



the dtic

Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

RFI Number: 01/2022-2023

**Request For Information (RFI) From Companies / Entities Who Specializes In
the Creation and Maintenance of Databases On Foreign Direct Investment
Database Subscriptions**

Closing Date for Submission of Information:

20th October 2022

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A. Introduction and Background

- I. The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**) is mandated with facilitating and promoting the South African economic growth that is characterised by competitiveness, equity, inclusiveness and decent employment. The **dtic's** strategic objectives are to:
 - Facilitate transformation of the economy to promote industrial development, investment, competitiveness and employment creation;
 - Build mutually beneficial regional and global relations to advance South Africa's trade, industrial policy and economic development objectives;
 - Facilitate broad-based black economic participation through targeted interventions to achieve more inclusive growth;
 - Create a fair regulatory environment that enables investment, trade and enterprise development in an equitable and socially responsible manner; and
- II. Access to credible information and economic data such as Balance of Trade, Investment, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Growth Forecasts, Producer Prices, Employment Change is integral to the work of Government and the dtic therefore requires access to world-class, credible data and knowledge sources to assist with the implementation of its research agenda.
- III. The dtic is required to provide policy-orientated instruments and tools to guide and grow the South African economy and as such the department is required to have access to up to date statistics, reports and forecasts on key economic topics such inward and outward investment, economic transformation and BBB-EE, inclusive growth, sector development, localisation, and exports. To this end **the dtic** is requesting Industry players/companies / entities who specialises in the creation and maintenance of databases to respond to the Request for Information (RFI) for a potential Foreign Direct Investment subscription

B. Purpose of The Request for Information

- I. The objective of this Request for Information (RFI) is to receive information and responses from companies / entities who are able to potentially provide a subscription based service on Foreign Direct Investment.
- II. Kindly note that this is not a bid or tender process but a market assessment tool to determine and map who the industry players might be and the type of services or products they provide. The industry players and service providers are thus encouraged to read through the questionnaire below and comment accordingly.

C. Information Required

- I. Interested company's / entities are required to fill out the below questionnaire and attach all supporting documentation for purposes of substantiation.
- II. All questions must be answered directly and clearly. Extraneous information that are not directly responding to the questions will only constrain the ability of the dtic to positively assess the companies / entities alignment with the dtic requirements
- III. Companies / entities are highly encouraged to provide any supporting documentation to support each answer to the questions. Any information or supporting documentation that is not in-line with the questions asked will not be taken into consideration

Topic	Areas of Inquiry	Response
Company Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — What is the nature of your company? — When was your company established? — Please indicate the type of services or products provided? — Please provide a list of all entities that your company has traded or provided services to in the last 5 years — Is your company local or foreign owned? 	
Infrastructure and equipment	What type of technical resources or equipment does the company have to provide and support the technical provision of subscription based services to clients and customers	
Personnel capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Does the company have trained personnel who are able to train and support customers or clients on the use of the subscription service — How many personnel in the company are available to provide this training and support on the subscription? 	
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Is the company able to provide the subscription service via the internet? — Can all the subscription reports and information be accessed via the internet? — Can the subscription allow all dtic divisions to have access to the system including reports without restrictions? — In what type of formats can the subscription reports be provided and downloaded? — Can the subscription permit reports to be saved onto the desk top and to be printed? — Can the subscription permit unlimited searches of all reports and information? 	
Quality assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — What is the company's policy in terms of quality checking reports or information before its uploaded onto the subscription — What is the frequency of quality checking reports or information before being uploaded onto the subscription? 	
Area of expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Does the company have expertise in providing subscription based services relating to foreign direct investment? — Does the company have expertise to cover foreign direct investment information and reports for all countries in all continents? — Does the company have expertise to cover foreign direct investment information and reports for companies in different economic sectors? <p>Is the company able to provide the foreign direct investment information including reports based on the below identified criteria;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key trends - Investing companies - Key sectors - Key subsectors - Jobs created - Project profiles 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment announcements — The report structure should cover in the main- introduction, key trends, industry analysis, source countries, destination countries, project profiles in table and graph form, and investing company database — How many customers or clients (in both private and public sectors) are currently using this subscription service? 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Please also indicate what type of services the company provides including what areas/topics the company subscription covers? 	
Contractual Obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Is the company able to enter into a long term contract for the provision of the subscription? — Is the company able to provide a Service Level Agreement / License Agreement Terms document before the commencement of the service? — Is the subscription license based? — Does the company have any patents or proprietary rights over the subscription service? 	
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Who are your main competitors in terms of this subscription service? — What differentiates your subscription from other competitors? 	
Force Majeure/ Externalities	Is your company aware of any type of externalities (technical or policy related) that may negatively impact or prevent the provision of this subscription service?	

D. Format for the RFI Submission

- I. The following document must be submitted at the closing date and time of the RFI
 - a) Completed SBD 1 document
 - b) Other supporting documentation
- II. Companies are requested to submit only documents that are required
- III. All enquires may be sent via the following emails: LNyagah@thedtic.gov.za and Edennis@thedtic.gov.za

E. Submission of Documents

- I. Industry Players/Companies / Entities are requested to submit their responses to the RFI to Edennis@thedtic.gov.za by the closing date of 20th October 2022

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO RESPOND TO RFI 02/2022-2023 FOR REQUIREMENTS OF the dtic					
RFI NUMBER:	01/2022-2023	CLOSING DATE:	20 OCTOBER 2022	CLOSING TIME:	n/a
DESCRIPTION	Request For Information (RFI) From Companies / Entities Who Specializes In the Creation and Maintenance of Databases On Foreign Direct Investment Database Subscriptions.				
RFI RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE SENT VIA EMAIL TO YCronje@thedtic.gov.za					
Request For Information (RFI) From Companies / Entities Who Specializes In the Creation and Maintenance of Databases On Foreign Direct Investment Database Subscriptions.					
RFI PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	E Dennis		CONTACT PERSON	L Nyagah	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 – 3945539		TELEPHONE NUMBER	079 181 1432	
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	EDennis@thedtic.gov.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	LNyagah@thedtic.gov.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF COMPANY / ENTITY					
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:	N/A	CENTRAL DATABASE No:	SUPPLIER	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	N/A		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	