

### YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (DSD)

**BID NUMBER:** SD02 2025/2026 **CLOSING DATE:** 14 OCTOBER 2025

**VALIDITY PERIOD:** 90 DAYS **CLOSING TIME:** 11:00

#### **DESCRIPTION**

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE AN E-MOBILITY SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS

The successful bidder will be required to fill in and sign a written Contract Form (WCBD 7)

#### **BID DOCUMENTS**

MUST BE DEPOSITED (HAND DELIVERED OR VIA COURIER ON OR BEFORE CLOSING DATE AND TIME STIPULATED ABOVE) IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT

GROUND FLOOR 14 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET UNION HOUSE BUILDING CAPE TOWN

ENQUIRIES RELATING TO BID DOCUMENT AND TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT Bernitha Ohlson EMAIL ADDRESS: Bernitha.Ohlson@westerncape.gov.za

Bidders should ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address. If the bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.

The bid box is generally open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS – (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED). THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

#### NB:

UNLESS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE BID INVITATION, NO BIDS FORWARDED BY TELEGRAM, TELEFAX, FACSIMILE OR COMPLETED IN RED OR GREEN INK WILL BE CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, PHOTOSTAT COPIES OF FACSIMILES WHICH ARE LODGED IN THE PRESCRIBED WAY AND IN WHICH THE RELEVANT FORMS AND CERTIFICATES ARE SIGNED IN INK, AFTER BEING COPIED, ARE ACCEPTED AS VALID BIDS.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT DATE:

### PART A INVITATION TO BID

#### ZERO-TOLERANCE TO FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION (ANTI-FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION)

THE WCG IS COMMITTED TO GOVERN ETHICALLY AND TO COMPLY FULLY WITH ANTI-FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION LAWS AND TO CONTINUOUSLY CONDUCT ITSELF WITH INTEGRITY AND WITH PROPER REGARD FOR ETHICAL PRACTICES.

THE WCG HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE APPROACH TO ACTS OF FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION BY ITS OFFICIALS AND ANY SERVICE PROVIDER CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE WCG.

THE WCG EXPECTS ALL ITS OFFICIALS AND ANYONE ACTING ON ITS BEHALF TO COMPLY WITH THESE PRINCIPLES TO ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE WCG AND THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES.

THE WCG IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING PUBLIC REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, ASSETS AND REPUTATION FROM ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY PERSON TO GAIN FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFIT IN AN UNLAWFUL, DISHONEST OR UNETHICAL MANNER.

INCIDENTS AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND WHERE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IS CONFIRMED, RESPONSIBLE PARTIES WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.

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#### 1. SCOPE

- 1.1. Appointment of a service provider to deliver a dedicated mobile APN service (e-mobility) to the Department of Social Development.
- 1.2. The main objective is to reduce expenditure on mobile data communication services; and.
- 1.3. To improve the utilisation of the Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) card technology innovations to achieve greater efficiencies within the Department.
- 1.4. To realise the envisaged savings, it is key to establish a partnership with the mobile data supplier. This partnership should reflect a continuous drive to achieve the set objectives, and to implement developments and improvements throughout the relationship.
- 1.5. The crucial objectives that must be met for this mobile data communication services contract include:
  - (a) The continuous reduction of expenditure on mobile data communication services remains at the heart of this contract.
  - (b) Establishing strategic, long-term partnerships that will allow continuous mobile data needs analysis.
  - (c) The optimal procurement of mobile data services, based on a needs assessment by the Departments institutions.
- 1.6. Payment of only used (usage-based services), thereby eliminating fruitless and wasteful expenditure, Accordingly, a set limit of mobile data spend per Departments employee will apply.
- 1.7. Provision of uninterrupted mobile data connectivity to the Department to support remote working.
- 1.8. Increased network coverage to reach poor and underserviced areas of the Western Cape.

#### 2. BID CONDITIONS

#### 2.1. General:

- 2.1.1. The bid has been drawn up so that certain essential information can be furnished in a specific manner. Bidders are not allowed to make changes to the original document. Only the original document will be recognised as authentic and for contract purposes, will supersede any changes that may have been affected by the bidder.
- 2.1.2. The bid forms should not be retyped or redrafted. Photocopies may be made and completed.
- 2.1.3. Black or blue ink shall be used to fill in bids.
- 2.1.4. The onus is placed on bidders to check that all pages of their bid are included to ensure that no pages are missing. DSD will not accept liability for claims related to missing pages.
- 2.1.5. Unless specifically provided for in the bid invitation, no bid by telegram, telex or fax will be considered.
- 2.1.6. Bidders must bid in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the bid documents.
- 2.1.7. The closing date and time for the receipt of bids in response to this invitation to bid is detailed on the cover page of this invitation to bid.
- 2.1.8. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the bid number, bid description as reflected on page 1 of this invitation to bid and closing date.
- 2.1.9. All bids must be submitted before the closing date and time stipulated above and must be deposited in the bid box at the address detailed on the cover page of this invitation to bid. No late bids will be accepted
- 2.1.10. The Department will evaluate bids in terms of disqualifying conditions, any condition with the word or term "must" or "will", is deemed to be a disqualifying condition.
- 2.1.11. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any bid offer and may cancel the bidding process or reject all bids at any time before awarding a contract, for reasons including, but not limited to the following:
  - a) There has been a change in circumstances, and the services specified in the invitation are no longer required;
  - b) Funds are no longer available to cover the anticipated expenditure;
  - c) No acceptable bids have been received; or
  - d) A material irregularity has occurred in the bidding process.

#### 2.2. Enquiries:

- 2.2.1. Bidders may direct inquiries by email to Bernitha Ohlson (email: Bernitha.Ohlson@westerncape.gov.za). The department may distribute any answers to bidder's questions to all other prospective bidders.
- 2.2.2. The due date for any queries related to this bid will be **30 September 2025.**
- 2.2.3. The department will publish all answers on the e-Tender portal by no later than **07** October **2025**.

#### 2.3. Minimum requirements of bidders

- 2.3.1. It is a condition of bid that bidders must have at least five-years' experience in the supply and delivery of an APN service. Bidders who do not have five years' experience in the supply and delivery of APN service will be disqualified.
- 2.3.2. Bidders must provide contactable references. Bidders who do not provide contactable references will be disqualified. To this end Annexure A must be completed in full. Bidders that do not complete Annexure A in full will be disqualified.

#### 2.4. Bid document:

2.4.1. The documentation stipulated below must be returned with the bid document. Bidders must note that some of the documents requires completion by the bidder.

No.	Document	Mandatory Documents to be completed. Bidders who do not complete these documents will be disqualified	Bidder to return document with bid. Yes/No
a)	WCBD 1	Mandatory	Yes
b)	WCBD 3.2	Mandatory	Yes
c)	WCBD 4	Mandatory	Yes
d)	WCBD 6.1	Mandatory only if the bidder intends to claim preference points. If the bidder is a joint venture and wishes to claim points, the certificate submitted must be for the joint venture not for individuals.	Yes
e)	Bid Specifications	Yes	Yes
f)	Annexure A	Yes	Yes
g)	Certified Individual Electronic Communications Service Licence (I-ECS) and	Yes	Yes
h)	Certified Individual Electronic Communications Network Service Licence (I-ECNS)	Yes	Yes

#### 2.5. Supplier Database Registration

#### 2.5.1. <u>Central Supplier Database:</u>

Bidders must be registered on the Central Supplier database at the closing time of the bid. Bidders can register at <a href="www.csd.gov.za">www.csd.gov.za</a>

#### 2.6. <u>Validity</u>

2.6.1. Bid documentation submitted by the bidder will be valid and open for acceptance for a period of 90 (ninety) calendar days from the closing date and time of the bid.

#### 2.7. Supply of items/services stipulated

- 2.7.1. The Department is seeking to appoint a service provider that can provide a dedicated APN (e-Mobility) Service in terms of the conditions and specifications stipulated.
- 2.7.2. The Department shall have no contractual relationship with third parties or subcontractors of the bidder and all responsibilities and obligations shall vest with the appointed service provider.

#### 2.8. Pricing Schedule (form WCBD 3.2.):

- 2.8.1. The Pricing Schedule (WCBD 3.2) must be completed in all respects.
- 2.8.2. Pricing must be stipulated inclusive of VAT (where the bidder is VAT registered).
- 2.8.3. The prices must be fixed for the thirty-six (36) month period except for services susceptible to exchange rate. Bidders must indicate on the WCBD 3.2 which items are subject to rate of exchange and provide the current exchange rate.
- 2.8.4. Bidders to take note that only item 6 on the pricing schedule (WCBD 3.2) will be used for evaluation purpose. This is a summary of items 1-5; however, items 1-5 must be completed in full.

#### 3. BID SPECIFICATIONS

#### 3.1. Supply of a Dedicated APN service

- 3.1.1. The department requires a base corporate bundle of 1,0TB per month
  - a) The Department requires top-up bundle rates for 0,5TB, 1TB and 2TB bundles.
  - b) The Department requires a rate for out of bundle usage.
- 3.1.2. The APN service must allow for internet breakout
- 3.1.3. Furthermore, the Department requires mobile data network coverage solution that is stable, uninterrupted, and reliable at any places of service delivery. The mobile data network coverage solution must be able to support any connectivity challenges experienced by the Department operating in poor or very limited or no network coverage service delivery areas within the Western Cape. The department requires 100% network coverage (4G); however, the department will accept a minimum of 80% from the bidder with a plan to close the deficit at no cost to the Department.

#### 3.2. <u>Management Portal and APN Reporting</u>

- 3.2.1. The Department requires a Management Portal to manage and monitor individual SIM cards
  - a) The Portal must allow the Department to create users, manage, update, monitor and delete users.
  - b) The Portal must allow for the creation and reporting by user groups and subgroups.
  - c) The Portal must allow for the creation of user profiles and the movement of users and updating of profiles.
  - d) The Portal must allow for soft locking and data management across SIM cards.
  - e) The Portal must allow for automatic unlocking of soft-locked SIM cards at the beginning of a new month
  - f) The Portal must automatically unlock soft-locked users who receive a top-up during the course of the month
  - g) The Portal must provide for regular data usage alerts at corporate level.
  - h) User alerts must also be provided to users
- 3.2.2. The department requires the following monthly reporting in MS Excel format as part of the APN services
  - a) Sim Allocation and Usage
  - b) Dept usage
  - c) Cost Centre Usage
  - d) Reports by Relevant user groupings
  - e) The Portal must allow for historical reports, E.g., quarterly reports.

- 3.2.3. APN Reports that can provide the following:
  - a) Top Websites visited
  - b) Websites per SIM
  - c) Potential Threats

#### 3.3. SIM Cards

- 3.3.1. The base number of SIM cards required by the Department is 700 SIM cards however, additional SIM cards may be required.
- 3.3.2. The service provider must be able to facilitate the department to do SIM swops through the portal.
- 3.3.3. The Mobile Data Services required are aimed at supporting the Departments work responsibilities in the provision of service delivery across Western Cape and requires SIM cards that are not locked to any device for flexibility in the utilisation of any mobile network.

#### 3.4. <u>Internet Firewall</u>

- 3.4.1. The Service provider must provide an internet firewall that blocks internet traffic as per list provided by Department
- 3.4.2. The service provider must provide a monthly usage firewall report.
- 3.5. The service provider must provide a notification if the APN is down or having technical challenges.

#### 3.6. <u>Administration</u>

- 3.6.1. Bidders must be able to provide an account and usage management services to the Department to eliminate any administration for the Department to focus on the provision of service delivery.
- 3.6.2. Bidders will be required to provide examples of the types of reports offered. This will form part of the evaluation of the tender.

#### 3.7. Quantities:

- 3.7.1. The estimated quantities indicated in the Pricing Schedule (WCBD 3.2) are estimated quantities and are not guaranteed. For evaluation purposes however, these quantities will be used to bring bids to a comparative level.
- 3.7.2. Bidders are not allowed to change the quantities as stipulated.

#### 4. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

- 4.1. General Conditions of Contract (GCC)
- 4.1.1. The General Conditions of Contract (GCC) as issued by the National Treasury shall apply to the contract.
- 4.1.2. Where the GCC is inconsistent with the conditions set out in this document (the bid document), the conditions in this document shall take precedence.

#### 4.2. Licence to operate

4.2.1. All bidders must submit valid and certified Individual Electronic Communications Service Licence (I-ECS) and Individual Electronic Communications Network Service Licence (I-ECNS), issued by ICASA. Failure to provide proof on licence will render the bid invalid.

#### 4.3. Commencement date of the contract:

4.3.1. The anticipated start date for this contract is 01 April 2026.

#### 4.4. <u>Subcontracting/Third Party</u>

- 4.4.1. Any bidder who is sourcing products or services from a third party must submit a valid Third-Party Undertaking letter in full for all relevant products or services.
- 4.4.2. The bidder must ensure that all financial and supply arrangements for products or services have been mutually agreed upon between the bidder and the third party. No agreement between the bidder and the third party will be binding on the Department.

#### 4.5. <u>Contract Period</u>

4.5.1. The contract period will be for thirty-Six (36) months ending 31 March 2029.

#### 4.6. <u>Service Level Agreement</u>

4.6.1. The Department and the successful bidder will enter into a Service Level Agreement within 60 days of award.

#### 4.7. Delivery Period

4.7.1. Lead times for delivery of all categories of mobile data products and services on the contract shall be as per the SLA. In respect of products and services awarded, Suppliers must adhere strictly to the delivery lead times as per the SLAs.

#### 4.8. Contract Performance Management

- 4.8.1. Contract performance management will be the responsibility of Participants and where Supplier performance disputes cannot be resolved between the Supplier and the relevant Participants, SCM contract management must be informed for corrective action.
- 4.8.2. Monthly meetings will be required between the service provider and the Department.

#### 4.9. Payment Conditions

4.9.1. Payment will be rendered within thirty days (30) of the date of receipt of invoice.

#### 5. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

#### 5.1. The bid will be evaluated in terms of:

#### 5.1.1. **Stage 1:**

- 5.1.1.1. Compliance to specifications (refer to the heading "Specifications").

  This includes compliance to the technical specifications of the item/product.
- 5.1.1.2. Compliance to the conditions of Bid (refer heading "Bid Conditions").
- 5.1.1.3. Compliance to the Special Conditions of Contract (refer heading "Special Conditions of Contract") and statutory requirements (where applicable). This includes compliance to information contained in standard bidding forms and annexures and its stipulations.
- 5.1.1.4. A bid may be regarded as non-responsive if it fails to meet compliance to the specification requirements / Special Conditions of Bid / Special Conditions of Contract or any statutory requirements that was stipulated including non-compliance to standard bidding forms and annexures and its stipulations.

#### 5.1.2. **Stage 2:**

- 5.1.2.1. Application of the 80/20 preference points system. Only bidders that has passed stage 1 will proceed to stage 2 of the evaluation.
- 5.1.2.2. The 80 points constitute the points for price while the 20 points constitute the points for Black Economic Empowerment points (BEE) status.
- 5.1.2.3. Bidders wishing to claim preference points must submit a BBBEE verification certificate or an affidavit and complete the relevant bidding documents.

### 6. PRICING SCHEDULE (WCBD 3.2)

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1.	DEDICATED APN SERVICE	<ul> <li>1.1 BASE DATA BUNDLE OF 1,0 TB</li> <li>1.2 TOP UP BUNDLE 0,5 TB</li> <li>1.3 TOP UP BUNDLE 1 TB</li> <li>1.4 TOP UP BUNDLE 2 TB</li> <li>1.5 OUT OF BUNDLE RATE</li> <li>1.6 INTERNET BREAKOUT COST (if applicable)</li> </ul>		R	R	R	R R R R R
2.	PORTAL	2.1 PORTAL MANAGEMENT:		R	R	R	R
3.	SUPPLY 700 SIM CARDS:	<ul> <li>1.1 700 SIM CARDS</li> <li>1.2 MONTHLY SIM CARD MANAGEMENT</li> <li>1.3 SIM SWAP COST</li> <li>1.4 COST TO INCREASE BASE NUMBER OF SIMS – PER SIM</li> </ul>		R R R	R R R	R R	R
4.	PROVIDE AN INTERNET FIREWALL	4.1 FIREWALL: BLOCK INTERNET TRAFFIC AS PER LIST PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT (WCG)  4.2 FIREWALL REPORTS – USER USAGE		R R	R R	R R	R R
5.	APN AND PRORTAL REPORTING	.1 APN AND PORTAL REPORTS  • SIM ALLOCATION AND USAGE  • DEPT USAGE  • COST CENTRE USAGE		R R	R R R	R R	R R R

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		THE PORTAL MUST ALLOW FOR HISTORICAL REPORTS		R	R	R	R
		TOP WEBSITES VISITED		R	R	R	R
		WEBSITES PER SIM		R	R	R	R
		POTENTIAL THREATS		R	R	R	R
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6.	SUMMARY OF CHARGES	6.1 APN SETUP					
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	ABOVE	b) RECURING MONTHLY COST		R	R	R	R
		c) BREAK OUT FEE		R	R	R	R
		6.2 PORTAL MANAGEMENT COST		R	R	R	R
		6.3 SIM FEE x700		R	R	R	R
		6.4 COST PER ADDITIONAL SIM		R	R	R	R
		6.5 SIM SWOP FEE		R	R	R	R
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#### 7. ANNEXURE A: EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

#### **LIST OF CURRENT & PREVIOUS CONTRACTS**

List only the information that is relevant to the supply an e-Mobility Service

NO.	NAME OF ORGANISATION	COMMENCEMENT DATE OF CONTRACT	EXPIRY DATE OF CONTRACT	NATURE OF SERVICE	VALUE OF CONTRACT/SUPPLY	CONTACTABLE REFERENCE (An e- mail address and telephone number must be provided)



#### PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WESTERN CAPE

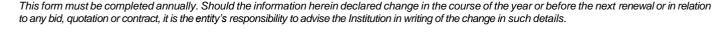
#### DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, BIDDERS PAST SCM PRACTICES AND INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1. To give effect to the requirements of the Western Cape Provincial Treasury Instructions, 2019: Supply Chain Management (Goods and Services), Public Finance Manage Act (PFMA) Supply Chain Management (SCM) Instruction No. 3 of 2021/2022 SBD 4 Declaration of Interest, Section 4 (1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998 as amended together with its associated regulations, the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 and regulations pertaining to the tender defaulters register, Paragraph 16A9 of the National Treasury Regulations and/or any other applicable legislation.
- 2. 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 and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.
- 3. All prospective bidders intending to do business with the Institution must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) and the Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank (WCSEB) if they wish to do business with the Western Cape Government (WCG)via the electronic Procurement Solution (ePS).
- 4. The status of enterprises and persons listed on the National Treasury's Register for Tender Defaulters will be housed on the ePS. Institutions may not under any circumstances procure from enterprises and persons listed on the Database of Tender Defaulters.
- 5. The status of suppliers listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers will be housed on the ePS; however, it remains incumbent on institutions to check the National Treasury Database of Restricted Suppliers before the conclusion of any procurement process. For suppliers listed as restricted, institutions must apply due diligence and risk assessment before deciding to proceed with procurement from any such supplier.

#### 6. **Definitions**

**"bid"** means a bidder's response to an institution's invitation to participate in a procurement process which may include a bid, price quotation or proposal;

"Bid rigging (or collusive bidding)" occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and/or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors;



"business interest" means -

- (a) a right or entitlement to share in profits, revenue or assets of an entity;
- (b) a real or personal right in property;
- (c) a right to remuneration or any other private gain or benefit, or
- (d) includes any interest contemplated in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) acquired through an intermediary and any potential interest in terms of any of those paragraphs;

**"Consortium or Joint Venture"** means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract;

"Controlling interest" means, the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise;

**"Corruption"**- General offences of corruption are defined in the Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No 12 of 2004) as:

Any person who directly or indirectly -

- (a) accepts or agrees or offers to accept any' gratification from any other person, whether for the benefit of himself or herself or for the benefit of another person; or
- (b) gives or agrees or offers to give to any other person any gratification, whether for the benefit of that other person or for the benefit of another person., in order to act personally or by influencing another person so to act, in a manner—
  - (i) that amounts to the-
- (aa) illegal. dishonest. unauthorised. incomplete. or biased: or
- (bb) misuse or selling of information or material acquired in the course of the exercise, carrying out or performance of any powers, duties or functions arising out of a constitutional, statutory, contractual or any other legal obligation:
  - (ii) that amounts to-
- (aa) the abuse of a position of authority;
- (bb) a breach of trust; or
- (cc) the violation of a legal duty or a set of rules;
  - (iii) designed to achieve an unjustified result; or
  - (iv) that amounts to any other unauthorised or improper inducement to do or 45 not to do anything. of the, is guilty of the offence of corruption.

"CSD" means the Central Supplier Database maintained by National Treasury;

#### "employee", in relation to -

- (a) a department, means a person contemplated in section 8 of the Public Service Act, 1994 but excludes a person appointed in terms of section 12A of that Act; and
- (b) a public entity, means a person employed by the public entity;

#### "entity" means any -

- (a) association of persons, whether or not incorporated or registered in terms of any law, including a company, corporation, trust, partnership, close corporation, joint venture or consortium; or
- (b) sole proprietorship;

"entity conducting business with the Institution" means an entity that contracts or applies or tenders for the sale, lease or supply of goods or services to the Province;

#### "Family member" means a person's -

- (a) spouse; or
- (b) child, parent, brother, sister, whether such a relationship results from birth, marriage or adoption or some other legal arrangement (as the case may be);

"intermediary" means a person through whom an interest is acquired, and includes a representative or agent or any other person who has been granted authority to act on behalf of another person;

#### "Institution" means -

a provincial department or provincial public entity listed in Schedule 3C of the Act;

#### "Provincial Government Western Cape (PGWC)" means

- (a) the Institution of the Western Cape, and
- (b) a provincial public entity;

#### "RWOEE" means -

Remunerative Work Outside of the Employee's Employment

#### "spouse" means a person's -

- (a) partner in marriage or civil union according to legislation;
- (b) partner in a customary union according to indigenous law; or
- (c) partner with whom he or she cohabits and who is publicly acknowledged by the person as his or her life partner or permanent companion.

- 7. Regulation 13(c) of the Public Service Regulations (PSR) 2016, effective 1 February 2017, prohibits any employee from conducting business with an organ of state, or holding a directorship in a public or private company doing business with an organ of state unless the employee is a director (in an official capacity) of a company listed in schedules 2 and 3 of the Public Finance Management Act.
  - a) Therefore, by 31 January 2017 all employees who are conducting business with an organ of state should either have:
    - (i) resigned as an employee of the government institution or;
    - (ii) cease conducting business with an organ of state or;
    - (iii) resign as a director/shareholder/owner/member of an entity that conducts business with an organ of state.
- 8. Any legal person, or their family members, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of potential conflict of interest, in the event that the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to family members of persons employed by an organ of state, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where the bidder is employed by the Institution.
- 9. The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder or any of its directors abused the institution's supply chain management system; committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; disclosure is found not to be true and complete; or failed to perform on any previous contract.
- 10. Section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging). Collusive bidding is a per se prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 11. Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorises accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
  - a) disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
  - b) cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 12. Communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium will not be construed as collusive bidding.

13. 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 No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

SECTION A DETAILS OF THE ENTITY	
CSD Registration Number	MAAA
Name of the Entity	
Entity registration Number (where applicable)	
Entity Type	
Tax Reference Number	

Full details of directors, shareholder, member, partner, trustee, sole proprietor or any persons having a controlling interest with a right or entitlement to share in profits, revenue or assets of the entity should be disclosed in the Table A below.

#### **TABLE A**

FULL NAME	DESIGNATION (Where a director is a shareholder, both should be confirmed)		PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE ENTITY

#### SECTION B: DECLARATION OF THE BIDDER'S INTEREST

The supply chain management system of an institution must, irrespective of the procurement process followed, prohibit any award to an employee of the state, who either individually or as a director of a public or private company or a member of a close corporation, seek to conduct business with the WCG, unless such employee is in an official capacity a director of a company listed in Schedule 2 or 3 of the PFMA as prescribed by the Public Service Regulation 13(c).

Furthermore, an employee employed by an organ of state conducting remunerative work outside of the employee's employment should first obtain the necessary approval by the delegated authority (RWOEE), failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in disciplinary action.

B1.	Are any persons listed in Table A identified on the CSD as employees of an organ of state? (If yes, refer to Public Service Circular EIM 1/2016 to exercise the listed actions)	NO	YES
B2.	Are any employees of the entity also employees of an organ of state? (If yes complete Table B and attach their approved "RWOEE")	NO	YES
ВЗ.	Are any family members of the persons listed in Table A employees of an organ of state? (If yes complete Table B)	NO	YES

#### **TABLE B**

Details of persons (family members) connected to or employees of an organ of state should be disclosed in Table B below.

IDENTITY NUMBER	DEPARTMENT/ ENTITY OF EMPLOYMENT	DESIGNATION/ RELATIONSHIP TO BIDDER**	INSTITUTION EMPLOYEE NO./ PERSAL NO. (Indicate if not known)
	IDENTITY NUMBER	IDENTITY NUMBER ENTITY OF	IDENTITY NUMBER ENTITY OF RELATIONSHIP TO

SECTION C: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES  To enable the prospective bidder to provide evidence of past and current performance.							
	Did the entity conduct business with an organ of state in the last twelve months? (If yes complete Table C)	NO	YES				

#### C2. TABLE C

Complete the below table to the maximum of the last 5 contracts.

NAME OF CONTRACTOR	PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OR PROVINCIAL ENTITY	TYPE OF SERVICES OR COMMODITY	CONTRACT/ ORDER NUMBER	PERIOD OF CONTRACT	VALUE OI CONTRAC	-				
<b>C3.</b> Is the entity or its princip prohibited from doing busines:			s companies or pe	rsons	NO	YES				
<b>C4.</b> Is the entity or its principa of section 29 of the Prevention					NO	YES				
	(To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, <u>www.treasury.gov.za</u> , click on the icon "Register for Tender Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 326 5445.)									
<b>C5.</b> If yes to C3 or C4, were yrestricted suppliers or Register				se of NO	YES	N/A				
<b>C6.</b> Was the entity or persons years in a court of law (includi	NO	YES								
<b>C7.</b> Was any contract between years on account of failure to	ng the past five	NO	YES							

This form must be signed by a duly authorised representative of the entity in the presence of a commissioner of oaths.		
I,hereby swear/affirm;		
i. that the information disclosed above is true and accurate;		
ii. that I have read understand the content of the document;		
iii. that I have arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.		
iv. that the entity undertakes to independently arrive at any offer at any time to the Institution without any consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. In addition, that there will be no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specification, 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;		
v. that the entity or its representative are aware of and undertakes not to disclose the terms of any bid, formal or informal, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract; and		
vi. that there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made 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 that my entity was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.		
DULY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE		
I certify that before administering the oath/affirmation I asked the deponent the following questions and wrote down his/her answers in his/her presence:		
1.1 Do you know and understand the contents of the declaration? ANSWER:		
1.2 Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath? ANSWER:		
1.3 Do you consider the prescribed oath to be binding on your conscience? ANSWER:		
1.4 Do you want to make an affirmation? ANSWER:		
1.4 Do you want to make an affirmation? ANSWER:		
2. I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this declaration, which was sworn to/affirmed and the deponent's signature/thumbprint/mark was place thereon in		

SECTION D: DULY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE TO DEPOSE TO AFFIDAVIT

Business

Address:

### PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022 AND IN TERMS OF THE WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENTS INTERIM STRATEGY AS IT RELATES TO PREFERENCE POINTS

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS (TENDERERS) MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER, PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022 AND THE BROAD BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ACT AND THE CODES OF GOOD PRACTICE

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 "acceptable tender" means any tender which, in all respects, complies with the specifications and conditions of tender as set out in the tender document.
- 1.2 **"affidavit"** is a type of verified statement or showing, or in other words, it contains a verification, meaning it is under oath or penalty of perjury, and this serves as evidence to its veracity and is required for court proceedings.
- 1.3 "all applicable taxes" includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
- 1.4 **"B-BBEE"** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 1.5 **"B-BBEE status level of contributor"** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 1.6 **"bid"** means a written offer on the official bid documents or invitation of price quotations and "tender" is the act of bidding /tendering;
  - 1.7 "Code of Good Practice" means the generic codes or the sector codes as the case may be;
- 1.8 **"consortium or joint venture"** means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of acontract;
- 1.9 "contract" means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by an organ of state;

- 1.10 "EME" is an Exempted Micro Enterprise with an annual total revenue of R10 million or less.
- 1.11 **"Firm price"** means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;
- 1.12 "Large Enterprise" is any enterprise with an annual total revenue above R50 million;
- 1.13 "non-firm prices" means all prices other than "firm" prices;
- 1.14 "person" includes a juristic person;
- 1.15 **"price" means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- 1.16 "proof of B-BBEE status level contributor" means-
  - (a) The B-BBEE status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
  - (b) A sworn affidavit as prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice; or
  - (c) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the Broad- Based Black Economic Empowerment Act.
- 1.17 **QSE** is a Qualifying Small Enterprise with an annual total revenue between R10 million and R50 million;
- 1.18 **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- 1.19 "**sub-contract**" means the primary contractor's assigning, leasing, making out work to, or employing, another person to support such primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract.
- 1.20 "**tender**" means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- 1.21 "**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;
- 1.22 "the Act" means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000);
- 1.23 "the Regulations" means the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022;

- 1.24 "total revenue" bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and promulgated in the Government Gazette on 11 October 2013;
- 1.25 **"trust"** means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person; and
- 1.26 **"trustee"** means any person, including the founder of a trust, to whom property is bequeathed in order for such property to be administered for the benefit of another person.

#### 2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
  - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
  - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 2.2 Preference point system for this bid:
  - (a) The value of this bid is estimated to exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the preference point system shall be applicable; or
  - (b) The 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender
- 2.3 Preference points for this bid (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:
  - (a) Price; and
  - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.
- 2.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

2.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to fill in, sign this form and submit in the circumstances prescribed in the Codes of Good Practice either a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS) or an affidavit confirming annual total revenue and level of black ownership together with the bid or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

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

#### 3. ADJUDICATION USING A POINT SYSTEM

- 3.1 Subject to Section 2 (1) (f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, the **bidder obtaining the highest number of total points** will be awarded the contract.
- 3.2 A tenderer must submit proof of its B-BBEE status level of contributor in order to claim points for B-BBEE.
- 3.3 A tenderer failing to submit proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor or is a non-compliant contributor to B-BBEE will not be disqualified but will only score:
  - (a) points out of 80 for price; and
  - (b) 0 points out of 20 for B-BBEE
- 3.4 Points scored must be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.
- 3.5 In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.
- 3.6 As per section 2 (1) (f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, the contract may be awarded to a bidder other than the one scoring the highest number of total points based on objective criteria in addition to those contemplated in paragraph (d) and (e) of the Act that justifies the award to another tenderer provided that it has been stipulated upfront in the tendering conditions.
- 3.7 Should two or more bids be equal in all respects; the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

#### 4. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

#### 4.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

#### 4.1.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM

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

80/20 or 90/10

$$Ps = 80 \left| 1 - \frac{Pt - P \min}{} \right|$$
 or  $Ps = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{Pt - P \min}{} \right) \left( P \min \right)$ 

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

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

#### 5.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

80/20 or 90/10

$$Ps = 80\left(1 + \frac{Pt - P \max \square}{P \max \square}\right) \qquad Ps = 90\left(1 + \frac{Pt - P \max \square}{P \max}\right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

#### 6. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION

6.1 In terms of WCG interim strategy, 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	

- 6.2 An **EME** must submit a valid, originally certified affidavit confirming annual turnover and level of black ownership or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission
- 6.3 A **QSE that is less than 51 per cent (50% or less) black owned** must be verified in terms of the QSE scorecard issued via Government Gazette and submit a valid, original or a legible certified copy of a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by SANAS.
- 6.4 A **QSE that is at least 51 per cent black owned (51% or higher)** must submit a valid, originally certified affidavit confirming turnover and level of black ownership as well as declare its empowering status or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission.

