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INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY INVITES QUOTATIONS
FOR THE PROVISION OF *description of works***

Project title:	<i>REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE SFTP SERVER SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS</i>
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RFQ No:	191/23/ICT	Closing Date:	29 JANUARY 2024
Closing time:	11:00	Validity period:	60 days

1. COMPLETION OF QUOTATION/BID DOCUMENTS:

1.1 All quotations documents must be completed in ink.

All quotations and completed SBD forms must be addressed to the South African Social Security Agency and must be: hand delivered in a sealed envelope marked with the RFQ number stated above. **NB: PLEASE SIGN THE QUOTATION REGISTER AT RECEPTION.**

1.2 Where the quotations are above R 30 000 Vat inclusive, suppliers are encouraged to hand deliver their quotations and must be deposited in the **QUOTATION BOX** situated at the reception at **SASSA House, 501 Prondisa Building Cnr Steve Biko & Pretorius Streets, Arcadia, Pretoria 0083**. Late quotations will not be considered.

1.3 This quotation is subject to the GCC (General Conditions of Contract) and any other special conditions of contract where applicable.

1.4 The taxes of the successful bidder must be in order, or satisfactory arrangements must be made with the Receiver of Revenue to meet the bidder's tax obligations. **SARS PIN SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH THE QUOTATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION PURPOSE.**

1.5 Your quotation must include **costs breakdown** and that is inclusive VAT inclusive, (where applicable)



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- 1.6 Quotations above R30 000 must be accompanied by an original or certified original B-BBEE certificate issued by SANAS accredited agencies. Exempted Macro Enterprise (EME's) must submit an original Sworn Affidavit signed by EME's representative and attested by commissioner of oath. Failure to submit will result into the supplier not awarded points for B-BBEE level of contribution.
- 1.7 Quotations equal to or above R30, 000 Vat inclusive shall be evaluated on 80\20 point system.
- 1.8 Suppliers to **indicate validity of quotation and delivery date for goods and services.**
- 1.9 **The quotation must be detailed as per the SASSA attached specification and where the quotation is itemised, the supplier must indicate price for each line item. Failure to comply with this condition (paragraph 1.10) WILL result in the invalidation of your quotation.**

2. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE REQUIRED:

Description of Goods / Services	Quantity
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE SFTP SERVER SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	

NB: Please find attached SBD Forms and Detailed Specification or TOR's

3. ENQUIRIES RELATED TO DOCUMENTS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO:

BUYER:	L.MAKENA	Telephone no:	012 400 2306
Cell no:	N/A	Fax no:	

Name: L.MAKENA

Signature: 

Date: 23 JANUARY 2024



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TERMS OF REFERENCE

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROCURE SECURE FILE TRANSFER
PROTOCOL (SFTP) SERVER SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS**

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1. BID OVERVIEW

1.1 OVERVIEW OF SASSA

The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), listed as a schedule 3A public entity in terms of the PFMA, is an extension of government's delivery arm that administers the delivery of grants to the poor in South Africa. Through SASSA, government must ensure improvement of the social security service delivery system.

The Agency aims to deliver quality and comprehensive social security services in partnership with non-governmental, community-based, faith-based organisations, business, and civil society structures and labour movement.

The founding legislation of this entity, which is the South African Social Security Agency Act, 2004 was enacted at the beginning of 2004. The [SASSA Act](#) also makes provision for the effective management, administration and payment of social assistance and services through the establishment of the SA Social Security Agency.

The key functions of SASSA are the administration and payment of social grants and include:

- a) The processing of applications for social grants;
- b) Verification and approval of applications;
- c) Ongoing entitlement reviews of Beneficiaries;
- d) Disbursement and payment of grants to eligible beneficiaries; and
- e) Quality service assurance ensuring compliance with norms and standards and fraud prevention and detection.

SASSA provides the following types of social grants:

- a) Old Age;
- b) War Veterans;
- c) Disabled Persons;
- d) Grant-in-Aid;
- e) Child support;
- f) Foster Care;
- g) Social Relief;
- h) Care Dependency;
- i) As well as the correspondence related to these grants.

2. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

2.1. The Agency's Information Technology landscape comprise of a hybrid model with Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems hosted on premise and a few being cloud based, through both private cloud environments. The Agency currently has established a requirement for data exchange with external entities that use external applications for some of its data processing needs and business objectives.

2.2. Currently basic platforms for file and data exchange are used which are prone to interception, compromise and other technical limitations such as:

2.2.1. The current unsecured method of file and data exchange exposes the Agency to audit findings which negatively affect the Agency.

2.2.2. A limited number of files gets to be exchanged with SASSA's business partners for processing and exchange which ultimately affects overall business performance and turnaround times.

2.3. SASSA needs to automate file transfers by using batch scripts or secure file transfer protocols (SFTP). The Agency needs a server software that will:

2.3.1. Provide fast and reliable software to deploy and maintain the file transfer workflows.

2.3.2. Provide extended visibility and control over secure file transfers.

2.3.3. Provide straightforward and dependable end-to-end automation.

2.4. SASSA would like to implement a secure mechanism for its file and data exchange with its external stakeholders, that covers:

2.4.1. A Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) server software for secure file transfers.

2.4.2. SASSA needs an SFTP server software that is great at managing complex and mission-critical file transfers.

2.4.3. A solution that securely manages the Agency's files during transfer.

2.4.4. Protect Agency data at rest and in transit and assure the safe delivery.

3. DELIVERABLES

3.1. Six (6) SFTP server software licences.

4. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- 4.1. SASSA does not require an implementation plan or cost thereof from the suppliers and SASSA will implement the licensed software.
- 4.2. SASSA has its own management team that is responsible for management and monitoring the SFTP servers after implementation.
- 4.3. SASSA is not looking for an integration software such as IBM MQ or IBM ACE and others, but an SFTP server software.
- 4.4. SASSA is also not procuring any security event manager through this request for quotation.
- 4.5. Bidder's proposal should be of a single software implementation and not a collaboration of software to fully meet SASSA's requirements.

5. CONTRACT DURATION

- 5.1. The licenses should be valid for a period of twelve (12) months.

6. EVALUATION PROCESS

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the 80/20 preference point system, as contemplated in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act 5 of 2000). The evaluation shall be conducted as follows:

Stage One:

- Phase 1: Administrative Compliance

Stage Two:

- Phase 1: Price and Specific Goals

6.1. Stage 1: Phase 1– Administrative Compliance.

6.1.1. Bidders must submit the following:

- SARS Tax Compliance Status Pin.
- Proof of Registration with Central Supplier Database(CSD)
- Fully completed and signed standard bidding documents (SBD)

NB: Failure to comply with the above Administrative Compliance may result in your proposal being disqualified.

6.2. Stage 2: Phase 1: Price and Specific Goals.

6.2.1. This bid will be evaluated in terms of 80/20 preference point system.

EVALUATION CRITERIA ON PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS

Price and Specific Goals	100
Price	80
Specific Goals	20

80 points will be for price and the 20 points will be for specific goals.

Price

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

P_t = Price of tender under consideration

P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender

Specific Goals

Preference points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the specific goals in accordance with the table below:

Specific Goals	Number of points (80/20)
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor with at least 51% black women ownership	20
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 4 contributor with at least 51% women ownership	18
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor with at least 51% black youth or disabled ownership	16
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor	14
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 8 contributor with at least 51% youth or disabled ownership	12
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 4 contributor	8
B-BBEE Status Level 5 - 8 contributor	4
Others (Non-Compliant)	0
Note: In the event of a bidder claiming more than one specific goal category, SASSA will allocate points based on specific goal with the highest points.	

- Bidders must submit the following to claim number of points; B-BBEE verification certificate from a verification agency accredited by the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS) or copies thereof, and/or Central Supplier Database Report / CSD MAAA number and/or a sworn affidavit indicating the percentage of ownership of all shareholders and/or owners and also signed by the commissioner of oaths.
- Failure to submit the required documents shall be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

7. BID CONDITIONS

- 6.1 The Agency reserves the right not to accept the lowest proposal, as other criteria, including the specific goals will be taken into consideration, when bids are evaluated.
- 6.2 The Agency reserves the right to cancel or not to award the bid to any bidder.
- 6.3 The Agency will not be held liable for any expenses incurred by the bidder for preparing and submitting the proposal.
- 6.4 The Agency reserves the right to negotiate price with the successful bidder.
- 6.5 Submission of the personal information by the bidder serves as a consent to process submitted information, publishing or disclosing information in line with applicable SCM legislation, prescripts and Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA).
- 6.6 Bidder must respond to all elements of the bid with diligence as SASSA intends to appoint one successful bidder to provide these services.
- 6.7 General Conditions of contract as stipulated by the National Treasury of the Republic of South Africa will be applicable.

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 **To be completed by the organ of state**

- a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** 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 **To be completed by the organ of state:**

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
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:

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

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:

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = 90 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

Where

- P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
 P_t = Price of tender under consideration
 P_{max} = 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 allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor with at least 51% black women ownership	10	20		
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 4 contributor with at least 51% women ownership	9	18		
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor with at least 51% black youth or disabled ownership	8	16		
B-BBEE Status Level 1 - 2 contributor	7	14		
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 8 contributor with at least 51% youth or disabled ownership	5	12		
B-BBEE Status Level 3 - 4 contributor	4	8		
B-BBEE Status Level 5 - 8 contributor	2	4		
Others (Non-Compliant)	0	0		
Note: In the event of a bidder claiming more than one specific goal category, SASSA will allocate points based on specific goal with the highest points.				

Returnable document to claim points	Please tick below for the attached document
1. B-BBEE Certificate	
2. Sworn Affidavit (EME or QSE)	
3. CSD registration number	

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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BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

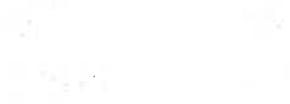
- 1.1** Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.
- 1.2** Where a person/s are 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. BIDDER'S DECLARATION

- 2.1** Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES / NO**

- 2.1.1** If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

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.



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

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 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**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3. DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name) 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 not to be true and complete in every respect;

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- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 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

² Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.



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investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder