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UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION CABLE, AERIAL
BUNDLED CONDUCTOR AND SERVICE CABLE
Non-Compulsory Tender Clarification

8 JULY 2026

Online Teams Meeting

(Tender Closing Date: 30 July 2026 10H00)

Outline

- Introduction
- Tender clarification by City of Cape Town
- Questions from Tenderers

Introduction

- This is a **non-compulsory** but strongly recommended meeting.
- **Please ensure that you have introduced yourself in the Teams meeting Chat Field, clearly indicated your name, company and tenderer name, your position / function in the company and your contact details (In a single chat message).**
- Your attendance at this briefing session is deemed by the City to signify that your company is appropriately represented and has had its attention drawn to the specific issues raised.
- Any queries to be send to the SCM mail address and will be replied via SCM rep.
- This is not a comprehensive discussion of the tender document. This is an opportunity to highlight some key points regarding the tender and to provide prospective tenderers with the opportunity to clarify any areas of uncertainty.
- This meeting is not intended to be a discussion of the merits of the Technical Content of the Tender Specification, and such discussions are not permitted.
- This meeting does not supersede the tender document and the requirements of the formal tender document will remain in force unless specifically clarified or amended in a formal Notice to Tenderers issued by the City.
- A formal Notice to Tenderers will be issued by the City in the event that ambiguity or errors in the tender document are noted that require correction.

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Tenderer Requirements

- Please read the tender document thoroughly and pay close attention to all aspects. Some clauses have changed in accordance with revised PPPFA and associated SCM policy updates.

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- Tenderer must be registered as a Vendor with the City of Cape Town (SCM Supplier Management; 021 400 9250).
- Tenderer's must be registered with SARS and tax affairs must be in order, which will be confirmed by a Tax PIN provided by the Tenderer on the **Details of Tenderer** page (The Contract, Pg 22, **to be completed in full**) and a valid Tax PIN letter provided with the tender.
- Tenderers whose tax affairs are not in order should resolve immediately as limited time will be afforded if this needs to be requested after submission of tenders.
- Tender validity is mandatory 120 days, but will be deemed to be valid for longer (for a period of 12 months after this) if evaluation overruns this period (COT Tenderer's Obligations 2.2.15). This refers to tender validity. (Price validity is subject to CPA provisions and Schedule F.1, the CPA Schedule).
- Contract period is a period not exceeding sixty (36 months) from date of commencement. The existing contract expiry **2027/06/30**.
- The intention is to appoint two tenderers per item for the contract, a Main Contractor & a Alternative Contractor, with the Alternative Contractor goods being from a different OEM, where possible.

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Forms (Conditions of Tender, Tenderer's Obligations 2.2.12)

- The tender offer, including *Details of Tenderer* (Pg 22), *Form of Offer and Acceptance* (Pg 23) and *Price Schedule* (Pg's 29-33) must be completed and on the original tender documents as issued by the City. Note Pricing Instructions (Pg 28).
- All documents must be filled in clearly (non-erasable, printed or clearly handwritten) and signed by hand (with black non-erasable ink) on the original tender offer and by a person authorised to do so. Refer Section 2.2.12 of the COT.
- Tenders must be submitted in the designated Tender Box on or before the closing date and time. Late Tenders are not acceptable and will not be considered.
- Schedule of Deviations (Pg 25) in the Form of Offer and Acceptance **IS NOT** to be filled in at time of tender submission. This is filled in by CCT after award to record any approved, non-material deviations.
- Ensure prices in Pricing Schedule are listed **excluding VAT but including Offloading**, as specified.
- All schedules must be completed in full and returned with your Tender. These may be printed, but must be on original CCT forms. Please do not remove pages from the returnable schedules. Additional pages required to amplify information provided in the schedules may be appended at the end (and must be clearly referenced), but schedules must be fully complete.
- Failure to provide compulsory information and provide all the data or information requested completely and in the form required may render the tender Non-Responsive.

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Tender Responsiveness Criteria (Conditions of Tender)

- Please refer to COT Tenderer's Obligations Section 2.2.1, Eligibility Criteria, for details regarding what constitutes a Responsive Tender.
- Clause 2.2.1.1.1 details the requirements establishing a clear, irrevocable and unambiguous offer.
- Clause 2.2.1.1.2 lists commercial and administrative requirements to be met in order for the tender to be considered provisionally responsive (prior to technical evaluation).
- **Note the eligibility non-negotiable requirements that has to be provided with the tender submission Clause 2.2.1.1.6. If these documents are not submitted with the tender the tender can not be considered.**
- Test for Responsiveness (COT The CCT's Undertakings 2.3.7) and the requirements for a Responsive Tender.
- Note definitions of a Responsive Tender and a Material Deviation (COT 2.3.7.2).
- Tenders that materially or substantially deviate from the terms, conditions and specification of the tender document will be considered non-responsive.
- Tenders not responsive at time of tender (due to material deviations, materially amended clauses, specifically and substantively non-responsive items, etc) **cannot be subsequently made responsive**, so please take care in your tender submission.
- CCT may seek post tender clarification (2.2.16; 2.3.9) on matters affecting the evaluation of the bid offer or matters that could give rise to ambiguity in the subsequent contract, but such clarification cannot change the substance of the offer of the particular tenderer or their competitive position.

