



SOUTH AFRICA

**ELECTORAL COMMISSION
BID SPECIFICATIONS
COLLAPSIBLE DOCUMENT STORAGE BOXES WITH LID
ePROCUREMENT AUCTION NUMBER: 0010487394**

It is strongly recommended that the bidder prints this document, scrutinises it carefully in order to ensure compliance with requirements and retain for reference purpose!

ITEM DESCRIPTION: COLLAPSIBLE DOCUMENT STORAGE BOXES WITH LID

1. BACKGROUND

The Electoral Commission is desirous to procure the following items:

- Collapsible Document Storage Boxes with Lid

Bidders must be registered and approved on IEC's eProcurement system (<https://votaquotes.elections.org.za>) in order to place a bid online.

Interested parties are welcome to attend the briefing scheduled as follows:

- Date – 25 November 2022
- Time – 11:00
- Venue – 1303 Heuwel Avenue, Election House, Riverside Office Park, Centurion

Further auction details are available on eProcurement system and National Treasury eTender Portal.

2. ITEM SPECIFICATION

ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF MEASURE	QUANTITY REQUIRED	COLOUR	DIMENSIONS
Collapsible Document Storage Boxes with Lid	Each	94,400 (Individual boxes)	Buff Brown	60cm (L) X 45cm (W) X 30cm (H) with a tolerance of 10mm permitted in either dimension.

- The cut-out carrying handles should be approximately 10cm x 4cm (A tolerance 2cm is permitted in either dimension).
- The cut-out carrying handles must be positioned in the center of the width and approximately 6cm from the top (A tolerance of 1cm is permitted in either dimension).
- The collapsible document storage box must be made of corrugated cardboard, with lid attached to the box.
- The collapsible document storage box must be manufactured of a corrugated single wall cardboard class: 140Liner / 112 Flute.
- The collapsible document storage box must be supplied in a flat form, consisting of a base and a matching lid, and ready for easy assembly at the point of use.
- The collapsible document storage box must be strong enough to carry a minimum weight of 20kg.
- Each collapsible document storage box with a lid must be a single piece when flat with no loose liners, and must have a double layer bottom when assembled.
- The collapsible document storage box must have double side layers, with cut-out carrying handles.

- The collapsible document storage box with lid must carry clear and simple assembly instructions and/or diagrams printed on the box surface, i.e. not loose leaflets.

3. PRINTING REQUIREMENTS

- Each box must have clear and simple assembly instructions and/or diagrams printed on the box surface.

4. COSTING AND BIDDING

- Bidders must take care to estimate and calculate their costs and prices correctly before placing a bid on the Electoral Commission's eProcurement system.
- Erroneous low bids cannot be removed or adjusted upwards. Common errors include the entering of a unit price instead of a total price in the case of a batch requirement, or accidentally omitting zeros (e.g. R50 instead of R5,000).
- All prices must include VAT.
- The bid amount as it appears on the eProcurement auction on the date and time of auction closure will be valid as stipulated for purposes of awarding of a contract and payment for delivery of the required goods and services.
- Amounts/total cost must include all variables involved in the production of the items.
- Amounts on the auction and/or official purchase order will be considered as the final and total cost, and thus cannot be changed/amended at any given time by the service provider during and after the service has been rendered.
- Bids must be placed for the correct unit of measure, i.e. per box.
- NB: Bidders must note that the cost of packaging and delivery must be included in the bid price, and all packaging materials (including pallets) remain the property of the Electoral Commission after delivery.

5. QUALITY CONTROL

- The Electoral Commission reserves the right to conduct inspections at the service provider's premises for quality and adherence to specifications before deliveries are made.
- The service provider must undertake and warrant that all goods shall, at the time of delivery, be according to specifications, in good condition, order and ready for use.
- The service provider has the primary responsibility to ensure that quantity and quality are in accordance with the specification.

