

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION					
BID NUMBER:	LDE/B13/2026/27	CLOSING DATE:	14 AUGUST 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11H00 AM
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF AN ACCREDITED MICROSOFT LICENSING SOLUTION PROVIDER TO MANAGE COMPLEX AND SPECIALIZED ACADEMIC LICENSING AGREEMENT FOR LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS (36 MONTHS).				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
CNR 113 BICCARD & 24 EXCELSIOR STREET					
POLOKWANE					
0699					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	MR MABUNDA G.S.S		CONTACT PERSON	MR LEBESE K.O	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	015 290 7670		TELEPHONE NUMBER	082 613 4928	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A	
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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
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					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?				☐ YES ☐ 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.					

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, 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 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."

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

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

DATE:

PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES (PURCHASES)

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

Name of bidder.....
Closing Time **11:00**

Bid number: **LDE/B13/2026/27**
Closing date: **2026/08/14**

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 120 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY

**** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)**

- Required by: Limpopo Department of Education
- At: Departmental Institutions
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- Brand and model
.....
- Country of origin
- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? *YES/NO
- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s)
- Period required for delivery
*Delivery: Firm/not firm
- Delivery basis

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

** "all applicable taxes" includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

*Delete if not applicable

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, 1996 (Constitution), and further expressed in the various applicable legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.
- 1.2 If a person is 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. DECLARATION ON EMPLOYMENT BY ORGAN OF STATE

- 2.1 Is the bidder, or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners of the bidder employed by an organ of state, as defined in section 239 of the Constitution? **YES/NO**
- 2.2 If YES, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, in the table below:

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of organ of state

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.

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

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.4 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**

2.4.1 If so, indicate all companies registered in the CSD in the table below:

Supplier registration number (MAAA)	Status (active/inactive/deleted)

Failure to disclose all CSD-registered active companies linked to all Directors will lead to disqualification.

3 GENERAL DECLARATION

I,, the undersigned, 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 to be false.
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.
- 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, 1998 (Act No. 89 of 1998) and or may be referred to law enforcement agencies for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the state for a period not exceeding 10 years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2004) or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE PROCURING INSTITUTION MAY REJECT THE BID OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST ME IF THIS DECLARATION IS FALSE.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Designation

.....
Name of bidder

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

a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **90/10** preference point system.

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

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

1.4 The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	90
SPECIFIC GOALS	10
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

1.5 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.

1.6 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:

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

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

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

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
 Pt = Price of tender under consideration
 Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. 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:
- 4.2. 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.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
Black people	2	
Youth	2	
Women	3	
Person with disability	2	
Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)	1	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name of company/firm.....

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. 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]

4.6. 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 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.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
 - 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the

RSA.

- 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such

obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

- 1.25 “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier’s performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier’s records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
- (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
 - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or

analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

- 11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

- 12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take

such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract amendments

- 18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

- 19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

- 20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the

supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- (a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any

person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
 - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
 - (iii) the period of restriction; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

- 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which

may be due to him

25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

- 26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
- (a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - (b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

		(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.
29. Governing language	29.1	The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.
30. Applicable law	30.1	The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
31. Notices	31.1	Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice
	31.2	The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.
32. Taxes and duties	32.1	A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.
	32.2	A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.
	32.3	No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.
33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)	33.1	The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices	34.1	In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).
	34.2	If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.

- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

Js General Conditions of Contract (revised July 2010)



LIMPOPO

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE
(TOR)

RFB NO.

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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE:

APPOINTMENT OF AN ACCREDITED MICROSOFT LICENSING SOLUTION PROVIDER TO MANAGE COMPLEX AND SPECIALIZED ACADEMIC LICENSING AGREEMENT FOR LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS (36 MONTHS)

THIS BID IS EXCLUSIVELY AVAILABLE TO MICROSOFT-ACCREDITED LICENSING SOLUTION PROVIDERS (LSPS).

ANY BIDDER NOT ACCREDITED AS A MICROSOFT LSP(LICENSING SOLUTION PROVIDER) WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION: N/A

1. BACKGROUND

The Department utilises Microsoft products and services to support both its backend and front-end operations. This includes software and applications deployed on servers as well as endpoint devices such as desktops, laptops, and various mobile devices. The Department currently maintains Microsoft 365 A5 licenses for staff and Microsoft 365 A3 licenses for schools. Additionally, the licensing portfolio encompasses Artificial Intelligence solutions and advanced Microsoft security products. These licenses are due to expire this year and will require renewal. At present, there are 2700 Microsoft 265 A5 licenses allocated to staff and 3600 Microsoft 365 A3 licenses designated for schools. Current licensing requirements will be outlined in the pricing schedule to support scalability.

2. INTRODUCTION

As the existing contract with the current Microsoft Licensing Solution Partner (LSP) is set to expire this year, the department is proactively initiating a new process to appoint a highly qualified and experienced LSP. This partner will assist the department in procuring, installing, supporting, and providing licensing guidance for Microsoft products and services to be acquired over the next three years (36 Months).

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The appointed service provider will be expected to deliver the following for 36 months

- a. Provisioning of Microsoft Campus license(Microsoft 365 A5), and Microsoft 365 A3 and 365 A5 security for schools administrative personel and related Microsoft products and services.
 - b. Provide expert advice on how the Department can maximise the value of acquired Microsoft products and services, including new developments such as Artificial Intelligence and Microsoft Cloud solutions.
- **Provide the following onsite support services:-**
- a. On-site installation of Microsoft software and updating of Microsoft software to the Limpopo Department of Education in Limpopo Province, including schools . This on-site support service must be performed monthly.
 - b. Provide technical support (Defender for Endpoint, Office 365, Endpoint Manager, Defender for Office 365, Defender for Identity, Compliance Manager & other related technical support) to the Limpopo Department of Education and school tenant. The licenses are currently managed on separate tenants

4. EVALUATION OF BID

- 4.1. The bid will be evaluated in four phases, namely: Administrative Compliance; Mandatory requirements; Functionality Evaluation; and Price and Specific goals.**

4.1.1. PHASE 1: ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE

The following are minimum requirements for completion of the bid document:-

- a. Bidders shall ensure that there are no missing or duplicated pages since the Department shall not accept liability regarding claims by bidders that pages are missing or duplicated.
- b. The bid document must be completed in black ink and signed by an authorised signatory.
- c. Submission of the bid document in its original form. No electronic bid will be accepted.
- d. Bid documents should be duly signed off in all designated areas.
- e. A bidder must be registered on the Centralised Supplier Database (CSD) and furnish their CSD No. as proof of registration as follows:-

CSD Registration No.:.....

NB: The Department cannot do business with suppliers not registered on the centralised supplier database. The authorised signatory must sign for any alteration, and therefore, correction fluid is not allowed.

4.1.1.1. ATTACHMENTS

A bidder must attach the following documents:

- a. A certified copy of the Close Corporation or Company, Companies and Intellectual Property Commission Registration document(s) reflecting the latest information about the bidder.
- b. A bid submitted jointly by two companies shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the document establishing the Joint Venture, registered and authenticated by an official authorised to witness sworn statements/Commissioner of Oaths and submit respective attachments for each party.
- c. Completed bid document with supporting documents shall be packaged, bound, sealed, marked and submitted strictly as stipulated in this bid document.

4.1.2. PHASE 2: MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- a. The bidder must be a Microsoft-accredited Licensing Solution Partner. (LDOE will verify LSP directly with Microsoft).

4.1.3. PHASE 3: FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION CRITERIA

Table 4.1.3.1.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SCORE								
1.	Company Experience The bidder must have provided Microsoft license services support(e.g. Microsoft license activation/renewal, benefits utilisation & etc) as a Microsoft accredited LSPs(Licensing Solution Partner) to Public sector within the Republic of South Africa for at least a period of 36 months (1 Microsoft license cycle). The cycles need not to be in sequence. <table><tr><td>Cumulative verifiable experience</td><td>Points</td></tr><tr><td>-Less than three years (3)</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>-Three years to Five Years</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>-More than Five years</td><td>35</td></tr></table> Attachments: - Signed Appointment Letter or Purchase order - A reference letter from the client for each project with Contactable details, duly signed and stamped by the client representative confirming the tenderer's performance. The letter must indicate the number of years.	Cumulative verifiable experience	Points	-Less than three years (3)	0	-Three years to Five Years	25	-More than Five years	35	35
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-Less than three years (3)	0									
-Three years to Five Years	25									
-More than Five years	35									
2	Human Resource Qualifications	65								
	One Resource with M365 Security Administrator Associate (MS 500) (Must Attach proof of valid certification with Resource name) No Submission= 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 3 One Resource with Associate Certificate = 5	5								
	One Resource with Security Operations Analyst Associate (SC 200) Must Attach proof of valid certification with Resource name) No Submission= 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 3 One Resource with Associate Certificate = 5	5								
	Identity and Access Administrator Associate (SC 300) (Must Attach proof of valid certification with Resource name) No Resource provided = 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 3 One Resource with Associate Certificate = 5	5								
	One Resource provided with Azure Security Engineer Associate (AZ 500) Must Attach proof of valid certification with Resource name) No Resource provided = 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 5 One Resource with Associate Certificate = 10	10								

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SCORE
	One Resource provided Security, Compliance, and Identity Fundamentals (SC 900) Must Attach proof of valid certification with Resource name) No Submission= 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 5	5
	One Resource provided with Information Protection Administrator Associate (SC 400) Expert Level (Must Attach proof of valid certification with Resource name) No Resource provided = 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 3 One Resource with Associate Certificate = 5	5
	Cybersecurity Architect Expert (SC 100) No Resource provided = 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 5 One Resource with Associate Certificate = 7 One Resource with Expert Certificate = 10	10
	Microsoft 365 Certified: Administrator Expert (Must Attach proof of valid certification with Resource name) No Resource provided = 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 5 One Resource with Associate Certificate = 7 One Resource with Expert Certificate = 10	10
	Microsoft Certified: Azure Solutions Architect Expert (Must Attach proof of valid certification with Resource name) No Resource provided = 0 One Resource with Fundamentals Certificate as above = 5 One Resource with Associate Certificate = 7 One Resource with Expert Certificate = 10	10
Total score		100

NB: Bidders must score a minimum of 70 points to proceed to the next evaluation criteria.

5. PHASE 4: PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS (90/10)

5.1. The points scoring shall be allocated as follows in line with the Preferential Procurement Regulation of 2022.

- (a) Price: 90
- (b) Specific goals /designated groups:10

Total = 100

Specific goals.

A maximum of 10 points will be allocated to the designated groups indicated in the table below.

NO.	DESIGNATED GROUP	POINTS	MEANS OF VERIFICATION
1	Black People	2	Verified through CSD report
2	Youth	2	Verified through CSD report
3	Women	3	Verified through CSD report
4	Persons with Disability (attach medical certificate from the registered professional doctor with Practice number)	2	Medical report from Registered practitioner
5	Small, Medium and Micro Enterprise (SMMEs)	1	Verified through CSD report

6. PRICING SCHEDULE (BIDDERS MUST FILL IN THE PRICING SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED BELOW):-

The pricing of this bid must be in two fold:

- The bidder must indicate the costing of the microsoft products in USD in one column and in rands on another column.
- The evaluation team will use Table 6.1. below as the bidder's cost for this bid. When awarding the order, the final cost will be based on the Rand/dollar exchange rate on that day.

Note on Microsoft Azure consumption and commitment costs

Azure Prepayment in Table 6.1 below, items 6 and 7, must be calculated at USD 1,200 per unit. This reflects the Department's intended Azure commitment to both the Department and EMIS pricing schedule rows.

Azure DevOps Basic and Test Plans, item 8 in Table 6.1, must be priced at USD 52 per unit, while GitHub Copilot Enterprise, item 9 in Table 6.1, must be priced at USD 39 per unit.

Microsoft Azure services are consumption-based services whose prices, rates, credits, commitments and related charges are determined by Microsoft from time to time.

Accordingly, the underlying cost of Microsoft Azure consumption, Azure prepayment or Azure monetary commitments shall not form part of the competitive pricing schedule and bidders must not include such costs in their total evaluated bid price.

The successful bidder shall be required to facilitate the procurement, administration, monitoring and management of the Department's Microsoft Azure services in accordance with the applicable Microsoft agreement and the Department's approved requirements.

The Department shall be charged the actual Microsoft cost applicable at the time that an Azure commitment, Azure service or Azure consumption order is placed, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The cost must be supported by an official Microsoft quotation, price sheet, invoice, consumption statement or other verifiable Microsoft documentation.
- b. The successful bidder may not add an undisclosed mark-up to Microsoft Azure consumption, prepayment or commitment charges.
- c. Any administration, management, technical support, cost-optimisation or related service fee charged by the successful bidder in connection with Azure must be separately disclosed.
- d. The successful bidder must disclose all Microsoft discounts, credits, rebates, incentives and other financial benefits applicable to the Department's Azure account.
- e. No Azure commitment or expenditure may be incurred without prior written approval and the issuing of an official order by the Department.
- f. The Department shall not be obliged to procure or consume any minimum value of Azure services unless such commitment has been specifically approved in writing.
- g. The successful bidder must provide the Department with regular Azure consumption, budget, billing and cost-optimisation reports.
- h. Any increase or change in Microsoft Azure pricing shall not automatically bind the Department. The revised cost must first be disclosed, supported by Microsoft documentation and approved by the Department before an order is placed.
- i. Azure consumption and commitment costs shall be treated as a variable, pass-through Microsoft cost and not as a fixed bidder price.

Table 6.1. Pricing Schedule:

Software/ Service code	Description of licenses	Quantity	Yearly cost for all services, including VAT (USD)	Yearly cost for all services, including VAT (Rands)
Schools licensing				
1. AAA-73004	M365 A3 Original Edu Sub Per User	3610		
2. PYQ-00001	Defender Suite Edu Sub Per User	3610		
Limpopo Department of Education Administration licenses				
3. 9GS-00495	CIS Suite Datacenter Core ALng LSA 2L	96		
4. 7JQ-00341	SQL Server Enterprise Core ALng LSA 2L	4		
5. 9GA-00006	CIS Suite Standard Core ALng LSA 2L	144		
6. 6QK-00001 - Azure Prepayment per unit (Dept Azure Commitment)	Azure prepayment excl VAT price =	58		
7. 6QK-00001 - Azure Prepayment per unit EMIS (Dept Azure Commitment)	Azure prepayment excl price =	44		
8. Azure DevOps Basic and Test Plans (Dept Azure Commitment)	Azure DevOps Basic and Test Plans	2		

Software/ Service code	Description of licenses	Quantity	Yearly cost for all services, including VAT (USD)	Yearly cost for all services, including VAT (Rands)
9. GITHUB CoPilot Enterprise (Dept Azure Commitment)	GITHUB CoPilot Enterprise	2		
10. AAD-38400	M365 A5 Unified Edu Sub Per User	3500		
11. EP2-00538	M365 Copilot Edu Sub Add-on	200		
12. 7NQ-00302	SQL Server Standard Core ALng LSA 2L	8		
13. MX3-00115	Visual Studio Ent MSDN ALng LSA	2		
Microsoft licensing and Azure Total, including VAT				
Professional, support and value-added services		Monthly Cost for professional, support and value-added services, including VAT	Yearly cost professional, support and value-added services, including VAT	
On-site Resource 160 hours per month for the Limpopo Department of Education Administration tenant	160			
On-site Resource 160 hours per month for the Limpopo Department of Education Schools tenant	160			

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Software/ Service code	Description of licenses	Quantity	Yearly cost for all services, including VAT (USD)	Yearly cost for all services, including VAT (Rands)
Microsoft aligned workshops with quarterly workshops – 10 districts and Head Office – 12 workshops per quarter = 144 workshops over 3 years.	144			
Total cost including VAT				

Table 6.2

Cost component	Year 1 including VAT — ZAR	Year 2 including VAT — ZAR	Year 3 including VAT — ZAR	Total for 36 months including VAT — ZAR
Microsoft licensing costs from Table 6.1				
Professional, support and value-added services from Table 6.1				
Microsoft Azure Commitment in USD				
Total evaluated bid price excluding Microsoft Azure Commitment.				

Exchange Rate for Evaluation

For the sole purpose of evaluating bids and determining the highest scoring tenderer in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022, bidders shall convert all prices denominated in United States Dollars (USD) to South African Rand (ZAR) using a fixed exchange rate of **R17.00 = USD1.00**. This fixed exchange rate is used exclusively for evaluation to ensure that all bids are evaluated on a fair, transparent and comparable basis.

Contract Price and Payment

Notwithstanding the exchange rate used for bid evaluation, the contract shall be administered on the basis that Microsoft licence costs denominated in United States Dollars shall be converted to South African Rand using the official USD/ZAR spot exchange rate applicable on the date on which the Department places the official order.

Accordingly:

- a. payments for Microsoft licences shall be calculated using the official USD/ZAR spot exchange rate published by the South African Reserve Bank or, where unavailable, another recognised South African financial institution agreed to by the Department;
- b. the successful bidder shall submit documentary proof of the applicable exchange rate together with the invoice and supporting Microsoft licensing documentation;
- c. exchange-rate adjustments shall apply only to Microsoft licence components invoiced in United States Dollars;
- d. all professional services, support, administration, implementation, training, workshops and other bidder-controlled costs quoted in South African Rand shall remain fixed for the duration of the contract, unless otherwise provided for in the Special Conditions of Contract;
- e. Microsoft Azure consumption and commitment costs shall be charged separately, based on actual approved Microsoft pricing and supported by appropriate Microsoft documentation;
- f. no Microsoft licence, Azure commitment or related service may be ordered without an official Departmental purchase order; and
- g. the Department shall pay only for licences, services and Azure commitments that have been formally approved, ordered and delivered.

7. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

By responding to this Bid, the Bidder authorizes the Department or its delegate(s) to carry out any investigation deemed necessary to verify the correctness of the statements and documents submitted and that such documents reasonably reflect the ability of the Bidder to provide the goods and services required by the Department. Should such investigation discover that the Bidder has misrepresented any statements or documents, the bid will be disqualified.

8. LDoE reserves the right to:-

- a. Communicate only with the shortlisted bidders as and when necessary;
- b. Request further information from any bidder after the bid's closing date.
- c. Verify information and documentation of the respective bidder from the South African Revenue Services (SARS), CIPC or any other relevant entity.
- d. Any information received which does not correspond with the one provided in the bid document will render the bid null and void;
- e. Terminate the contract, if it is satisfied that any person (being an employee, partner, director or shareholder of the bidder or a person acting on behalf of or with the knowledge of the bidder), firm or company (The expression "person, firm or company" shall include an authorised employee or agent of such a person, firm or company): -
 - has offered, promised or given a bribe or other gift or remuneration to any officer or employee in the Public Service in connection with obtaining or executing a contract;
 - has acted in a fraudulent manner or in bad faith or in any other unsatisfactory manner in obtaining a contract with any government department, provincial administration, public body, company or person, or that he has managed his affairs in such a way that he has in consequence thereof been found guilty of a criminal offence;
 - has approached an officer or employee in the Public Service before or after bids have been called for, to influence the award of the contract in his favour; has withdrawn or amended his bid after the time set for the receipt and opening of bids; when advised that his bid has been conditionally accepted,
 - has given notice of his inability to execute or sign the contract or to furnish any security required; has entered into any agreement or arrangement, whether legally binding or not, with any other person, firm or company to refrain from bidding for this contract, or as to the amount of the bid to be submitted by either party; and
 - has disclosed to any other person, firm or company the exact or approximate amount of his proposed bid except where disclosure, in confidence, was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for the preparation of the bid; the LDoE may, in addition to any other legal recourse which it may have, cancel the contract between the LDoE and such person, firm or company and/or resolve that no bid from such a person, firm or company will be favourably considered for a specific period.

ANNEXURE A: DEFINITIONS

Acronym	Meaning
CIPC	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission
CSD	Central Supplier Database
LSP	Licensing Solution Provider
SARS	South African Revenue Services
SCM	Supply Chain Management
SPP	Strategic Performance Plan
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
IT / ICT	Information Technology / Information and Communications Technology
LDOE	Limpopo Department of Education
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
VAT	Value Added Tax

9. ENDORSEMENT BY THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT : SESHIBE M.V.

SIGNATURE : [Signature]

DATE : 31/07/2026

NAME OF BIDDER :

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS BY THE BIDDER

REPRESENTED HERETO BY :
(Surname & Full names)

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS :
(Duly authorized thereto)

SIGNATURE :