



REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)

Description of Services/Goods: Provision for ITC Credit Reports

RFQ Number: NHFC_HO/11/01

Request date: 05 November 2021

Closing date: 19 November 2021 (No late submissions will be considered)

Closing time: 11:00am

COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS

The following copies must be attached when returning the RFQ:

1. Valid copy B-BBEE Certificate/ Sworn Affidavit (Non disqualifying item non-submission will render the bidder as non-compliant for B-BBEE points.)
 2. Latest and valid SARS TCS Pin
 3. Detailed proposal (course content) with the quotation
 4. Submission of the following Signed and Completed Standard Bid Documents (SBD) Forms which are attached to this request:
 - SBD 4: Declaration of Interest
 - SBD 6.1 Preference Points Claim Form in terms of preferential procurement
 - SBD 8: Declaration of Bidder's Past SCM Practices
 - SBD 9: Certificate of Independent Bid Determination
 5. Price(s) quoted must be firm and inclusive of VAT (If VAT registered) and inclusive of all cost
 6. All quotes must be prepared according to the Scope of Work/Key Deliverables
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The assessment of the submission will be based on the above-mentioned documentation.
Exclusion of required items may cause a disqualification.

The quotation must be submitted via email to Quotations@nhfc.co.za

Enquiries regarding the RFQ must be directed to the below persons in writing only:

SCM Enquiries

SCM Official: Pabalelo Shirindza

Email: pabalelos@nhfc.co.za

NB:

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- Quotations must be submitted in the bidder's company letterhead.
- No pre-payments are allowed, awarded bidder will be paid within 30 days after receipt of invoice.
- Quotation submitted should be based on Scope of Work/Key Deliverables. Failure to adhere to scope of will render your quotation non-responsive.
- Supplier to indicate excepted delivery of service/goods as indicated in Scope of Work/Key Deliverables.
- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least ninety (90) days from the date of your offer and be according to the RFQ document.
- Supplier will be evaluated on performance based on delivery of Scope of Work/Key Deliver.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The National Housing Finance Corporation (NHFC) was established by the National Department of Human Settlements as a development finance institution (DFI) in 1996, with the principle mandate of broadening access to affordable housing finance for the low- and middle-income households.

NHFC is a national public entity, the NHFC adheres to the regulatory framework of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) of 1999.

The NHFC provides wholesale funding in the affordable housing market mainly to social housing institutions, non-banking retail intermediaries, privately owned property developers, construction companies and investors. It also provides loans and other form of wholesale funding (equity and quasi equity) to certain niche businesses that are in the affordable housing market.

The NHFC currently uses multiple service providers to access multiple services that are either different in nature or similar and might be providing more or less similar and or overlapping information. These services provide access to ITC credit reports for natural person(s) and juristic person(s), access to area, property and persons reports, access automated valuation/desktop report, and access to property deeds. These services providers are used mostly by the Lending, Credit, Legal and Risk divisions to support the NHFC processes of appraising both new and existing customers with regards to the Incremental housing product, the Private rental product, Social housing product, Subsidy housing product and the Bridging Affordable housing product. Retail credit also uses ITC credit reports to support the current debt management process for the retail mortgage loan product.

A new suitably qualified and licensed service provider provider(s) is therefore required to replace the current contracts with multiple services providers, whose contracts have become irregular.

Provision of these services can either be on a single platform as preferred or can be on multiple platforms if a single platform is not possible.

2. PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

The purpose of this Request for Quotation (RFQ) is to solicit quotations from potential service providers for the Provision for ITC Credit Reports for Natural and Juristic person(s) Area and or Property reports including Automated Desktop V. This specification document is to provide details in relation to each of the services required by Lending, Credit, Legal and Risk divisions to support the NHFC processes of appraising new funding applications, or managing existing clients, and therefore make more informed decisions. This specification deals with providing information identified as key and therefore considered as essential requirements which should be included in the services by the new service provider.

3. SCOPE OF WORK/KEY DELIVERABLES

3.1 ITC Credit Report – Natural person(s)

An ITC credit report for individuals or natural person(s) provides detailed information on how a consumer has used credit in the past, including how much debt the consumer has and whether or not the consumer settles his or her obligations on time in line with what was agreed with the creditors.

To ensure that this report is comprehensive and contains information that will enable an informed decision making when appraising new funding applications and or when monitoring performance of the existing customers, the report should at least provide the following information;

Personal information:

- customer name,
- birth date,
- current and past home addresses,
- current and past phone numbers,

- current and past employers.

Alerts and Public records

- Verification of customer Identity and identity number,
- Report any anomalies with regards to ID verification,
- Bank account verification
- Verify fraud,
- Indicate consumer credit score,
- Detail any default,
- Detail any judgment,
- Detail any sequestration,
- Indicate any trace alert on consumer,
- Indicate if a consumer is under debt review.

Accounts, including NLR

- Outline a list of consumer's accounts, including revolving credit accounts such as credit cards, and installment loans, such as mortgages or vehicle finance.
- Information should also include;
- creditor names,
- account numbers,
- outstanding balances,
- Arrears amount,
- Payment history,
- Debit order reversal/payment disputes
- Account status (including whether or not the account is past due or written off or closed etc.)
- Performance per account for the last 24 months,
- Summary of symbols used and what they stand for.

3.2 ITC Credit Report – Juristic person(s)

An ITC credit report for juristic person(s) provides detailed information on how a juristic person, as a legal entity and an applicant, has used credit in the past, including how much debt it has incurred and whether the entity settles its obligations on time.

To ensure that the report is comprehensive and will offer the NHFC enough information to make informed decisions when appraising new applications for funding and when

monitoring performance of the existing customers, users should be able to access the following information;

- CIPC directorship
- To check if a director has been declared a delinquent.
- Criminal record of director
- To check if the company is on business rescue.
- See a clear view of the business and its creditors.
- See a full representation of the business in document form.
- See evidence of a business's financial maturity, when presented with other financial documents.
- Verification of bureau information as valid and true, with mandated signatory information
- The ability to prevent fraudulent activity, e.g., bank account detail changes that could result in settlement into incorrect accounts.

3.3 Property report

The NHFC uses property reports to assess any risk that might be associated with the area and or property during appraisal of new funding application. This is also used to verify ownership of such property and or obtain estimated market valuation offered with the report.

To ensure that the report is comprehensive and offers the NHFC enough information to enable decisions making during appraisal process for new funding, and when monitoring performance of the existing customers, users should be able to access the following information;

They should be able to access the property report or order automated/desktop valuation report using identity number, or erf number, or physical address, or title deed number, or company registration number, or Company name etc.

- Property ownership current and past
- Provide details of bond holders
- Confirm property description
- Confirm location of property
- Confirm size of property
- Street to Erf Conversions

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- Provide title deed number
- Provide SG diagram
- Provide comparable sales of similar properties in the area
- Should offer both commercial and residential property reports
- Feasibility studies
- Show valuation details including both municipal and estimates derived by the services provider using automated valuation or desktop system.

3.4 Deed Search report

A Title Deed is defined as the most important document as far as property ownership is concerned. It is a legal document which confirms or proves that one is the owner of a property after having been transferred into ones name. It contains the details of the property such as the full name of the owner/s; date of purchase, purchase price, the size, zoning, etc. The owner can either be a natural person(s) or can be a juristic person(s). The document gets filed at the Deeds offices in various areas according to where the property is situated. Information related to the property is then accessible in a form a deed search normally conducted on a web portal offered by an accredited service provider. The NHFC requires access to the Deed search in order to obtain Deed reports as and when required to access such a report to support its internal processes.

3.5 Trace Services

A Trace service is a service offered by most service providers in the credit bureau space as they are most likely to get the latest contact details of customers from the data they receive from different creditors or members daily. This service therefore assists with providing members with access to the most comprehensive and current information available on consumers and businesses – information that can help minimise losses and increase business' effectiveness in default management. The service is required by the retail unit of the NHFC as they deal directly with the retail mortgage loan customers. As the retail book ages more and more contacts relating to customers become outdated, making it difficult for

the retail administration unit to contact customers especially when they have defaulted in their monthly repayments on the mortgage loans.

3.6 Deeds Office Person and Company Searches

These searches are used to assist in obtaining the latest information on natural persons, companies and directors. They also assist in ascertaining the linkages between various persons and their representation as inter alia, directors in companies.

The following searches should be accessible hereunder:

- Deeds Office Person
- Deeds Office Sequestration
- Company Report
- Director Report
- Spider searches

3.7 Further requirements

- Reports should be accessible 24 hours daily.
- Search reports should be returned in real time as the searches are being conducted.
- Search engines or website should allow for multiple logins as different departments will be login into the websites to pull reports for different reasons in line with their business processes.
- Split billing is required to allow different NHFC divisions to manage their own bills.
- The websites where the reports will be pulled from should keep the search results for an ascertainable period at least and this period will be confirmed by the NHFC.
- The system should allow the research results be downloaded and disseminated electronically.
- The NHFC will be the administrator of the account(s) and will therefore add, edit or delete users as and when it is required to do so.

4. Lockdown Operations Provisions

Kindly note that due to the Lockdown Regulations, NHFC will be operating remotely, therefore service providers should make required provision of virtual meetings.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Price and Preference Evaluation

Bidders will be evaluated in terms of Price and Preference points (B-BBEE status level of contributor). As per the table below, price is evaluated over 80 points and preference points over 20:

B-BBEE Status Level Of Contributor	Number of Points
	Bids up to R50 million
1	20
2	18
3	16
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-Compliant contributor	0

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written price quotation). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

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

- 2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:

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- 2.2 Identity Number:

- 2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder², member):

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2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:

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2.5 Tax Reference Number:

2.6 VAT Registration Number :

2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / PERSAL numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

¹"State" means –

- (a) 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);
- (b) any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) provincial legislature;
- (d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
- (e) Parliament.

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

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder **YES / NO**
presently employed by the state?

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:

Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed :

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Position occupied in the state institution:

Any other particulars:

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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? YES / NO

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid document? YES / NO

Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors/ trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months? **YES / NO**

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES/NO**

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members **YES/NO**
of the company have any interest in any other related companies
whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Income Tax Reference Number	State Employee Number/ Persal Number

4 DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME).....

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

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS
DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

SBD 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 exceed/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:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

- 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

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

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

P_t = Price of bid under consideration

P_{\min} = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

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:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		

Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

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

8.8 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

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1. This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions 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.
2. The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
 - a. abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - c. failed to perform on any previous contract.
3. 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	<p>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?</p> <p>(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 audi alteram partem rule was applied).</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS 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.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 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 per se prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD 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 (SBD 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.

SBD 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 Institution)

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.

³ 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.

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.
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

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