6. PACKAGING AND PREPARATIONS FOR DISPATCH

- The collapsible document storage box must be securely strapped in packs of 20, each pack consisting of 20 boxes or alternative packaging as agreed to by the Electoral Commission.
- The packs (each containing 20 boxes) must then be stacked on (1,000mm x 1,200mm four-way entry single sided pallets), and strapped to the pallet.
- Maximum height to stack is 1,5m. Maximum weight permitted per pallet is 500kg.
- Strict attention must be paid to stable and secure packaging to withstand the rigors of transportation by road.
- The pallets must be clearly labeled with an A4 label indicating stating the following:
 - ✓ Contents: Collapsible Document Storage Box
 - ✓ Weight
 - ✓ Bidder's details
- Pallets must be plastic-wrapped and strapped to prevent contents shifting or falling during movement.

7. DELIVERY LOCATION, DATE AND DELIVERY NOTES

- Deliveries of goods to the selected Electoral Commission warehouses must be completed no later than **30 June 2023**.
- Deliveries to the Electoral Commission warehouses should be made during working hours (08h30-17h00).
- The required point of delivery is the Electoral Commission warehouses as per Section 15.
- The site details are given on Section A for reference.
- Prior notification must be given to ensure availability of receiving staff. The service provider must notify the appropriate Electoral Commission contact person of the delivery schedule and intended times of delivery, as per Section 15 below.
- Deliveries must be made in the name of the service provider – no third party deliveries will be accepted.
- Partial deliveries will not be accepted, unless prior agreement and approval by the Electoral Commission.
- Late deliveries will not be accepted nor paid for.
- Bidders must take note that a proper delivery notes system is crucial. Refer section below on delivery notes and requirements.
- Prices must include delivery of the specified quantities to the specified sites as per Section 15.

8. DURATION

The contract for the supply and delivery of the Collapsible Document Storage Box as per this auction is a 'once off' requirement.

9. TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF SAMPLES

Before a contract is awarded to any service provider that service provider will be required to prove conformance of the offered goods to the stated specification.

- The Electoral Commission reserves to inspect samples or examples of the offered materials to establish conformance before awarding an order.
- The Electoral Commission, furthermore, also reserves the right to consider at its sole discretion alternative options to exact specifications outlined in the auction or otherwise stipulated that may be offered by service providers should the Electoral Commission be of the opinion that such alternative options that are being offered are economically viable and/or may be a practical solution and/or may be generally beneficial in respect of promoting and reaching the Electoral Commission's goals, target dates and objectives.
- For evaluation purposes, all bidders who has placed a bid on this auction will be required to submit a sample for inspection and testing by the Electoral Commission. Note that reminders will not be sent out by the Electoral Commission – it is the responsibility of each bidder to submit the sample as a matter of course.
- The sample must consist of at least three (3) similar collapsible document storage box and must conform to the auction specifications as set out in sections 2 and 3 above.
- The sample must be full size and of correct dimensions as stated in section 2 above.
- For sample purposes (only), the clear and simple assembly instructions and/or diagram need to be printed on the box surface. A leaflet will suffice. However, it must be a reflection of the final assembly instructions and/or diagram to be used on the final product.
- The sample must be made of the specified materials and components for use in full scale manufacture.

- Bids must be placed online not later than the stipulated closing (i.e **11:30 on 14 December 2022**) **at the time stipulated on the auction on the eProcurement system.**
- Written submission and samples must be submitted not later than (i.e **11:00 15 December 2022**) **at the time stipulated on the auction on the eProcurement system.**
- Failure to submit a sample within the specified period will exclude that service provider from further consideration.
- No late written submission or samples will be considered.
- The samples must be delivered directly to:

Ms Mbali Gogo
 Electoral Commission
 Supply Chain Management Department
 Riverside Office Park
 Election House
 1303 Heuwel Avenue
 Centurion
 Tel: (012) 622 - 5916

- Samples must be clearly marked with the name of the bidder and the auction number, to avoid loss or confusion. In cases where more than one sample is included in a box/envelope, all auction numbers that may be applicable must be listed. The Electoral Commission takes no responsibility for unmarked samples that cannot be linked to a specific bid.
- The samples will be stringently tested for quality compliance to specifications and will not be returned to service providers at any point.
- Note that the samples will not be returned to bidders after the award.

- Successful service provider shall be subjected to a comprehensive due diligence audit process as determined by the Electoral Commission before a contract is awarded.

10. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: SERVICE PROVIDER INDUSTRY

- It will be necessary for the successful service provider to develop production strategies to ensure successful performance of the work.
- Therefore, bidders on this auction must be established operators in the relevant industry. For the purpose of this requirement, established operators refers to existing entities with the ability and capability to render a service of this magnitude. Such confirmation must be included in the written submission.
- In case of sub-contracting, consortium or joint venture, specific arrangements (including the roles of different service providers) entered into by the parties must be stated in a written submission and must be submitted to the Electoral Commission together with the bid. Failure to submit the required detail shall lead to disqualification of the bid.
- The Electoral Commission will use the detail provided in the written submission together with the sample and any due diligence audit provisions and other information at its disposal to determine compliance of any prospective service provider with the Electoral Commission's requirements.

11. POST EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

- Before the auction is awarded, the recommended service provider(s) will be subjected to due diligence audit requirements of the Electoral Commission.
- A due diligence audit will be conducted at the recommended service providers premises and the subcontractors premises (only if subcontracting has been detailed in the written submission).

- The due diligence audit will include, but not limited to, site inspection where items will be manufactured, packaged and dispatched, and viewing of equipment and machinery.

12. SUPPLIER PERFORMANCE

- Before a contract is awarded, the successful bidder will be required to enter into a service level agreement (SLA) with the Electoral Commission.
- The purpose of the SLA is to fix performance criteria within the key requirements of this auction, namely quantity, quality - including final specifications and delivery date.
- The SLA will contain elements such as service provider's progress milestones, delivery schedules, quality checkpoints and invoicing procedures.
- The Electoral Commission reserves the right to reject any deliveries not conforming to the above, including damaged units/parcels.
- Where previously agreed delivery schedules are not met by a service provider, the Electoral Commission shall have the right to appoint an alternative service provider (such as the next highest ranking bidder on this auction for example or any other service provider able to deliver) to make good the shortfall in supply in order to ensure delivery of elections. Any extra costs incurred by the Electoral Commission in obtaining such corrective services or products from another source will be for the account of the defaulting service provider. As such, any costs already incurred by the initially appointed service provider shall, at the sole discretion of the Electoral Commission, be for the account of that service provider since it failed to deliver! The normal penalties provided for on the Electoral Commission's purchase order shall also apply!

NOTE: Service providers are not allowed to amend/change the ordered items after approval of the sample and receipt of the official purchase order. Any

recommendations for improvement on the ordered items/products must first be agreed with and approved in writing by the Electoral Commission, at no additional cost.

13. PAYMENT

- No payment will be made by the Electoral Commission before the required goods and services has been rendered successfully.
- No payment will be made without an original invoice and copies of signed delivery notes.
- No payment will be processed before delivery is completed and accepted.
- Payment will be made within 30 days of receipt of the valid tax invoice and copies of signed delivery notes from the service provider, provided that the Electoral Commission is satisfied with the quality and standard of the service provider's performance.

14. TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES

Attention: Maite Matsebatlela / Molwelang Mathibe

Election House

Riverside Office Park

1303 Heuwel Avenue

Centurion, 0157

Tel: (012) 622-5492/5878

eMail: matsebatlelam@elections.org.za / mathibem@elections.org.za

15. ELECTORAL COMMISSION WAREHOUSE AND CONTACT NUMBERS DELIVERY OF COLLAPSIBLE DOCUMENT STORAGE BOX

PROVINCE	WAREHOUSE ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT NUMBERS	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	QUANTITIES
Eastern Cape Warehouse	Farm 923; Portion 2; Buffalo Pass; Collondale; East London	Masindi Mosehana Busi Mlola	043 736 4004 043 736 4025 043 736 4058	-33.046461	27.806322	9,700
Free State Warehouse	50 Monument Road, Uitsig Bloemfontein	Andre Rauch Mbekokazi Hume	051 447 3543	-29.138434	26.213753	3,200
Gauteng Warehouse	Unit B2 60 First Street Gold Reef Industrial Park Booysens Reserve	Moipone Hlokotsi Kabelo Khabane Justice Mhlanga	011 496 1725 011 496 1784	-26.237558	28.023757	5,800
Kwazulu-Natal Warehouse	41 Ashfield Close, Springfield Park, Durban	Cheryl Venter Mongezi Khumalo	031 579 4829 031 579 4206 031 579 5404	-29.806932	31.002666	10,000
Mpumalanga Warehouse	9 Blackberry Blvd Riverside Park Ext 22, Nelspruit	Thuli Mbethe	013 754 0200	-25.43062	30.96263	3,600
Northern Cape Warehouse	No. 7 Delfos Street, Kimdustria: Kimberley	Thuso Phokojoe Sarah Ubisi Awie Seekoei	053 838 5000 053 838 5029	-28.756689	24.783402	1,500
Limpopo Warehouse	11 Kobalt Street Nirvana Polokwane	Tendani Maselele D Magalatshetshe	015 292 0152 015 292 0149	-23.88719	29.43751	6,400
North West Warehouse	Rizvi House, 50/52 First Street (CNR: First Street & Aerodrome Road), Industrial Sites, Mafikeng,	Bogosi Judi Lucky Leyane	018 381 4054 018 391 0800	-27.841743	25.633314	3,600
Western Cape Warehouse	95 Bofors Circle Epping Industrial Epping 2 Cape Town	Philip Verlaat Vukile Ndyalivani	021 951 3350	--33.933312	18.564204	3,200
Central Warehouse	288 Kwanbi Crescent, Icon Industrial Park, Sunderland Ridge, Centurion	Robert Niemack Maite Matsebatlela	012 646 1017 012 622 5201	-25.842761	28.101921	47,400
					TOTAL	94,400

Service providers should please note that these addresses are correct at the time of advertising this bid. Changes may occur as a result of operational requirements. Warehouse will, however remain within the relevant municipality.

16. ILLUSTRATION



Note: The images above are for illustration purposes only. The final product/box will not have a hole in the lid.

17. BID EVALUATION PROCESS

Stage 1: Assessment of Bid Compliance and Bidder's Disclosure

All bids received will be evaluated and assessed in respect of the mandatory information provided in the Bidder's Disclosure (SBD4) as well as the register for restricted suppliers and tender defaulters.

Any potential issues that may arise or transgressions that may identified will be pursued in accordance with statutory obligations and requirements.

In this regard, the following must be noted:

The Electoral Commission must, as part of its supply chain management (SCM) processes, identify and manage all potential conflicts of interest and other disclosures made by a person participating in procurement process to enable the accounting officer or delegated authority to make informed decisions about the person participating in the SCM process.

As such, the Bidders Disclosure form, issued as Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 4, attached as Annexure B, was extended to all entities which were invited to participate in the RFQ process.

As part of the evaluation of the procurement process, the information provided by a person on the SBD4 form must be evaluated.

In so doing, it must be noted that if the bid evaluation establishes that:

- (a) a person within the bidding entity is an employee of the State, the Electoral Commission's Accounting Officer/accounting authority must request the relevant accounting officer/accounting authority whether the person-
 - (i) Is prohibited from conducting business with the State in terms of Section 8 of the Public Administration Management Act, 2014; or
 - (ii) has permission to perform other remunerative work outside of their employment, where the PAMA does not apply to such employee;
- (b) the conduct of a person constitutes a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004;
- (c) the conduct of a person constitutes a transgression of the Competition Act, 1998, the conduct must be reported to the Competition Commission; and
- (d) the conduct of a person must be dealt with in terms of the prescripts applicable to the Electoral Commission.

If it is established that a person has committed a transgression in terms of the above, or any other transgression of SCM prescripts, the bid may be rejected and the person may be restricted.

The Electoral Commission's Accounting Officer/accounting authority must inform National Treasury of any action taken against a person within 30 days of implementing the action.

During the bid evaluation process, the Electoral Commission must in addition to other due diligence measures, establish if a person is not listed in-

- (a) the Register of Tender Defaulters; and
- (b) the list of restricted suppliers.

A bid related to a restricted bidder or tender defaulter shall be rejected.

The under-mentioned assessment criteria will be used to evaluate the elements relating to the bid submission, SBD4, CSD registration, tax compliance, restricted suppliers and tender defaulters:

Assessment Criteria	Bidder Requirement (YES/NO)	Comments
Bidder is tax compliant. *		
The bidder is not an employee of the state.		
Having certified the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.		
Having certified to the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Competition Act.		
The bidder is not a tender defaulter as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		
The bidder is not a restricted supplier as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		

* A bidder must be tax compliant before a contract is awarded. A bid will be disqualified if the bidder's tax affairs remains non-compliant as per the provisions of National Treasury Instruction No 09 of 2017/2018 Tax Compliance Status Verification.

