



SARAO

South African Radio
Astronomy Observatory

BID REFERENCE: NRF/SARAO SCBF/55/2022-23

**SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND SUPPORT OF THE NETWORKING EQUIPMENT FOR THE
CORRELATOR-BEAMFORMER DATA SWITCH FOR THE MEERKAT EXTENSION
PROJECT**

The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory ('SARAO') hereby invites submissions for the following tender -

Bid Number	Bid Description	Bid Closing Date and Time
NRF/SARAO SCBF/55/2022- 23	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND SUPPORT OF THE NETWORKING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CORRELATOR-BEAMFORMER DATA SWITCH FOR THE MEERKAT EXTENSION PROJECT	Friday, 3 February 2023 at 11.00AM

PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:

Pre-Qualification Criteria in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act No. 5 of 2000 (PPPFA), will be applied as follows:

In terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulation 2017, pre-qualification criteria for preferential procurement as specified in Regulation 4 will apply as follows –

- (a) Bidders must have a B-BBEE status level of between 1-2.

Bids which fail to meet the aforementioned pre-qualification criterion will be disqualified.

PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT SYSTEM:

The 80/20 price and preference points system, as prescribed by the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 issued under the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, (Act No 5 of 2000) (PPPFA) will be applied to evaluate this bid.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Bidders must meet each mandatory evaluation criterion specified in Stages 1 and 2 of the bid selection process in order to be evaluated further on price and BBBEE status level (Stage 3). Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

BID PUBLICATION:

The bid documentation may be obtained on the SARAO website: <http://www.sarao.ac.za/tenders/>, or the E-Tender Portal: <https://www.etenders.gov.za>

BID SUBMISSION:

Electronic submissions must be sent to tenders@sarao.ac.za on or before the closing date, **Friday, 3 February 2023 at 11.00AM.**

Submissions received after 11.00AM will NOT be accepted.

Bid submissions should preferably be in searchable format (PDF or Word).

Bids must be submitted in two separate electronic folders, one with the compliance and technical response, and the second with the financial response. Technical submissions should preferably be in searchable PDF format.

Folders must be titled with the bidder's company name and folder title. Attachments are limited to 25 MB per email.

Bidders may use WeTransfer, Dropbox, Google Drive to submit their bid submissions.

BID ENQUIRIES:

No telephonic enquiries relating to this tender will be permitted. All enquiries regarding this tender must be in writing and directed to:

For technical queries, contact Tyrone van Balla, Email: tvanballa@sarao.ac.za

For procedural queries, contact Anwuli Okecha, Email: anwuli@sarao.ac.za

NOTE ON FRAUD OR CORRUPTION IN THE TENDER PROCESS:

The NRF/SARAO would never offer payment or any other consideration in return for the favourable consideration of a bid. Please report any suspected acts of fraud or corruption to the following toll-free number - **0800 701 701 or SMS 39772.**