

CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ROUTINE ROAD MAINTENANCE OF NATIONAL ROUTE: GRAAF REINET, MIDDELBURG, KING WILLIAMS, ADDO & FORT BEAUFORT



Dear Tenderers

SCM REFERENCE NO: NRA 2026/0014

**BID NUMBER X.003-087-2025/1F; X.003-088- 2025/1F; X.003-091-2025/1F;
X.003-093-2025/1F; X.003-094-2025/1F**

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ADDENDUM NO.1

This Addendum is issued in terms of Clause C.3.2 of the Tender Data and must be read in conjunction with and shall be deemed to form part of the Tender Document.

THIS ADDENDUM CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

- SECTION A: MINUTES OF TENDER CLARIFICATION MEETING AND BRIEFING PRESENTATION
- SECTION B: QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE TENDERERS OUTSIDE THE CLARIFICATION BRIEFING

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1. AGENDA

- Welcome & introduction (SCM)
- Tendering procedures (SCM)
- Agreement and Contract Data (PM)
- Project scope of works and site information (PM)
- Questions
- Closure

2. ATTENDANCE REGISTER

The attendance register was compiled from the Microsoft Teams Meeting site.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The compulsory briefing meeting commenced at 10:00. The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting.

Official responses to any questions raised are included in this Addendum 1.

4. TENDERING PROCEDURES

4.1. Conditions of Tender and Tender Data

Please refer to the attached presentation marked as Annexure A for details.

4.1.1. Minimum Prequalification Requirements

- Only tenderers who are registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database and.

4.1.2. Enquiries from tenderers

All questions are to be addressed to the Employer's Agent during the tender period at ProcurementSR5@sanral.co.za

4.1.3. Conditions of Tender

It was highlighted that the tender data is based on the standard conditions of tender as contained in Annexure C of the CIDB STANDARD FOR UNIFORMITY IN ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACTS as per Government Notice No. 423 published in Government Gazette No.

4.1.4. Tender Data

Any inconsistencies between the Standard conditions and the tender data, the Tender Data takes precedence.

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4.1.5. Eligibility Criteria

4.1.5.1. National Treasury Central Supplier Database (Form A3.4)

All tenderers or, in the event of a joint venture each member of the joint venture, shall be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database at the closing date for tender submissions. Tenders received from such tenderers who do not comply with this requirement will be declared non-responsive

SECTION B: QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE TENDERERS

No	QUESTION	ANSWER
Q1	Pertaining the RRM Tenders as reflected in the subject line: Regarding the 30% Targeted enterprise requirement: Can you please confirm the following: Are we to provide full info on Form B7 of the Technical spreadsheet with tender submission, or are only to provide a "letter of commitment" to engage with a Targeted Enterprise upon award?	B7 must be completed to show intent awareness that there's this requirement. However, in terms of proposing a targeted enterprise, you can leave that out but indicate that you are intending on subcontracting the minimum 30%. Then once you've been awarded or recommended, SANRAL will contact you in writing to indicate their readiness to implement the subcontracting requirement.
Q2	We wish to formally raise an industry concern regarding the functionality evaluation criteria contained in the current RRM advertised tenders. Under the Evaluation of tender offers - Key Persons For the CE/ACE, the following requirement is stated: "As part of the quality / functionality criteria as specified above, Key persons shall be used to	The requirement that Contracts Engineers be in the Employment of the Service Provider are applicable as per the Tender document see: Under C1.2.2 CONTRACT DATA - INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYER 7.2 The Key Person required for this project is:

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calculate the technical experience and managerial ability score. Each proposed candidate shall complete the relevant B1 and B2 forms included in the Returnable Schedules. The Contract Engineer (CE) and the Assistant Contract Engineer (ACE) (if applicable) will be limited to participate in a maximum number of 6 (six) Routine Road Maintenance contracts with the Employer which will be complete after the Taking Over Certificate is issued to the Contractor. The proposed candidate for any position shall be a permanent staff member of the tenderer and not a contracted person, this must be indicated on form B2 and a signed letter of confirmation from the candidate must be submitted with the relevant B-forms, together with the relevant proof of all statutory and regulatory documentation as required. For clarity this shall mean copies of Salary slips and proof of payment, Pay As You Earn (PAYE), Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) and Skill Development Levy payments made by the Tenderer on behalf of its employee (Key person) for the last three (3) months prior to tender closing. Should the Key Person have concerns regarding sensitive information contained in the payslip, a redacted version may be submitted, provided that only salary amounts and banking information are redacted." While we acknowledge the Employer's intention to ensure the availability and commitment of suitably qualified key personnel, we are concerned that this requirement places an unreasonable and disproportionate burden on Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).	Contract Engineer (Who shall be the permanent staff member tenderer)
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	Requiring bidders to permanently employ key professionals and provide three months' proof of employment-related statutory contributions before the outcome of the tender is known exposes SMMEs to substantial financial risk. Many emerging firms cannot reasonably sustain the cost of permanently employing highly skilled professionals without the certainty of secured work. Consequently, this requirement may inadvertently exclude capable and competent firms from participating in the procurement process. As a result, firms that have access to suitably qualified professionals through letters of consent are disadvantaged, notwithstanding their ability to mobilise these resources immediately upon contract award. The proposal does not adequately address the development and empowerment of Exempted Micro Enterprises (EMEs) and Qualifying Small Enterprises (QSEs), which are key strategic objectives of SANRAL. It should explicitly demonstrate how the project will contribute to the growth, capacity building, and meaningful participation of EMEs and QSEs within the value chain. Furthermore, the proposal should outline practical measures to level the playing field for emerging professionals by promoting equitable access to opportunities, skills transfer, mentorship, and sustainable professional development in line with SANRAL's transformation and supplier development objectives.	
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We respectfully submit that this requirement may be inconsistent with the fundamental principles governing public procurement in South Africa, namely fairness, equity, transparency, competitiveness, and cost-effectiveness. Procurement requirements should be proportionate to the objective they seek to achieve and should not unnecessarily restrict competition or create barriers to participation, particularly for SMMEs, whose development and inclusion are recognised as important objectives within the public procurement framework. We therefore respectfully request that the permanent employment requirement be reconsidered. As an alternative, bidders could be permitted to submit signed letters of consent from the proposed key personnel during the tender stage, with the requirement to appoint such personnel on a permanent basis becoming a condition of contract award or contract commencement. This approach would adequately protect the Employer's interests while ensuring a fair, competitive, and inclusive procurement process. We believe this proposal strikes an appropriate balance between ensuring project delivery by committed key personnel and promoting meaningful participation by emerging engineering firms without exposing them to unnecessary financial risk before contract award. As stated in your Policy statement " SANRAL recognises the critical role it plays in the construction and related	
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	industries. It is mindful of the impact the construction industry and its procurement has on millions of people across South Africa in terms of business and job opportunities. The Transformation Policy is informed by the Transformation Framework as set out in Horizon 2030 - SANRAL's long-term strategy. SANRAL recognises that it can help to build a capable and developmental state, and drive economic development through the provision and maintenance of critical infrastructure. SANRAL is repurposing itself because South Africa has embarked on a process of fundamental transformation that opens the path for inclusive, broad-based economic development This Transformation Policy will promote growth, mobilise investment, create jobs and empower citizens. SANRAL accepts the responsibility consequent to the above, especially the need to use its procurement to contribute to transforming the construction industry in particular, and the South African economy in general. SANRAL accepts the responsibility to maximise the participation of black contractors, professionals, suppliers and designated groups (i.e. black entities)	
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in all SANRAL projects, capitalising on the provisions within the prevailing legislative and regulatory frameworks. SANRAL commits to breaking down monopolies in the supply chains of materials, equipment, technologies, systems and other areas within the construction and related industries to ensure broad-based participation by black South Africans.” We trust that this concern will receive due consideration and that the Employer will consider amending the tender requirements to promote equitable participation while maintaining the required standards of professional competence and project delivery. We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to your response.	
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Kindly acknowledge receipt of this addendum by completing the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM below. Failure to acknowledge this addendum may invalidate the Tender.



Yours sincerely,

PROCUREMENT OFFICE

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

I _____

Representing _____

Hereby acknowledge that I have received the above Addendum and that I am conversant with the contents thereof.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

This Addendum is to be read in conjunction with and shall be deemed to form part of the Contract Documents.

You must therefore acknowledge receipt of this addendum by emailing this form to the South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited at ProcurementSR5@sanral.co.za and the original must be attached to the Returnable Schedules.

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