is to appoint a suitable **Service Provider** to **implement the Online Learning Management System for a period of 60 months** and to ensure operational stability and continuous support.

2. INTRODUCTION.

The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) is mandated to regulate and uphold the integrity, professionalism, and competence of the private security industry in South Africa. In accordance with Section 4(k) of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act, No. 56 of 2001, PSiRA is required to take all reasonable measures related to the training of security service providers and prospective security service providers, with the aim of ensuring high-quality training standards. This includes monitoring and auditing training activities conducted by accredited Security Training Providers, promoting excellence in training, and enhancing training delivery through the implementation of a modern Learning Management System (LMS).

The Learning Management System (LMS) is intended to serve as a strategic digital platform that enables Security Training Providers to effectively deliver, manage, and oversee accredited training programmes in compliance with PSiRA's regulatory framework. The proposed system must offer secure and scalable capabilities to facilitate online training delivery, ensuring seamless access to learning content by accredited Security Training Providers. The LMS must include the following key functional components:

- **Online Training Access:** The system must provide secure and scalable access to training modules for Training Providers, allowing them to manage and deliver content efficiently to their learners.
- **AI-Enhanced Visual Content Support:** The system must support the integration and delivery of interactive, AI-driven training content that enables Training Providers to offer dynamic and engaging learning experiences tailored to their operational requirements.
- **Modular, Cloud-Based Architecture:** The solution must be modular and cloud-based to allow flexible deployment, efficient content management, mobile accessibility, and real-time reporting on learner activity and performance analytics.

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The implementation of this LMS will ensure consistency, quality, and accessibility in training delivery across the industry, while providing PSiRA with the necessary tools to monitor, audit, and evaluate the performance of accredited Security Training Providers.

3. SCOPE OF WORK.

- 3.1 The successful service provider will be required to deliver the following scope of work:
 - 3.1.1 The proposed system must be a **proven, well-tested solution** that has been successfully deployed in environments similar to that of PSiRA and Universities.
 - 3.1.2 The system must be provided as a **Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)** solution and should include the following:
 - 3.1.2.1 Deploy a Learning Management System (LMS) that is aligned with PSiRA's **functional requirements, branding guidelines, and instructional design needs.**
 - 3.1.2.2 Host the LMS on a secure and scalable cloud infrastructure.
 - 3.1.2.3 Ensure the system supports standard interoperability protocols.
 - 3.1.3 The bidder must provide an **accredited panel of LMS trainers**, supported by **certification and/or letters confirming their accreditation by the OEM or license holder**, who will be responsible for ensuring that **PSiRA-accredited Training Providers and instructors** are trained in the **full use of the Learning Management System (LMS) framework** and receive **ongoing training and support.**
 - 3.1.4 The proposed solution must be a fully supported and commercially licensed SaaS platform. The system must not be based on open-source framework or related.

4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

- 4.1 The Core System Functionalities.
 - 4.1.1 The Learning Management System (LMS) must be delivered as a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution, hosted on a secure and scalable cloud platform, preferably Microsoft Azure or Amazon Web Services (AWS). The service provider is expected to assist PSiRA in designing the system architecture.
 - 4.1.2 All system data must be stored within South Africa to comply with local data protection and sovereignty laws.
 - 4.1.3 The LMS must support the following core functionalities:

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- a. User Onboarding: Enable registration of Training Providers, instructors, and support to learners.
- b. Supports onboarding of Training Providers, instructors, and learners.
- c. Provides tools for creating and managing courses and multimedia content.
- d. Allows structured learning paths with prerequisites and module sequencing.
- e. Includes integrated assessment tools compatible with PSiRA's Assessment System.
- f. Offers collaboration features such as forums, messaging, and announcements.
- g. Provides real-time analytics and reporting on learner progress and engagement.
- h. Uses role-based access control for different user types.
- i. Integrates with external systems via RESTful APIs and LTI (v1.1 & v1.3).
- j. Offers mobile app access (iOS, Android, HarmonyOS) with offline learning support.
- k. Enables e-commerce for purchasing PSiRA learning materials.

4.1.4 Creation of Course Marketplace on the LMS

- a. The LMS must provide a fully integrated course marketplace with bulk purchasing, enrollment, invoicing, customizable storefronts, shopping cart functionality, promotions, analytics, and support for digital credentials such as open badges and micro-credentials,
- b. and API access for third-party systems.

4.1.5 Learning Content Creation

The LMS must provide integrated tools to support rich media-based content including:

- a. support for Video and audio uploading or recording multimedia,
- b. embedding interactive video quizzes in videos,
- c. generating automated captions and transcripts,
- d. and centrally managing media assets across courses.

4.2 Technical Integrations

- ### 4.2.1 Online Assessment System Integration: Integration with existing Online Assessment systems via APIs.

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4.2.2 Video Conferencing: Seamless integration with popular video conferencing platforms (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet).

4.2.3 Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI): Support for common eLearning interoperability standards such as SCORM, xAPI, and LTI (v1.1, v1.3).

4.2.4 API Access:

- a. Comprehensive API for custom integrations and development.
- b. Comprehensive API for micro-credentials and digital badging.
- c. Comprehensive API for course marketplace.
- d. Comprehensive API for native video creation studio.
- e. Comprehensive API for data access with low latency.

4.3 Trainers

4.3.1 The bidder must demonstrate the capability to provide a **panel of LMS trainers**, comprising a **minimum of five (5) trainers**, that meets all the requirements outlined in this section.

4.3.2 The Authority accredited over **7100 instructors** and over **1700 Training Providers** across South Africa.

4.3.3 Training Delivery Requirements:

- a. The bidder must provide panel of LMS trainers who will deliver comprehensive training to **PSiRA-accredited Training Providers, administrators, instructors**, and other designated personnel on the use and operation of the **Learning Management System (LMS)**.
- b. Training must be delivered through both **on-site (in-person)** and **online (virtual)** modalities to ensure accessibility across all provinces and accommodate varying operational needs.

4.3.4 Geographical Coverage Requirements:

- a. The bidder's **panel of LMS trainers** must have a national footprint and the capacity to train PSiRA-accredited Training Providers and Instructors in **all nine (9) provinces**.

4.4 Technical Support:

4.4.1 Provide 24 x 7 Local technical support to both PSiRA Admin Team and Security Training Instructors (South African time zone).

4.5 Scalability and Concurrent Learning Support:

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- 4.5.1 The system must be available 24 x 7 – 365 days a year.
- 4.5.2 The LMS must be built to support:
- a. **high concurrent usage**, including at least **100,000 learners per month** with stable performance (e.g., live sessions, course launches).
 - b. **Load-balanced Architecture**: The platform must employ auto-scalable, load-balanced cloud architecture (e.g., Azure or AWS).
 - c. **Session Management**: Must ensure efficient session management so learners can resume without interruption.
 - d. **Content Delivery Optimization**: must use **CDNs** for optimized content delivery and low-latency access nationwide (geographical regions in South Africa).
 - e. **Performance Monitoring**: Provide access to real-time performance dashboards displaying but not limited to system load, active user sessions, response times, and incident tracking.
 - f. **Uptime and SLA**: The platform must maintain a minimum uptime of **99.8%**, with status pages and proactive incident reporting.
- 4.6 Failover and Redundancy Requirements:
- 4.6.1 The bidder must provide a detailed explanation of the system's failover and redundancy design, including hosting locations, redundancy type, POPIA-compliant data storage, automatic failover response times, and measures to ensure business continuity and data integrity.
- 4.7 Auditing of the System
- 4.7.1 The system must provide comprehensive auditing of all activities done by staff and clients including but not limited to:
- a. capturing both reading and write actions,
 - b. lifecycle-long audit logs,
 - c. while allowing for additional audit requirements and recommended log data to be incorporated during development and maintenance.

5. PROJECT PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGY.

- 5.1 The successful bidder must implement the project using the Agile Software Development approach.
- 5.2 **Post Go-Live Support**



5.2.1 The successful bidder shall provide post go-live support (“handholding”) for a minimum period of three (3) months after the go-live date to resolve all implementation, operational, and production issues. Thereafter, normal technical support will apply.

5.3 **Maintenance and Support**

5.3.1 The bidder shall provide ongoing support and maintenance for the system for the entire duration of the contract at no additional cost to PSiRA.

5.4 **Contract Termination**

5.4.1 The bidder shall ensure that, upon expiry or termination of the contract, all system data (including the database) is transferred to PSiRA. The database shall be provided in SQL format, including all logs and related artifacts within **14 calendar days**.

5.4.2 Provide reasonable technical assistance to PSiRA to ensure smooth migration to another service or system.

5.4.3 Provide a **written data deletion certificate** confirming that all PSiRA data has been permanently removed from the service provider’s systems and backups, except where retention is required by law.

6. IMPLEMENTATION COSTS AND BILLING.

6.1 The bidder must clearly specify the per-user billing model for active learners. Charges must be scalable based on user volume, with provisions for tiered pricing and inactive user handling.

6.2 The bidder must also complete the required pricing table and specify whether licensing is billed per enrolment or through another method.

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA.

7.1 CRITERIA 1- MANDATORY RETURNABLE REQUIREMENTS.

Bidders will first be evaluated on terms of the minimum requirements / gatekeepers. Bidders who do not fulfil all the requirements or do not submit the required documents will be disqualified. Those who fulfil all the minimum requirements or have submitted the required documents will be further evaluated on **criterion 2** - which is the technical evaluation.

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The RFP must be submitted in the prescribed format. These standard-bidding documents include the following:

- a. SBD 1 – Invitation to Bid.
- b. SBD 3.1 - Pricing Schedule.
- c. SBD 4 - Declaration of Interest.
- d. SBD 6.1 - Preference Points Claim Form.
- e. General Conditions of Contract (ALL pages to be initialed and last page must be signed by the service provider).
- f. Terms of reference (ALL pages to be initialed and last page must be signed by the service provider).
- g. Attendance of Compulsory briefing session.

7.1.1 **Conditions of Tender.**

- All forms must be completed and signed. Incomplete and unsigned forms will be disqualified.
- Failure to comply with the mandatory requirements will lead to disqualification.
- Failure to initial each page of the TOR and GCC will lead to disqualification.
- Failure to sign the TOR and GCC will lead to disqualification.
- An exit clause, exercisable after 36 months, will form part of the agreement with the successful service provider, subject to a formal performance evaluation and in accordance with contractual and governance provisions.

7.2 **CRITERIA 2 – FUNCTIONALITY.**

Functionality is worth **70** points for criteria 2. The minimum threshold for criteria 2 is **60** points. Bidders who score less than **60** points on criteria 2 will therefore be disqualified. Those who score **60** points or more will be further evaluated in Criteria 3 - Presentation. The functionality evaluation is broken down as follows:

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<p>EXPERIENCE OF BIDDER</p> <p>1. The bidders OEMs and/or Bidders are required to submit three (3) reference letters from previous or current clients that demonstrate their relevant experience. These letters must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be printed on the official letterhead of the client. • Clearly state the name of the OEM and/or Bidder. • Specify the number of years the client has worked with the OEM and/or Bidder. • Explicitly confirm that the Learning Management System (LMS) was implemented by the OEM and/or Bidder. <p>2. Each reference letter must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not be older than five (5) years from the closing date of the RFP submission. • Be signed by the authorising party. • Include valid and contactable details of the referee (such as full name, designation, email address, and telephone number). <p>Points allocation (15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 points for each valid reference letter submitted ✓ Zero points will be scored if all information is not provided including the modules implemented. <p><i>Note: PSiRA may verify the information provided; and if your referee does not confirm the information provided, the reference will not be considered.</i></p>	<p>15</p>	
<p>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The bidder must present a Project plan to demonstrate the provision of the service as stipulated in the TOR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2 points for project methodology and, ✓ 3 points for project plan (as per the TOR) and detailed time frames of rolling out the solution. 	<p>10</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 points for Project Manager – Cv of the individual who will serve as the Project Manager with minimum of 5 years as a Project Manager. 		
<p>PANEL OF LMS TRAINERS</p> <p>The bidder must demonstrate the ability to provide a panel of LMS trainers who will deliver training to all PSiRA-accredited instructors and Training Providers, in accordance with clause 3.1.3.</p> <p>The bidder is required to submit certification/letters issued by the LMS OEM\License Holder, confirming that the trainers are accredited and authorised to deliver training on the LMS, for a minimum of five (5) trainers forming part of the panel of LMS trainers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 10 points – OEM or license-holder accreditation submitted for at least five (5) accredited trainers in the panel of LMS trainers ✓ 15 points - OEM or licence-holder accreditation submitted for more than five (5) accredited trainers in the panel of LMS trainers 	15	
<p>GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE</p> <p>The bidder must demonstrate that the panel of LMS trainers has the capacity to deliver training across South Africa.</p> <p>Bidders must submit proof of residence or operational presence (e.g. municipal accounts, lease agreements, or landlord confirmation letters) for members of the panel of LMS trainers, indicating the provinces in which they are based.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 5 points for coverage of 5 provinces, ✓ 6 points for coverage of 6-7 provinces, ✓ 10 points for coverage of 8-9 provinces. 	10	

