



GAUTENG PROVINCE

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GDARD) WITH A PRICE QUOTATION AS PER THE PRESCRIBED SPECIFICATIONS/TERMS OF REFERENCE

RFQ Number	FIN0004/26
RFQ Description	Appointment of a Professional Service Provider to Validate, Investigate, Reconstruct and Support the Resolution of Irregular Expenditure Disclosed by Department of Agriculture & Rural Development for the Period 2015/2016 to 2025/2026
RFQ Advert Date and Time	15 June 2026
RFQ Closing Date and Time	30 June 2026 at 11h00
Compulsory / Non-Compulsory Briefing Session (If Applicable)	Non compulsory-18 June 2026
Validity Period	60 days

RFQ ENQUIRIES

RFQ enquiries must be directed / emailed to	Name: Tebello Poee Email: tebello.poee@gauteng.gov.za
For technical enquiries must be directed / emailed to	Name: Oupa Tshule Email: oupa.tshule@gauteng.gov.za Contact details: 083 3957992
RFQ responses must be sent to: tebello.poee@gauteng.gov.za	

Department	Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development Umnotho House Building 56 Eloff Street, Johannesburg
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NB: Please use the RFQ number on the subject line of the email when submitting the quotation

Conditions of the RFQ:

1. All quotations should be submitted on a company's letterhead and signed by the company's representative.
2. All prices must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT. (Price escalations and the conditions of escalation, where necessary, should be clearly indicated).
3. Prices quotations must be valid for 60 days from the quotation closing date.
4. Delivery period must be indicated on a quotation.
5. Quotations must be e-mailed to the address provided herein
6. All required documentation to be submitted with your quotation are attached to this request.
7. Quotations submitted after the closing date and time will not be considered.
8. The lowest or any offer will not necessarily be an acceptable offer, and GDARD reserves the right not to accept any offer either in full or in part.
9. GDARD reserves the right not to award this RFQ.
10. The general conditions of contract as published by National Treasury will apply to all contracts entered between GDARD and the supplier.

Quotations should be submitted to the email indicated above

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

By responding to this RFQ, GDARD acknowledges that it may obtain and have access to personal information of the responding bidder. GDARD agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by bidder in their response to this RFQ for the purpose of evaluating and awarding of this RFQ and in accordance with any applicable law.

Furthermore, GDARD will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal information submitted by the bidder or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal information to any third party without prior written consent from the bidder. Similarly, GDARD requires bidders not to process any personal information disclosed by GDARD to any third party without the consent of GDARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Appointment of a Professional Service Provider to Validate, Investigate, Reconstruct and Support the Resolution of Irregular Expenditure Disclosed by Department of Agriculture & Rural Development for the Period 2015/2016 to 2025/2026

Department	Department of Agriculture & Rural Development
Document Type	Terms of Reference / Specification

1. Background

The Department of Agriculture & Rural Development has disclosed irregular expenditure in its annual financial statements over a number of financial years. These disclosed matters require validation, investigation support, reconstruction of supporting records, status verification, and recommendations on the appropriate way forward in line with the PFMA and applicable Treasury prescripts.

The Department therefore seeks to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced professional service provider to assist with the validation, investigation, reconstruction, analysis and support for the resolution of irregular expenditure disclosed for the financial years **2015/2016 to 2025/2026**.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this terms of references is to appoint a service provider who will assist the Department to:

- validate irregular expenditure disclosed in the financial statements from financial year 2015/2016 to 2025/2026
- reconstruct and regularise supporting records and case files;
- investigate and analyse disclosed matters;
- support the Department with appropriate resolution steps in line with applicable prescripts;
- update and align records, schedules and supporting documentation; and
- provide management with recommendations and supporting reports.

3. Scope of Work

3.1 Validation and reconstruction

- Review all irregular expenditure disclosed by the Department from 2015/2016 to 2025/2026.
- Reconcile disclosed balances to annual financial statements, prior working papers, registers, SCM records, audit information and supporting documentation.
- Identify duplicate, overlapping, unsupported or fragmented cases.
- Reconstruct case files and supporting evidence where required.

3.2 Investigation and analysis

- Investigate disclosed matters and analyse supporting records.
- Identify the nature of the transgression, relevant facts, root causes and responsible officials where applicable.
- Assess records and information relevant to the appropriate treatment of each matter.
- Provide recommendations on the way forward for each case.

3.3 Resolution support

- Assist the Department with preparation of supporting schedules and submissions for the appropriate treatment of matters.
- Support processes relating to condonation, removal, write-off, disciplinary action, recovery and other relevant actions where applicable.
- Prepare case-based recommendations and supporting memoranda.

3.4 Registers and reporting

- Update and/or reconstruct the irregular expenditure checklist.
- Update and/or reconstruct the irregular expenditure lead schedule.
- Align case files, schedules and supporting records to disclosed balances.
- Prepare case status reports, management reports and other required outputs.

4. Deliverables

The deliverables shall include, at minimum:

- inception report and project plan;
- validated irregular expenditure population for 2015/2016 to 2025/2026;
- reconstructed case files and supporting evidence packs;
- investigation and analysis reports;
- updated irregular expenditure checklist;
- updated irregular expenditure lead schedule;
- recommendations and supporting memoranda on the treatment of matters;
- management report with case status and recommended actions; and
- final report with findings, recommendations and close-out summary.

