



**REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF A GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION FOR THE PROPOSED CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE AT THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRE ROODEPLAAT, PRETORIA**

**RFQ Number:** RFQ-084615  
**Issue Date:** 14 December 2023  
**Closing Date:** 12 January 2024 at 11H00

<b>Bidding Company Name</b>	
<b>Representative Name</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

**SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The ARC operates within the National System of Innovation and has a mandate for innovative and creative agricultural research, technology development, and transfer aimed at the advancement of South African agriculture. The ARC conducts its business and all its operations on a number of Research stations, experimental farms, and other facilities across the country. These facilities are key to the ARC's operations and functions toward delivering excellence in Agricultural Research and Development.

It is considered prudent to undertake a geotechnical investigation for a proposed laboratory and research Centre of Excellence to be constructed within the grounds of the ARC located north of Roodeplaat Dam in Pretoria. Details of the anticipated layout of the development is unknown at this stage. It is however likely to comprise a single, double or triple storey building with internal roads and ground level parking.

The geotechnical investigation is required for design purposes, for light to medium loaded structures requiring an allowable bearing capacity of <250kPa.

## **SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

### **2.1 Submission of bid documents**

The documents must be signed and completed by a person who has been given authority to act on behalf of the bidder. The bottom of each page of the bid documents must be signed as proof that the bidder has read the quotation documents. Bid documents must be submitted to [MogaleL@arc.agric.za](mailto:MogaleL@arc.agric.za) on or before 12 January 2024 at 11H00.

### **2.2. Late Bids**

Bids submitted after the closing date and time will not be accepted.

### **2.3. Clarification and Communication**

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Designation: Senior Buyer

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### **2.4. Bid Responses**

Bid responses must be strictly prepared and returned in accordance with this quotation document. Bidders may be disqualified where they have not materially complied with any of ARC's requirements in terms of this document. Changes to the bidder's submission will not be allowed after the closing date. All bid responses will be regarded as offers unless the bidder indicates otherwise. No bidder may have an interest in any of the other bidders participating in this bid.

### **2.5. Disclaimers**

It must be noted that ARC reserves its right to:

- 2.5.1. Award the whole or a part of this opportunity;
- 2.5.2. Negotiate with all or some of the shortlisted bidders;
- 2.5.3. To reject the lowest acceptable quotation received; and/or
- 2.5.4. Cancel this quotation.

### **2.6. Validity Period**

- 2.6.1. ARC requires a validity period of Sixty (60) business/working days for this quotation.
- 2.6.2. During the validity period the prices which have been quoted by the bidder must remain firm and valid

### **2.7. Confidentiality of Information**

- 2.7.1. ARC will not disclose any information disclosed through this quotation process to a third party or any other bidder without any written approval from the bidder whose information is sought. Furthermore,

2.7.2. ARC will not disclose the names of bidders until the quotation process has been finalised.

2.7.3. Bidders may not disclose any information given to the bidders as part of this process to any third party without the written approval from ARC. In the event that the bidder requires to consult with third parties, such third parties must complete confidentiality agreements, which should also be returned to ARC with the bid.

### **SECTION 3: SCOPE OF WORKS**

Classification of the site in terms of depth of bedrock, nature and extent of subsurface soils and any specific problems such as slope stability, soft soils, filling, reactivity, etc identified.

Testing of selected soil samples as deemed necessary will be tested in our SANAS accredited laboratory to determine major engineering properties.

Production of a report containing relevant field and laboratory data and addressing the identified requirements.

### **SECTION 4: PRICE**

4.1. Fixed price based on scope of work and site visit:

<b>Maintenance</b>	R
<b>VAT at 15%</b>	R
<b>Total</b>	R