

SASSA: RO 12/07/2026/ HCM/ EC

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

**INVITATION OF SUPPLIERS TO PROVIDE INTERNAL CONTROL AND AUDITING
TRAINING, PROVIDE A VENUE WITH FACILITIES AND CATERING FOR SASSA
EASTERN CAPE**

BRIEFING SESSION: THERE WILL BE NO BRIEFING SESSION

**PROPOSALS MUST EMAILED TO QUOTATIONSEC@SASSA.GOV.ZA OR BE
DEPOSITED IN THE QUOTATION BOX SITUATED AT:**

SASSA

BKB BUILDING,

CONR FITZPATRICK & MERINO ROAD

QUIGNEY

EAST LONDON

5201

CLOSING DATE: 06 AUGUST 2026

TIME: 11:00

ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO:

For technical enquiries:

Name: N. Mahlaza

Tel: 043 – 707 6455

Email: QuotationsEC@sassa.gov.za

For Supply Chain Management Enquiries:

Name: Ms N Yanxa

Tel: 043-707 6116

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BID DOCUMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:

<https://etenders.treasury.gov.za> <https://www.sassa.gov.za>



TERMS OF REFERENCE

APPOINTMENT OF ACCREDITED SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR INTERNAL CONTROL AND AUDITING TRAINING, VENUE AND FACILITIES AND CATERING FOR 50 OFFICIALS.

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1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

OCCUPATIONAL LEVELS	(levels)	DESCRIPTION
Top Management / Executives	15-16	Controls the functional integration of the business. Determines the overall strategy and objectives of the business. Directs the company into the future. The nature of the work and focus is long-term. Sign-off on policy or strategy.
Senior Management	13-14	Knowledge of entire business area/BU/company or group. Provide inputs for/formulation of the overall Organisational strategy. Translates the overall strategy into business plans for BU/Functional Unit, thereby operationalizing Organisational strategy. Implements and manages business plan, goals and objectives and ensures the achievement of overall key Organisational/BU/Functional outputs. Manages the development of innovation and change
Middle Management	11-12	Professional knowledge of sub-discipline or discipline. Provide input in the formulation of Organisational/Functional Unit business plans. Formulate and implement departmental/team plans that will support the BU business plans. Optimisation of resources (finances, people, material, information and technology) to achieve given objectives in most productive and cost effective way.
Junior Management	07-10	Applies broad knowledge of products, techniques and processes. Evaluates procedures and applies previous experience. Determines own priorities. Process are stipulated; but may require initiative in terms of how it should be done.

Semi-Skilled	04 - 06	Accountable for direct product, process or service quality. Incremental improvement of existing processes and procedures according to clear guidelines. Choosing of correct action based on set standards, training procedures and experience.
Unskilled	01- 03	Steps to accomplish work or processes that are clearly defined. Tasks are sometimes repetitive and uncomplicated and the work cycle is short

2. INTRODUCTION

The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) was established in terms of the South African Social Security Agency Act, 2004 (Act No. 9 of 2004). A Schedule 3A Public Entity is responsible for the management, administration and payment of social assistance.

3. PURPOSE

It is to minimize risks and protect assets, ensure accuracy of records, promote operational efficiency, and encourage adherence to policies, rules, regulations, and laws. Internal controls encompass the processes and procedures designed to safeguard assets, prevent errors and fraud, and ensure the reliability of financial reporting. Internal auditing, on the other hand, is the independent evaluation of these controls and processes to provide assurance to management and stakeholders.

4. BACKGROUND

SASSA regards training and development of its employees as critical for the efficient functioning of the organisation as well as improving the skills set of its employees. Not only is training and development conducted in compliance with the requirements of the Skills Development Act, but it is also viewed as a business imperative.

Training and development is essential in equipping employees with the necessary competencies so that they can advance in their careers and enable

the Agency to achieve its employment equity targets. Furthermore, training and development is intended to achieve the following:

- ✓ To equip SASSA employees with current knowledge and skills to effectively and successfully fulfil the requirements of their roles.
- ✓ To enhance the competencies of employees so they can contribute to the attainment of strategic and operational goals of the Agency.

5. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this exercise is to source an accredited service provider for training and development that **SASSA can utilise to procure identified training interventions.**

6. PROGRAMME

Quantity: 50

Target Group: Level 8-12

Method of training: Face to Face in East London

Duration: 5 days

NQF Alignment: Level 5

7. OUTCOMES OF TRAINING

Upon completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Understand internal control frameworks,
- Risk assessment methodologies,
- The role of internal audit in governance and compliance,
- Identify, evaluate, and document internal controls, conduct audits, and communicate effectively
- Ability to identify, analyze, and prioritize financial and operational risks.
- Skill in building and implementing effective internal controls using standards like COSO.
- Capability to spot red flags, errors, and fraudulent activities through data analytics and testing.
- Ensuring company activities match legal standards, policies, and donor requirements.
- Guaranteeing reliable, transparent, and accurate financial statements.
- Delivering clear audit findings and practical steps to fix weak controls.

8. EVALUATION OF THE QUOTATIONS

8.1. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated as per following phases:

Phase 1 – Mandatory Requirements

NB: Failure to comply with the above requirement will result in your proposal being disqualified.

The Service Provider is requested to provide SASSA with a quotation that includes the following items:

- ✓ Detailed proposal methodology listing the modules and course content and course outcomes of the training course, approach, and duration of the training when submitting quotations.
- ✓ Training Manual, Travelling & Accommodation costs for facilitator,
- ✓ The Service Provider should be accredited, and the training intervention should be NQF Level 5
- ✓ The Service Provider must be accredited with SETA, QCTO or other sectorial accreditation.
- ✓ The Service Provider should submit a copy of the accreditation certificate and unit standards of the training for evaluation.

The Service Provider to develop manual customized for the Agency and all participants to be in possession of the manual

Phase 2 - Administrative Compliance

Service providers should submit the following:

- Tax Compliance Status Pin.
- Proof of registration with Central Suppliers Database (CSD)
- Fully Completed and Signed standard bidding documents (SBD)
- Service providers should complete and submit a quotation in line SASSA 01 standards

9. PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS

Price and Specific Goals, and 80/20 preference point system will be applied during the sourcing of quotations from SETA accredited training and development service providers.

10. BID CONDITIONS

The service provider should comply with the following conditions:

- a. SASSA will not consider late quotations.
- b. SASSA will not be held liable for any expenses incurred by the service providers in preparing and submitting the quotations.

11. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

- The following conditions apply to (i) approval to be in the database, (ii) when quotations are requested and (iii) when a bid has been awarded, if any of the conditions are not met the application or submission will not be considered: -
- The Agency reserves the right to approve one (1) or more service providers or not to appoint any service providers.
- The general conditions of contracts as set out by the National Treasury will be applicable in all instances.
- The Agency will ensure that the service provider(s) will be provided with all data required to render the services.
- Prospective service provider(s) shall have to treat all available data provided by the Agency in the process as strictly confidential. Such data remains the property of the Agency.
- The service provider shall invoice the Agency in respect of services rendered.
- The Agency shall pay the service provider within 30 days for services rendered
- The successful service provider(s) will enter into a service level agreement with the Agency.
- Service provider(s) may be required to undergo security vetting.
- The training venue will remain the responsibility of the Agency
- Service provider(s) will be disqualified if found to have misrepresented information in their bid proposals

12. CLOSING OF RFQ

Service provider/s must submit their quotations electronically to QuotationsEC@sassa.gov.za on or before the 6th August 2026 at 11:00 or at the following address:

The South African Security Agency

BKB Building

Corner Fitzpatrick and Merino Road

Quigney

East London

5201

13. ENQUIRIES

- All enquiries regarding the bid may be directed to the following officials in writing:

Technical Enquiries:

Name: Ms. N Mahlaza

Tel: 043 – 707 6455

Email: QuotationsEC@sassa.gov.za

Supply Chain Management Enquiries

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BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

- 1.1 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, 1996 (Constitution), and further expressed in the various applicable legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.
- 1.2 If a person is 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. DECLARATION ON EMPLOYMENT BY ORGAN OF STATE

- 2.1 Is the bidder, or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners of the bidder employed by an organ of state, as defined in section 239 of the Constitution? **YES/NO**
- 2.2 If YES, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, in the table below:

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of organ of state

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2.3 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.4 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**

2.4.1 If so, indicate all companies registered in the CSD in the table below:

Supplier registration number (MAAA)	Status (active/inactive/deleted)

Failure to disclose all CSD-registered active companies linked to all Directors will lead to disqualification.