5. Evaluation Criteria

The bid will be evaluated in three stages, administrative and mandatory requirements, functionality requirements, and price and specific goals. Only bidders who meet all mandatory requirements will be evaluated for functionality.

Bidders must score a minimum of 70 points out of 100 for functionality in order to proceed to the next stage of evaluation on price and specific goals.

5.1 Administrative requirements

- Proof of registration on the Central Supplier Database (CSD)
- Valid tax compliance status / tax PIN
- CIPC registration documents
- Fully completed and signed standard bidding documents (SBDs) and declarations
- Proof of authority for the signatory to sign on behalf of the bidder

5.2 Mandatory requirements

- The bidder must be a SAICA-registered firm
- The bidder must have a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) who is also a Chartered Accountant (South Africa) as part of the proposed team
- Proof of valid SAICA firm registration must be submitted
- Proof of valid CA(SA) membership and CFE certification must be submitted

NB: Failure to meet the mandatory requirements will result in disqualification and the bidder will not be evaluated further.

5.3 Functionality Evaluation Criteria

Experience of the bidder

Reference Letters

EVALUATION CRITERION	VERIFICATION METHOD	POINTS
Reference Letters	Three signed reference letters for similar assignments completed indicating the type of assignment completed, and the assignment period in the public sector environment. Reference letters must be on the letterhead of the company providing a reference	20
Three relevant reference letters	Attach 3 signed reference letters for similar assignments	20 points
Two relevant reference letters	Attach 2 signed reference letters for similar assignments	10 points
One relevant reference letter	Attach 1 signed reference letter for similar assignments	5 points
No relevant reference letters	No signed relevant reference letter attached	0 points

Experience of key personnel

EVALUATION CRITERION	VERIFICATION METHOD	POINTS
Team Profile - Auditor who is a registered CA(SA)	CVs and certified copies of qualifications / professional registrations to be attached	30
Certification and qualifications	Certified copy of CFE certification and CA(SA) proof must be attached	
Public sector auditing experience in PFMA department who is a CA(SA) with 15 years' experience	CV showing 15 years' experience as auditor in PFMA departments, plus CA(SA) proof	20 points
Public sector experienced auditor in PFMA department who is a CA(SA) with 10 years' experience	CV showing 10 years' experience as auditor in PFMA departments, plus CA(SA) proof	10 points
Public sector experienced auditor in PFMA department who is a CA(SA) with less than 10 years' experience	CV attached but less than 10 years' relevant experience	0 points
Team Profile - Investigator	CVs and certified copies of qualifications / professional registrations to be attached	10
Investigator with BCom Honours and 10 years' public sector experience as auditor in PFMA departments	Certified copy of BCom Honours and CV showing 10 years' relevant experience	10 points
Investigator with BCom Honours and 5 years' public sector experience as auditor in PFMA departments	Certified copy of BCom Honours and CV showing 5 years' relevant experience	5 points
Investigator with BCom Honours and less than 5 years' public sector experience	CV attached but less than 5 years' relevant experience	0 points

Methodology

EVALUATION CRITERION	VERIFICATION METHOD	POINTS
Methodology	Detailed methodology and approach to be attached	50
Excellent methodology demonstrating a clear and thorough understanding of irregular expenditure and a practical approach to the assignment	Detailed methodology attached	50 points
Good methodology demonstrating a sound understanding and workable approach	Detailed methodology attached	35 points
Fair methodology demonstrating limited understanding and partial approach	Detailed methodology attached	20 points
Poor / inadequate methodology	Inadequate or no meaningful methodology attached	0 points

Functionality Summary

CRITERION	POINTS
Reference Letters	20
Team Profile	30
Methodology	50
Total	100
Minimum qualifying score: 70 points	

NB: failure to meet the minimum qualifying functionality evaluation score of 70 points will result in not being evaluated on price and specific goals.

6. Price and specific goals evaluation

Evaluation	Points
Price	80
Specific goals	20

Specific goal	Ownership	Points	Evidence
Persons historically disadvantaged on the basis of race	At least 51% black ownership	2	CSD report/BBBEE certificate/sworn affidavit
Persons historically disadvantaged on the basis of disability	At least 51% owned by people living with disabilities	10	Medical certificate confirming a disability
Persons historically disadvantaged on the basis of gender	At least 51% women ownership	5	Identity document / CSD report
Persons who are youth	At least 51% youth ownership	3	Identity document / CSD report

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder's declaration

- 2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

- 2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

- 2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship

¹ 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.

with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3 DECLARATION

I, _____ the _____ undersigned,
 (name)..... in
 submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following
 statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring

² Joint venture or Consortium 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.

institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act 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.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature	Date
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Position	Name of bidder

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 **To be completed by the organ of state**

(delete whichever is not applicable for this tender).

- a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **90/10** preference point system.
- b) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** preference point system.
- c) Either the **90/10 or 80/20 preference point system** will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/ highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

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

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

1.4 **To be completed by the organ of state:**

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

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

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

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

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)} \end{array}$$

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
- Pt = Price of tender under consideration
- Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

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

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} \end{array}$$

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
Pt = Price of tender under consideration
Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:
- 4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
- (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
 - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,
- then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

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

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

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
At least 51% black ownership		2		
At least 51% owned by people living with disabilities		10		
At least 51% women ownership		5		
At least 51% youth ownership		3		

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

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

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

- 4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:
- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
 - ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
 - iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
 - iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

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