Stage 2: Evaluation Based on Functionality

Bids received in respect of this auction will be assessed/evaluated for compliance with technical specifications/functionality in accordance with the following evaluation criteria:

Key requirements for evaluation.

If the answer is NO to any of the questions the bid will be disqualified.

* Any bid that fails to meet the criteria for functionality will be regarded as unacceptable and set aside/disqualified.

BID EVALUATION CRITERIA – FUNCTIONALITY COLLAPSIBLE DOCUMENT DTORAGE BOX WITH LID

Key requirements for evaluation (if the answers is NO to any of the questions the bid will be disqualified)			
Criteria	YES	NO	Comments
STAGE ONE			
1. Did the service provider bid on the auction? (item 1 bullet 2)			
2. Was the sample submitted as required, i.e. <i>within the required time frame?</i> (Item 9 – bullet 10)			
3. Is the Service provider established in the relevant industry and/or have direct control over the product design and production process? (Item 10 – bullet 2)			
4. Is the written confirmation and explanation of the capacity/ability to control the product design and production process submitted? (Item 10 – bullet 2)			
STAGE ONE OUTCOME	QUALIFIED	DISQUALIFIED	Comments

STAGE TWO	YES	NO	Comments
5. Are the samples submitted in a quantity of three (3) as required? (Item 9 – bullet 5)			
6. Are the cut-out carrying handles dimensions approximately 10cm x 4cm? A tolerance of 2cm permitted. (Item 2 – bullet 1)			
7. Are the cut-out carrying handles positioned in the center of the width and approximately 6cm from the top? (1cm tolerance is permitted. (Item 2 – bullet 2)			

STAGE TWO	YES	NO	Comments
8. Are the samples made of corrugated cardboard, with lid attached to the boxes? (Item 2 – bullet 3)			
9. Are the samples manufactured of a corrugated single wall cardboard class: 140Liner / 112 Flute? (Item 2 – bullet 4)			
10. Are the samples supplied in a flat form consisting of a base and a matching lid, ready for easy assembly at the point of use? (Item 2 – bullet 5)			
11. Are the boxes strong enough to carry a minimum weight of 20kg? (Item 2 – bullet 6)			
12. Are the boxes with lids a single piece when flat with no loose liners? (Item 2 – bullet 7)			
13. Does the box have a double layer bottom when assembled? (Item 2 – bullet 7)			
14. Does the box have a double side layers, with cut-out carrying handles? (Item 2 – bullet 8)			
15. Does the box have clear and simple assembly instructions and/or diagrams? (Item 2 – bullet 9)			
16. Are the boxes dimension 60cm (L) X 45cm (W) X 30cm (H)? A tolerance of 10mm permitted. (Item 2)			
17. Is the base material colour buff brown? (Item 2)			

FINAL RESULT	QUALIFIES	DISQUALIFIED

Stage 3: Bid Adjudication Process

Bids will be adjudicated as set out below.

Stage 3 – Adjudication of Bids

Only bids that comply with the requirements and conditions of the auction and that meet the minimum criteria in the bid evaluation process as stipulated above will be considered for bid

Only bids that comply with the requirements and conditions of the auction and that meet the minimum criteria in the bid evaluation process as stipulated above will be considered for bid adjudication purposes.

Only market related bids will be acceptable.

Adjudication of qualifying bids will be done in accordance with the 80/20 preference point system provided for in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017. Pre-scoring of bids on the eProcurement system is illustrative only in respect of the potential outcome of the auction and serves to enhance transparency in the bidding process as well as to encourage competitive bidding and B-BBEE compliance. Qualifying bids will be scored to conclude the bid evaluation process and final price and total bid points may change accordingly. Ranking of the qualifying bids in terms of the scoring will be confirmed. The order or ranking of qualifying bids may change should the formula depicted in the Regulations result in such change. Bidders must, therefore, only use the order of bids on the auction to guide their bidding process and not as the definitive outcome of the tender process.

Bid Evaluation Team Member	Sign Off	
	Signature	Date