



forestry, fisheries & the environment

Department:
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

INVITATION TO BID

BID NUMBER: DFFE-RFQ007 (22/23)

APPOINTMENT OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO IDENTIFY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIMAL BENEFITS THAT COMMUNITIES CAN DERIVE FROM BARBERTON MAKHONJWA MOUNTAINS WORLD HERITAGE SITE BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY NODE LOCATED WITHIN EHLANZENI DISTRICT IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE, SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOP TWO PROJECT-BASED COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS PLANS TO BE TESTED TO THE MARKET, OVER A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) MONTHS.

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NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Company name	Supplier registration number	Unique reference number	
			Main contractor
			Sub-contracted/ joint venture comp 1
			Sub-contracted/ joint venture comp 2

CLOSING DATE OF THE BID: 28 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 11H00

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	DFFE-RFQ007 (22/23)	CLOSING DATE:	28 SEPTEMBER 2022	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
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BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
Department of Environmental Affairs; The Environment House,					
473 Steve Biko Road; Cnr Soutpansberg and Steve Biko Road, Arcadia Pretoria /Tshwane					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Mr Hector Muthabo or Ms Vonani Rikhotso or Ms Tlotlo Thupe or Mmamotshela Seema		CONTACT PERSON	Ms Tseleng Mabunda	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 399 9671/9670		TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 399 9595	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A	
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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
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?

☐ YES ☐ NO

IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?

☐ YES ☐ 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:

.....

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER:	BID NO: DFFE-RFQ007 (22/23)
CLOSING TIME 11h00	CLOSING DATE: 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR120.....DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

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**(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.
2. Total Bid price

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*[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]

Any enquiries regarding bidding procedures may be directed to the –

Department of Forestry Fisheries and the Environment

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Tel: (012) 399 9670/9671/9055

E-mail: vrikhotso@dffe.gov.za or MThupe@dffe.gov.za or mseema@dffe.gov.za

Or for technical information –

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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:

.....

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 2017

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

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, 2017.

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).

1.21.2

- a) The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or

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	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE 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:

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

80/20 or 90/10

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 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5. BID DECLARATION

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . = maximum 20 points

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(**Tick applicable box**)

YES		NO	
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted %

ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....

iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....

iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(**Tick applicable box**)

YES		NO	
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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		

Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
☐ One person business/sole propriety
☐ Close corporation
☐ Company
☐ (Pty) Limited
☐ [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Manufacturer
☐ Supplier
☐ Professional service provider
☐ Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
☐ [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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

8.8 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

1.
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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (DFFE) AS AN ORGAN OF STATE SUBSCRIBES TO AND PROPAGATES BOTH THE NOTION OF BROAD BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ACT, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003) (BBBEE), THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000) AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

APPOINTMENT OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE FEASIBILITY STUDY TO IDENTIFY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIMAL BENEFITS THAT COMMUNITIES CAN DERIVE FROM BARBERTON MAKHONJWA MOUNTAINS WORLD HERITAGE SITE BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY NODE LOCATED WITHIN EHLANZENI DISTRICT IN THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCE, SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOP TWO PROJECT-BASED COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS PLANS TO BE TESTED TO THE MARKET, OVER A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) MONTHS.

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To appoint a service provider to develop a comprehensive feasibility study to identify economic opportunities and optimal benefits that communities can derive from Barberton Makhonjwa mountains world heritage site biodiversity economy node located within Ehlanzeni district in the Mpumalanga province, subsequently develop two project-based comprehensive business plans to be tested to the market over a period of seven (7) months.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1. South Africa's natural capital, in the form of ecosystems, biodiversity and natural resources underpins the economy and wellbeing of society. Over the last twenty years there has been increased recognition of the value of biodiversity in quantifiable economic terms, and its essential role in promoting sustainable development and poverty alleviation. Biodiversity conservation is not only a key issue in the South African environmental arena, but the use of biological resources has been identified as a key economic strategy of millions of rural dwellers in South Africa.
- 2.2. The National Biodiversity Economy Strategy (NBES) and its implementation plan (Biodiversity Lab Outcomes) has identified, amongst others, the operationalisation of eleven Biodiversity Economy Nodes (BENs) in the nine (9) provinces of South Africa by the year 2030 as key in transforming the wildlife, bioprospecting and ecotourism sector and develop rural economies. Biodiversity Economy Nodes can be described as areas that possess exceptional biodiversity and natural assets, such as protected areas and game reserves, undeveloped and marginal communal areas with some of the most outstanding game experiences and activities. This land parcels have potential for well-developed wildlife, ecotourism and bioprospecting products supported by other sectors such as agriculture, energy, fisheries, forestry etc. BENs are platforms that provide networks to enable market access, skills transfer, creating supply chain linkages thereby achieving economies of scale especially for local SMMEs operating within it
- 2.3. The process to operationalising a BEN include the pooling together of resources from different stakeholders (NGOs, NPOs, Municipalities, Government entities, Government departments, Private consultants, etc.) and appointing champions to facilitate the alignment of key sector interventions from the different sectors to avoid duplicating efforts, and to ensure that an enabling environment is created for node projects to get the necessary support. Consequently, key indicators of a fully-operationalised BEN includes a clearly defined and mapped area, a Nodal Steering Committee with approved Terms of References, BEN champion(s), business plans for wildlife/ecotourism and bioprospecting ventures within the BEN and implementation plans for the BEN
- 2.4. The Department has prioritised Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site located within the Ehlanzeni District -City of Mbombela Local Municipality in the Mpumalanga Province. Below is a brief description of Barberton-Makhontjwa BEN:
 - 2.4.1. Background of Barberton-Makhontjwa Mountains World Heritage Site BEN
 - 2.4.2. The Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains are located in north-eastern South Africa (Mpumalanga Province), against the north-western border of Eswatini. The Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains

World Heritage Site received inscription in July 2018 at the 42nd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee held in the Kingdom of Bahrain in Manama. An area of about 113 137 ha was inscribed with land ownership varying from (State; Private/corporate; communal trusts and CPA (Communal Property Association) The Department of Economic Development and Tourism, as the Organ of state was declared by DFFE: Minister as the management authority for the BMM-WHS in terms of section 8 of the WH Convention Act, 1999 (Act No.49 of 1999). The MEC: DEDT then assigned the management authority to Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA).

2.4.3. Tourism is a significant driving force for the planned geosites of the World Heritage Site to develop and facilitate tourism, culture, conservation and related economic development in the area. In such a way that the natural, ecological and cultural diversity and integrity of the BMM-WHS is maintained and managed in a sustainable way, to give effect to the values of the World Heritage Convention Act. The area is surrounded by communities who seek to benefit economically (directly or indirectly) from this proclamation. This inscription is a major accomplishment which will no doubt contribute towards future socio economic growth of the region and boosting of tourism numbers to the province. Thus an economic study is required to determine the economic opportunities that can be unlock within and outside of this world heritage site to enhance community participation in the mainstream economy.

2.5. By undertaking of this project, the DFFE will be able to determine the maximum contribution the area might have towards the attainment of the Department's vision to ensure the sustainable utilisation of biological resources by communities to sustain their livelihoods.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. To appoint a suitable and qualified service provider, for a maximum period of seven (7) months, to assist the Department with the following:
 - 3.1.1. To develop a comprehensive feasibility study to determine optimal economic opportunities and benefits that communities can derive from Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site biodiversity economy node located within Ehlanzeni District in Mpumalanga Province
 - 3.1.2. To develop two (2) project based comprehensive business plan
 - 3.1.3. To initiate engagements with potential investors; and
 - 3.1.4. To set up governance structures for the respective community owned enterprises

4. SCOPE AND EXTENT OF WORK

- 4.1. Situational Analysis
 - 4.1.1. A situational analysis is to be conducted for Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site biodiversity economy node located within Ehlanzeni District in Mpumalanga Province covering but not limited to geographical and physical environment, socio-economic environment, natural and cultural assets, economic environment, economic opportunities within the biodiversity economy (wildlife, ecotourism and bioprospecting) and other opportunities, existing infrastructure and technology, institutional/legal environment, current developmental

programmes, current planning and programme framework, and any key issues and challenges. The situational study should consider studies that have been undertaken previously.