3 GENERAL DECLARATION

I,, the undersigned, 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 to be false.
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.
- 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring 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.
- 3.7 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, 1998 (Act No. 89 of 1998) and or may be referred to law enforcement agencies for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the state for a period not exceeding 10 years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004) or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE PROCURING INSTITUTION MAY REJECT THE BID OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST ME IF THIS DECLARATION IS FALSE.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Designation

.....
Name of bidder

SBD 6.1

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

(a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) “**tender**” means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) “**price**” means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) “**rand value**” means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) “**tender for income-generating contracts**” means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) “**the Act**” means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20

or

90/10

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

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

3.2. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20 or 90/10

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

Where

Ps= Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmax= Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—

(a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or

(b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,

then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.)

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor with at least 51% black women ownership	20	
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 4 contributor with at least 51% women ownership	18	
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor with at least 51% black youth or disabled ownership	16	
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor	14	
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 8 contributor with at least 51% youth or disabled ownership	12	
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 4 contributor	8	
B-BBEE Status Level 5 - 8 contributor	4	
Non-compliant	0	
Note: In the event of a bidder claiming more than one specific goal category, SASSA will allocate points based on specific goal with the highest points		

Returnable document to claim points	Please tick below for the attached document
1. B-BBEE Certificate	
2. Sworn Affidavit (EME or QSE)	

3. CSD registration number	
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DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name _____ of
company/firm.....

4.4. Company _____ registration _____ number: _____
.....

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One-person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Public Company
- ☐ Personal Liability Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited
- ☐ Non-Profit Company
- ☐ State Owned Company

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I 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 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

(a) disqualify the person from the tendering 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 tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted 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, if deemed necessary.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)	
SURNAME AND NAME:	
DATE:	
ADDRESS:	
	
	

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

JULY 2010

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 complied 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

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. Definitions

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 provider, 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 provider 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 the 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 provider 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 provider and not involving the provider’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 provider 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 provider or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as land 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 provider covered under the contract.
- 1.25 **“Written” or “in writing”** means hand-written 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 (excluding professional services related to the building and construction industry), sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise 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 X 85, Pretoria 001, 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 provider 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 provider'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 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 success 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 provider'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 clause 8.2 & 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 analysed 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 provider who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do not comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the providers cost and risk. Should the provider fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the provider 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. Packaging

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packaging of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packaging shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packaging, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the good's final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packaging, 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, 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 the 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 the 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 provider of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the provider'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 provider 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:

- 1) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the provider, provided that this election shall not relieve the provider of any warranty obligations under the contract, and
- 2) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - a) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - b) 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 provider 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 provider, 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 the 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 provider's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the provider under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the provider 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 fulfilment 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 provider in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized 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 provider 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 provider from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the provider'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 any emergency arises, the provider's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the provider's services are not readily available.
- 21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the provider in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the provider 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 provider'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 good 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 judgement 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 provider 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 person prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offense as contemplated in section 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combatting 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 Counter-Vailing 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 provider to the purchaser or the purchaser may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the provider 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 provider shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that hi 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 provider shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the provider 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 provider if the provider becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the provider, 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 provider 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 provider any monies due to the provider for goods delivered and / or services rendered according to the prescripts of the contract.

28. Limitation Of Liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful 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 provider to pay penalties and / or damages to the purchaser; and
- (b) the aggregate liability of the provider 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.

31. Notices

31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the provider 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.

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.

32. TAXES AND DUTIES

- 32.1 A foreign provider shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.
- 32.2 A local provider shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, and license fees, etc, incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.
- 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. .

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

- 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).
- 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.
- 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.