



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM

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Dear Bidder

Subject Matter: Request for Proposals - Appointment of a service provider cost consultancy service assessment not limited to advertising, activation and production etc for South African Tourism.

South African Tourism Board (SA Tourism) was established by section 2 of the Tourism Act No 72 of 1993 and continues to exist in terms of section 9 of the new Tourism Act No 3 of 2014. South African Tourism is a schedule 3 A Public Entity in terms of schedule 3 of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999.

The mandate of SA Tourism in terms of the Tourism Act is to provide for the development and promotion of sustainable tourism for the benefit of the Republic, its residents and its visitors. It is common because that tourism is a key strategic industry in terms of The National Tourism Sector Strategy documents as it supports governments' objectives of alleviating the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

Section 217 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, prescribes that goods and services must be contracted through a system that is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective and confers a constitutional right on every potential supplier to offer goods and services to the public sector when needed.

SA Tourism has various marketing and communication agencies that execute marketing, activation and production services across the organisation. It is for this reason that SA Tourism is looking for a cost consultant to achieve the objectives outlined below:

- Partnering with SA Tourism's sourcing team to develop cost-saving initiatives;
- Provide experts in cost saving across the entire marketing spend;
- Skills transfer on the basis of cost savings to the SA Tourism sourcing team;
- Ensure that procurement best practice is followed and that all production costs are transparent;
- Experience all around the globe, with all types of media, including TV, Print, Digital etc;
- Looking for ways to get cost-effective and value for money for SA Tourism spend on advertising, activation, production and digital development as costs continue to rise while budgets are constrained or cut;
- Vendor bill-monitoring systems that control costs beyond the approved estimate stage etc;
- Full close-up report with recommendations after services rendered by the supplier.



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1. Format of proposal

Bidders must complete and return all the necessary standard bidding documents (SBD's) attached to this request for technical and financial proposals.

Bidders are advised that their proposals should be concise, written in plain English and simply presented in the same order as indicated below: -

- (a) Cover letter introducing your firm and credentials, capacity, capability and experience for this assignment;
- (b) National Treasury Centralized Supplier Database (CSD) registration summary report with a valid tax compliant status;
- (c) Valid certified copy of B-BBEE certificate or a sworn affidavit for firms that have less than R10 million turnover ;
- (d) Bidders must have specific experience and submit at least three recent references (in a form of written proof(s) on their client's letterhead including relevant contact person(s), office telephone & fax number, website and email address) where similar work were undertaken.
- (e) Overview of the methodology your firm will apply for this assignment;
- (f) Project/assignment approach and plan which outlines the activities to be undertaken during the process bearing in mind that SA Tourism requires the entire process to be finalised as rapidly as possible;
- (g) Outline of the qualifications and related experience of the proposed candidate who will be assigned to the matter;
- (h) Financial proposal to deliver the assignment including any other cost SA Tourism should be aware off for the successful completion of the assignment;
- (i) Declaration of Interest - SBD 4;
- (j) Preference Point Claim Form - SBD 6.1;

2. Cost structure and project plan

Bidders must submit the total bid price for the assignment based on the skills, resources and time allocated to the project. Bidders should also propose innovation in their technical proposals to keep the cost to a minimum where SA Tourism will still benefit from the best possible qualitative outcome. The bidder must provide two costing options for evaluation purposes as follows:

- Monthly retainer for a period of 12 months with details element included in the retainer;
- Per project percentage costing/ hourly rate.

SA Tourism reserves the right to request additional information or clarity on cost proposals prior to the evaluation thereof.

3. Evaluation Method

The evaluation process of bids will comprise of the following phases:

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Administration and Mandatory bid requirements	Functionality	Price and B-BBEE
Compliance with administration and mandatory bid requirements	Bids will be evaluated in terms of functionality. Bidders should reach a minimum of 70% on functionality to advance to phase 3	The bidders that have successfully progressed through to Phase 2 will be evaluated in accordance with the 80/20 preference point system contemplated in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act,

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
		80 points will be awarded for price while 20 points will be allocated for preference points for BBEE as prescribed in the regulations.

5.1 Points awarded for functionality:

EVALUATION CRITERIA		Weight
The Bids will be evaluated on a scale of 0 - 3 in accordance with the criteria below. The rating will be as follows: 0 = None responsive 1 = unsatisfactory, 2 = acceptable, 3 = excellent ,		
Bidders relevant experience to the assignment specifically demonstrating capacity and capability pertaining to advertising, activation, and production cost consultancy etc. 3 years up to 5 = 1 + 5 years up to 7 = 2 more than 7 years = 3		30
Methodology and approach: - Bidders must provide a detailed description of how they intend executing the assignment from inception to completion. - This must include, as a minimum, - project plan with clear time frames etc.		30
Expertise and experience of proposed team leader: Proven experience of proposed Team Leader to be deployed to the project. Number of years' experience of the proposed team member in: Advertising Agencies' experience of the Team leader CV/Profile demonstrating the the below for evaluation Less than 3 years=0 3 years up to 5 = 1 6 years up to 7 = 2 more than 7 years = 3		40
TOTAL POINTS FOR FUNCTIONALITY		100
A threshold of 70% is applicable.		