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Conditions of Tender (General Comments)

- Pay close attention to Conditions of Tender, Evaluation Criteria, Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), General Conditions of Contract (GCC), etc.
- **Beware of standardised Covering Letters with “standard clauses” that may actually be inherently Non-Responsive.**
- In regard to risk of material non-responsiveness ensure that you **do not**:
 - Impose commercial conditions or clauses that are in conflict with the GCC or SCC, and do not propose contract conditions that are different from those specified (eg NT GCC 2010). These will not be accepted and may be materially non-responsive.
 - Do not impose customised Force Majeure, Limitation of Liability or Consequential Damages Clauses. The specified GCC and SCC clauses forming part of the specification protect both contractor and CoCT and form the specification basis.
 - Do not specify minimum order quantities. The CoCT will order as required from time to time and will not accept minimum order quantities that may result in overstocking.
 - Do not specify conditional pricing (eg. based upon order quantities). Pricing basis must comply with the specification and particularly Schedule F.1 (CPA).
 - Do not amend the penalty clauses or tolerances relating to late deliveries. The tender requirements are binding and amendment will render the tender Non-Responsive as are considered to affect pricing and competitiveness.

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Conditions of Tender (Cont'd)

- **Do not (Cont'd):**

- Do not provide qualified delivery conditions. Deliveries must be as per specification for the duration of the contract, not subject to manufacturer's programme, and late deliveries will be subject to the specified penalties.
 - Conditions that delivery will vary in accordance with manufacturer's / supplier's factory loading are not acceptable. Delivery periods are a contract condition and will not be negotiated after contract award.
 - Staggered deliveries for large orders are to the approval of the Engineer, and contractors will be held to the agreed delivery schedule once approved.
- Do not amend CPA base month. The CPA Base Month is **June 2026** (See Schedule F.1).
- Do not amend the CPA basis from that laid out in Schedule F.1 as this may be deemed to affect the tendered price and therefore may render your tender Non-Responsive.
- Do not offer fixed prices. Follow the basis laid out in the CPA Schedule, Sch F.1.
- Do not exclude off-loading at Stores. This is a contract requirement and excluding this will render the tender Non-responsive.

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Conditions of Tender (Cont'd)

- Please note the conditions relating to the submission of Alternative Tender Offers that do not comply fully with the Specification (COT Tenderer's Obligations 2.2.11).
- Note that **multiple responsive bids may not be submitted** (ie a single tender only)
- Compliance with all applicable law is required.

Preference Schedule (Schedule F.4)

- Note the change in Preference points and evidence requirements.
- The 90/10 Price / Preference Points system is applied to this tender.

Attachments

- All attachments appended by the Tenderer, including the Covering Letter if supplied, must be clearly listed in Schedule F.11 and referenced in the tender submission.

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Tender Pricing

- Avoid overpricing Tender Items. CCT is obliged by law (PPPFA) to award only to market related priced tenders, and is obliged to challenge excessive pricing prior to tender award.
- If so, a Preferred Bidder process would be followed with the highest ranked tenderers to require pricing to be improved. Failure to achieve market pricing could result in tender not being awarded.

Independent Bid Determination

- Tenderers shall pay close attention to the requirements for Independent Bid Determination as detailed in Clause 2.2.1.1.2 (f) of the Conditions of Tender and in Schedule F.9, and shall complete Schedule F.9.
- Tenderers cannot collude in determining their tender prices and cannot be aware of the tendered prices or contents of the offer of other Tenderers.
- Where there is evidence of collusion this may result in disqualification of both tenderers and the issue would be handed to legal services for forensic investigation and further action as indicated.

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Quantities

- Quantities detailed in C.5 Section 8 of the Specification are approximate annual quantities only, and are included for the purpose of establishing an insight for Tenderers into the approximate annual usage levels that the City might require during the contract.
- These quantities are determined from historical or anticipated usage patterns and do not indicate planned future requirements.
- These are not binding quantities and do not constitute either a minimum or a maximum order level.
- Actual order levels will be determined by user requirements and will vary from time to time in accordance with project demand.

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Technical Specification

- Tenderers to pay close attention to the Technical Specification and are to ensure that all items are fully compliant.

The below must accompany the tender at closure in order to provide an eligible tender for evaluation:

- Tenderers must clearly identify the manufacturer of the cable offered for each item and must submit with their tenders a manufacturer's communication giving full particulars and technical details of the cable offered including the manufacturer's technical data sheets and cable section drawings, and must complete the Schedules attached.
- All returnable schedules forming a part of this specification must be completed in full by Tenderers. Tenderers must detail actual particulars, parameters or dimensions specific to the cable offered and shall not simply refer to this specification or other standards or specifications.
- No tender will be considered unless accompanied by technical data sheets and cross-sectional drawings of the cable offered are submitted with the tender to enable the characteristics and merits of the cable offered to be ascertained.
- Tenderers must tender for only a single manufacturer and cable type per Tender Item. The Tenderer is required to commit to the single manufacturer and cable type per item for the full duration of the contract and is to provide the detailed particulars and drawings as listed above that are specific to each manufacturer and cable type tendered.