- 6.5 A *large enterprise* must submit a valid, original or originally certified copy of a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by a verification agency accredited by SANAS.
- 6.6 A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- 6.7 A trust, consortium or joint venture (including unincorporated consortia and joint ventures) must submit a consolidated B-BBEE status level verification certificate for every separate tender.
- 6.8 Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialized scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.

#### 7. BID DECLARATION

7.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

#### 8. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6

**8.1** B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution..... = .....(maximum of 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 6.1 and must be substantiated by means of a B-BBEE certificate issued by a VerificationAgency accredited by SANAS or an affidavit confirming annual total revenue and level of black ownership in terms of the relevant sector code applicable to the tender.

#### 9. **SUB-CONTRACTING**

- 9.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? **YES/NO** (delete which is not applicable)
- 9.1.1 If yes, indicate:
  - (i) what percentage of the contract will be subcontracted?.....%
  - (ii) the name of the sub-contractor? .....
  - (iii) the B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor? ......
  - (iv) whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE? **YES/NO** (delete which is not applicable)
- 9.1.2 Sub-contracting relates to a **particular** contract and if sub-contracting is applicable, the bidder to state in their response to a particular RFQ that a portion of that contract will be sub-contracted.

10.	DECL	ARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM
10.1	Name	of company/ entity:
10.2	VAT re	egistration number:
10.3	Compa	any Registration number:
10.4	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
	[SELI	ECT APPLICABLE ONE]
10.5	I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certife that the points claimed, based on the B-BBEE status level of contribution indicated in paragraph above, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I/we acknowledge that:	
	(a)	The Western Cape Government reserves the right to audit the B-BBEE status claim submitted by the bidder.
	(b)	As set out in Section 130 of the B-BBEE Act as amended, any misrepresentation constitutes a criminal offence. A person commits an offence if that person knowingly:
		(i) misrepresents or attempts to misrepresent the B-BBEE status of an enterprise;
		(ii) provides false information or misrepresents information to a B-BBEE Verification Professional in order to secure a particular B-BBEE status or any benefit associated with compliance to the B-BBEE Act;
		(iii) provides false information or misrepresents information relevant to assessing the B-BBEE status of an enterprise to any organ of state or public entity; or
		(iv) engages in a fronting practice.
	(c)	If a B-BBEE verification professional or any procurement officer or other official of an organ of state or public entity becomes aware of the commission of, or any attempt to commit any offence referred to in paragraph 10.5 (a) above will be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.

- (d) Any person convicted of an offence by a court is liable in the case of contravention of 10.5 (b) to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years or to both a fine and such imprisonment or, if the convicted person is not a natural person to a fine not exceeding 10 per cent of its annual turnover.
- (e) The purchaser may, if it becomes aware that a bidder may have obtained its B-BBEE status level of contribution on a fraudulent basis, investigate the matter. Should the investigation warrant a restriction be imposed, this will be referred to the National Treasury for investigation, processing and imposing the restriction on the National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers. The bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, may 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.
- (f) The purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have -
  - (i) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
  - (ii) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
  - (iii) 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; and
  - (iv) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.
- (g) The information furnished is true and correct.
- (h) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 2 of this form.

SIGNATURE	(S) OF THE BIDDER(S):
DATE:	
ADDRESS:	
WITNESSES:	
1.	
2.	

### THE NATIONAL TREASURY

### **Republic of South Africa**



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

**July 2010** 

#### **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 compiled 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.

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#### **General Conditions of Contract**

#### 1. Definitions

- 1. 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 supplier, 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 supplier 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 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 supplier 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 supplier and not involving the supplier'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 supplier 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 supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing 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 supplier covered under the contract.

1.25 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten 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, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated 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 X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from <a href="https://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>

#### 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 supplier 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 (allcopies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier'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 the 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 successful 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 supplier'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 clauses 8.2 and 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

analyzed 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 supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier 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. Packing

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packing, 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, specified in SCC, 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 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 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 supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier'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 supplier 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:
  - (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
  - (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
    - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
    - (ii) 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 supplier 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 supplier, 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 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 supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

#### 16. Payment

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

## 21. Delays in the supplier'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 an emergency arises, the

supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

- 21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier 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 supplier'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 goods 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 judgment 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 supplier 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 regardthe 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 databaseof suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating 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 countervailing duties and rights
- 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping 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 contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor 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 supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his 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 supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof.

  Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier 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 supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, 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 supplier 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 supplier any monies due the supplier.

### 28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful 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 supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

(b) aggregate liability of the supplier 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 in SCC.

#### 31. Notices

- 31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, 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 (NIP) Programme

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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.

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