

**RFB 3088-2025: PROVISION OF GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES TO SITA GAUTENG OFFICES (ERASMUSKLOOF, CENTURION, BETA, NUMERUS AND MEDICAL BATTALION) FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.**

<b>No</b>	<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
1	<p>I am writing to seek clarity and raise a concern regarding <b>Tender RFB 3088-2025</b> , which relates to landscaping services across five SITA campuses. Specifically, the tender requires that all bidders conduct a topographical survey and/or 3D assessment of the areas, and submit three (3) design proposals as part of their bid. While we understand the importance of thorough planning for such a project, this requirement places a significant financial burden on bidders. The cost of conducting these surveys and developing comprehensive designs for five sites could exceed <b>R50,000</b> — a considerable investment at the bidding stage, where award of the contract is not guaranteed. We respectfully suggest that this requirement be reserved for the <b>successful or shortlisted bidders</b> , as this would help ensure a fairer, more inclusive process without discouraging participation due to the high upfront costs.</p>	<p>Kindly note that the request for bidders to conduct a topographical survey and/or 3D assessment of the areas, and submit three (3) design proposals will only be evaluated in Stage 3, and will only apply to successful bidders that is invited to do POC.</p> <p><b>4.4 Technical Proof of Concept (Presentation) Requirements</b></p> <p>Technical Proof of Concept Presentation information will be provided by the Bidder at the Technical Proof of Concept session as indicted in <b>section 3.3</b>.</p>
2	A site plan showing all buildings and the boundaries of the property	Available on Google maps
3	Amount of water available (liters per hour as well as pressure)	Municipal water available at Numerus, Beta and Medical Battalion to be used for Gardening.
6	Water storage facilities currently on site	2 boreholes per site at Erasmuskloof and Centurion (hence water pumps included in spec of irrigation)
7	<p><b>3.3 Technical Proof of Concept (Presentation) Requirements (Stage 3)</b></p> <p>1. Should these requirements be submitted at tender closing date, or only when invited after passing previous evaluation stages?</p>	Bidders must submit requirement on closing date with the rest of the documents.

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	Detailed project designs will require time and access to sites for surveys. How much time will be allocated should we be invited to the Stage 3 Presentation?	
8.	<p><b>3.5.3 Bid Pricing Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurate pricing can only be done on approved plans. Are we required to submit Pricing Schedule at bid closing date, or at Stage 3 evaluation?</li> <li>• The Excel format provided requires monthly &amp;/ annual line totals. When costing for monthly maintenance without a guide of the resources required, bid prices may vary greatly from one bidder to the other. How will this be assessed fairly?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pricing schedule must be submitted at bid closing date with the rest of the documents.</li> <li>• Bidders must use pricing schedule as a guide and populate accordingly.</li> </ul>
9.	<p>I would like to confirm the expectations for the third technical requirements listed under the Technical Requirements For Proof of Concept (POC).</p> <p>Could you please advise whether the irrigation plans, layouts, and landscape designs are expected to be submitted as part of the initial bid submission, or if these will only be required at a later stage, should a presentation or POC be requested?</p>	The Successful bidders that proceeded to POC will be informed to submit their designs for POC. Not expected to be part of their submission file.