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Particulars and Returnables

Tenderers must pay close attention to Section 5 of the Specification (“**Particulars**”) and are to comply fully with all requirements and provide the required documentation and particulars with their tenders.

- Tenderers must fill in all returnable schedules F.13 **in full**. Do not leave any particulars blank, do not simply refer to a standard or attachment or just state “Complies”. Input the particular applicable value / dimension. The info is required to verify compliance and needs specific answers.
- Any departures from the requirements of the Specification are to be detailed in full in Schedule F.13.C of the Tender Submission and further supporting documentation to be provided. Departures that are not declared will be deemed to not exist, ie. The tendered goods will be deemed to be compliant and the Contractor required to comply with the specification.
 - Departures that are declared will be considered during the tender evaluation to determine whether they are fundamental and material non-compliances or not. Material non-compliances will lead to the Tender or the items being deemed Non-Responsive.

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Particulars and Returnables (Cont'd)

- With reference to section 5 (Particulars) and section 7.2 (Type Tests) of the specification the following are to be attached to the tender document as annexures : **SABS Mark permit certificate or approved alternative authority certificate eg. SATAS; or Referenced Schedule of Type Tests and type tests report cover sheets;**
- **Referenced technical datasheets and sectional drawings for the items offered;**
- Tenderers must tender for only a single manufacturer per Tender Item. The Tenderer is required to commit to the single manufacturer per item for the full duration of the contract and is to provide the detailed particulars and drawings as listed above that are specific to each manufacturer and item type tendered.

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Contract Award

- Contract award is per item, on a 90/10 price and preference points basis.
- Tender will be awarded to a single Main (Winner) and an Alternative Contractor per item, as per Section 2.1.5.1 of the COT and 9.1 of the Specification.
- Pay close attention to the Pricing Instructions and ensure you comply.
- Note conditions relating to invoking and activation of Alternative Contractor, Section 2.1.5.1 of the COT and Section 9 of Specification, and that where possible, the Alternative Contractor award will be to a Tenderer offering equipment from a different Manufacturer.
- Full compliance with all relevant Labour Legislation is required and will be verified prior to Contract Signing and Commencement.

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Delivery Period

- The requirements relating to preferred Delivery Periods detailed in Section 9 of the Specification. Deliveries that exceed the Contract Delivery Period will be subject to penalties in accordance with Clause 22 of the Special Conditions of Contract.

Short Drums

- In the event that the cable length on any drum is shorter than the specified length, the Council reserves the right to reject such drum of cable and have it replaced with a drum of cable of the specified length. If delivery of the short cable length drum is accepted by the Council this will be subject to the imposition of a prescribed discount per meter on the cable actually delivered on that drum, as detailed in the Special Conditions of Contract (Addendum A).

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Contract Price Adjustment (Predictive CPA)

- This is a 36 month (max) tender and fixed tender prices are not acceptable due to volatile materials prices.
- Schedule F.1 (Contract Price Adjustment) must be read carefully and fully understood.
- Schedule F.1 must be completed in full and must clearly and unambiguously set out the Tenderer's CPA basis. Do not include CPA clauses in Covering Letter in conflict with Sch F.1.
- The CPA is set to allow CPA from inception and monthly in advance from there to allow for the fluctuations in manufacturing.

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Contract Price Adjustment (Predictive CPA) (Continued)

- SEIFSA base index month is **June 2026**. **Do not** change this or any other aspect of the CPA basis laid out in your tender offer as this will affect the tendered price and therefore will render your tender Non-Responsive.
- The Supplier's / Manufacturer's Price Lists (where applicable) **must** be attached to the tender submission, and must be on the Supplier's Letterhead, dated, addressed to the Tenderer, signed and with unique Reference Number specifically applicable to the quotation.
- Note that the Employer will thoroughly review all Price List based CPA applications during the course of the contract and reserves the right to request auditor's certificates or other such documentary proof as required.
- Note that failure to submit proposed adjusted prices for the monthly period within the stipulated timeframes will result in the City calculating and applying an adjustment or maintaining the previous month's prices, whichever is in the City's favour.

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Amendments to Tender

- Tenderers will be notified formally with Notice to Tenders of any amendments or formal clarification required. These will be posted on the City's Tender Portal and National Treasury's eTenders website and generally also emailed to tenderers on the contact details provided when receiving tender docs.
- No Notices to Tenderers have been issued prior to the time of this meeting.
- Page 9 of tender document to be corrected and send out with notice 1.

Clarification by Tenderer

- Tenderers should seek clarification of any aspects of the tender document that are unclear, in writing to the CCT's representative and in good time (Refer COT 2.2.8 & 2.3.1).
- Last date for clarification is one week prior to tender closing to SCM.Tenders23@capetown.gov.za

Questions from Tenderers

- Floor is open for questions.



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Thank You

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