

Bid Number : SAWS-456/26

Appointment of a travel management agency to assist the South African Weather Service with travel management services for the period of 36 months

Closing Date and Time: 16 September 2026 at 11: 00

Validity Period: 90 days from closing date of bid

NON COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

Date:	01 September 2026
Time:	10:00 - 10:30
Venue:	Microsoft Teams meeting Meeting ID: 341 003 408 296 800 Passcode: cr2Vt9Zk
Compulsory:	No

THIS BID WILL CLOSE ELECTRONICALLY ON THE eTENDER PLATFORM WHICH MAKES PROVISION FOR THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bid Proposals to be submitted online on the e-Tender platform <https://www.etenders.gov.za/>

Any bidder who fails to submit via the e-Tender platform will be disqualified.

Tutorial Link on uploading bid documents on e-Tender platform <https://youtu.be/B7pNseNJYHM>

Bidders responding to this bid must ensure that they complete and submit all the documents issued with this bid together with the bidders' response i.e. any additional documentation before the closing time of this bid. Responses received after the closing time will NOT be considered.

ENQUIRIES:

Any clarification required by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the document or any aspect concerning the submission is to be requested **in writing** from:

SCM: Acquisition Department South African Weather Service Email: bids@weathersa.co.za

Any enquiries relating to this bid must be submitted in writing not later than 5 days prior to the closing date of the bid.

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PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER SERVICE

1 SUPPLIER INFORMATION

The following section must be completed by the bidder. Failure to do so may result in the offer being rejected.

NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE / SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIMED]					

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 THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]										
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS													
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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 BELOW.													

PART B

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION

- 1.1 Bids must be delivered by the stipulated time. 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) or in the manner prescribed in the bid document.**
- 1.3 This bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022, the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other Special Conditions of Contract (SCC).
- 1.4 **The successful bidder will be required to fill in and sign a written contract form (SBD7).**
- 1.5 Bidders are advised to initial all pages of their bid.
- 1.6 **Submission of bids**

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Returnable Documents:

The following documents must be included:

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| • Invitation to Bid | Annexure A |
| • Terms of Reference for Travel Management Services | Annexure A1 |
| • Technical Scorecard and Compliance | Annexure A2 |
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The South African Weather Service (SAWS) reserves the right to reject a bid should it not be submitted in the prescribed format.

- 1.7 The South African Weather Service (SAWS) is not bound to accept any of the offers submitted and reserves the right to:
 - 1.7.1 Reject bids that are not according to Specifications / Terms of Reference;
 - 1.7.2 Reject bids with incomplete standard bidding documents (SBD's);

- 1.7.3 Request further information from any bidder after the closing date of the bid for clarity purposes;
- 1.7.4 Conduct site inspection/s to verify the infrastructure of bidders before final selection and award;
- 1.7.5 Not to award the bid if the bid price is not market related;
- 1.7.6 Not to award the bid to a bidder whose tax matters have not been declared by the SARS to be in order;
- 1.7.7 Reject a bid if the bidder has committed a proven corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for any contract;
- 1.7.8 Award the bid in totality to one or partially to more than one bidder;
- 1.7.9 Conduct reference / background checks on bidders and / or individuals to, among other things, verify information provided by a bidder, confirm a firm's existence and track record, identify its owners and affiliations or verify an individual's educational and professional credentials.
- 1.8 The South African Weather Service may, prior to award of the bid, cancel the bid if:
 - 1.8.1 Due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the goods or services requested;
 - 1.8.2 Funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure;
 - 1.8.3 No acceptable tenders are received;
 - 1.8.4 Due to material irregularities in the tender process.
- 1.9 Any effort or attempt by a bidder to influence the award decision in any matter may result in the rejection of the bid.
- 1.10 Costs incurred by the bidder in respect of attending any briefing / information / site visit / presentation will be borne by the bidder and the South African Weather Service will not be liable to reimburse such costs incurred by the bidder or his/her representative/s.
- 1.11 Cost incurred by the bidder in preparing and submission of any bid proposal will be borne by the bidder and the South African Weather Service will not be liable to reimburse such costs incurred by the bidder or his/her representative/s.
- 1.12 The South African Weather Service shall on receipt of any proposal relating to this bid become the owner thereof and shall not be obliged to return any proposal.
- 1.13 The bidders shall indemnify the South African Weather Service against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from the use of the goods or any part thereof by the South African Weather Service.
- 1.14 The South African Weather Service reserves the right to request a bidders latest audited financial statements prior to the award of the bid in order to ascertain financial stability of the bidder. Failure by a bidder to provide such information upon request may result in the rejection of the bid submitted by the bidder.
- 1.15 Subcontracting: Tenderers or contractors must submit proof of subcontracting between the main tenderer and the subcontractor. Proof of subcontracting arrangement may include a subcontracting agreement between the main tenderer and the subcontractor.
- 1.16 The SAWS reserves the right to request final presentation only to the short listed bidders to the

evaluation committee. The shortlisted service providers will be subjected to present their service offering in line with the bid requirements/scope of work. The SAWS might also conduct site visit to ensure the firm existence and validate the firm's proposed capacity/employees and administration office.

