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# LIMPOPO COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGE

# REQUEST FOR TENDER

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF 5 SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF STATIONERY AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FOR LIMPOPO COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGE ("LCETC" OR "LIMPOPO CETC")

RFP NUMBER: LCETC 2022-010

Date Issued: 07 December 2022

Compulsory Briefing / information session: 09:00am on 09 January 2023 at the Limpopo Community Education & Training College Offices – Unit 5, JCJ Corner Building, 2 Biccard Street, Polokwane.

Closing date and time: 18 January 2023 at 11:00

Bid Validity Period: 60 days

TENDER BOX ADDRESS: Limpopo Community Education and Training College (Unit 5), 2 Biccard Street. Polokwane 0699.

NB: Tender box is only accessible during office hours (08:00 to 16:30) Mon – Fri.

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#### PART A - INFORMATION ON THE TENDER

#### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The CET came into existence on 1 April 2015 when the Public Adult Learning Centres (PALCs) migrated from the Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) to the CET Colleges, resorting under the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). The mandate of the college is to provide quality and relevant education and training programmes for youth and adults to improve their livelihoods. The College, through the Community Learning Centres, offers programmes that will ensure that leaners attain skills that will enable them to either find employment or establish their own enterprises.
- 1.2 The College is situated in the Limpopo Province, South Africa. Governance of the College rests with the Council subject to the relevant statutes and policies. Management of the college consists of the Principal and Deputy Principals. The Limpopo Community Education and Training College operates in accordance with the requirements, rules and regulations laid down in the following documents:
  - 1.2.1.1 The Continuing Education and Training Act, Act 16 of 2006; and
  - 1.2.1.2 National Norms and Standards for Funding Community Education and Training Colleges.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THE TENDER

2.1 The purpose of the tender is to appoint a panel of suitable service providers for the supply and delivery of stationery as an when required for a period of 3 years.

#### 3. SCOPE AND DEFINITION OF WORK

The scope will be as per the pricing schedule included.

#### 4. DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

4.1 The successful bidder(s) will be appointed to serve on the panel of services providers for a period of 3 years.

#### PART B - LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

#### 1. TAX LEGISLATION

- 1.1 Bidders must be vigilant of compliance measures and requirements when submitting a proposal to the College and remain compliant in terms of all applicable tax legislation for the entire contract period, including but not limited to the application parameters of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).
- 1.2 It is a pre-condition of this bid document that the tax affairs of the successful bidder will be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with the South African Revenue Service (SARS) in meeting the bidder's pending tax obligations.
- 1.3 The relevant tax compliance status requirements are also applicable to any foreign bidders / individuals who wish to participate during the bidding process.
- 1.4 It is a requirement that bidders when submitting a bid, provide written confirmation that SARS may on an ongoing basis and for the duration of the tenure of the contract, disclose the bidder's tax compliance status. By the very act of submitting a bid, such a confirmation therefore is also deemed to have been granted by the potential bidder.

# 2. PROCUREMENT LEGISLATION

2.1 The College utilises a detailed evaluation methodology premised on Treasury Regulation 16A3 promulgated phased under Section 76 of the *Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act, No. 1 of 1999), the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 (Act, No.5 of 2000); the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 and the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act, No. 53 of 2003).* 

## 3. TECHNICAL LEGISLATION AND/OR STANDARDS

3.1 Bidder(s) should at all times be cognisant of the relevant legislation and/or standards specifically applicable to the service portfolio to be rendered in terms of this tender.

#### PART C - THE BIDDING PROCESS

## 1. TIMELINE OF THE BID PROCESS

1.1. The validity period and possible withdrawal of offers, subsequent to the closing date and time of this tender is 60 days. The relevant project time-frames in terms of this bid are indicated as follows:

Activity	Due Date
Advertisement of the bid via the National	05 December 2022
Treasury e-tender Portal	
Questions related to the bids received from	A <b>compulsory</b> information session will be held at
bidder(s)	09:00 am sharp on 09 January 2023 at the Limpopo
	CET College Offices, 2 Biccard Street, Polokwane
The bid closing date	18 January 2023 at 11:00
Notice to bidder(s)	The College undertakes to inform bidders of the
	office closure from 15 December 2022 until 06
	January 2023.

- 1.2. All dates and times in this bid are determined in accordance with South African standard time.
- 1.3. Any time or date reflected in this bid is subject to change at the College's discretion. The determination of a time or date in this bid does not presuppose an obligation on the part of the College in taking action or creating by any manner rights in terms of which bidders may demand that specific action(s) be undertaken on the date(s) accordingly reflected in this bid. The bidder therefore accepts that, in the event of the College extending the deadline for bid submissions (the closing date) based on and influenced by whichever circumstance, the conditions and requirements attached to this bid remain unaltered and apply equally with regard to the revised deadline.

### 2. CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

2.1. The College will hold a compulsory information session at the Limpopo Community Education & Training College Offices on the 09<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 from 09:00am. Potential bidders will have an opportunity to ask questions about the College and or obtain more information. Attendance at this session is compulsory. Regrettably, the College will not be able to furnish bidders with any additional technical information outside of this forum. Clarity seeking enquiries of a very general nature can however be made in writing to <a href="MMashele@LP.CETC.edu.za">MMashele@LP.CETC.edu.za</a>, before the closing date of the bid. Any communication by Bidders addressed to or with an official or person acting in an advisory capacity on behalf of the College, in so far as it has relevance to bid proposal, during the

- period commencing from the bid closing date and that of awarding of the tender is strongly discouraged.
- 2.2. All communication between Bidders and the College must be provided in writing.
- 2.3. While due care has been taken regarding the finalisation of this bid, the College duly makes no representations or provides any warranty that the contents thereof, or any part of the information accordingly communicated or provided to Bidders during the bidding process is accurate, current and/or complete. The College and its employees/advisors therefore will not be liable in relation to any information communicated and proves to be inaccurate, outdated and/or incomplete.
- 2.4. In the event of bidders reasonably believing there to be substantive discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency contained in this bid or any part of other information provided by the College (excluding any minor clerical matters), bidders must promptly bring such a discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency, in writing, to the attention of the College (MMashele@LP.CETC.edu.za) before the closing date with the aim of affording the College an opportunity to consider the issue(s) and where required, take the requisite corrective action.
- 2.5. All bidders (including any other relevant persons) obtaining or receiving the bid and/or any other information in relation to the bid or the tender process are obliged to keep the entire contents of the bid and all related information confidential and may not disclose or use the information in any other manner than for the express purpose of developing a proposal in response to this bid.
- 2.6. Any actual discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in relation to the bid or part of any other information provided by the College will, where possible, be corrected and the revised documentation be published.

#### 3. LATE BIDS

3.1. Bids received at the address indicated in the bid documents after the specified closing date and time, will not be accepted for consideration and where practical, will be returned unopened to the bidder(s).

#### 4. COUNTER CONDITIONS

4.1. Bidders are advised that subsequent amendments to any of the Bid Conditions, the proposals of any counter conditions by bidders or qualifications made in respect of the Bid Conditions will result in the immediate disqualification of such bids. Bidders should therefore adapt their standard conditions in line with those that are issued by the College.

#### 5. FRONTING

5.1. The College supports the spirit of broad - based black economic empowerment and recognises that true empowerment can only be achieved through individuals and businesses conducting themselves in accordance with the Constitution and garnering opportunities in an honest, fair, equitable, transparent and legally compliant manner. Against this background the College strongly condemns any form of fronting.

5.2. The College, in ensuring that bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the bid evaluation processes, conduct or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations in determining the accuracy of the representations made in bid documents. Should any of the fronting indicators as contained in the Guidelines on Complex Structures and Transactions and Fronting, issued by the College, the onus rests on the bidder/contractor to prove that the allegation of fronting does in fact not exist. Failure to do so within a period of 14 days and determined from the date of notification may invalidate the bid/contract and also result in the restriction of the Bidder/contractor to conduct business with the public sector for a subsequent period of up to ten years and in addition to any other actions the College may have at its disposal and accordingly wish to institute against such bidders/contractors.