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<p>IMPLEMENTATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The appointed service provider must be able to implement the system within a maximum of three (3) months from the date of signing the Service Level Agreement (SLA). Failure to deliver the system within the stipulated timeframe will result in a penalty of 20% of the value of the outstanding deliverables per month of delay, calculated against the affected project milestones. Bidders are required to submit a signed declaration on their company letterhead, confirming their commitment to deliver the solution within the specified readiness timeframe. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #cccccc;">Description</th> <th style="background-color: #cccccc;">Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ready for implementation within 1 month</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ready for implementation within 2 months</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ready for implementation within 3 months</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Description	Points	Ready for implementation within 1 month	10	Ready for implementation within 2 months	5	Ready for implementation within 3 months	3	10					
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7.3 CRITERIA 3 – LIVE PRESENTATION.

The presentation component is worth **30 points**, with a **minimum threshold of 20 points**. Bidders who score **less than 20 points** in the presentation will be **disqualified**, as this indicates that they have not demonstrated the ability to deliver in accordance with the minimum requirements.

For bidders who score **20 points or more**, their presentation scores will be **combined with the scores from Criterion 2 (Technical Evaluation)**, based on the minimum threshold of each criterion. These bidders will then proceed to be evaluated further in terms of **price and specific goals**.

The Presentation evaluation is broken down as follows:

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7.4 CRITERIA 4 – PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS.

- i. All bidders who achieve a minimum qualifying score on criteria 2 and 3: technical and presentation evaluation will further be evaluated in terms of price and specific goals as specified below:

CRITERIA	POINTS	
Price	80	90
Specific Goals	20	10
Total points	100	100

- ii. Specific goals for this tender and points that may be claimed are specified below:

SPECIFIC GOALS	POINTS	POINTS
Size of the company as per the CSD report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points for EME • 3 points for QSE • 1 point for GE 	5	2
Black ownership as per the CSD report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 points for 100% black owned • 5 points for 75%- 99% black owned • 3 point 50% - 74% black owned • 1 point 1% - 49% black owned • 0-point 0% black owned 	7	5
Women ownership as per the CSD report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points for 75% - 100% women owned • 3 points for 51% - 74% women owned • 1 point for Below 51% women owned • 0 point for no woman ownership 	5	3
People with disabilities	3	0
Total	20	10

iii. Price Calculation 80/20 or 90/10

The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price.

$$Ps = 80 \left[\frac{1 - (Pt - Pmin)}{Pmin} \right]$$

$$Ps = 90 \left[\frac{1 - (Pt - Pmin)}{Pmin} \right]$$

Where:

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Rand value of bid under consideration

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Pmin = Rand value of lowest acceptable bid

8. COMPLIANCE.

- The proposal must conform to the minimum requirements as set out in this document.
- This document will be a binding contract between the successful service provider and PSiRA once the proposal has been accepted by the organization.

9. PSiRA RIGHTS.

Notwithstanding anything else in this Request for Proposal (RFP), and without limiting its rights at law or otherwise, PSiRA reserves the right, in its absolute discretion at any time:

- a. Cancel or call for new Tenders or RFP.
- b. To appoint more than one bidder or contractor.
- c. Reject any RFP received after the Closing Time.
- d. Consider and accept or reject any alternative tender.
- e. Alter the structure and/or the timing of this RFP or the Tendering Process.
- f. Reject any RFP that does not comply with the requirements of this RFP.
- g. Terminate the participation of any Bidder or any other person in the Tendering Process.
- h. Vary or extend any time or date specified in this RFP for all or any Bidder or other persons.
- i. Cease to proceed with or suspend the Tendering Process prior to the execution of a formal written contract.
- j. Require additional information or clarification from any Bidder or any other person or provide additional information or clarification.
- k. It is crucial that bidders take note that any communication must be directed to SCM, any queries regarding this bid directed to a member not within the SCM department will be noted and may cause the bid to be cancelled.
- l. PSiRA is not obliged to accept the lowest or any bid thereof and reserves the right to withdraw this bid.**

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10. GENERAL INFORMATION.

