

Request for Quotation

RFQ NUMBER:	CO0022504RFQ00000001
CLOSING DATE:	Date: 16 May 2025 Time: 11:00
DESCRIPTION	Network Assessment
ADDRESS	CO - Central Office ARC-CO 1134 Park Street, Hatfield PRETORIA
ENQUIRY	If you have any enquiries, please email Mavis at scmrequests@arc.agric.za
SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO	scmrequests@arc.agric.za
SPECIFICATIONS	ATTACHED ON PAGE (12)

1. You are kindly requested to submit a written quotation to the Agricultural Research Council as per below or attached terms of reference (TOR).

Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure
The appointment of a professional service provider to assist with the Network Assessment.		

2. **Essential Administrative Requirements:**

- 2.1. Only bidders registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) will be considered. Bidders shall include the CSD registration number and full CSD report with the bid proposal.

- 2.2. Only bidders that claim specific goals will be considered for scoring on the 20 points as per the 80/20 principle.
- 2.3. Completed and signed Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) forms included in the bid document.

2.4. Submission should be sent to scmrequests@arc.agric.za

3. The above specified goods/services should be delivered / rendered to the ARC- Institute at above-mentioned delivery address.
4. The particulars of the guarantee that will apply to the goods quoted for, with the particular regards to the period and extent of the warranty must be clearly stated. Where services are required, service providers must submit documentation pertaining the relevant experience.
5. Your written quotation must be emailed depending on the instructions given in the email or advert.
6. All price quotations that have a rand value of R 2,000.00 to below R 50,000,000.00, including VAT, will be evaluated by applying the 80/20 principle as prescribed by the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2022 and its Regulations.
7. The lowest acceptable price will score 80 points, Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicate per the table below:

Specific Goals	Percentage Ownership (1%)	Points (20)	Ponts (10)
Ownership by HDIs	51%+	6	3
Ownership by Women	51%+	4	2
Ownership by Youth	51%+	4	2
Ownership by PwD	51%+	2	1
BEE Status	Level 1 - 4	2	1
RDP Goals	No RDP Goals	2	1
TOTAL POINTS		20	10

8. Standard conditions:

- 8.1. The validity of the quotations must be indicated.
- 8.2. Prices quoted should be in South African Rand and inclusive of VAT costs such as delivery, insurance, taxes, etc.
- 8.3. No price adjustments or amendment of the delivery particulars contained in paragraph 8.2 will be considered by the ARC.
- 8.4. The supplier accepts full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of the goods/services quoted for.
- 8.5. ARC reserves the right to accept or reject any special terms and conditions that may qualify the goods/services to be provided.
- 8.6. Quotes should be submitted on an official letterhead and duly signed.
- 8.7. Goods and services should be supplied / rendered upon receipt of a purchase order from the ARC.

- 8.8. The General Conditions of Contract issued by National Treasury are applicable.
- 8.9. The ARC supply chain management code of conduct is applicable.
- 8.10. Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) forms must be signed and returned together with the quotation. Failure to comply may result to disqualification of your quotation.
- 8.11. Your quotation must indicate the delivery date.
- 8.12. The ARC reserves the right to do due diligence on the quotations.
- 8.13. The ARC reserves the right to benchmark prices quoted.

SBD 6.1

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender: 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 **To be completed by the organ of state**
(delete whichever is not applicable for this tender).
- a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 90/10 preference point system.
- b) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.
- c) Either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/ highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.
- 1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:
Price; and
Specific Goals.
- 1.4 **To be completed by the organ of state:**
The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:
- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
Pt = Price of tender under consideration
Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

	POINTS
PRICE	80

SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

- 1.1 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.2 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“tender”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) **“price”** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) **“tender for income-generating contracts”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) **“the Act”** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 80/20 & \text{or} & 90/10 \\
 Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right) & \text{or} & Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)
 \end{array}$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
 P_t = Price of tender under consideration
 P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender

3.1. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

3.1.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{80/20} & \text{or} & \text{90/10} \\ P_s = 80 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) & \text{or} & P_s = 90 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) \end{array}$$

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 3.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:
- 3.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of-
 - (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
 - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.
(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

Specific goals	Number of points allocated (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
Percentage (%) Ownership by HDI's		Points (6)		
51% and above		6		
Below 51%				
Percentage (%) Ownership by Women		Points (4)		
51% and above		4		
Below 51%				
Percentage (%) Ownership by Youth		Points (4)		
51% and above		4		
Below 51%				
Percentage (%) Ownership by PwD		Points (2)		
51% and above		2		
Below 51%				
RDP Goals		Points (2)		
No RDP Goals		2		
BEE Status		Points (2)		
Level 1-4		2		

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

- 3.1. Name of company/firm.....
- 3.2. Company registration number:
- 3.3. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM
- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One-person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation

Public Company
Personal Liability Company
(Pty) Limited
Non-Profit Company
State Owned Company
[Tick applicable box]

3.4. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I 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 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have -
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering 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 tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted 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, if deemed necessary.

SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise,

employed by the state?

YES/NO

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

1. the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:
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3 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name)..... in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 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 consortium will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.6 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.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by

2 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.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

TERMS OF REFERENCE/SCOPE OF WORK:

THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER TO ASSIST WITH THE NETWORK ASSESSMENT

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) was established by the Agricultural Research Act 86 of 1990 (as Amended) and is the premier agricultural research institution in South Africa. It is a schedule 3A public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999, as amended by Act 29 of 1999. The ARC conducts research with partners, develops human capital, and fosters innovation to support and develop the agricultural sector. The ARC conducts its core business operations on several research Campuses (12) across South Africa and the Central office is in Hatfield, Pretoria.

The ARC has a Hybrid work environment configured (e.g. Office and Remote) that includes cloud services. ARC network spans across the country in various geographical locations. The network configuration is as follows:

- 2 Local ISPs provide Wide Area Network (WAN) connectivity to each location via layer 2 local loop circuits.
- ARC's Core Routing and Corporate Infrastructure are hosted in Two Data Centers that specialize in hosting services.
- Each research campus runs on a different network range
- Each research campus runs ICT services locally e.g. Telephony, and connects to centralized Corporate Services
- Traffic is segmented using Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs) and IP Subnets.

The last time a Local Area Network (LAN) upgrade, physical cabling was done across all campuses in the ARC was in 2006. However, the last network infrastructure (switches, access points, and management software) was in 2018. The 2006 upgrade was a total replacement of all Fibre and UTP cabling. Over the years the network has deteriorated, and an upgrade is urgently needed across the ARC.

2. PURPOSE

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) requires the services of a professional service provider to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the entire current network infrastructure and its effectiveness in meeting the organization's requirements excluding two of the research campuses, ARC Ondestepoort Veterinary Institute (ARC-OVR) and (ARC-NRE).

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The aim is to provide an end to end assessment of the existing network platform. The network topology is outdated and requires improvements in line with the current network architecture standards. A network scan has to be conducted to identify all devices connected to the network, their configuration, and potential vulnerabilities.

Furthermore, a high-level architecture has to be performed to assess the network topology, traffic flow, and access control mechanisms.

The successful service provider should be able to deliver the following:

3.1 Comprehensive Network Assessment Report for each office, including:

- 3.1.1 Detailed analysis of the current network infrastructure
- 3.1.2 Identified challenges and risks
- 3.1.3 Detailed gap analysis report
- 3.1.4 Proposed redesign network layout per site
- 3.1.5 Recommendations for improvements with a prioritized action plan
- 3.1.6 Executive Summary report summarizing key findings and recommendations

4. OFFICE LOCATION DETAILS

The following are the ARC Main Research Campuses location details:

Campus Name	Physical Address	GPS Coordinates
Central Office (Head Office)	1134 Park Street, Hatfield, Pretoria	S 25° 44' 55. 8" E 28° 14' 14. 0"
ARC-ANIMAL PRODUCTION (ARC-AP)	Old Olifantsfontein Road, Irene	-25.8990023 S 28.2152523 E
ARC-DECIDUOUS FRUIT, VINES, AND WINE (ARC-Infruitec/Nietvoorbij)	ARC Infruitec: Helshoogte Road, Stellenbosch ARC Nietvoorbij: Corner of Helshoogte Road and the R44, Stellenbosch	Infruitec: -33.9233 S 18.87331 E Nietvoorbij: -33.9168 S 18.85988 E
ARC-GRAIN CROPS (ARC-GC)	114 Chris Hani Drive Agricultural Research Centre Potchefstroom, Hendrik Schoeman	26°43'43.16"S - 27°04'47.71"E
ARC-INDUSTRIAL CROPS (ARC-IC)	Waterkloof Road, Kroondal, Rustenburg	25.724909 S 27.292703 E
ARC-PLANT HEALTH AND PROTECTION (ARC-PHP)	KwaMhlanga/Moloto Road R573, Pretoria	Roodeplaat: -25.61547 S 28.36435 E Biosystematics: -25.60469 S

		28.35204 E
ARC-SMALL GRAINS (ARC-SG)	~11km on the Lindley Road R76, Bethlehem	-28.165430 S 28.306129 E (Main Campus)
ARC-TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL CROPS (ARC-TSC)	Corner of Bosch Street and Ka Nyamazane Rd R2296, Mbombela	-25.45127 S 30.96919 E
ARC-VEGETABLE AND ORNAMENTAL PLANTS (ARC-VOP)	KwaMhlanga / Moloto Road R573, Pretoria	25°59"S 28°35"E

The following are the ARC's Satellite Research Campuses location details:

Campus Name	Physical Address	GPS Coordinates
ARC Infruitec: Bien Donne	Bien Donne Research Farm, Watergat Road, Groot Drakenstein	https://maps.app.goo.gl/dJz2qkoGB2HTDDTX9
ARC-PPRI: Vredenburg Farm	Vredenburg Farm, Polkadraai road, Stellenbosch, 7600	https://maps.app.goo.gl/VgyZGu7zM55hGySz5
ARC-Irene: Ncera East London	Welcome Home Farm, Number 1045, Kidds Beach, 5264	https://maps.app.goo.gl/RiZZgUQGY1fNy79g8
ARC-Irene: Vryburg	Bull Testing Station, Armoedsvlakte, Vryburg, North-West, 8600	https://maps.app.goo.gl/D2D48Afknh8Gn7eDA
ARC-ISCW: Glen Bloemfontein	Glen Agricultural College, Verbeeck Building, Gielie Joubert Street, Glen, 9360	https://maps.app.goo.gl/SZ1hWg7KfrW73ZG27

Elsenburg Analytical Services	Animal Production, Muldersvlei Road, Elsenburg, 7607	https://maps.app.goo.gl/HhJfuVdpSrPnEkQF7
ARC -Irene Middelburg	ARC Fleece Testing Center, 529 Grootfontein Agricultural College, Middelburg Eastern Cape, 5900	https://maps.app.goo.gl/tNAHqEKnzUBUJPz29
ARC-ITSC: Addo Research Farm	Addo Research Station, Barkley Bridge Road, Addo, 6105	https://maps.app.goo.gl/wFNf1CRoxg4tZrkLA

5. CURRENT DETAILED IT landscape

Each ARC research campus comprises the following:

- PC's (Desktops, Laptops, Physical Servers, and Storage)
- Multi-function Printers
- VSP – Core Switches and distribution switches
- Wireless Access Points
- At each research campus, there is a full-fledged Local Area Network (LAN) that runs on either Single or Multi-mode types. These Fiber links provide Up and Downstream links on connected switches in a Hub and Spoke configuration.
- WAN connectivity links vary from 10 Mbps to 10 Gbps (out of scope).

6. COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS

Prospective service providers should submit the following compulsory bid documents for this evaluation:

6.1 Valid Tax Pin from SARS

6.2 Central Supplier Database (CSD Report)

6.3 Complete and Sign the Standard Bidding Documents (SBD forms)

6.4 Bidders are requested to submit three (3) reference letters or more in conducting network assessments from their past clients, including company name, company letterhead, contact person, telephone numbers, and projects successfully completed and the value of the projects in the past three (3) years

6.5 Curriculum vitae (CVs) of qualified network engineers with expertise in network design, security, and performance optimization, who will be part of the team conducting the network assessment.

6.6 Bidders are requested to submit minimum qualifications of network engineers as per the specified certifications below or equivalent, who will be part of the team conducting the network assessment

6.7 Capability to deliver network infrastructure comprehensive reports with actionable recommendations.

6.8 Experience in conducting network assessments.

6.9 Detailed project plan and timelines and methodological plan

N.B Failure to comply with any of the supporting documentation listed above will result in your bid being disqualified.

7. PRICING

The service provider shall provide a proposal inclusive of a detailed breakdown of costs (VAT inclusive) which include but not limited to activities mentioned/outlined in the BID requirements, travel and accommodation.

8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The proposal will be evaluated in terms of 80/20 evaluation systems in line with the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2022.

8.1 Bidders who score a minimum threshold of **65** out of 100 points on the evaluation criteria will be considered for further evaluation on Price and B-BBEE Status goal/ points. Bidders who fail to obtain the required minimum threshold will be disqualified.

Description	Weighting
<p>8.1.1 Bidders are requested to submit minimum qualifications of network engineers as per the specified certifications below or equivalent, who will be part of the team conducting the network assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One resource with N+ or A+: 1 point• Two resources with N+ and A+: 2 points• Three resources with N+, A+ and CCNA: 3 points• Four resources with N+, A+ and CCNA: 4 points• Five and more resources with N+, A+ and CCNA: and CCNP: 5 points	25
<p>8.1.2 Bidders are requested to submit three (3) reference letters or more in conducting network assessments from their past clients, including company name, company letterhead, contact person, telephone numbers, and projects successfully</p>	30

<p>completed and the value of the projects in the past three (3) years.</p> <p>Number of reference letters provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 reference letter: 1 point • 2 reference letters: 2 points • 3 reference letters: 3 points • 4 reference letters; 4 points • 5 reference letters: 5 points 	
<p>8.1.3 CVs of qualified network engineers with expertise in network design, security, and performance optimization, who will be part of the team conducting the network assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) year experience: 1 point • Two to three years' experience: 2 points • Three to four years' experience: 3 points • Four to five years' experience: 4 points • Five or more years' experience: 5 points 	30
<p>8.1.4 Detailed project plan, timelines, and methodological plan (The project plan should address the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No plan provided - 1 point • Plan provided with limited information - 2 points • Plan provided with details as required - 3 points • Plan provided with substantially more than required - 4 points • Plan provided with value added services - 5 points 	15

<u>Technical Functional Criteria</u>	<u>Weightings</u>
<u>Total technical/functional</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>Minimum threshold</u>	<u>65</u>
<u>Price</u>	
<u>Points allocated for price</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>B-BBEE Status goals /points</u>	
<u>Points allocated for B-BBEE Status goals /points</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Total points for Price and B-BBEE Status goals/ points</u>	<u>100</u>