#### 6. SUPPLIER DUE DILIGENCE

6.1. The College reserves the right to conduct due diligence on suppliers prior to final awarding of the contract, or on an occasional basis during the implementation of the mandated contract period. These actions may also include site visits and requests for the provision of additional information.

## 7. MANDATORY BID DOCUMENTS

- 7.1. The College has set minimum standards that bidders need to meet as a precursor to evaluation and selection as the successful bidder.
  - Without any limitation in respect of the College's other critical requirements relevant to this Bid, prospective bidders must submit all the documents listed in table 1 below.
  - Prospective bidders must also ensure that all the information requested under Part D (Submissions) is submitted in full per the specified categories
  - All the following documents must be submitted as part of the response to this bid request. Failure to do so may invalidate a response.
  - Table 1: Documents to be submitted for pre-qualification:

Form no	Document description	
	Tender document (initialled on each page)	
	Company registration form/corporate document (CIPCO)	
	DDDEE Oodification	
	BBBEE Certification	
	Latest Municipal account/ rental invoice/ Lease agreement/ Proof of residence (to	
	confirm address and existence of provider)	
	Latest CSD Report	
SBD 1	Invitation to Bid	
SBD	Pricing Schedule	
3.3		
SBD 4	Declaration of Interest	
SBD	Preference Point Claim Form	
6.1		
SBD	Contract Form - Purchase Of Goods/Works	
7.1		
SBD 8	Declaration of Bidder's past SCM Practices	
SBD 9	Certificate of Independent Bid Determination	

- Each document must be completed and signed by the duly authorised representative on behalf of the prospective bidding company.
- During this phase bid responses will be evaluated with emphasis placed on documentary compliance with the listed administrative and mandatory bid requirements.
- Bidders' proposal will be disqualified as a result of non-submission and or non-completion of the listed documents.

# 7.2.3 Phase 1: Price and B-BBEE Evaluation (80 + 20) = 100 points:

- Pricing options and B-BBEE qualification will accordingly be evaluated as follows: In terms of Regulation 6 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations pertaining to the *Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000)*, responsive bids will be adjudicated on the *80/20 (R30,000 to a maximum R50 million, all applicable taxes included)* preference point system in terms of which points are awarded to bidders on the basis of the bid pricing (maximum 80 points) and B-BBEE status level of the contributor (maximum 20 points).
- Stage 1 Price Evaluation (80 Points):

Criteria	Points
Price Evaluation	80

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

- The following formula will be applied to calculate the points awarded in relation to pricing and this determination is informed as follows:
- Ps Points scored for comparative pricing of the bid submitted for consideration
- Pt Comparative pricing of the bid under consideration
- P min Comparative pricing of the lowest acceptable bid
- Stage 2 B-BBEE Evaluation (20 Points):
- B-BBEE Points allocation: A maximum of 20 points may be allocated to a bidder based on the evaluation of the company's B-BBEE status level of contribution that is determined as follows:

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

- B-BBEE points are allocated to bidder on receipt of the following documentation or evidence: A duly completed Preference Point Claim Form: Standard Bidding Document (SBD 6.1); and the relevant B-BBEE Certificate.
- Non- submission of a completed / signed Preference Point Claim Form SBD 6.1 and BBBEE certificate will result in a zero (0) score on B-BBEE.
- A BBBEE sworn affidavit can be submitted where applicable.
- The points scored by a bidder in respect of the B-BBEE will be added to the points scored for price:

	AREAS OF EVALUATION	POINTS
•	Price	80
•	B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution	20
To	tal	100

Joint Ventures, Consortiums and Trusts:

- A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points on evaluation of their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits the requisite B-BBEE status level certificate.
- A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points on evaluation of their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their requisite, consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and on condition that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid application.
- Bidders must submit substantive proof of the existence of joint ventures and/or consortium arrangements. The College will accept signed agreements as satisfactory proof for the existence of a joint venture and/or consortia arrangement.
- Joint venture and/or consortia agreements must clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of the lead partner, alongside the joint venture and/or consortium. The agreement must also clearly identify the lead partner that is accordingly provided with a power of attorney to bind the other co-parties in all matters pertaining to the joint venture and/or consortia arrangement.