“Functionality” means the measurement according to predetermined norms, as set out in the bid documents, of a service or commodity that is designed to be practical and useful, working or operating, considering, among other factors, the quality, reliability, viability and durability of service and the technical capacity and ability of a bidder.

- I. Bids will be evaluated strictly according to the bid evaluation criteria stipulated in this section.
- II. Bidders must, as part of their bid documents, submit supportive documentation for all functional requirements. The official responsible for scoring the respective bids will evaluate and score all bids based on bid submissions and the information provided.
- III. The score for functionality will be calculated in terms of the 0 - 3 rating scale as shown in the functionality criteria matrix under paragraph 5.1.
- IV. The value score for each criterion will be multiplied with the specified weighting for the relevant criterion to obtain the marks scored for each criterion. These scores will be added and expressed as a fraction of the best possible score for all criteria.
- V. The points for functionality and the points for B-BBEE level of contribution will be added together and the proposal from the bidder which meets the highest score will be deemed the preferred proposal.

Technical Functional Evaluation Matrix

Rating	Definition	Score
Excellent	Exceeds the requirement. Exceptional demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources, and quality measures required to provide the goods/services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential value, with supporting evidence.	3
Acceptable	Satisfies the requirement with minor additional benefits, above average demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources, and quality measures required to provide the goods/services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential required services, with supporting evidence.	2
Average	Submission meets the minimum requirement with major reservations. Considerable reservations of the supplier's relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource, and quality measures required to provide the goods/services, with little or no supporting evidence.	1
Unacceptable	Does not meet the requirement. Does not comply and/or insufficient information provided to demonstrate that the supplier has the ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources & quality measures required to provide the goods/services, with little or no supporting evidence.	0

5.2 Awarding of Points for Price and Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment

The bidders that have successfully progressed through to Phase 3 (bidders who meet the minimum threshold for the functionality of 70%) will be evaluated in accordance with the 80/20 preference point system contemplated in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2017.

80 points will be awarded for the price while 20 points will be allocated for preference points for BBEE as prescribed in the regulations.

Points for B-BBEE level of contribution will be awarded in accordance with the below table: -

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

5.3 Adjudication and Final Award of Bid

The successful bidder will usually be the service provider scoring the highest number of points for comparative price and BBEE level of contribution or it may be a lower scoring bid on justifiable grounds or no award at all.

6 National Treasury Centralized Supplier Registration and B-BBEE Certificates

All bid submissions must include a copy of successful registration on the National Treasury's Centralized Supplier Database (CSD) with a valid tax clearance status and an original or certified copy of a B-BBEE verification certificate (if you have been assessed).

Proposals that does not include these documents will not be considered.

7. Deadline for submission

All proposals must be e-mailed, in PDF format, to quotes@southafrica.net no later than **11h00 on Thursday 11 August 2022** and should remain valid for at least 45 calendar days after the closing date.

8. Confidentiality

The request for a technical and cost proposal and all related information shall be held in strict confidence by bidders and usage of such information shall be limited to the preparation of the bid. All bidders are bound by a confidentiality agreement preventing the unauthorized disclosure of any information regarding SA Tourism or of its activities to any other organization or individual. The bidders may not disclose any information, documentation, or products to other clients without the written approval of SA Tourism.

9. Payments

No advance payments will be made in respect of this assignment. Payments shall be made in terms of the deliverables as agreed upon and shall be made strictly in accordance with the prescripts of the PFMA (Public Finance Management Act, 1999. Act 1 of 1999).

The successful bidder shall after completion of the contract, invoice SA Tourism for the services rendered. No payment will be made to the successful bidder unless an invoice complying with section 20 of VAT Act No 89 of 1991 has been submitted to SA Tourism.

Payment shall be made into the bidder's bank account normally 30 days after receipt of an acceptable, valid invoice.

10. Non-compliance with delivery terms

The successful bidder must ensure that the work is confined to the scope as defined and agreed to. As soon as it becomes known to the bidder that they will not be able to deliver the services within the delivery period and/or against the quoted price and/or as specified, SA Tourism's Head of Supply Chain must be given immediate written notice to this effect.

11. Retention

Upon completion of the assignment and/or termination of the agreement, the successful bidder shall on demand hand over to SA Tourism's Audit and Risk Committee all documentation, information, etc. relevant to the assignment without the right of retention.

12. Cost

The bidder will bear all the costs associated with the preparation of the response and no costs or expenses incurred by the bidder will be borne by SA Tourism.

13. Cancellation of the request for a technical and cost proposal

SA Tourism may, prior to the award of the bid, have the right to cancel the bid if:

- (a) Due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the service; or
- (b) Funds are no longer available to cover the part and/or total envisaged expenditure; or
- (c) No acceptable bids are received.

SA Tourism reserves the right to withdraw this request for technical and cost proposals, amend the term, or postpone this work by email notice to all parties who have received this request.

14. Clarification

Any clarification required by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the Terms of Reference, or any other aspect concerning this request for technical and cost proposals, is to be requested in writing. From: The Sourcing Manager.

Thanking you and looking forward to your proposal in this regard.

Yours in Tourism

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