



GREATER
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MUNICIPALITY
PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

TENDER DOCUMENT

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT A PREPAID ELECTRICITY
VENDING SOLUTION AND SMART PAYMENT SOLUTION FOR GREATER KOKSTAD
MUNICIPALITY, FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE YEARS

BID NO: - GKM 29-23/24

CLOSING DATE: 10 JANUARY 2024

CLOSING TIME: 12H00

NAME OF BIDDER:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:

FAX NUMBER:

E- MAIL ADDRESS.....

TENDERSUM (ALL INCLUSIVE):.....

BID NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT A PREPAID ELECTRICITY VENDING SOLUTION AND SMART PAYMENT SOLUTION FOR GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY, FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

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Bid documents must be deposited in the tender box marked **“APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT A PREPAID ELECTRICITY VENDING SOLUTION AND SMART PAYMENT SOLUTION FOR GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY, FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE YEARS”** located at the reception area at Adam Kok III Building, 75 Hope Street, Kokstad not later than **10 JANUARY 2024 at 12h00**.

Bidders must attach the following mandatory returnable documents to be considered for this bid and must note the applicable conditions:

- Price (s) quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT
- Copy of CSD (Central Supplier Database) summary report
- Copy of company registration documents (compulsory)
- For Joint Venture Agreements, attach the CK's of each of the joint venture members (if applicable)
- Certified ID(s) copies of company director(s)
- Copy of current municipal account for all Director/s and Company (must not be in arrears for a period longer than 90 days and not older than 90 days) or copy of lease agreement from the relevant authority if the director/s or company is leasing. If the business is operated from the residence of one of the Director/s, an original affidavit, certified, must be submitted stating the address of the premises. For any other arrangement that is not covered above, director/s must submit an original affidavit, certified clarifying the arrangement. All affidavits must be original affidavits, certified and must be from the SAPS. Affidavits must be signed by the company director/s.
- Printed copy of SARS Tax PIN for further verification.
- Completed and signed Municipal Bidding Document attached to the tender document.
- All mandatory submissions

The following conditions will apply:

- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least (120) days from date of your offer.
- Price(s) quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT and disbursements
- The total bid price must be written on MBD 1
- All the required documents must be attached

NB: No quotations will be considered from persons in the service of the state or persons who owe rates, services, and taxes to any Municipality for a period longer than 90 days.

TENDER ADVERT

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The Greater Kokstad Municipality hereby invites proposals from reputable Service Providers in respect for the APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT A PREPAID ELECTRICITY VENDING SOLUTION AND SMART PAYMENT SOLUTION FOR GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY, FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

The scope of work and bid requirements is stipulated in the bid document.

Evaluation will be done following two-stage process in terms of National Treasury Circular No: 53:

Stage 1:

Assessment of Functionality. Only service providers who achieve a minimum of 60 points of the total available points will qualify for stage two of the Evaluation process. Functionality criteria is as follows:

Company Experience	60 points
Key personnel	15 points
Proof of partner bank to process online payment	10 points.
Project implementation plan and methodology	15 points

Stage 2:

Evaluation will be done based on the 80/20 preferential point system, where 80 points will be allocated for price and 20 points for specific goals. Bidders must submit the required documentation to claim preference points.

POINTS AWARDED SPECIFIC GOALS

The 80/20 preferential point system will be applied, where 80 points will be allocated for price and 20 points for Municipality's specific goals that is on ownership and RDP goals.

GOALS 1 - OWNERSHIP	MAX POINTS =10	Documents required for verification
Business owned more than 50% by black person	10	▪ ID copy of director/Owner ▪ Detailed CSD
Business owned less than 50% by black person	8	▪ ID copy of director/Owner ▪ Detailed CSD
GOALS 2 RDP	10	
Business located in KZN	10	▪ Municipal accounts not older than 90 days/ ▪ Lease agreement if you are leasing. ▪ Affidavit you are not liable for rates (clarifying the reasons)
Business located	8	▪ Municipal accounts not older than 90 days/

outside KZN		▪ Lease agreement if you are leasing. ▪ Affidavit you are not liable for rates (clarifying the reasons)
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The tender document **must** be downloaded on the **Greater Kokstad Municipality website** www.kokstad.gov.za at no cost. **The Greater Kokstad Municipality will not be held responsible for any incomplete documents downloaded on the Greater Kokstad Municipality website.**

Sealed tenders marked “**Bid No.: GKM 29-23/24 APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT A PREPAID ELECTRICITY VENDING SOLUTION AND SMART PAYMENT SOLUTION FOR GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY, FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE YEARS** ” must be deposited in the **BOX** located at the Reception Area, Adam Kok III Building, 75 Hope Street, Kokstad, not later than **10 January 2024** at **12H00**, where after, bids will be opened in public.