#### 7.2. Claim B-BBEE Points:

 Prospective bidders who wish to qualify for and claim preferential points are advised to fully comply with regulations 3 of the PPPFA Regulation in so far as it pertains to BBBEE points claim.

#### PART D - SUBMISSIONS

## 1. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

 Bid documents must be placed in the College's tender box situated at Limpopo Community Education and Training College (Unit 5), 2 Biccard Street, Polokwane 0699 on or before the closing date and time.

Closing Date: 18 January 2023

Closing Time: 11:00am

- Bid documents will only be considered if received by the College before or on the closing
  date and time, regardless of the method used to send or deliver such documents to the
  College. All bids must be delivered in person and dropped into the tender box by the bidder
  or its representative. No bids shall be accepted if they are received through fax, email or
  any other electronic means.
- Bidders are requested to initial the bottom right-hand corner of each page of the tender document. On pages where bidders are required to provide full signatures, initialling at the bottom of these pages is not required
- Proposals must be submitted in hard copy format.

### **PART E - CONDITIONS**

#### 1.GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

- Subsequent award/concession made to a prospective bidder in terms of this TOR is conditional on, (among others):
- The bidding party accepting the terms and conditions as contained in the General Conditions of Contract as the minimum terms and conditions on which the College is prepared to enter into a contract with the successful Bidder.
- The bidder submitting the General Conditions of Contract to the College together with its bid, has ensured that the document has duly been signed by an authorised representative on its behalf.

#### 2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The College reserves the right to:

- Award this tender to any bidder that did not score the highest (cumulative total) number of points and only in accordance with section 2(1)(f) of the PPPFA (Act 5 of 2000);
- Negotiate with one or more preferred bidders identified in the evaluation process, regarding
  any terms and conditions, including pricing without offering the same opportunity to any
  other bidder(s) who had not been awarded the status of a preferred bidder;
- Accept any part of a tender in lieu of the whole tender;
- Carry out at its discretion, site inspections, product evaluations or facilitate explanatory
  meetings in order to verify the nature and quality of the services offered by the potential
  bidders, either before, during or subsequent to adjudication of the Bid;
- Correct mistakes during any stage of the tender evaluation process which may already
  have been apparent in the bid documents or subsequently occurred during any stage of
  the tender evaluation process;
- At any stage during the evaluation of bids, cancel and/or terminate the tender process, even subsequent to the tender closing date and/or after presentations by selected bidders have been made, and/or after tenders have been evaluated and/or after the preferred bidders have as such been notified of their status; and
- Award the tender to multiple bidders based either on organisational capacity, specialisation and size, as well as geographic considerations.

#### 2. GOVERNING LAW

- South African law will in its full extent govern the Application parameters of this bid and the bid response process.
- The bidder agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the South African court system
  in any dispute of any kind that may arise out of or in connection with the subject matter of
  this bid, the bid itself and all processes associated with the bid.

#### 3. DECLARATION

- Bidders as part of their respective technical responses, are required to declare the following and confirm that they will:
- At all times for the duration of the tender, act honestly, fairly and with due skill, care and diligence in the best interest of the College;
- Manage, effectively utilise and apply the resources, procedures and appropriate technological systems to ensure the proper performance of the services for the duration of the tender:
- Act with circumspection and treat the College fairly in all situations where conflicting interests may become apparent;
- Comply with all applicable statutory or common law requirements related to the conduct of its business;
- Make adequate disclosures regarding relevant and material information, including the disclosure of actual or potential interests the company may acquire, in relation to its dealings with the College;
- Avoid any form or instance of fraudulent and misleading advertising, canvassing and marketing for the duration of the tender;
- Conduct business activities transparently and consistently uphold the interests and needs
  of the College as a client, before any other consideration; and
- Ensure that for the duration of the tender no information acquired from the College will be
  utilised and/or disclosed to any third party/ies unless written consent from the College has
  been obtained to do so.

#### 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST, CORRUPTION AND FRAUD

5.1 The College reserves the right to disqualify any potential bidder who either itself, or through any of its members (save for such members who hold a minority interest in the bidder through shares listed on any recognised stock exchange), indirect members (being any person or entity who indirectly holds at least a 15% interest in the bidder other than in the context of shares listed on a recognised stock exchange), directors or members of senior management, whether in respect of the College or any other College organ or entity and whether from the Republic of South Africa or otherwise ("College"):

- Engages in any collusive tendering, anti-competitive conduct, or any other similar conduct, including but not limited to any collusion with any other bidder in respect of the subject matter of this bid;
- Seeks any assistance, other than assistance officially provided by a College, from any
  employee, advisor or other representative of a College in order to obtain any unlawful
  advantage in relation to the procurement or services provided or to be provided to the
  College;
- Makes or offers any gift, gratuity, anything of value or other inducement, whether lawful or unlawful, to any of the College's officers, directors, employees, advisors or other representatives in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a College;
- Accepts anything of value or an inducement that would or may provide financial gain, advantage or benefit in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a College;
- Pays or agrees to pay to any person any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift
  or any other consideration, that is contingent upon or results from, the awarding of any
  tender, contract, right or entitlement which is in any way related to procurement or the
  rendering of any services to the College;
- Has in the past engaged in any matter referred to above; or
- Has been found guilty in a court of law on charges of fraud and/or forgery, regardless of whether or not a prison term was imposed and despite such a bidder, member or director's name(s) not specifically appearing on the List of Tender Defaulters kept at National Treasury.

#### 5. MISREPRESENTATION

- The bidder should note that the terms of its tender will be incorporated in the proposed contract by reference and that the College relies upon the bidder's tender as a material representation in making an award to a successful bidder and in concluding an agreement with said bidder.
- It follows therefore that misrepresentations in a tender may give rise to service termination and a claim by the College against the bidder notwithstanding the conclusion of the Service Level Agreement between the College and the bidder for the provision of the service(s) in question. In the event of a conflict between the bidder's proposal and the Service Level Agreement concluded between the parties, the contents of the Service Level Agreement will prevail.

## 6. PREPARATION COSTS

• The Bidder will bear all its costs in preparing, submitting and presenting any response or tender to this bid and all other costs incurred by it throughout the bidding process.

Furthermore, no statement in this bid will be construed as placing the College, its
employees or agents under any obligation whatsoever, including in respect of costs,
expenses or losses incurred by the bidder(s) in the preparation of their responses to this
bid.

#### 7. INDEMNITY

• If a bidder breaches the conditions of this bid and as a result of that breach, the College incurs costs or damages (including, without limitation, the cost(s) of any investigations, procedural impairment, repetition of all- or any part of the bid process and/or enforcement of intellectual property rights or confidentiality obligations), the bidder then indemnifies and holds the College harmless from any and all such costs which the College may incur and for any damages or losses the College may suffer.

#### 8. PRECEDENCE

 This document will prevail over any information provided during any stage whether oral, electronically or written, unless such written information provided, expressly amends this document by reference.

### 9. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

A bidder participates in this bid process entirely at its own risk and cost. The College shall
not be liable to compensate a bidder on any grounds whatsoever, for any costs incurred or
any damages suffered as a result of the Bidder's participation in this bidding process

#### 10. TAX COMPLIANCE

- No tender shall be awarded to any bidder which is not tax compliant. The College reserves
  the right to withdraw an award made, or cancel a contract concluded with a successful
  bidder in the event that it is established that such bidder was in fact not tax compliant at the
  time of the award or has submitted a fraudulent Tax Clearance Certificate to the College.
- The College further reserves the right to cancel a contract with a successful bidder in the event that such a bidder does not remain tax compliant for the full term of the contract.

#### 11. TENDER DEFAULTERS AND RESTRICTED SUPPLIERS

 No tender shall be awarded to a bidder whose name (or any of its members, directors, partners or trustees) appears on the Register of Tender Defaulters maintained by National Treasury, or who have been placed on National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers.  The College reserves the right to withdraw an award, or cancel a contract concluded with a Bidder should it be established, at any time, that a bidder has been blacklisted with National Treasury by another organ of state.

#### 12. CONFIDENTIALITY

- Except as may be required by the operation of law, by a court or by any regulatory authority
  having appropriate jurisdiction, no information contained in- or relating to this bid or a
  bidder's tender(s) will be disclosed by any bidder or other person not officially involved with
  the College's examination and evaluation of a tender.
- No part of the bid may be distributed, reproduced, stored or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronically, or by way of photocopying, recording or otherwise, in whole or in part except for the purpose of preparing a tender. This bid and any other documents supplied by the College remain proprietary to the College and must be promptly returned to the College upon request, together with all copies, electronic versions, excerpts or summaries thereof or work as a consequence derived there from.
- Throughout this bid process and thereafter, bidders must secure the College's written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to (i) the potential work or activities to which this bid relates; or (ii) the process which follows this bid. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification from the bid process and civil action.

#### 13. PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Bidders will declare in their respective bid cover letters that they did not have access to any
College proprietary information, or any other matter that may have unfairly placed that
bidder in a preferential position in relation to any of the other bidder(s).

## 14. COPYRIGHT

- All copyright and all intellectual property rights in respect of any documents and materials (works) developed by the service provider during this project, will vest in the College.
- The College will have the right to release the works under an appropriate copyright license, including an open licence that will allow any individual, official, company, agency or organisation to use or modify the works for any purpose as stated in the open licence.

#### 15. RESPONSIBILITY OF SUB-CONTRACTORS AND BIDDER'S PERSONNEL

- A bidder is responsible for ensuring that its personnel (including agents, officers, directors, employees, advisors and other representatives), its sub-contractors (if any) and personnel of its sub-contractors comply with all terms and conditions of this bid.
- In the event that the College allows a bidder to make use of sub-contractors, the actions
  and activities of such sub-contractors will at all times remain the responsibility of the bidder
  and the College will not under any circumstances, be liable for any losses or damages
  incurred by or caused by such sub-contractors.

#### 16. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

- Subsequent to the College's decision on awarding the tender the successful bidder may be
  required to sign a Service Level Agreement aimed at regulating the specific terms and
  conditions applicable to the services required by the College and as far as possible.
- The College reserves the right to revise and amend any part of the proposed Service Level Indicators during the course of the contract with a bidder.
- The College reserves the right to accept or reject additional service proposals, proposed by a successful bidder.

#### 17. PRICING

- The price quoted must be a fixed price for the duration of the contract and must include all
  related costs (travel, accommodation, equipment and data communication). The expected
  time and cost per audit team member and the hourly tariffs of each team member must
  please be specified.
- Price must be VAT inclusive and quoted in South African Rand.
- Costing should be aligned with project activities / project phases.
- Details of the cost/fee breakdown for all the services to be rendered must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the rest of the documentation.

### 18. OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS TO NOTE

- The College reserves the right to conduct background/probity check on key management of the bidder.
- The College reserves the right to conduct due diligence exercises as part of evaluating the implementing capacity of the bidder.
- The College will not be liable to reimburse any costs incurred by the bidder during this tender process.
- Bidders must identify and disclose any conflict or perceived conflict of interest caused by current assignments, relationships or other dealings, and indicate how such conflicts would be addressed.

