

# ADVERTISEMENT



## Invitation to Submit Application for ESD Programme

**Bid Number: SAMRC/RFA-ESDP/2022/21**

## **Request for Applications (RFA)- Enterprise and Supplier Development (ESD) Programme**

The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) invite Exempted Micro-Enterprises (EMEs) and Qualifying Small Enterprises (QSEs) service providers to submit application for support in line with Enterprise and Supplier Development Programme in accordance with the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003. Grant will be awarded to bidder(s) who meets the requirement of ESD and demonstrate the need for support as per scope of work in order to adequately satisfy SAMRC requirements.

A non-compulsory virtual briefing session will be held at the SAMRC on the 05 December 2022, 11H00, and if prospective supplier(s) intends to attend the briefing sessions, they should email their Microsoft Team's credentials to [tenders@mrc.ac.za](mailto:tenders@mrc.ac.za) prior to the meeting date.

Completed application must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing bidder's company name, address, bid description and number, and hand delivered or mailed to: Medical Research Council, Tender Box No. 1, Francie van Zijl Drive, Parow Valley, Tygerberg, 7580, Western Cape; and must arrive before the closing date and time.

**Alternatively**, bidder(s) can submit their completed application proposal with supporting documents through the SAMRC website( [Current Tenders | South African Medical Research Council \(samrc.ac.za\)](http://www.mrc.ac.za/CurrentTenders)) before the closing date and time.

Late, faxed or e-mailed application will not be accepted. One (1) original hard copy of completed bid document and 1 USB flash drive containing full and same tender information as in the hard copy (PDF format) must be submitted.

Responsive application will firstly be evaluated on functionality and thereafter on an 80/20 preference point system in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act 5 of 2000) and Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017.

### **Please note that:**

- This bid is valid for one hundred and twenty (120) days after closing date for the submission of application;
- It is compulsory that bidders obtain bid documents, available for downloading on the MRC website (<http://www.mrc.ac.za/Tenders/tenders.htm>) from 25 November 2022 to 21 December 2022. No hardcopy bid document will be issued by the SAMRC;
- Bidders must register on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) prior to submitting application, by login onto <https://secure.csd.gov.za/>. With effect from 1 July 2016, SAMRC may not award any bid to supplier not registered as prospective supplier on CSD. Submit with this bid your CSD supplier number and unique registration reference number for SAMRC to verify your company's registration on CSD;
- Negotiations for the bid award will only be concluded with the qualifying bidder(s) who is/are registered on the CSD and whom key information outlined in this bid document is in order.
- Bidder(s) are **required** to submit 1 original hard copy document and 1 USB flash drive with full information as per original hard copy (PDF format), as indicated above in this advert;
- Non compliance with all submission requirements such as the USB for traditional submission, and others **will** lead to disqualification of the bidder(s);
- The SAMRC is not compelled to accept lowest or alternative bid, and reserves the right to accept part or the whole of any bid or cancel the bid;
- Bidder(s) must be able to supply all the required items as indicated in the bid specifications;
- Documents and USB flash drives submitted on time by bidders shall not be returned;
- Appointment will be subject to successful bidder agreeing to sign a ESD agreement with the SAMRC to adhere to the terms and conditions set out in the bid document;
- It is envisaged that SAMRC will conclude ESD contract with successful bidder(s) for a period of 2 years based on performance.

All technical enquiries may be directed in writing to Mesuli Scwebu ([mesuli.scwebu@mrc.ac.za](mailto:mesuli.scwebu@mrc.ac.za)) and any other enquiries related to the bid process may be directed in writing to Supply Chain Management ([tenders@mrc.ac.za](mailto:tenders@mrc.ac.za)). The bid number should be quoted in all correspondence. No telephonic enquiries will be responded to.

**The closing date and time for the submission of application is Wednesday, 21 December 2022 at 11H00.**