- 4.2. Feasibility study-The feasibility study should include but not limited to the following;
- 4.2.1. A strategic planning context - this requires a description of how the proposed projects within the BEN will support the current development priorities within the Protected Areas which is an anchor for a BEN, the economy at a Municipal and the Provincial level. The projects must be contextualised within the relevant Integrated Development Plans and other applicable planning frameworks, where they exist.
 - 4.2.2. A legal and site review - This must confirm the institution / community's rights to tenure and rights to enter into agreement for the identified projects amongst other consideration.
 - 4.2.3. Existing economic opportunities - confirmation of the current economic activities covering different sectors. Where business enterprises within the biodiversity economy (wildlife, ecotourism and bioprospecting) exists, a detailed background of each existing business enterprise and what is needed to for these enterprises to optimally capture the market should be indicated.
 - 4.2.4. Identify specific and implementable projects within Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains World Heritage Site biodiversity economy node that are compatible with conservation and linked to, but not limited to:
 - i. DFFE Biodiversity economy strategy
 - ii. DFFE Biodiversity economy lab outcomes
 - iii. Community based Natural Resource Management projects
 - iv. Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Projects (EPIP)
 - v. Coastal economy, where applicable
 - vi. Heritage
 - vii. Land restitution and reform
 - viii. Co-management agreements
 - ix. Protected area expansion and community benefit
 - x. Studies that have been undertaken previously within the respective areas
 - xi. Integrated Development Plan of the District and Local Municipalities
 - xii. Integrated Management Plan for tourism
 - xiii. Initiatives implemented by the other government Department, private sector NGO's etc, within the area
- 4.3. Value Chain Management Analysis- This required conducting an analysis on value chain opportunities for procurement of standard list of goods and services within local communities
- 4.4. A brief concept proposal for newly identified biodiversity economy-based business opportunities is required: this should indicate the following aspect: Size, location (coordinates), ownership of land, ecological infrastructure, value-chain opportunities and markets, capital outlays required to fully-operationalise the identified business enterprise.
- 4.5. Pestle Analysis for the existing and new proposed business enterprises operating within the biodiversity economy space in the BEN - this requires a description for Political (what is the political situation of the country and how can it affect the business enterprise); Economic (what are the prevalent economic

factors); Social (how much importance does culture has in the market and what are its determinants); Technological (what technological innovations are likely to pop up and affect the market structure); Legal (are there any current legislations that regulate the biodiversity economy or can there be any change in the legislations) and Environmental (what are the environmental concerns for the biodiversity economy)..

- 4.6. An indicative market review- A rapid demand and supply analysis must be done. Key indicators for the market review will include but not limited to
 - i. Current market trends and new markets
 - ii. Current trends during and post COVID-19
 - iii. Investment patterns as per the existing proposed Biodiversity Economy products e.g., are private developers investing money in similar product or area.
 - iv. Existing secondary research and analysis e.g., existing regional, national and international supply and demand analysis
 - v. An informal “test the water exercise” with the private sector on community driven products
- 4.7. Environmental pre-scoping exercise designed to screen for fatal flaws that would result from the likely impacts of the projects must be conducted. This exercise will need to identify any specific environmental issues requiring further assessment.
- 4.8. Stakeholder and institutional analysis- the main internal and external stakeholders including landowners, enterprises, local communities, traditional authorities and government (Local, Provincial and National); potential investors, amongst others.
- 4.9. Organizational and human resources- the appropriate organisational structure to be determined. Furthermore, the skills/capacity building needs for implementation of projects to be determined.
- 4.10. An infrastructure and asset assessment- In particular there needs to be a focus on elements of infrastructure that the institution or the state will probably have to provide. This must all be listed in the assessment and quantified. They must include not only the infrastructure on the site but the necessary support infrastructure, such as access roads, a determination of the infrastructure and assets that the BEN will require for to be fully operational and a cost benefit analysis of the BEN
- 4.11. Project priority Matrix this required to determine the ability of project (exist and new) to immediately deliver to the aspiration of the Biodiversity Lab outcome, that is, transformation of the wildlife, bioprospecting and ecotourism sectors of South Africa, job creation, economic growth and conservation, strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats analysis of the BEN. The identification of high biodiversity value areas within the BEN for conservation purposes. Conservation threats and pressures
- 4.12. Spatial mapping of node that includes but not limited to, layers illustrating biodiversity value; ecological infrastructure, economic activities; heritage; infrastructure, size of the land and coordinates of the identified existing and new projects. Project identification and packaging through stakeholder participation and sign off
- 4.13. Undertaking resource leveraging for the packaged projects with the relevant implementing institution and through business plan development and the identification of the relevant financing and technical support partners
- 4.14. The appointed service provider must:

- i. Cater for stakeholder engagements and necessary site visits
 - ii. At all times observe COVID-19 regulations
 - iii. Ensure that all relevant stakeholders are involved
 - iv. Administer and coordinate any other relevant meetings
 - v. Prepare regular progress reports
 - vi. Take into account all relevant legislation, policies and planning frameworks
 - vii. Able to communicate effectively in the language
- 4.15. Development of two comprehensive Business Plans: The appointed service provider(s) will undertake the following
- 4.15.1. Develop comprehensive and comprehensive business plans (implementable and costed) to establish viable commercial ventures. Each business plan should include but not be limited to the following:
 - i. Executive summary of the business venture
 - ii. Provide a status quo detailing the following but not limited
 - iii. Detailed background
 - iv. Local and international market analysis (commercial value chains for the area) which will include analysis of access to market.
 - v. Competitor analysis
 - vi. Description of the area including the natural environment, infrastructure available and needs of the communities in the project area
 - vii. Provide an analysis of existing business enterprise s and forms of ownerships
 - viii. Describe the product and service that will be taken to the market
 - ix. Determine the pricing for the identified products/services
 - 4.15.2. Develop and recommend an operational model for the project Develop a range but recommend one business enterprise model for the commercial activities possible in the area.
 - 4.15.3. Provide a financial model: Financial projections/model consisting of the following: cost and income statements, a projected balance sheet, a 12-month cash-flow projection and a three-year cash-flow projection indicating the Return on Investment, Internal Rate of Return, Payback Period.
 - 4.15.4. Provide a sustainability plan for the project: Sustainability aspects (recommendation with substantial proof to be considered when undertaking the envisaged business venture to ensure that it conforms to the three sustainability aspects, i.e., economically viability, environmentally sound and socially and culturally acceptable).
- 4.16. The service provider is expected to set-up governance structures, establishment of Biodiversity Economy Node steering committee consisting of relevant stakeholders with clear terms of reference
- 4.17. The service provider to further initiate engagement with potential funders for one of the proposed enterprises and identify other potential investors to be approached.

5. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES / OUTCOMES

- 5.1. Deliverable 1: Result Area; Inception Phase (Situational Analysis)

5.1.1. The objective of the inception phase will be to lay the groundwork for successful implementation of the programme. As well as validating the Terms of Reference and the scope, objectives and activities which will ensure that the necessary logistical and support arrangements are in for sound program implementation. The Inception Phase will culminate in an Inception Report submitted to DFFE which must include a detailed work-plan of activities over the remaining project duration.

5.2. Deliverable 2: Result Area 2; Overall Project Implementation Plan (Feasibility study, stakeholder engagement, governance structures established) during this phase the service provider will be expected to produce a “classic” Gantt-type indicative timetable which will provide a detailed set of activities for each phase of the project, with timelines showing when each phase and activity will start and finish. Furthermore, the Gantt should also provide levels of input and per activity.

5.3. Deliverable 3: Result Area 3 Milestones and Reports (two comprehensive Business plans, list of potential investors and proof of engagement with potential investors) - during this phase the service provider must list all key milestones (intermediary and final) of the program, which will also serve as the internal set of progress and completion indicators for each main project outputs to be achieved through the entire project duration.

5.4. Deliverable 4: Result Area 4 Handover and closure (final feasibility studies business plans, attendance registers, governance structures in place with clear terms of reference, list and proof of engagement with potential investors) - during this phase the service provider must indicate how they plan to coordinate project wrap-up activities, which will capture all component of the programme. The service provider must ensure that all stakeholders are properly briefed and receive all relevant handover material and presentations.

6. PERIOD / DURATION OF PROJECT / ASSIGNMENT

6.1. The project must be completed within seven (7) months after the date of signature of the Service Level Agreement by both parties and issuing of an official purchase order, which will be reviewed monthly based performance.

7. COSTING / COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

7.1. A comprehensive fixed costing must be provided on **SBD 3.3 for detailed and Annexure A - Price Schedule Guidance** inclusive of all disbursement costs, such as delivery costs, travelling and accommodation costs and other expenses and VAT

7.2. The budget must include travelling and accommodation costs, as these costs will be covered by the global fee proposed by the bidder. **Note:** Travelling costs and time spent or incurred between home and office of the Project Manager and DFFE office will not be for the account of DFFE.

7.3. The service provider will be expected to provide information relating to the proposed expert applicable hourly rates in line with the provisions of deliverables in section 5 above.

- 7.4. DFFE reserves the right to negotiate price with a recommended service provider identified in the evaluation process without offering the same opportunity to any other bidder (s) who have not been recommended.
- 7.5. Price will be valid for 120 days.

8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

8.1. The evaluation for this bid will be carried out in four (4) phases:

- Phase 1: Pre-compliance
- Phase 2: Pre-Qualification
- Phase 3: Functionality Evaluation
- Phase 4: Price and B-BBEE

8.2. PHASE 1: Pre-compliance

8.2.1. During this phase bid documents will be reviewed to determine the compliance with SCM returnable documents, tax matters and whether proof of registration on Central Supplier Database (CSD) has been submitted with the bid documents at the closing date and time of the bid. Bids which do not satisfy the compliance criteria may not be evaluated further.

8.2.2. The bid proposal will be screened for compliance with administrative requirements as indicated below:

ITEM NO.	ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS	CHECK/COMPLIANCE
1	Master Bid Document	provided and bound
2	Electronic Copy (USB)	Same as the master bid document
3	SCM - SBD 1 - Invitation to Bid	Completed and signed
4	Tax Compliance and CSD Registration	Attached CSD registration number/ Proof of CSD registration and/or SARS Tax Pin
5	SBD 3.3 - Pricing Schedule	Completed
6	SCM - SBD 4 – Bidders Disclosure	Completed and signed

ITEM NO.	ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS	CHECK/COMPLIANCE
7	SCM - SBD 6.1 - Preference Points Claim Form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017	Completed and signed
8	In case of bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures, Consortia/Joint Venture agreement signed by both parties must be submitted with bid proposal	JV agreement completed and signed, if applicable

8.3. PHASE 2: Pre-Qualification

- 8.3.1 The following pre-qualification requirements will apply, and tenderers must submit all requirements indicated hereunder pre-qualification criteria will apply and all bids that do not meet pre-qualification requirements may be disqualified and not be evaluated further. Service Provider (s) are required to submit the following documents to substantiate their BBBEE Status Level
- 8.3.2 Tenderers who fail to comply with any of the pre-qualification requirements may be disqualified and all proposals that do not meet pre-qualification requirements may not be evaluated further on functionality criterion.
- 8.3.3 Bidders are required to complete a table below by ticking the correct box and attached a proof of the document listed on the table below:

	REQUIREMENT	COMPLY	
		YES	NO
Pre-Qualification REQUIREMENT	<p>Level 1-2</p> <p>Only bidder (s) who are Level 1-2 will be considered for this bid as per Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017</p> <p>Attach a B-BBEE certificate as per 11.12:</p> <p>A B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate issued by SANAS Accredited Agencies. OR</p> <p>A CIPC B-BBEE certificate or</p> <p>A sworn Affidavit signed by the EME representative and attested by the commissioner of oaths.</p>		

8.4. PHASE 3: FUNCTIONALITY CRITERIA

8.4.1. Only bid proposals that meets pre-compliance and mandatory will be evaluated on functionality criteria.

8.4.2. The bidder must score a minimum of **75%**, during phase 3 (functionality/technical) of the evaluation to qualify for Phase 4 of the evaluation where only points for price and BBBEE will be considered.

8.4.3. The following values/ indicators will be applicable when evaluating functionality:

0 = Non-compliance; 1 = Poor; 2 = Fair; 3 = Average; 4 = Good; 5 = Excellent.

GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORY CRITERIA	FUNCTIONALITY		WEIGHT
A proposed project plan, Methodology and Management of the project	A detailed project plan with intermediate and final outputs and identified timeframes/ milestones.		30
	Proposed Methodology		
	Management of the project		
	Project plan, methodology and project management in stakeholder’s engagement, biodiversity conservation, feasibility studies, business plans development and project management.	Indicator	
	Project plan well broken down with methodology, deliverables, timeframe/ milestone & management of the project including staff deployment to each activity/deliverable.	5	
	Project plan provided with methodology, deliverables, timeframe/ milestone & management of the project	4	
	Project plan provided with clear deliverables & timeframes/ milestones.	3	
	Project plan provided with no clear deliverables & timeframes/ milestones.	2	
	Project plan provided without milestones and how the deliverables will be attained.	1	
	No information provided	0	
Certified copies of qualification(s) in the field of Development Studies – Project Manager (Key Expert 1)	Relevant qualification in the field of Development Studies		10
	Classification of qualification(s) for Project Manager (Key Expert 1)	Indicator	
	A Masters qualification and above	5	
	An honours or equivalent qualification (s)	4	
	A degree qualification (s)	3	
	A three-year diploma qualification (s)	2	

GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORY CRITERIA	FUNCTIONALITY		WEIGHT
	Two years diploma or a certificates qualification (s)	1	
	No qualification (s) attached/ submitted	0	
Certified copies of qualification(s) in the field of Environmental Management/Natural Sciences – Team Member (Key Expert 2)	Relevant qualification in the field of Environmental Management/Natural Sciences – team member (Key Expert 2)		10
	Classification of qualification(s)	Indicator	
	A Masters qualification and above	5	
	An honours or equivalent qualification (s)	4	
	A degree qualification (s)	3	
	A three-year diploma qualification (s)	2	
	Two years diploma or a certificates qualification (s)	1	
	No qualification (s) attached/ submitted	0	
Certified copies of qualification(s) in the field of Business Studies / Economics – Team Member (Key Expert 3)	Relevant qualification in the field of Business Studies / Economics – team member (Key Expert 3)		10
	Classification of qualification(s)	Indicator	
	A Masters qualification and above	5	
	An honours or equivalent qualification (s)	4	
	A degree qualification (s)	3	
	A three-year diploma qualification (s)	2	
	Two years diploma or a certificates qualification (s)	1	
	No qualification (s) attached/ submitted	0	
The company’s experience in feasibility study and business plan development in the field of Biodiversity Conservation.	Bidder (s) experience and track record in feasibility study and business plan development in the field of Biodiversity Conservation.		20
	Number of letters in successfully completed Project Management services and attach proof. The reference letter must be on the company letterhead where service was rendered and reflect the following:		
	Name of Company		
	Contactable Contact Details: Telephone, Mobile number and email addresses		
	Project Description		
	Value of the contract		
	Duration of the project (start and end date)		
	Bidder(s) experience and track record	Indicator	
	3 duly signed reference letters must be on the company letterhead where the service was rendered and 5 successfully completed projects	5	

GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORY CRITERIA	FUNCTIONALITY		WEIGHT
	3reference letters and 4 successfully completed project	4	
	3 reference letters and 3 successfully completed project	3	
	2 reference letters and 2 successfully completed project	2	
	1 reference letters and 1 successfully completed project	1	
	No reference letter	0	
Relevant experience of the proposed Project Manager (Key Expert 1) and track record in feasibility study and business plan development in the field of Development studies and/or Environmental management or natural sciences.	Bidders are required to demonstrate relevant past experience and competency of the project manager (Key Expert 1) in the field of feasibility study and business plan development in the field of Development studies and/or Environmental management or natural sciences. Bidders must attach profile/CV clearly indicating the number of years		20
	The proposed Project Manager’s (Key Expert 1) years of experience and competency in feasibility study and business plan development in the field of Development studies and/or Environmental management or natural sciences.		
	Experience of Project Manager	Indicator	
	5 years and more years of experience	5	
	4 years and less than 5 years’ experience	4	
	3 years and less than 4 years’ experience	3	
	2 years and less than 3 years’ experience	2	
	1 year and less than 2 years’ experience	1	
	Less than one year experience	0	
TOTAL POINTS ON FUNCTIONALITY			100

8.5 PHASE 4: Price and BBBEE

8.5.1 Bid will be awarded to a bidder with the highest points on price and BBBEE on condition that they have met all phases of the evaluation criteria and complied with the tender requirements set out in the tender document.

8.5.2 The department reserves the right to negotiate prices that are not deemed market related and not to award the tender to the bidder with the lowest price

8.5.3 Preference point system applicable for this bid is

80:20	YES
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8.5.4 Subject to sub-regulation 6(2), points will be awarded to a tenderer for attaining B-BBEE status level contributor in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	NUMBER OF POINTS (80/20 SYSTEM)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

- 8.5.5 The points scored by a tenderer in respect of the level of BBEE contribution contemplated in sub regulation 6(2) must be added to the points scored for price as calculated in accordance with sub regulation 6(1) respectively.
- 8.5.6 Subject to regulation 11(1), the contract must be awarded to the tenderer who scores the highest total number of points.
- 8.5.7 A contract may be awarded to a tenderer that did not score the highest total number of points, only in accordance with section 2 (1) (f) of the Act

9. BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1. Bidders should ensure that the following submission requirements, which will be needed for evaluation purposes are included in their bid proposal and are as follows:
- 9.1.1. The service provider must draft a table of content which will indicate where each document is in the proposal.
- 9.1.2. The proposal shall consist of one master original document and must clearly indicate the prices on SBD 3.3 and Annexure A for detailed price schedule.
- 9.1.3. The information in the CV of the proposed Project Manager (Key Expert 1), Environmental Management/Natural Sciences Team Member (Key Expert 2), Business Studies/Economics Team Member (Key Expert 3).
- 9.1.4. Project reference specifying the role played by the service provider in the listed projects or assignments, project value and the duration of the project (start and end date).
- 9.1.5. A detailed Project Plan with clear indication of who will be responsible for the management of the assignment as well as its execution. The allocation of team members on the assignments should be based on the experience in delivering the scope of work as listed.
- 9.1.6. Standard bidding documents (SBD1, 3.3, 4,6.1)

9.1.7. Copy of Central Supplier Database (CSD) report or tax pin certificate from SARS.

10. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THE BID

10.1. Tax Legislation

10.1.1. Bidder must at all time attempt to be compliant when submitting proposal to DFFE and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

10.1.2. Bidders who make taxable supplies more than R1 million in any 12-month conservative period are liable for compulsory VAT registration, but a person may also choose to register voluntarily provided that the minimum threshold of R50 000 has been exceeded in the past 12-month period.

10.1.3. Bidders who meet the above requirement must register as VAT vendors, if successful, within one month of award of the bid.

10.1.4. SARS Tax Status Pin requirements / or Central Supplier Database (CSD) number or report must be provided.

10.2. Procurement Legislation

10.2.1. Bidders should be cognisant of the legislation and/or standards specifically applicable to the services.

10.2.2. Bidders are requested to submit a valid B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate issued by SANAS, or Accredited Verification Agency; or B-BBEE Certificate issued by CIPC, or Sworn Affidavit commissioned by Commissioner of Oaths together with their bids.

10.2.3. If the application is made by a Joint Venture or Partnership, the accreditation credentials in name of joined entity should be submitted. Both members in the joint venture must meet the requirement of the proposal.

10.3. Privacy & Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013

10.3.1. Protecting personal information is important to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment. To do so, DFFE follows general principles in accordance with applicable privacy laws and the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA).

- 10.3.2. DFFE's role as the responsible party, is amongst others to process personal information for the intended purpose for which it was obtained and in line with legal agreements with its respective/prospective services providers and third parties.
- 10.3.3. DFFE will process personal information only with the knowledge and authorisation of the bidder/respondent and will treat personal information which comes to its knowledge as confidential and will not disclose it, unless so required by law or subject to the exception contained in the POPIA.
- 10.3.4. DFFE reserves all the rights afforded to it by the POPIA in the processing of any of its information as contained in this bid and the bidder/respondent is required to comply with all prescripts as detailed in the POPIA relating to all information concerning DFFE.
- 10.3.5. In responding to this bid, DFFE acknowledges that it will obtain and have access to personal information of the bidder/respondent. DFFE agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by the bidder/respondent in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluation and subsequent award of the tender and in accordance with any applicable law.

11. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

- 11.1. On appointment, the performance measures for the delivery of the agreed services will be closely monitored by Project Manager.
- 11.2. The Service Provider will submit fortnight progress reports to the Project Manager, within the agreed stipulated timeframe for the duration of the project, submitted in both soft and hard copies. Failure to submit the required reports on time will result in penalties.
- 11.3. DFFE will not be held responsible for any costs incurred by the service providers in the preparation, presentation, and submission of the proposal.
- 11.4. The Project Manager shall do the ongoing management of the Service Level Agreement (SLA).
- 11.5. The Service Provider must guarantee the presence of the Team Leader in charge of programme throughout the duration of the contract.
- 11.6. All the conditions specified in the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) will apply and where the conditions in the special conditions of contract contradicts the conditions in the general conditions of contract the special conditions of contract will prevail.
- 11.7. The supplier shall notify the Department in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract 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.
- 11.8. In a case a tenderer is intending to sub-contract portion of work, such tenderer awarded a contract may only enter sub-contracting arrangements with the approval of the department.

- 11.9. Letter of Authority to sign documents on behalf of the company.
- 11.10. The proposals should be submitted with all required information containing technical information.
- 11.11. Bidders failing to meet pre-compliance and mandatory requirements will automatically be disqualified.
- 11.12. Service Providers are requested to submit any of the following documents as proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor:
- a. B-BBEE status level Certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.
 - b. A Sworn Affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice; and
 - c. B-BBEE certificate issued by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission.
 - d. SBD 6.1 must also be duly completed, signed, and submitted alongside the bid to claim preference points. Failure to do so will result in B-BBEE preference points being forfeited.
 - e. A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
 - f. A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate proposal.
 - g. In the event that the application is made by a Joint Venture or Partnership, the accreditation credentials in name of joined entity should be submitted. Both members in the joint venture must meet the requirement of the proposal.
- 11.13. Poor or non-performance by the bidder will result in cancellation of works orders.

12. SUB-CONTRACTING CONDITIONS/ REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1 In a case a tenderer is intending to sub-contract portion of work, such tenderer awarded a contract may only enter into sub-contracting arrangements with the approval of the Department.
- 12.2 In relation to a designated sector, a contractor will not be allowed to subcontract in such a manner that the local production and content of the overall value of the contract is reduced to below the stipulated minimum threshold.
- 12.3 A tenderer will not be awarded the points claimed for B-BBEE status level of contribution or contract if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends subcontracting more than 25% of the contract value to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the same number of points that the bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

- 12.4 The contractor is not allowed to sub-contract more than 25% of the contract value to another enterprise that does not have equal or higher B-BBEE status level, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

13. PAYMENT TERMS

- 13.1 DFFE undertakes to pay out in full or as per deliverables within 30 (thirty) days all valid claims for work done to its satisfaction upon presentation of a substantiated claim and the required reports stipulated in special conditions. No payment will be made where there is outstanding information/work not submitted by the Service Provider/s until that outstanding information is submitted.

14. TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES

- 14.1. Should you require any further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact

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15. PRICE SCHEDULE ANNEXURE A

PHASE	ACTIVITIES	NAME (S) OF THE PROPOSED EXPERT	HOURS	RATE PER HOUR (EXCLUDING VAT)	TOTAL COST PER ACTIVITY (EXCLUDING VAT)
1	Inception Phase (Situational Analysis)		Hrs	R.....	R.....
2	Overall Project Implementation Plan (Feasibility Study, stakeholder engagement, governance structures established)		Hrs	R.....	R.....
3	Milestones and Reports (two comprehensive Business plans, list of potential investors and proof of engagement with potential investors)		Hrs	R.....	R.....
4	Handover and Closure (final feasibility studies, business plans, attendance registers, governance structures in place with clear terms of reference, list and proof of engagement with potential investors)		Hrs	R.....	R.....
SUB TOTAL					R.....
VAT @ 15%					R.....
TOTAL COST					R.....

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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	<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.



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The Director General

I/We hereby request and authorise you to pay any amounts, which may accrue to me/us to the credit of my/our account with the mentioned bank.

I/we understand that the credit transfers hereby authorised will be processed by computer through a system known as "ACB - Electronic Fund Transfer Service", and I/we understand that no additional advice of payment will be provided by my/our bank, but that the details of each payment will be printed on my/our bank statement or any accompanying voucher. (This does not apply where it is not customary for banks to furnish bank statements).

I/we understand that the Department will supply a payment advice in the normal way, and that it will indicate the date on which the funds will be made available on my/our account.

This authority may be cancelled by me/us by giving thirty days notice by prepaid registered post.

Please ensure information is validate as per required bank screens .

I/We understand that bank details provided should be exactly as per record held by the banks.

I/We understand that the Department will not held liable for any delayed payments as a result of incorrect information supplied.

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