



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM

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PART C: TENDER EVALUATION PROCESS (SAT TENDER WEST AFRICA 001/22 PR AGENCY)

Summary of the Evaluation Phases (table below):

Phase 1 Pre-qualification Criteria	Phase 2A Technical Evaluation Criteria (Desktop)	Phase 2B Technical Evaluation Criteria (Pitch Presentation)	Phase 3 Price and B-BBEE Evaluation
Bidders must submit all documents as outlined under paragraph 9.5.1 PART A, B & C.	<p>Bidder(s) are required to achieve a minimum threshold of 70% ⁱⁱ to proceed to Phase 2B.</p> <p>The Tender/Evaluation Matrix Cross Reference: Bidders should reference the criteria to the portfolio of evidence in the bid proposal. – it is of vital importance that systematic scoring can be carried out.</p>	<p>Only bidder(s) who score 70% and above on phase 2A will be invited for a pitch presentation.</p> <p>Bidder(s) are required to achieve a minimum of 70% to proceed to Phase 3.</p>	<p>Tenders will be evaluated on either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system.</p> <p>Once a tender is received, the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the preference point system to be used for the evaluation.</p> <p>Where the lowest acceptable tender is below R50 million, the 80/20 preference point system must be used. If the lowest acceptable tender is above R50 million, the 90/10 preference point system must be used.</p>

Phase 1: Evaluation Requirements

Without limiting the generality of South African Tourism's other critical requirements for this Bid, the bidder(s) must submit all required documents.

All documents must be completed and signed by the duly authorised representative of the prospective bidder(s). During this phase, bidders' responses will be evaluated based on compliance with the listed administrative and mandatory bid requirements. The bidder(s) proposal will be disqualified for the non-submission of the required documents unless stipulated otherwise.

The document that must be submitted	YES/NO	Non-submission may result in disqualification.
Confirmation of valid Tax Status	YES	Written confirmation that Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) may, on an ongoing basis during the tenure of the contract, disclose the bidder's tax compliance status. FIRS Tax Compliance through the issuance/provision of a Tax Identification Number (TIN).
Annexure A-Invitation (SBD 1)		Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
Annexure E-Declaration of Interest - SBD 4)		Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
Registration membership with professional/regulatory bodies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APCON and • MIPAN or NIPR (Bidders who do not have valid proof of membership will be disqualified)

Phase 2: Technical Evaluation Criteria = Weighting out of 100 %

All bidders are required to respond to the technical evaluation criteria scorecard and provide information/portfolio of evidence that they unconditionally hold the available capacity, ability, experience, and qualified staff to provide the requisite business requirements to South African Tourism under this tender.

The technical, functional evaluation (functionality) will comprise two (2) phases:

Phase 2 A Desktop technical, functional evaluation- A bidder will be evaluated out of 100% and is required to score a minimum threshold of **70%** to qualify for Pitch Presentation Phase 2B

Phase 2 B Pitch Presentation -A bidder will be evaluated out of 100 % and is required to score a minimum threshold of **70%** to be assessed further in the next phase of evaluation (Price and B-BBEE).

Deliverables / Performance Indicators	Value allocated	Reference pages in the bidder's proposal.
NB: Below criterion will be assessed as per the functional evaluation matrix unless stated otherwise		
<p>1. Expertise and experience in traditional and digital PR, a bidder is required to provide Case studies of work done by the PR agency and accolades, etc.</p> <p>Creativity and innovation in PR around consumer brands and the distribution channels - provide case studies</p> <p><i>NB: SA Tourism reserves the right to verify the submitted Case study and/or accolades. Should it be discovered that the presented information is contrary to reality, a bidder will be disqualified.</i></p>	50	

2. Media Monitoring, Reputation Management Tracking and Reporting - approach, service, and tools that will be made available to South African Tourism during the contractual period. NB: SA Tourism designated official should be able to have access to the proposed solution on reporting etc.	35	
3. Expertise and experience of the proposed team: Proven and relevant experience of the proposed team to be deployed to the project. The bidder is expected to provide a profile of the proposed resources which can be linked to successful case studies as a way of providing a proven track record.	15	
Total	100	

- Bid proposals will be evaluated strictly according to the bid evaluation criteria stipulated in this section.
- Bidders must, as part of their bid documents, submit supportive documentation for all functional requirements as indicated in the Terms of Reference. The panel responsible for scoring the respective bids will evaluate and score all bids based on information presented in the bid proposals in line with the RFP.
- The score for functionality will be calculated in terms of the table below where each Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) member will rate each individual criterion on the bid evaluation score sheet using the following value scale/matrix:

Functional Evaluation Matrix

Rating	Definition	Score
Excellent	Exceeds the requirement. Exceptional demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources, and quality measures required to provide the goods/services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential value, with supporting evidence.	3
Acceptable	Satisfies the requirement with minor additional benefits , above average demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources, and quality measures required to provide the goods/services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential required services, with supporting evidence.	2
Average	Submission meets the minimum requirement with major reservations . Considerable reservations of the supplier's relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources, and quality measures required to provide the goods/services, with little or no supporting evidence.	1
Unacceptable	Does not meet the requirement . Does not comply and/or insufficient information provided to demonstrate that the supplier has the ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources & quality measures required to provide the goods/services, with little or no supporting evidence.	0

Phase 2B: Pitch Presentation

The shortlisted agencies who qualify after the desktop technical evaluation (Phase 2A) will be invited to present a short pitch revert against the background, environment, and scope of work stated on this bid document. The shortlisted agencies will be required to present the provided brief on the challenges, target market, competitor analysis, and pitch deliverables. The attached annexures are the synopsis of what the shortlisted agencies will be required to respond to.

Bidders will be required to achieve a minimum threshold of 70% in order to proceed to Phase 3 for Price evaluations. Bidders who do not achieve the minimum threshold, which translates to a minimum score of 70 out of a possible maximum score of 100 %, will be disqualified.

Pitch Presentation Evaluation criteria NB: Below criterion will be assessed as per the functional evaluation matrix unless stated otherwise	Weighting	Reference pages in the bidder's proposal.
<p>1. Expertise and experience in traditional and digital PR</p> <p>2. Creativity and innovation in PR around consumer brands and the distribution channels</p> <p><u>Deliverables:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using the global communication strategy, localise and develop an integrated PR strategy for the African markets. Develop content through public relations creativity that supports/drives the brand campaign to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement that public relations and communications plan through the integrated marketing mix and platforms (channels) <p><u>Expectations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The strategy needs to be adaptable for application in both Nigeria and Ghana and take into account the need for tailored messaging that will address the key barriers; and content that will reach the right target audience. While this will primarily be a content-led approach, the agency should recommend additional tactics that could potentially be delivered in tandem with the campaign. A clear showcasing of how the agency adopts new technologies aligned to the evolution of the consumer will be a key factor to determine the level of expertise. Illustrate the longevity of the tactics over an extended period taking into consideration the current, negative perception about South Africa due to travel barriers, e.g. travel visa processing attacks on foreign nationals narrative and general safety concerns. Illustrate how lobbying can be used as part of the marketing mix 	50	

3. Media Monitoring, Reputation Management Tracking, and Reporting - approach, service, and proprietary tools that will be made available to South African Tourism <u>Deliverables:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample reporting based on the strategy, implementation, and tactics. <u>Expectations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the agency's proprietary tools mentioned in the RFP Suggest measurements and benchmark those against global best practice 	35	
4. Expertise, experience, and account management and team. <u>Deliverable:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organogram and process to demonstrate how the SAT account will be managed <u>Expectations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample of managing briefs and reverts with timelines (leave behind document) Agency ecosystem 	15	
TOTAL	100	

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- The score for functionality will be calculated in terms of the table below where each Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) member will rate each criterion on the bid evaluation score sheet using the following value scale/matrix:

Technical Functional Evaluation Matrix

Rating	Definition	Score
Excellent	Exceeds the requirement. Exceptional demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources, and quality measures required to provide the goods/services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential value, with supporting evidence.	3
Acceptable	Satisfies the requirement with minor additional benefits , above average demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources, and quality measures required to provide the goods/services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential required services, with supporting evidence.	2
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Phase 3: Price and B-BBEE Evaluation (80+20 or 90+10) = 100 points

Only bidder(s) who meets the minimum threshold of 70% for the pitch presentation during Phase 3 will be further evaluated for comparative pricing.

The total points for price evaluation (out of 80/90) and the total points for BBEE evaluation (out of 20/10) will be consolidated. The bidder who scores the highest points for comparative pricing and B-BBEE status level of contributor after the consolidation of points will normally be considered the preferred bidder whom South African Tourism will enter into further negotiations with for the respective marketing discipline that was tendered.

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

Objective Criteria

The recommended bidder will be required to submit a full set of the latest financials upon request from South African Tourism. SA Tourism may assess the financial health (*Liquidity, solvency ratio, etc.*) of the recommended bidder. Should the result of the financial assessment reflect financial distress that may hinder the supplier from successfully delivering the project, SA Tourism reserves the right not to award the Bid to the highest point scorer.

Upon the successful negotiation and signing of a contract and services level agreement with the preferred service provider, all other service providers will be considered unsuccessful.

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