- 1.17 The service provider must have duly approved operational premises with the necessary infrastructure to provide services and relevant accreditation by the relevant body. Before the awarding of the tender a due diligence site visit will be carried out at the premises of the service provider. The due diligence site visit will be conducted solely to verify information submitted in the bid and the bidder's capacity to perform the contract.
- 1.18 Supplier Performance Management is viewed by the SAWS as critical component in ensuring value for money acquisition and good supplier relations between the SAWS and all its suppliers. The successful bidders shall upon receipt of written notification of an award, be required to conclude a SLA with the SAWS, which will form an integral part of the supply agreement. The SLA will serve as a tool to measure, monitor and assess the supplier's performance level and ensure effective delivery of service, quality and value-add to SAWS's business. Successful bidders are required to comply with the above condition, and also provide a scorecard on how their product / service offering is being measured to achieve the objectives of this condition.
- 1.19 The SAWS respects your privacy and acknowledge that your submission/s will contain personal details, which may belong to you, others and / or to your company (Personal Information). By sending us your submissions, you expressly give us consent to process and further process the Personal Information contained therein which processing will be done in accordance with POPIA, the SAWS POPIA policy and our standard section 18 informed consent documentation which sets out why we need the Personal Information, what we will do with it, and who we will share it with, which you are to familiarise yourself with by downloading it from our website i.e. www.weathersa.co.za
- 1.20 Unless stated otherwise in this Bid or as mutually agreed upon by both parties prior to award of the Bid, all payments due to creditors for goods delivered / services rendered will be settled within thirty (30) days from receipt of an invoice.
- 1.21 In case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership, a signed teaming agreement must be submitted.
- 1.22 The South African Weather Service will conduct supplier due diligence to the recommended bidder prior to award of the contract.

The due diligence process will include the following:

- **Reference Letter Verification**

SAWS will verify the authenticity of all reference letters submitted by the bidder to confirm that the services were rendered or the goods were delivered, and that the referees are legitimate.

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the contact details and emails provided on the reference letters are correct, valid, and responsive. Each reference letter submitted in support of the bidder's experience will be verified. Where references cannot be verified due to incorrect, invalid, or non-responsive contact details, or where the information provided is found to be inaccurate or misleading, SAWS reserves the right to regard the relevant experience claim as not proven and to adjust the score or disqualify the bidder's, accordingly.

- **Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Accreditation Verification**

SAWS reserves the right to verify all OEM accreditations, certifications, and authorisations submitted by the bidder. Where OEM authorisation is a requirement, the bidder must provide a valid and active official OEM email address for verification.

Failure to provide verifiable OEM contact details, or where the OEM authorisation cannot be verified, SAWS reserves the right to regard the OEM as not proven and to adjust the score or disqualify the bidder's, accordingly.

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 the South African Revenue Service (SARS) to enable the South African Weather Service to verify the taxpayer's (Bidder's) profile and tax status.

2.3 Application for a Tax Compliance Status (TCS) Pin may be made via e-filing through the SARS website www.sars.gov.za

2.4 Bidders may also submit a printed Tax Compliance Status (TCS) certificate together with the bid.

2.5 In bids where consortia / joint ventures / sub-contractors are involved **each** party must submit a separate TCS certificate / Pin / CSD number.

2.6 Where no TCS Pin is available but the bidder is registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD), a CSD number must be provided.

2.7 No bids will be considered from persons in the service of the state, companies with directors who are persons in the service of the state, or close corporations with members persons in the service of the state.

2.8 Foreign suppliers with neither South African tax obligations nor history of doing business in South Africa must complete the questionnaire on page 2 and 3 of Annexure A. In instances where a recommendation for award of a bid will be made to a foreign bidder, the South African Weather Service will submit the bidders completed Annexure A bid document to the South African Revenue Service. The South African Revenue Service will then issue a confirmation of tax obligations letter to the South African Weather Service confirming whether or not the foreign entity has tax obligations in South Africa.

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

PART C
DECLARATION BY BIDDER

I, in my capacity as
..... hereby declare that I have read and
understood the contents and conditions of this bid and certify that the information furnished is true
and correct. I accept that, in addition to cancellation of a contract, action may be taken against me
should the information provided prove to be false.

Signature:

Date: