



REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

RFQ NUMBER: RFQ/SASSETA/2526106

CLOSING DATE: 24 July 2025

TIME: 15H00

DESCRIPTION: Appointment of a service provider to conduct an evaluation study by 31 March 2026 to assess the effectiveness of Non-Pivotal programmes funded by SASSETA for the period from 2020 to 2024

COMPULSORY BRIEFING: Yes ☐ No ☒

FOR COMPLETION BY SERVICE PROVIDER:

NAME OF BIDDING COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

CSD REGISTRATION NUMBER: MAAA_____

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NB.: Bidders are required to return the SASSETA attached Standard Bidding (SBD) forms and not submit SBD forms from other entities.

DOCUMENTS IN THIS BID DOCUMENT PACK

Bidders are to ensure that they have received all pages of this document, which consist of the following documents:

1. Terms of references
2. Invitation to Quote (SBD 1) (requires the attachment of proof of authority)
3. Pricing Schedule (SBD 3.3)
4. Bidder's Disclosure (SBD 4)
5. Preference Points Claim form in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 (SBD 6.1).
6. Documents required for claiming Specific Goals
7. Submission Checklist

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Bidders are to complete and submit all Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) forms mentioned above from bullet 2 to 5.

Bidders must be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) by the closing date and time of this request for quotation. Bidders are to provide SASSETA with their CSD registration number.

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1. SASSETA is one of the twenty-one (21) Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) established in terms of the Skills Development Act (Act 97 of 1998) as amended. SASSETA is among the SETAs that were re-established in the “New SETA Landscape” by the Minister of Higher Education and Training from 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2030.
- 1.1.2. SASSETA is classified as a schedule 3A Public Entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, (Act 1 of 1999, as amended). The SETA is accountable to the Board (Accounting authority) and the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) (Oversight authority).
- 1.1.3. The SETA’s mandate is therefore to promote skills development, enhance employment opportunities, and improve service delivery in the safety and security sector by making an active contribution towards the realisation of the National Skills Development Plan’s vision of ‘An Educated, Skilled and Capable Workforce for South Africa’.

1.2. SASSETA STRATEGIC PLAN

- 1.2.1. The Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) 2024-2029 will further guide SASSETA, emphasising three core strategic priorities and the MTDP Outcomes to be supported by the PSET Sector:

1.2.1.1. Inclusive Growth and Job Creation

- Focus Areas:

- Skills development for the Just Energy Transition (JET), including hydrogen economy and 4IR programs.
- Enhancing education-workplace relationships with workplace-based learning programmes.
- Re-industrialisation and economic transformation through preferential procurement targeting women, youth, black-owned businesses, and SMMEs.

1.2.1.2. Reducing Poverty and Tackling the High Cost of Living

- Focus Areas:

- Expanding access to higher education through infrastructure programs (e.g., new universities, TVET campuses, and community learning centres).
- Enhancing education outcomes via NSFAS reforms and increasing graduate output in scarce skill areas.
- Supporting social cohesion through initiatives like Civic Education and Gender-Based Violence awareness.

1.2.1.3. Building a Capable, Ethical, and Developmental State

- Focus Areas:
 - Legislative reviews to address ambiguities and enhance governance in public entities.
 - Improving higher education capacity by increasing PhD-qualified staff and supporting professional development for TVET and CET lecturers.
 - SASSETA will strive to improve access to occupations in high demand and priority skills aligned to supporting economic growth, the creation of employment and social development whilst seeking to address systemic considerations. Job-oriented programmes will assist individuals in obtaining jobs and employment opportunities by advancing this goal.

1.3. SASSETA EVALUATIONS

- 1.3.1. The evaluation of SASSETA interventions (projects, programmes, policies, plans, strategies, or systems) is widely viewed as being critical to the efficiency and effectiveness of public policy and for accountability. Moreover, with the advent of globalisation, there is growing pressure on organisations worldwide to be responsive to the demands of internal and external stakeholders for good governance, accountability and transparency, greater development effectiveness, and delivery of tangible results. At the same time, policy formulation, especially budget decision-making and planning, must respond to competing demands from citizens and groups in society.
- 1.3.2. Each year SASSETA, places an advertisement to invite stakeholders to apply for funding for various programmes outlined in the SSP and APP. During the awarding, stakeholders enter into an agreement with SASSETA to implement the interventions identified.

1.4. PURPOSE OF THE EVALUATION STUDY

- 1.4.1. The study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the non-Pivotal programmes implemented during the period 2019-2024 financial years focusing on critical selection, awarding process and alignment to the Sector Skills plan (SSP).
- 1.4.2. The evaluation study will assist in obtaining an in-depth understanding of the efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, coherence, sustainability, and impact of non-Pivotal programmes. We also anticipate that the results will provide key lessons for SASSETA to influence policy making for future intervention.

1.5. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- 1.5.1. To accomplish the purpose of the study, the following objectives must be considered, this will include but is not limited to:
 - 1.5.1.1. To investigate the linkage between non-Pivotal programme and Skills Sector Plan, NSDP and Skills Development Act.
 - 1.5.1.2. To determine the selection criteria used in identifying the non-Pivotal programmes.

- 1.5.1.3. To identify key challenges in implementation of the non-Pivotal programmes.
- 1.5.1.4. To benchmark the funding model that supports the non-Pivotal programmes with other entities (SETAs, etc)
- 1.5.1.5. To explore the extent to which the non-Pivotal beneficiaries funded by SASSETA have contributed to economic growth (demographics) and simulated job creation.

1.6. SCOPE OF WORK

1.6.1. Successful bidders will:

- 1.6.1.1. Be required to interview a minimum of 243 learners on various programmes per financial year (1215 in total) and 40 employers and/or training providers split across different financial years between 2020-2024. The services provider will also be required to interview key internal SASSETA staff.
- 1.6.1.2. Design and administer a questionnaire which shall include but not limited to the following: Occupational profiles, Gender, Race, Youth, Women, People living with disability, Demographics, Qualification, Duration of the programme, Sub-sector, Organisational profile etc.
- 1.6.1.3. The questionnaire must be designed to assist in obtaining an in-depth understanding of the efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, coherence, sustainability, and impact of non-Pivotal programmes. We also anticipate that the results will provide key lessons for SASSETA to influence policy making for future intervention.
- 1.6.1.4. Design and layout of a professional evaluation report. An effective evaluation report's design and layout prioritize clarity, organization, and readability. This involves a structured framework, clear headings, consistent formatting, and the use of visuals like charts and tables to present data effectively.
- 1.6.1.5. Report on the findings and recommendations based on the following
 - Details concerning the characteristics of the learners, including demographics, qualifications, and occupational profiles.
 - The use of current tool that assesses the eligibility of employers to host and allocate learners.
 - Availability of resources to enable learners to fulfil qualification requirements.

NB: Refer to the project charter for detailed project information.

1.7. REQUIRED DELIVERABLES

1.7.1. The required deliverables will include:

- 1.7.1.1. Inception report(s).

- 1.7.1.2. Literature Review
- 1.7.1.3. Data collection instruments and the data sets; and
- 1.7.1.4. Draft reports,
- 1.7.1.5. Final professionally designed and laid out report
- 1.7.1.6. Professionally designed PowerPoint presentations, and
- 1.7.1.7. Raw data

1.7.2. Inception reports

1.7.2.1. Inception reports will provide details about:

- 1.7.2.1.1. The research methodology to be utilised, including the main research methods, the sampling framework, proposed sources of data, procedures for data collection and analysis, and a draft (but detailed) table of contents; and
- 1.7.2.1.2. The proposed research tools will be discussed with and approved by the Research unit of SASSETA before data collection commences.

1.7.3. Literature Review

- 1.7.3.1. To synthesize and evaluate existing research on a topic, demonstrating a researcher's understanding of the current state of knowledge and providing a foundation for their own work
- 1.7.3.2. To identify what's already known, assess the strengths and weaknesses of previous research, and highlight gaps that the current study aims to address

1.7.4. Data collection instruments and the data sets

- 1.7.4.1. An electronic copy of all data collection instruments, and the sector-specific data set will be submitted to SASSETA MER unit.

1.7.5. Draft reports

- 1.7.5.1. The service provider to submit a draft report for SASSETA's review, and to incorporate suggestions and recommendations from SASSETA. Moreover, several rounds of revisions may be required before the final version of the report can be produced.

1.7.6. Final reports

1.7.6.1. Final approved reports will be submitted as follows:

- 1.7.6.1.1. Raw data collected
- 1.7.6.1.2. Certificate from professional editors with inclusion of tracked edited document
- 1.7.6.1.3. One (1) electronic copy in PDF
- 1.7.6.1.4. Professionally designed Ms Word format.

1.7.7. Power-Point presentation

- 1.7.7.1. A professionally designed presentation of the purpose of the study, overall findings, and recommendations

1.8. SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE BIDDING COMPANY AND THE TEAM MEMBERS PROPOSED FOR THE ASSIGNMENT

1.8.1. The Research Proposal

1.8.1.1. The bidder to submit a research proposal demonstrating comprehensive understanding and experience in terms of approaches of undertaking research studies and outline research/evaluation design and methodology to be applied and demonstrate knowledge and experience in:

- utilising qualitative and quantitative research methods
- the application of different data analysis methods; and
- the production of research reports, with feasible recommendations.

1.8.2. The bidding company's experience

1.8.1.2. The Bidding company to attach signed reference letters demonstrating experience in conducting research, evaluation, tracer, and impact studies from different clients and must be on a client's letterhead with contact details.

1.9. MANDATORY DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

1.9.1. Bidders to submit four (4) or more research outputs published on the DHET Accredited Journals for the team leader/research lead. **Non-submission of four (4) or more DHET accredited journal articles for the team leader/research lead will lead to automatic disqualification.**

1.9.2. Bidders to submit NQF level 9 or 10 qualification in social sciences for the team leader/research lead as indicated in SBD 3.3. International qualifications must be verified by SAQA and a copy of letters confirming verification to be attached with the proposal. **Non submission of an NQF Level 9 or 10 qualification in social sciences for the team leader/research lead will lead to automatic disqualification.**

1.10. TIMEFRAMES FOR DELIVERY OF THE WORK

1.10.1. The successful service providers will be appointed from the date of appointment until 31 March 2026.

1.11. PRICING

1.11.1. Bidders will be required to provide pricing on SBD 3.3 as per requirement.

1.12. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

1.12.1. The service provider will report directly to the Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Departments for the duration of the assignment.

1.13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1.13.1. The service provider will be contracting with SASSETA. All products and data of this project, in whatever format raw or analysed, will be the confidential information for utilisation by SASSETA. All information and

documents, received from SASSETA or stakeholders, is to be kept confidential and may not be used or distributed in any format without the written approval of SASSETA. To this end, the service provider will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement within the Contract.

1.14. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT

1.14.1. All Service Providers are to take note of the implications of the POPI Act and any other data privacy Act applicable that SASSETA complies with. In compliance with the act, please be advised that the following are applicable to the treatment of vendor information:

1.14.1.1. All requested bid information will be solemnly utilized for the purpose of the bid evaluation processes. The vendor hereby consents the information provided as part of this bid to be utilized for supply chain processes of SASSETA and may be subject to multiple processing to enable the evaluation of this bid.

1.14.1.2. The vendor consents that the information collected will be retained for the duration of the evaluation and archived for records management purposes. The information will be disposed as per the SASSETA records management policies as prescribed by the National Archives Act. Furthermore, the information owner acknowledges that the information provided will be scanned into digital records which are retained on the SASSETA backup servers and that are replicated to backup media. SASSETA does confirm that the organization adopts industry best practice in the industry with regards to the safeguarding of digital records whether locally stored or retained in backup media.

1.14.1.3. SASSETA confirms that all submitted records will be retained in their original form and will not be altered to preserve the quality and originality of information provided.

1.14.1.4. SASSETA confirms that the Information Officer is duly responsible for the vendor information provided and exercises stringent measures to ensure that information is secured and solemnly utilized for the purpose of use. No vendor records will be distributed or utilized for any processes outside the current bid that the information has been requested for.

1.15. PROPOSED SELECTION CRITERIA

1.15.1. Compliance with minimum requirements

1.15.1.1. All bids duly lodged will be examined to determine compliance with bidding requirements and conditions. Bids that have not adhered or deviated to the requirements/conditions, will be eliminated from further evaluation.

1.15.2. Conditions for selection/short listing

1.15.2.1. All submissions will be evaluated as follows:

1.15.2.1.1. Phase 1 – Service Providers to:

- Submit their proposal by the closing date and time. **Proposals submitted after the closing**

date and time will be disqualified from further evaluation.

- Bidders to submit four (4) or more research outputs published on the DHET Accredited Journals for the team leader/research lead.
Non-submission of four (4) or more DHET accredited journal articles for the team leader/research lead will lead to automatic disqualification.
- Bidders to submit NQF level 9 or 10 qualification in social sciences for the team leader/research lead as indicated in SBD 3.3. International qualifications must be verified by SAQA and a copy of letters confirming verification to be attached with the proposal.
Non submission of an NQF Level 9 or 10 qualification in social sciences for the team leader/research lead will lead to automatic disqualification.
- Complete and submit all Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) forms mentioned above on page 2 of this document, namely: SBD1, SBD3.3, SBD4 and SBD 6.1.
- Be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) by the closing date and time of this request for quotation. Bidders are to provide SASSETA with a copy of their CSD registration report downloaded from the National Treasury CSD Website.
- Initial each page of the General Condition of Contract (Annexure A) and submit with the proposal

1.15.2.1.2. Phase 2 - Functionality Evaluation

- All proposals will be evaluated on the criteria provided in the table below. The proposals from all bidders will be rated on a scale of 0 to 1 as follows:
 - 0: Required documents(s)/item(s)not submitted/ Unacceptable / Does not meet set criteria/Not satisfactory, not adequate for the stated element
 - 1: Exceptional mastery of the requirement. Should ensure extremely effective performance.

ELEMENT	FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION		FUNCTIONALITY WEIGHT	TOTAL SCORE
Proposed technical approach and research / evaluation methodology of the bidder	Rating out of 1	Evaluation criteria		
The Bidder to demonstrate comprehensive understanding and experience in terms of approaches of undertaking research studies and outline research/ evaluation design and methodology to be applied and demonstrate knowledge and experience in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• utilising qualitative and quantitative research methods;• the application of different data analysis methods; and• the production of research reports with feasible recommendations. (80 Points)	Bidding Company to outline research/evaluation design and methodology to be applied			
	0	Research / evaluation methodology and report writing details not included/ Short research / evaluation methodology and report writing details that do not relate to the full scope of work.	80%	
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed Research/evaluation designs and methodologies• Detailed research/evaluation data analysis techniques/methods• Preliminary literature review• Deliverables• Project plan which indicates activities and timeframes that adhere to the terms of reference, and• Detailed risk and mitigation plan.		
The Bidder to attach signed reference letters demonstrating experience in conducting research, evaluation, tracer and impact studies from different clients and must be on a client's letterhead with contact details. (20 Points)	Reference letters for the work done previously.			
	0	The bidder has NOT attached or attached less than three (less 3) reference letters.	20%	
	1	The bidder has attached three (3) or more reference letters.		
Total			100%	

Bidders need to obtain 80% for functionality for them to be evaluated further on the 80/20 preference points system. Bidders who do not obtain the 80% functionality points will be disqualified from further evaluation.

1.1. PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM

Evaluation Criterion on Price and Specific Goals	
Relative competitiveness of proposed price	80
Specific Goals	20
TOTAL FOR PRICE AND PREFERENCE	100

1.2. CONDITIONS FOR SELECTION/SHORTLISTING

- 1.2.1. Price quoted to be valid for ninety (90) days from the closing date of RFQ;
- 1.2.2. The quotations are to be submitted in PDF Format;
- 1.2.3. The quotation to include the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) Supplier Number (MAAA)
- 1.2.4. Price quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT;
- 1.2.5. A firm delivery period/date must be indicated;
- 1.2.6. Fully signed and completed SBD 1, 3.3, 4, 6.1, to be submitted with the proposal.
- 1.2.7. Quotations will be evaluated on:
 - Submission of mandatory documents,
 - Functionality requirements above,
 - meeting the specifications issued by the SASSETA,
 - The 80/20 preference point system for the rand value up to R1 000 000.00. 80 points will be allocated to price and 20 points will be allocated to specific goals.
- 1.2.8. **SASSETA issues this bid invitation in good faith; however, it reserves the right to:**
 - Cancel the Purchase Order or delay the selection process at any time, without explanation,
 - Not to select any of the respondents to this bid invitation, without explanation,
 - Exclude certain services, without explanation,
 - Enter into negotiation with a prospective service provider regarding any terms and conditions, including price(s), of a proposed contract, and
 - Not to accept the lowest of any quotation, offer, or bid.

1.3. ADDRESS WHERE QUOTATIONS ARE TO BE SENT

- 1.3.1. The quotation and all supporting documents are to be submitted no later than **(24 July 2025)** at **(15H00)** on the letterhead of your business and to be emailed to **(ftutshana@sasseta.org.za)**

PART A - INVITATION TO QUOTE

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	RFQ/SASSETA/2526106	CLOSING DATE:	24 July 2025	CLOSING TIME:	15H00
DESCRIPTION	Appointment of a service provider to conduct an evaluation study by 31 March 2026 to assess the effectiveness of Non-Pivotal programmes funded by SASSETA for the period from 2020 to 2024				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:					
ftutshana@sassetta.org.za					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Funeka Tutshana		CONTACT PERSON	Funeka Tutshana	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	ftutshana@sassetta.org.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	ftutshana@sassetta.org.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
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] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
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.					

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PART B

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. 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.
1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).
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 SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3 APPLICATION FOR 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 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 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."

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

NAME OF SIGNATORY:

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

N/B.: If a Company has one director as listed on CSD, the one Director MUST sign these documents on behalf of the Company. Any other member of the Company will require a Company Resolution to be attached to this submission signed by the duly Authorised Director.

N/B.: If the Company has more than one Director as listed on CSD, a signed Company Resolution must be attached to confirm that the one Director can sign on behalf of the Company. Any other member of the Company will require a Company Resolution to be attached to this submission signed by the duly Authorised Directors.

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

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PRICING SCHEDULE**(Professional Services)**

NAME OF BIDDER:

BID NO.: **RFQ/SASSETA/2526106**CLOSING TIME: **15:00**CLOSING DATE: **24 July 2025**OFFER TO BE VALID FOR **90** DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION **(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY
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Delivery milestone	Cost inclusive of VAT (where applicable)
Inception Report	R
Literature	R
Data Analysis, findings, and recommendations	R
First draft Report	R
Final Report	R
Total Cost	R

Bidders are to complete the name and surname of the proposed team leader/research lead on this assignment and ensure that comprehensive CVs of this member is attached to the proposal:

NO.	ROLE IN THE TEAM	NAME AND SURNAME (Bidders to indicate <u>one</u> (1) name per role below)	IS THE CV ATTACHED (circle the response below)	IS THE CERTIFICATE ATTACHED (circle the response below)
1.	1 X Team leader/Research Lead		Yes/No	Yes/No

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Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of bidder

(To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate. A signed Company Resolution to be submitted).

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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 the table below

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

N/B. If more space required, Service providers are to copy this table onto their letterhead and provide information as per the table above

- 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 consortium¹ 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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 FALSE.

1 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

(To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate. A signed Company Resolution must be submitted).

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to quote:
- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 **To be completed by the organ of state**

The applicable preference point system for this quotation is the **80/20** preference point system.

- a) The lowest acceptable quotation will be used to determine the accurate system once quotations are received.

- 1.3 Points for this quotation (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

1.4 **To be completed by the organ of state:**

- 1.5 The maximum points for this quotation are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

- 1.6 **Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this bid to claim points for specific goals with the quotation, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.**
- 1.7 The organ of state reserves the right to request a bidder, either before a quotation 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. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

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

Where

P_s = Points scored for the price of the quotation under consideration

P_t = Price of the quotation under consideration

P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable quotation

3.2 POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

3.2.1 In terms of Regulations 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 quotation.

3.2.2 For the purposes of this quotation, the bidder 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 bid:

Table 1: Specific goals for the bidder and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this bid	Number of points allocated (80/20 system)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the bidder)
Black People Ownership (100%)	10.00	
Black Women Ownership (at least 30%)	5.00	
Black Youth Ownership (at least 30%)	3.00	
Black people with disability (PwD) Ownership (at least 20%)	2.00	
Total Points	20	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

3.3 Name of company/firm.....

3.4 Company registration number:

3.5 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]

3.6 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 quotation, 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 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 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.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CLAIMING SPECIFIC GOALS

1. As per bullet 1.6 and 1.7 of the Preference Points Claim Form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022, bidders are required to submit the SASSETA verification document(s) in order to be allocated the specific goals claimed:
 - a) An Original/Certified copy of a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit.
 - b) Valid Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) Company registration documents
 - c) Certified copy/ies of Identity documents of the Company Directors
 - d) CSD report
 - e) medical report (if any)
 - f) declaration letter signed by the bidder.

NB.: Non-submission of the documents required above will lead to specific goal points NOT being awarded.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

(To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate. A signed Company Resolution must be submitted).

NB: If you receive any suspicious calls asking for payment to secure an award or that the outcome can be influenced in your favour, please immediately inform the SASSETA Anti-Corruption Hotline at 0800 204 143 for further investigations.

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

NO.	DETAILS	TICK BY BIDDER
1.	Part 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed and signed Invitation to Quote (SBD 1) (To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate. A Company Resolution signed by all Directors of the Company must be submitted). 	
2.	Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed and signed Pricing Schedule (SBD 3.3). 	
3.	Part 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder's quotation on the company's letterheads with all applicable costs and delivery dates Quotation MUST be in accordance with the specification. Quotation that is inconsistent with the specification will be disqualified. 	
4.	Part 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed and signed Bidder's Disclosure (SBD 4). (In case of a consortium/ joint venture, or where sub-Service providers are utilised, each party to the bid <u>must</u> complete and sign the Bidder's Disclosure document). 	
5.	Part 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed and signed Preference Points Claim form in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 (SBD 6.1). Not claiming points for each preference point system on SBD 6.1 will lead to specific goal points not being awarded 	
6.	Part 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidders to submit their National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration document. 	
7.	Part 7: Bidder to submit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidders are to initial each page and submit a General Conditions of Contract (GCC) document. 	
8.	Part 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bidder to submit a research proposal demonstrating comprehensive understanding and experience in terms of approaches of undertaking research studies and outline research/ evaluation design and methodology to be applied and demonstrate knowledge and experience in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. utilising qualitative and quantitative research methods. 2. the application of different data analysis methods; and 3. the production of research reports, with feasible recommendations. The Bidder to attach signed reference letters demonstrating experience in conducting research, evaluation, tracer, and impact studies from different clients and must be on a client's letterhead with contact details. 	
9.	Part 9: Mandatory Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidders to submit four (4) or more research outputs published on the DHET Accredited Journals for the team leader/research lead. Non-submission of four (4) or more DHET accredited journal articles for the team leader/research lead will lead to automatic disqualification. 	
10.	Part:10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidders to submit NQF level 9 or 10 qualification in social sciences for the team leader/research lead as indicated in SBD 3.3. International qualifications must be 	

	verified by SAQA and a copy of letters confirming verification to be attached with the proposal. Non submission of an NQF Level 9 or 10 qualification in social sciences for the team leader/research lead will lead to automatic disqualification.	
11.	Part 11: Bidders to submit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An original/Certified copy of a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit. • Valid company and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) Company registration. • Certified copy (ies) of identity documents of the Company directors. <p>NB.: Non-submission of the below-mentioned documents will lead to specific goal points NOT being awarded.</p>	

NB.: Bidders are required to return the SASSETA attached Standard Bidding (SBD) forms and not submit SBD forms from other entities.

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