Late, telegraphic, e-mailed or faxed bids will not be considered.

Technical Enquiries: Mr. W. Dotye on Tel: 039 797 6600; Fax: 039 727 3676, or email: wandisile.dotye@kokstad.gov.za

Supply Chain Management enquiries: Ms. A. Mahlaka Tel. 039 797 6600, or email: Andiswa.mahlaka@kokstad.gov.za

Greater Kokstad Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept the Bid in whole or part, at the rates quoted

MR S R ZWANE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER
NOTICE NO.:65-2023/2024

GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY



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TERMS OF REFERENCE

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT A PREPAID ELECTRICITY VENDING SOLUTION AND SMART PAYMENT SOLUTION FOR GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY, FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

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1. INTRODUCTION OF THE PROJECT:

Greater Kokstad Municipality, through internal capacity assessment, has identified key projects which, if successfully implemented, would help it realize its long-term objective of becoming an operationally efficient municipality resulting on increased revenue, reduction of operational expenditure, promote local economic participation. The municipality has therefore identified the following key current challenges:

1. Systems involved on the revenue collection value chain are not integrated.
2. Poor management of municipality customer, event and asset data. This includes a lack of integrated customer information and business process management system.
3. High cost of processing payments for exchange services (prepaid and post-paid)
4. Limited functionality on online self-service and assisted service channels.
5. Lack of automation of core business processes.
6. There is limited participation of the informal market (Township and rural) on revenue collection value chain.

2. AIMS OF THE PROJECT:

- Improve aspects of its operations that are important to its economic viability and financial sustainability.
- Ability to respond to the community's changing needs rapidly and efficiently.
- Use smart payment technology to increase revenue collection, achieve efficiencies and cost savings for the municipality.
- Use smart payment technologies to increase economic participation of local communities

3. SCOPE OF WORK

Greater Kokstad Municipality intends appointing a service provider to implement a program that will bring all-round changes to the identified challenges. The prospective service provider must propose a technology driven program to bring the following capabilities:

3.1 Presentment and Payment functionality

- 3.1.1 Allow customer to sign-up on a variety of channels, namely: web portal, smart phone app, municipal office kiosks.

- 3.1.2 Allow customers to view their bills electronically through a variety of channels, namely that could be but not limited to web portal, smart phone app, municipal office kiosks, local spaza shops etc.
- 3.1.3 Allow customers to pay their bills electronically on any of the channels listed above i.e. where the bill is presented

3.2 Customer interaction functionality

- 3.2.1 Allow the customer to interact with the municipality in order to:
 - a. Dispute bills
 - b. Dispute valuations
 - c. Dispute meter readings
 - d. Update contact information e.g. email address, cell number, etc.
 - e. Customer can report electricity faults, pothole, broken meter, etc.
- 3.2.2 Allow customer to view usage and payment-related information
 - a) View meters and tokens purchased
 - b) View payment history
- 3.2.3 Enable Greater Kokstad municipality call center employees to help customers and resellers in resolving customer queries
 - a) Help resellers resolve issues e.g. payment disputes, transaction disputes, etc.
 - b) Help customers with issues e.g. meter not working, following up on reported issues/disputes
- 3.2.4 Enable Greater Kokstad municipality to manage customer issue resolution
 - a) Receive customer complaints and track the resolution to completion
 - b) Make an appointment with a customer
 - c) Assign technician to investigate and resolve customer problems
 - d) Track the status of an open issue
 - e) Notify the customer of status changes

3.3 Systems Integration Functionality

- 3.3.1 Integration to Greater Kokstad billing system:
 - a) Receive all bill run information from the billing system on a monthly basis
 - b) Retrieve all payments made via the billing system on a near real-time basis
 - c) Update billing system with payments made from new channels

3.3.2 Integration to third party payment channels:

- a.) Enable banks and other approved third-party payment channels to be able to retrieve a customer's bill summary
- b.) Enable banks and other third party approved payment channels to notify Greater Kokstad municipality of payments accepted from the customer.
- c.) Enable online debit card and credit card payments.

3.3.3 Allow settlement processes for all payments received on new payment channels:

- a) Provide reports and manage settlement process for payments made via third party channels
- b) Allow reports and manage settlement process for payments made via reseller channels e.g. local spaza shop

3.3.4 Integration and business process automation of systems involved in the revenue management value chain

- a) Develop a data model to ensure that systems (like billing system, asset management) are integrated.
- b) Implement a system that will integrate system that are involved in the revenue management value chain.

3.4 Enable Greater Kokstad municipality to implement a Prepaid Electricity Vending Solution supporting the following minimum functionality:

- 3.4.1 Generation of STS compliant prepaid electricity tokens that are compatible with all meters in the Kokstad Municipality.
- 3.4.2 Distribution of STS tokens to customers in the currently supported channel mechanism, e.g. paper slip at retail channels, SMS on online channels, etc.
- 3.4.3 Monthly Generation and distribution of Free Basic Electricity tokens in line with Greater Kokstad Municipality mandate.
- 3.4.4 Support for existing Greater Kokstad Municipality processes for updating the vending platform:
 - a. Processes for loading new meters
 - b. Processes for updating tariffs
 - c. Processes for debt recovery on outstanding municipal accounts
- 3.4.5 Support for providing the reports currently in use at the municipality.
- 3.4.6 Support for the current settlement process for vended tokens in use at the municipality.
- 3.4.7 The system shall support remote disconnection and re-connection of the meter (where meter is online).
- 3.4.8 The system shall support remote programming of meters
- 3.4.9 The system architecture shall be modular and scalable as far as possible.
- 3.4.10 The prepayment system shall be web based.

3.4.11 The system shall support loading of parameters to the meters remotely in batch, such as tariff table, load channel control.

3.4.12 Standards Compliance Requirements:

The following standards shall reference and apply as stipulated in the Specification:

- a) Standard Transfer Specification (STS) Part 1,2 and 3.
- b) NRS 009-6-10 (Online XMLVend 2.1) the NRS Standard for on-line communication between Vending Servers and Vending Clients
- c) The UIU with the STS Standard IEC62055-4

3.4.13 Pricing schedule – Bidders are expected to complete the following pricing schedule

Setup or Once Off Fees:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Total</i>
System to deliver Presentment, Payment and Customer Interaction functionality	1		
Systems Integration Functionality	1		
Prepaid Electricity Vending functionality	1		

Recurring fees:

Presentment and Payments		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Channel Type</i>	<i>Unit Price or % of value</i>
Bill Presentment (Bidders Must specify unit pricing for each supported channel (e.g. SMS, email etc.))		
Bill Payment Processing fees (Bidders Must		

specify unit pricing for each supported payment channel (e.g. online, retail etc.)		
Merchant Acquiring Fees (Bidder Must Specify Charging Model)		
Cash acquiring fees		
Card acquiring fees		
Prepaid Electricity Vending		
<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Unit Cost or % of value</i>	
STS token generation		
Distribution of STS tokens to 3 rd party such as banks, retail etc		
Distribution of STS tokens on Kokstad Municipality online channels (Web, App, Kiosk etc)		
Maintenance Fees		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Monthly Cost</i>	
System Hosting Fees (If any)		
Monthly SLA		

4. DELIVERABLES

- a) Signing of a Service Level Agreement and a contract with the Greater Kokstad Municipality

5. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Service Provider/s will work very closely with the Greater Kokstad Municipality: Financial Services Department.

6. PROJECT TIMEFRAME

- a) 36 Months or three years.

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA

11.1 FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT (100)

11.1.1 All bids received will be evaluated by a panel on the basis of functionality.

Functionality evaluation

The award of the contract will be based on evaluation of the bidder's submission based on the criteria contained in the tender document in terms of the stipulated point system.

Only bidders who score a minimum score of 60 points shall be considered for further evaluation.

FUNCTIONALITY CRITERIA	POINTS ALLOCATION
COMPANY EXPERIENCE: (60) Previous Experience in projects of similar nature: Implementation of Prepaid Electricity Vending and Smart Payment Solution	Bidders must attach proof of experience where Implementation of Prepaid Electricity Vending and Smart Payment Solution were provided. Bidders are required to submit an appointment letter/order with a reference letter to be allocated the points. The points will be allocated as follows. 1 Appointment letters/ order with reference letters = 5 points. 2 Appointment letters/ order with reference letters = 10 points. 3 appointment letters/orders with reference letters = 20 points 4 appointment letters/orders with reference letters = 30 points 5 appointment letters/orders with reference letters and above = 40 points
Presentation to BEC on the solution design, functional requirements and response to scope.	Bidders will be required to make presentation to BEC on the solution design, functional requirements and response to Scope = 20 points

Project Implementation Methodology		Points
1. The bidder must provide the Project Implementation Plan and Methodology to complete within two months which must cover the following topics and activities (10 points in total) Backend System Setup = (2) Integration into billing system= (2) Vending Devices = (1) Solution testing = (2) Cashier Setup = (1) Implement training programme (2) 2. Quality of the project delivery methodology and approach ensuring participation of local SMMEs. (5 points in total)		15 points
KEY PERSONNEL	Points	
KEY PERSONNEL (15) 1 X Project Manager (6) 1 x Integration Leader (6) 1 x Team Leader (3)	Bidders must submit CV'S of the project manager, Integration Leader and Team Leader demonstrating relevant operational experience to implement Smart Payment Solution =15 Based on Curriculum Vitae submitted with proposals in the returnable schedules: a) Project Manager with qualification in Project Management Professional (PMP) N.B. Please submit proof of certified certificate (i) 5 years and more relevant experience =6 points (ii) 2- 4 years relevant experience = 4 points (iii) Less than 2 years relevant experience = 2 points b) Integration Leader with experience in managing software or System Development projects. (i) 5 years and more relevant experience = 6 points (ii) 2-4 years relevant experience = 4 points (iii) Less than 2 years relevant experience = 2 points c) Team Leader with experience in software or system development projects. i) 3 years and more relevant experience = 3 points ii) 2 years relevant experience = 2 points iii) less than 2 years relevant experience = 1 point	

Bank Partnership Authorization Letter	Bidders are required to produce proof that it has a partner bank or entity that is a participant in the national payment system (NPS) to process online payment. Bidder must supply authorization letter from the bank or national payment system participant = 10 points

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

PUBLICATION REFERENCE:

In submitting their bid, bidders must respect all instructions, forms, Terms of reference, contract provisions and specifications contained in this bid dossier. Failure to submit a bid containing all the required information and documentation within the deadline specified will lead to the rejection of the bid.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Bidders are required to submit the following documents to be eligible for this bid:

Omission of any documents will result in disqualification.

- Original SARS Tax PIN for further verification.
- Certified ID(s) copies of company director(s)
- Copy of company registration documents (compulsory) – for Joint Ventures / Consortiums bidders must attach the CK's of each of the Joint Venture/ Consortium members
- Copy of current municipal account for all Director/s and Company (must not be in arrears for a period longer than 90 days and not older than 90 days) or copy of lease agreement from the relevant authority if the director/s or company is leasing. If the business is operated from the residence of one of the Director/s, an original affidavit, certified, must be submitted stating the address of the premises. For any other arrangement that is not covered above, director/s must submit an original affidavit, certified clarifying the arrangement. All affidavits must be original affidavits, certified and must be from the SAPS. Affidavits must be signed by the company director/s.
- Proof of partner bank to process online payment/ letter from the bank or national payment system participant.
- Completed and signed Municipal Bidding Document attached in the tender document.
- Copy of CSD (Central Supplier Database) summary report

1. Services to be provided

These services required by the Contracting Authority are described in these Terms of Reference.

