

# 100 Steps towards a brighter future

**RUSTENBURG HERALD - RUSTENBURG - For the past 30 years, Econofoods has believed that business is about more than just selling products - it is about improving lives, supporting communities, and making a difference where it matters most.**

This belief recently came to life in Rustenburg through a heartfelt initiative where 100 pairs of school shoes were distributed to learners across local schools. What made the project even more meaningful was that it was made possible through the support of



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## GEMS verlaag uiteindelik hul premies

**RUSTENBURG HERALD - RUSTENBURG - Staatsdienswerkers word deur 'n ooreenkoms verbind om aan die Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS) te behoort indien hulle subsidie van die staat vir mediese befondsing wil ontvang.**

Volgens 'n verklaring van die Suid Afrikaanse Onderwysers Unie (SAOU) het GEMS, 'n fonds met nagenoeg 880 000 lede, hierdie monopolie in die staatsdiens uitgebuit met buitensporige verhogings in lede-bydraes.

"In 'n tyd waar werkers onder besondere finansiële druk staan met verhogings in brandstof- en voedselpryse, was die 4% salarisverhoging wat in April geïmplementeer is, nie genoeg om die uitermatige GEMS bydrae-verhogings te buffer nie. In 2025 was die gemiddelde verhoging 13.5%. Tydens inligtingsessies met vakbonde het GEMS aangedui dat die 2026 verhoging aansienlik verminder sou word. Dit was daarom skokkend toe GEMS 'n gemiddelde bydraeverhoging van 9.8% vir 2026 aangekondig het. Na vele interaksies met die vakbonde het GEMS die besluit geneem om die bydraes na 9.5% te verlaag."

Lede was egter steeds ontevrede en na vreedsame protesoptogte waaraan die SAOU ook deelgeneem het en sekere eise aan GEMS gestel is, was dit duidelik dat daar geen verandering sou wees nie. Die vakbonde het aangedui dat die "boeliegedrag" van GEMS nie aanvaarbaar was nie. Na etlike daaropvolgende interaksies het GEMS verlede week aangekondig dat die verhoging na 7.5% verlaag sou word.

Die SAOU het die hernude verlagings as 'n "oorwinning" bestempel. "Die doel met die stigting van GEMS (as mediese fonds) was nooit om 'n winsgewende organisasie te wees nie. GEMS het 'n sosiale verpligting teenoor sy lede om hulle van bekostigbare mediese voordele te voorsien. In die huidige finansiële klimaat kan onderwysers nie kies tussen 'n mediese fonds en die nodige lewensmiddele nie. 'n Geslote mediese fonds moet bekostigbaar wees vir sy lede. Dit is nodig dat 'n entiteit soos GEMS vir bestuur en beheer verantwoordbaar gehou word," meen die SAOU.

Dié unie het hul lede bedank vir hul toegewydheid en ondersteuning deur die hele proses en hul lede verseker "dat die vakbond sal voortgaan om sy lede se regte en voordele te beskerm".

the community itself. For every boerewors roll sold at participating Econofoods stores, a contribution was added toward a growing fund to help purchase the school shoes.

What started as a simple in-store campaign became something far bigger - an opportunity for customers, team members, and communities to walk together in making a real impact in the lives of children.

Econofoods understands that for many families, school essentials are not always easy to afford. A pair of school shoes may seem small to some, but to a child, it can mean confidence, dignity, comfort, and the feeling of belonging.

Seeing learners receive their new shoes served as a reminder that

even the smallest acts of kindness can leave a lasting footprint.

As Econofoods celebrates its 30th birthday this year, initiatives like these remain at the heart of who they are. Over the years, Econofoods has continued to invest into communities that supported them - whether through feeding initiatives, sponsorships, educational support, or moments like these that remind people they are seen and valued.

This project was never only about shoes. It was about people. It was about communities standing together. It was about improving lives - one child, one family, and one step at a time.

"We would like to thank every customer who bought a boerewors roll and became part of this journey with us. Because of you, 100 learners in Rustenburg can now walk into their classrooms with pride and confidence. And for Econofoods, that is what truly matters."

14 May 2026



## RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY INVITATION FOR PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

BID NO.	DESCRIPTION	DOC. FEES (NON-REFUNDABLE)	AVAILABILITY OF BID DOCUMENT	EVALUATION CRITERION	ENQUIRIES	COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	CLOSING DATE
RLM/OMM/0162/2024/25	Re-advert: Appointment of a panel of experienced practitioners to render various specialized legal services for Rustenburg Local Municipality for a period of 3 years	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R1500.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER:</b> 0162+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER:</b> 033 054 657	<b>NBI Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>Functionality evaluation scoring 70 out of maximum 100</li> </ul> <p><b>NBI That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b></p>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. K. Radebe 014 590 3397 <a href="mailto:kradebe@rustenburg.gov.za">kradebe@rustenburg.gov.za</a> <b>TECHNICAL</b> Ms. V.Klaas 014 590 3029 <a href="mailto:vklaas@rustenburg.gov.za">vklaas@rustenburg.gov.za</a> <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 <a href="mailto:opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za">opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za</a>	N/A	<b>DATE</b> 18 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 08:30
RLM/DCD/0212/2025/26	Appointment of one or more service providers not exceeding five (5) for the repairs and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities for a period of 36 months as and when required	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R500.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER:</b> 0212+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER:</b> 033 054 657	<b>NBI Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>CIDB Grading 2GB/2CE or higher</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price= 80 &amp; Specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <p><b>NBI That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b></p>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Mr. F. Mohammed 014 590 3152 <a href="mailto:fmohammed@rustenburg.gov.za">fmohammed@rustenburg.gov.za</a> <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 <a href="mailto:opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za">opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za</a>	N/A	<b>DATE</b> 22 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 11:30
RLM/DTIS/0204/2025/26	Appointment of one or more service providers not exceeding three (3) for the repairs, maintenance, replacement and upgrade of pumps and pumpstation infrastructure for Rustenburg Local Municipality for a period 36 months	<b>TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT</b> R1000.00 <b>REFERENCE NUMBER:</b> 0204+Company name <b>BANK NAME</b> Standard Bank <b>ACCOUNT NUMBER:</b> 033 054 657	<b>NBI Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of mandatory documents) to include all necessary certificates</li> <li>CIDB Grading 5ME or higher</li> <li>Functionality evaluation scoring 70 out of maximum 100</li> <li>80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 &amp; specific goals = 20)</li> </ul> <p><b>NBI That no other evaluation criterion should be used</b></p>	<b>TECHNICAL</b> Ms. P. Manyike 014 590 3862 <a href="mailto:pmanyike@rustenburg.gov.za">pmanyike@rustenburg.gov.za</a> <b>SCM</b> Ms. O. Pelesi 014 590 3148 <a href="mailto:opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za">opelesi@rustenburg.gov.za</a>	N/A	<b>DATE</b> 23 June 2026 <b>TIME</b> 11:30

- Bidders must submit both a hard copy document and an electronic tender document in the form of a clearly marked USB. (Bidders will be disqualified for not submitting a USB with scanned bid documentation)
- Bid documents must be in a sealed packaging clearly marked with the bid number and description, must be placed in the bid box in the foyer of the Municipal offices, Missionary Mpheni House, Beyers Naude Drive, Rustenburg not later than the prescribed closing date, where after the bids will be opened in public at the Municipal offices.
- All bids will be evaluated in accordance with the Supply Chain Policy of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, PPPFA 2022 and other related legislations. Bids will remain valid for 90 days.
- The lowest or any bid will not be necessarily accepted, and the municipality reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any bid. The municipality reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as indicated in the technical specifications. A market analysis conducted will be taken into consideration to ensure right procurement and quality service delivery.
- Tender submission must comply with the instruction note (Tender Completion and Attachment of Mandatory Documents) as well as all other additional tendering condition and requirements stated in the tender document.
- Objections or complaints must be submitted in writing to the Municipal Manager at the address stated, and must contain the following:
  - reasons and/or grounds for the objection or complaint.
  - the way in which the objector or complainant's rights have been affected; and
  - the remedy sought by the objector or complainant
- Any objection or complaint must reach the Municipal Manager with a 14-day period after award has been made. Late objections or complaints will not be entertained.
- Submissions which fail to adhere to all the requirements and instructions stated on this advert, E-tender advert, CIDB Website for CIDB tenders as well as the tender document will lead to disqualification.
- Should there be any contradictions between the information on this advert and the information in the tender document, then the information on this advert will take precedence.
- Rustenburg Local Municipality will not accept late bids.
- The bid price validity is 90 days.
- Rustenburg Local Municipality will not accept documents which are not in envelopes and clearly marked with the bid number and description.

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