- a. Bid documentation will be made available from National Treasury E-Tender Website, ready to be downloaded by bidders.
- b. All compulsory forms contained in the bid documentation must be completed and signed in full.
- c. Received bids will be opened in public on the closing date at 11h30.
- d. Bids should be submitted at the correct address, before or on the closing date and time. No late bids will be accepted under any circumstance.
- e. Only original bid documents will be accepted. No e-mailed or posted copies will be accepted (one original, one copy and USB).
- f. Bidders may make use of courier services and must confirm bid acknowledgement with SCM office.
- g. Sealed and clearly marked bids indicating the Bid Reference No. i.e. **PSiRA/2025/RFB/XX** must be deposited in the PSiRA Head Office tender situated at 420 Witch Hazel Avenue, Eco Glades, Block B2, Eco Park, Centurion, Pretoria.

11. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

- a. The bidder is required to confirm that it will hold its proposal valid for 120 days from the closing date of the tender, during which time it will remain without change, their proposed rates and prices as well as proposed personal.
- b. Bidders are required to submit 2 indexed hard copy (1 original and 1 copy) and 1 USB containing the original proposal (bidders must ensure that the documentation on the USB are the same as the one submitted as a hard copy document).
- c. Should there be a necessity to provide specific training, details should be listed and priced (if needed).
- d. All queries must send to Supply Chain Department: bids@psira.co.za

12. CONTACT INFORMATION.

The contact person for this assignment (Technical Enquiries):

Mr Hofney Moepi |Email: bids@psira.co.za

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Bidding Procedures Enquiries:

Ms. Nkhuliseni Masikhwa |Tel: 012 003 0524 |Email: bids@psira.co.za

Mr. Kenny Makoena |Tel: 012 337 5689 |Email: bids@psira.co.za

Mr Hofney Moepi
Chairperson

(Bid Specification Committee)

Signature

25/02/2026

Date

Name of Service provider

Service provider's Signature

Date

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	PSiRA/2025/RFB/25	CLOSING DATE:	09 APRIL 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT THE ONLINE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF 60 MONTHS.				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
PSIRA HEAD OFFICE: 420 WITCH HAZEL AVENUE					
BLOCK B – ECO GLADES 2 OFFICE PARK					
HIGHVELD EXT 70					
CENTURION					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Ms. Nomathemba Mendu		CONTACT PERSON	Mr. Hofney Moepi	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 003 0521/0524/0495		TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 003 0521/0524/0495	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	bids@psira.co.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	bids@psira.co.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
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
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?		<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	
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 PIN 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:

**PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES
(PURCHASES)**

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

Name of bidder.....	Bid number: PSiRA/2025/RFB/25
Closing Time 11:00	Closing date: 09 April 2026

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 120 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY ** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
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APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT THE ONLINE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF 60 MONTHS.

- Required by: **PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (PSiRA)**
- At: **PSiRA Head Office**
- Brand and model
- Country of origin
- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? *YES/NO
- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s)
- Period required for delivery
*Delivery: Firm/not firm
- Delivery basis

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

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

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ 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 / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship

¹ 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 course and decisions of the enterprise.

with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 Does the bidder 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 bidder 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 consortium² 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.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring

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

institution in relation to this 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 bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

- 3.6 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 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 INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature Date

.....
Position Name of bidder

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

This preference form must form part of all 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

a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** preference point system.

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
PRICE	80	90
SPECIFIC GOALS	20	10
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100	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

- (a) **“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;
- (b) **“price”** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) **“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
- (e) **“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:

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

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:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \\ \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} \end{array}$$

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
- Pt = Price of tender under consideration
- Pmax = 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 allocated (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of claimed points (To be completed by the tenderer)
100% Black ownership	7	5	
>75% Women ownership	5	3	
Enterprise size (EME)	5	2	
People with disabilities	3	0	

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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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)	
SURNAME AND NAME:
DATE:
ADDRESS:

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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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** 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
- 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.
- 32. Taxes and duties** 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 33. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme** 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** 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).
- 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.

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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.

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Signature

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Name of bidder