2. Participating and sub-contracting

- 2.1 Participation in this bid is open to everyone.
- 2.2 Bids should be submitted by the same service provider or consortium, which has submitted the proposal on the basis of the above. **No change whatsoever in the identity or composition of the bidder is permitted;**
- 2.3 Short-listed service provider or consortia are allowed to form alliances with any other firms or to sub-contract to each other for the purpose of this contract;
- 2.4 Sub-contracting will be allowed, only in so far as it was stated in the initial bid.
- 2.5 Duplication of bid document is prohibited.

3. Contents of Bids

a. Financial offer

The financial offer must state the bidder's price in South African Rand for providing the services according to its Technical offer.

The same person, who signed the corresponding Technical offer, must sign this document.

4. Variant solutions

Any variant solutions will not be taken into consideration.

Period during which Bid are binding

Bidders are bound by their bids for 120 days after the deadline for the submission of bids. In exceptional cases, before the period of validity expires, the Contracting Authority may ask bidders to extend the period for a specific number of days, which may not exceed 40.

The successful bidder must maintain its bid for a further 60 days from the date of notification that its bid has been selected for the contract.

5. Additional information before the deadline for submission of bidders

The bid dossier should be clear enough to avoid the Contracting Authority from having request additional information during the procedure. If the Contracting Authority, either on own initiative or in response to the request of a short-listed candidate, provides additional information on the bid dossier, such information will be sent in writing to all other bidders at the same time.

Bidders may submit questions in writing to the following address up to 10 days before the deadlines for submission of bids, specifying the **publication reference** and the **contract title**:

Attention: Ms. A. Mahlaka
Greater Kokstad Municipality
75 Hope Street
P.O. Box 8
KOKSTAD
4700
Email: andiswa.mahlaka@kokstad.gov.za

Any prospective bidders seeking to arrange individual meetings with either the Contracting Authority during the bid period may be excluded from the bid procedure.

Any clarification of the bid dossier will be communicated simultaneously in writing to all bidders at the latest 7 calendar days before the deadline for submission of bids. No further clarifications will be given after this date.

Visit by individual prospective bidder during the bid period are not permitted other than the site visit for good reasons.

6. Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted in English such that they are received before the deadline specified by in the letter of invitation to bid.

Any infringement of these rules (e.g. unsealed envelopes) is to be considered a breach of the rules, and will lead to rejection of the bid.

The envelope should carry the following information:

- a) The address for submission of bid indicated above;);
- b) The words “Not to be opened before the bid opening sessions”;
- c) The pages of the Technical and Financial offers must be numbered.

7. Alterations or Withdrawal of Bids

7.1 Bidders may alter or withdraw bids by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of bids. No bid may be altered after this deadline.

7.2 Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with clause 8. The envelope must be marked “Alteration” or “Withdrawal” as appropriate.

8. Costs for preparing Bids

No costs incurred by the bidder in preparing and submitting the bid shall be reimbursable. All such costs shall be borne by the bidder. In particular, if proposed key members were interviewed, all costs shall be borne by the bidder.

9. Ownership of Bids

The Contracting Authority retains ownership in all bid received (this excludes intellectual property for all but the successful bidder) under this tendering procedure. Consequently, bidders have no right to have their bids returned to them.

10. Confidentiality

The entire evaluation procedure, from the drawing up of the shortlist to the signature of the contract, is confidential. The Evaluation / Adjudication Committee's decisions are collective and its deliberations are held in closed session. The members of the Evaluation / Adjudication Committee are bound to secrecy.

The evaluation reports and written records, in particular, are for official use only and may be communicated to neither the bidders nor to any party other than the Contracting Authority.

11. Ethics clauses / Corruptive practices

- a) Any attempt by a bidder to obtain confidential information, enter into unlawful agreements with competitors or influence the Evaluation / Adjudication Committee or the Contracting Authority during the process of examining, clarifying, evaluating, comparing and adjudication bid will lead to the rejection of its bid and may result in administrative penalties.
- b) The bidder must not be affected by any potential conflict of interest.

- c) The Greater Kokstad Municipality reserves the right to suspend or cancel funding to this project if corrupt practices of any kind are discovered at any stage of the award process or during the implementation of a contract, if the Contracting Authority fails to take all appropriate measures to remedy the situation. For the purposes of this provision, “corrupt practices” are the offer of a bribe, gift, gratuity or commission to any person as an inducement or reward for performing or refraining from any act relating to the award of a contract or implementation of a contract already concluded with the Contracting Authority.
- d) Bids will be rejected or contracts terminated if it emerges that the award or execution of a contract has given rise to unusual commercial expenses. Such unusual commercial expenses are commissions not mentioned in the main contract or not stemming from a properly concluded contract referring to the main contract, commissions not paid in return for any actual and legitimate service, commissions paid to a payee who is not clearly identified or commissions paid to a company which has every appearance of being a front company.

Failure to comply with one or more of the ethics clauses may result in the exclusion of the bidder or contractor from other Community contracts and in penalties.

12. Documentary evidence required from the successful Bidder

The successful bidder will be informed in writing that its bid has been accepted (notification of award). Before the Contracting Authority signs the contract with a Successful bidder, a successful bidder may be requested to provide additional information as deemed necessary by the Contracting Authority.

This evidence or these documents must carry a date, which cannot be more than 180 days in relation to the deadline for the submission of the bidder. In addition, a sworn

statement shall be furnished stating that the situations described in these documents have not changed since then.

If the successful bidder fails to provide these documents or is found to have provided false information, the award will be considered null and void. In such a case, the Contracting Authority may award the bid to another bidder or cancel the bid procedure.

13. Signature of contract(s)

Within 7 days of receipt of the contract already signed by the Contracting Authority, the selected bidder shall sign and date the contract and return it to the Contracting Authority.

Failure of the selected bidder to comply with this requirement may constitute grounds for the annulment of the decision to award the contract. In such a case, the Contracting Authority may award the bid to another bidder or cancel the bid procedure.

The other candidates will be informed that their bids were not accepted, by means of a standard letter.

14. Cancellation of the Bids procedure

In the event of cancellation of the bid procedure, bidders will be notified of the cancellation by the Contracting Authority. If the bid procedure is cancelled before the envelopes of any bid has been opened, the unopened and sealed envelopes will be returned to the bidders.

Cancellation may occur when:

- The bid procedure has been unsuccessful, i.e., no qualitatively or financially worthwhile bid has been received or there is no response at all;
- The economic or technical data of the project have been fundamentally altered;
- Exceptional circumstances or *force majeure* render normal performance of the contract impossible;
- All technically compliant bids exceed the financial resources available;
- There have been irregularities in the procedure, in particular where these have prevented fair competition.

In no event shall the Contracting Authority be liable for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, in any way connected with the cancellation of a bid even if the Contracting Authority has been advised of the possibility of damages.

The publication of a procurement notice does not commit the Contracting Authority to implement the programme or project announced.

VERY IMPORTANT:

IF ANY OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT SUBMITTED OR COMPLETED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, THE BIDDER WILL BE DEEMED TO BE NON-RESPONSIVE AND DISQUALIFIED

In evaluating and adjudicating the bid the following criteria will be considered:

- a. Compliance with bid requirement
- b. evaluation of functionality
- c. Value for money
- d. PPPFA and associated regulation

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PART A**

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY					
BID NUMBER:	GKM 29-23/24	CLOSING DATE:	10 JANUARY 2024	CLOSING TIME:	12H00
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THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7). BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS					
75 HOPE STREET KOKSTAD 4700					
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	☐ Yes ☐ No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	☐ Yes ☐ No	
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]	
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED			TOTAL BID PRICE	R	
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER	 _____		DATE		
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
DEPARTMENT	Budget and Treasury Office		CONTACT PERSON	W Dotye	
CONTACT PERSON	Andiswa Mahlaka		TELEPHONE NUMBER	039 797 6600	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	039 797 6743		FACSIMILE NUMBER	039 727 3676	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	039 727 3676		E-MAIL ADDRESS	Wandisile.dotye@kokstad.gov.za	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	andiswa.mahlaka@Kokstad.gov.za				

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PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED-(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED)
1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3 APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA .
2.4 FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.
2.5 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.6 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.7 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS
3.1. IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.2. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? ☐
YES ☐ NO
3.3. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.4. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.5. IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? ☐ YES ☐ NO
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS WILL RENDER THE BID INVALID.

NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:
.....

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
.....

DATE:
.....

MBD 3.1**PRICING SCHEDULE – BIDDERS MUST FILL IN PRICING SCHEDULE PROVIDED ABOVE ON 3.4.13**

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED
MBD 3.1

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
N/A		
COMPANY STAMP		
	SUB-TOTAL	
	VAT (15%)	
	TOTAL	

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

** “all applicable taxes” includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least (120) days from date of offer for evaluation purposes.
- Price(s) quoted must be firm and include VAT (**Non-compliance** with the Value Added Tax Act,1991; i.e. In terms of this Act **it is mandatory** for any business **to register for VAT** if the income earned in any consecutive twelve (12) month period exceeds or is likely to exceed R 1 million.
NB: Bidder/s failing to comply with this provision of the Value Added Tax Act,1991 **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**, therefore rejected)
- Tenderers SARS Tax PIN must be attached.
- Tender documents signed by a person who does not have authority to sign will be disqualified.

- Tenderers who did not complete the compulsory questionnaire, who abuse the employer's supply chain management system will not be conceded
- Non-collusion affidavit to be executed by bidder and submitted with the bid.

MBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹.
- 2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.

3 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

- 3.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:.....
- 3.2 Identity Number:
.....
.....
- 3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, hareholder²):.....
- 3.4 Company Registration Number:
.....
- 3.5 Tax Reference
Number:.....
.....
- 3.6 VAT Registration Number:
.....
- 3.7 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.
- 3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state?
YES / NO

3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

.....

.....

¹MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

(a) a member of –

- (i) any municipal council;
- (ii) any provincial legislature; or
- (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;

(b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;

(c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;

(d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No.1 of 1999);

(e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

² Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the company or business and exercises control over the company.

3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months?

..... **YES / NO**

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars.....

.....

3.10 Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.11 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

..... **YES / NO**

3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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3.12 Are any of the company's directors, trustees, managers,
principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?
YES / NO

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.13 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's
directors trustees, managers, principle shareholders or
stakeholders in service of the
state?..... **YES / NO**

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

.....
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3.14 Do you or any of the directors,
trustees, managers, principle
shareholders, or stakeholders of this
company have any interest in any
other related companies or
business whether or not they are bidding for this contract. **YES / NO**

3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars:

.....
.....

4. Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Capacity

.....
Name of Bidder

MBD 6.1

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017

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 MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 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).

1.2

a) The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

1.6 The purchaser 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 purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **“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;
- (c) **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise 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;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means:
 - 1) B-BBEE
Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
 - 2) A sworn
affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
 - 3) Any other
requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) **“QSE”** means a qualifying small business enterprise 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;
- (j) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

80/20 or 90/10

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \qquad \text{or} \qquad P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

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

4. POINTS AWARDED SPECIFIC GOALS

The 80/20 preferential point system will be applied, where 80 points will be allocated for price and 20 points for Municipality's specific goals that is on ownership and RDP goals.

GOALS 1 - OWNERSHIP	MAX POINTS =10	Documents required for verification
Business owned more than 50% by black person	10	▪ ID copy of director/Owner ▪ Detailed CSD
Business owned less than 50% by black person	8	▪ ID copy of director/Owner ▪ Detailed CSD
GOALS 2 RDP	10	
Business located in KZN	10	▪ Municipal accounts not older than 90 days/ ▪ Lease agreement if you are leasing. ▪ Affidavit you are not liable for rates (clarifying the reasons)
Business located outside KZN.	8	▪ Municipal accounts not older than 90 days/ ▪ Lease agreement if you are leasing. ▪ Affidavit you are not liable for rates (clarifying the reasons)

5. BID DECLARATION

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

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?
(***Tick applicable box***)

YES		NO	
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7.1.1 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

(***Tick applicable box***)

YES		NO	
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

8. **DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM**

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....
.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Manufacturer
 - ☐ Supplier
 - ☐ Professional service provider
 - ☐ Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Municipality where business is situated:

.....

Registered Account Number:

Stand Number:.....

8.8 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.9 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we 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 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding 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 bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury 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.

WITNESSES

1.

2.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS

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MBD 8

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 4 **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied). The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website(www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
Item	Question	Yes	No
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)

**CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM TRUE
AND CORRECT.**

**I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE
TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.**

.....

Signature

.....

Date

.....

Position

.....

Name of Bidder

MBD 9
CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 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).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
- 4 This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² 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 not to compete.

MBD 9

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of:

that:
(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. 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 consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;

- (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. 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.

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.

10. 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.

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Signature Date

.....
Position Name of Bidder

THE NATIONAL TREASURY
Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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General Conditions of Contract**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 goods 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 goods 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 “Supplier” means the successful bidder who is awarded the contract to maintain and administer the required and specified service(s) to the State.

1.26 “Tort” means in breach of contract.

1.27 “Turnkey” means a procurement process where one service provider assumes total responsibility for all aspects of the project and delivers the full end product / service required by the contract.

1.28 “Written” or “in writing” means hand-written in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services (excluding professional services related to the building and construction industry), sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.

2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific goods, 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 Invitations to bid are usually published in locally distributed news media and on the municipality/municipal entity website.

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

Be extended only so far as may be necessary for the purpose of 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 the purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any documents other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of supplier's performance under the contract if so require 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.

6.2 When a supplier developed documentation / projects for the municipality / municipal entity, the intellectual, copy and patent rights or ownership of such documents or projects will vest in the municipality / municipal entity.

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.

**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 goods to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage be subject to inspections, tests and analyses, the bidder or contractor's premises shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the purchaser or organization acting on behalf of the purchaser.
- 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 goods 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 goods or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such goods or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6. Goods 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 goods may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected goods 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 goods, which do comply

with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected goods shall be returned at the suppliers

cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute goods forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected goods, purchase such goods 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 22 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

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, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10 Delivery and documents

10.1 Delivery of the goods and arrangements for shipping and clearance obligations, shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract.

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.

12 Transportation

12.1. Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified.

13 Incidental Services

13.1. The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any:

13.1.1. performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;

13.1.2. furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;

13.1.3. furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

13.1.4. 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

o this contract; and
 b 13.1.5. training of the purchaser's personnel, at the
 l supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly,
 i start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or
 g repair of the supplied goods.
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t 13.2. Prices charged by the supplier for incidental
 i services, if not included in the contract price for the
 o goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties
 n and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to
 s other parties by the supplier for similar services.

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14 Spare parts 14.1 As specified, 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.

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 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, 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.

- 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.

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 or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18 Variation orders

- 18.1. In cases where the estimated value of the envisaged changes in purchase does not vary more than 15% of the total value of the original contract, the contractor may be instructed to deliver the goods or render the services as such. In cases of measurable quantities, the contractor may be approached to reduce the unit price, and such offers may be accepted provided that there is no escalation in price.

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.

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Subcontracts

20.1. The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract 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 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 goods are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.
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- 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 22.2 without the application of penalties.
- 21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a goods contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase goods 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 judgement of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.
- 23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner, as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the 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 regard the supplier as having no objection and proceed with the restriction.
- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the purchaser will, at the discretion of the purchaser, 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 purchaser actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
 - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction

- (iii) the period of restriction; and
- (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

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23.8 . 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 anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the supplier to the purchaser or the purchaser may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the supplier in regard to goods 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 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 for goods delivered and / or services rendered according to the prescripts of the contract.

28.Limitation of Liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or 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) the 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.

28 Governing language

28.1. 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.

29 Applicable law

29.1. The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified.

30 Notices

30.1 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.

30.2 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.

**31 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 SARS must have certified that the tax matters of the preferred bidder are in order.
- 32.4 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose municipal rates and taxes and municipal services charges are in arrears.

32 Transfer of contracts

- 32.1 The contractor shall not abandon, transfer, cede assign or sublet a contract or part thereof without the written permission of the purchaser

33 Amendment of contracts

- 33.1 No agreement to amend or vary a contract or order or the conditions, stipulations or provisions thereof shall be valid and of any force unless such agreement to amend or vary is entered into in writing and signed by the contracting parties. Any waiver of the requirement that the agreement to amend or vary shall be in writing, shall also be in writing.

34 Prohibition of restrictive practices 35.1 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.

35.2 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 section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 Of 1998.

35.3 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.