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INVITATION TO BID

DESCRIPTION:

**WCPT 01/2025/26: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC REVIEW & OUTLOOK (MERO) OF 2025**

CLOSING DATE AND TIME:

03 JULY 2025 AT 11:00

BID VALIDITY PERIOD:

90 DAYS

TENDER BOX:

**PROVINCIAL TREASURY
GROUND FLOOR (FOYER)
4 DORP STREET
TOWER BLOCK
CAPE TOWN**

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PHASE 1 (PART A): STANDARD BID DOCUMENTS (COMPLIANCE)				
#	Document Name	Included in the publish bid document	To be returned by the bidder	Bidder to tick YES if document is submitted
1.	WCBD 1: Invitation to Bid	Yes	Yes	
2.	Proof of authority must be submitted as per # 1 e.g., company resolution for the capacity under which this bid is signed	No	Yes	
3.	WCBD 3.3 Pricing schedule	Yes	Yes	
4.	WCBD 4: Declaration of Interest	Yes	Yes	
5.	WCBD 6.1: Preference Points Claim Form	Yes	Yes	
6.	Full CSD report	No	Yes	
7.	General Condition of Contract fully Signed and initiated on every page	Yes	Yes	
PHASE 1 (PART B): COMPLIANCE TO MINIMUM BID/TOR CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS				
1.	Qualifications of the research team (resources) as per the minimum requirements depicted in table B1		Yes	
2.	CV of the research team (resources) detailing the minimum requirements depicted in table B1.		Yes	
3.	Service provider to provide Portfolio of Evidence		Yes	
4	Reference letters		Yes	
5.	High level proposal		Yes	
PHASE 2: EVALUATION AGAINST THE FUNCTIONALITY CRITERIA				
1.	Bidder must submit all supporting documents and a minimum threshold of 70% must be achieved.		Yes	
PHASE 3: APPLICATION OF PRICE AND BBEE: 80/20 PREFERENCE POINTS SYSTEM				
1.	Price and preference system.		Yes	

SECTION A INFORMATION TO THE BIDDERS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Provincial Treasury (PT) hereby invites bids for the appointment of a service provider for the development of the Municipal Economic Review & Outlook (MERO) 2025, for the financial year 2025/26.
- 2.1 Note that the contract includes the option to extend for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years for the development of the 2026 and 2027 MERO publications, subject to satisfactory performance by the service provider and availability of budget.
- 3.1 The bidder(s) is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the bidding documents. Failure to furnish all information required by the bidding documents, may result in the rejection of its bid.

2. TIMELINES OF THE BID PROCESS

Activity	Due date
Advertisement of Bid on National Treasury e-Tenders Portal: https://www.etenders.gov.za/	02 June 2025
Bid Closure	03 July 2025
Notification of Successful Bidder(s)	1 August 2025
Notice to all bidders on National Treasury e-Tenders Portal: https://www.etenders.gov.za/	1 August 2025
Validity of Bids after Bid Closure is 90 days. However, circumstances may arise whereby the Provincial Treasury may request the bidders to extend the validity (binding) period. Should this occur, the Department will request bidders to extend the validity (binding) period under the same terms and conditions as originally tendered by the bidders. This request will be done before the expiry of the original validity (binding) period.	

3. CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

- 3.1. All prospective bidders intending to do business with the Institution must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).
- 3.2. Bidders must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) at the time of the award. Failure to be actively registered on the CSD by the time of award will result in the disqualification of the bid.
- 3.3. If you wish to apply for CSD registration, suppliers may go to www.csd.gov.za to register.
- 3.4. Bidders must ensure that all the documentation on the CSD is updated, complete and valid.
- 3.5. Bidders are also required to submit the latest CSD registration summary report. Bidders must ensure that their tax information on the CSD is up to date.
- 3.6. The bidders should furthermore note that CSD will be utilised to conform compliance to tax and other related matters, and it is therefore the bidder's responsibility to ensure compliance in all respects.

4. WESTERN CAPE SUPPLIER EVIDENCE BANK (WCSEB)

- 4.1. All prospective bidders intending to do business with the Institution must be registered with the Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank (WCSEB) if they wish to do business with the Western Cape Government (WCG) via the electronic Procurement Solution (ePS)

- 4.2. All prospective service providers are invited to register online as a supplier on the Western Cape e-Procurement Solution. Enquiries regarding the registration process may be referred to wcseb@westerncape.gov.za
- 4.3. Bidders bear the responsibility of ensuring that any documents that are housed and appear on the WCSEB, are fully accurately completed and valid at the time of bid closure.

5. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Physical address and hard and soft copy bid submission

- 5.1. Bidders are required to submit hard copies to Provincial Treasury, deposited in the bid box marked, "Provincial Treasury" situated at:

Ground Floor (Foyer)
4 Dorp Street (c/o Dorp and Keerom Street)
Tower Block
CAPE TOWN
8001

Or

couriered to:

For attention: Ms Tumeka Ndlazi
Provincial Treasury
4 Dorp Street (c/o Dorp and Keerom Street)
1st Floor, Tower Block
CAPE TOWN
8001

- 5.2. The hard copy of the bid response will serve as the legal bid document.
- 5.3. Bidders' attention is drawn to the sequential submission format as per the checklist in **Table 1 above**, in the following format:
- One (1) original hard copy
 - One (1) memory stick or USB with all the documents on the original hard copy and an Excel version of the pricing schedule. Bidders must ensure that the USB is marked with the bidder's name.
 - All documents on the USB submitted must be an exact copy of the hard copy documents. Any discrepancies between the USB document and the original hard copy, the hard copy will take precedence.
 - A bid should be submitted in a sealed envelope or sealed suitable cover on which the name and address of the bidder, the bid number and the closing date must be visible.
 - Submit all bid queries via email, pertaining bid procedure, specification, and technical queries, please contact the following:
 - Bid Procedure enquiries:
Ms Tumeka Ndlazi Email: Tumeka.Ndlazi@westerncape.gov.za
 - Specification and technical enquiries:
Ms Shannon Engel Email: Shannon.Engel@westerncape.gov.za

- 5.4. Potential bidders are required to send any enquiries related to the bid in writing to the abovementioned officials. All enquiries should be sent to the Department on or before the close of business day, 23 June 2025.
- 5.5. Bidders should note that all questions received will be consolidated and responses will be sent to all the bidders via e-Tender Portal.

6. COMMUNICATION

- 6.1. Provincial Treasury may communicate with bidders for, among others, where bid clarity is sought, to obtain information or to extend the validity period. Any communication either by an electronic mail or letter or any other form of correspondence to any department official, department or a person acting in an advisory capacity for the Provincial Treasury in respect of this bid between the closing date and the award of the bid by the bidder is prohibited.

7. GENERAL BID CONDITIONS

- 7.1. All bids are subject to the General Conditions of Contract of Government (GCC).
- 7.2. Bid documents will only be considered if received by the Department before the closing date and time.
- 7.3. Late bids will not be accepted.
- 7.4. Please note:
- a) It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that all the required documents of the bid are submitted.
 - b) A bid document checklist has been attached as **Table 1 above**. Bidders are required to complete the checklist and submit it with their bids. All the information listed on the bid document checklist must be included in the bid.
 - c) No correspondence will be entered into regarding non submission of compulsory required documents. Failure to submit the compulsory documents might render the bid non-responsive.
- 7.5. Only offers by bidders who bid for a complete service in respect of all services specified, will be considered.
- 7.6. The Western Cape Provincial Treasury (WCPT) is not bound to accept any of the proposals submitted.
- 7.7. All bids submitted must remain valid for **90 days** from date of submission.
- 7.8. The WCPT further reserves the right to request the bidders to deliver presentations to obtain more clarity on bids submitted.
- 7.9. Information in substantiation of the proposals can at any point in time be verified by the WCPT during the adjudication process. Any information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.
- 7.10. Bidders may not contact the WCPT on any matter pertaining to their bid from the bid closure date to the time the bid is awarded. Any effort by a bidder(s) to influence the bid evaluation, bid comparisons or bid award decisions, in any manner, will result in rejection of the bid concerned.
- 7.11. All educational qualifications should be from a South African accredited institution/s otherwise, **if from a foreign institution, they should be accredited by the South African Qualification Authorities (SAQA).**

- 7.12. Bidders must not have been convicted of criminal offence as per the Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977 and its amendments, and any other relevant legislation.
- 7.13. **Where the service provider will be insourcing/subcontracting resources, this must be clearly indicated in the bid document. Bidders intending to insource/subcontract must disclose such information on their WCBD 6.1 form and provide the sub-contractors information. (Please refer to section 9 of the WCBD 6.1 form).**
- 7.14. Proof of qualifications, CVs, B-BBEE Certificate/Sworn Affidavit and Central Supplier Database (CSD) Report of the insourcing/subcontracting resource/s must be submitted as part of the bid documents, along with the requirements of the main resources.
- 7.15. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**
- 7.15.1 The ownership of and all rights in and to intellectual property owned by either Party prior to the commencement of the contract shall be and remain vested with the Party who, at the commencement of the contract, is the owner thereof.
- 7.15.2 Subject to the provisions of clause 10.15.1, the successful bidder shall retain all intellectual property rights in any materials and the like of whatsoever nature developed by it for the Western Cape Government while rendering the services required in terms of the Terms of Reference (ToR). The successful bidder shall, however, grant to the Western Cape Government, a perpetual, irrevocable, world-wide, non-exclusive, and non-transferable royalty-free and fee-free license to use and adapt the intellectual property in such materials/reports and the like for the purpose of any future programmes that the Western Cape Government may require.
- 7.15.3 Ownership of all intellectual property in any reports that was specifically developed or generated by the successful bidder for the Provincial Treasury pursuant to these Terms of Reference shall vest in Provincial Treasury.
- 7.15.4 The successful bidder shall not use or allow any third party to use any of the documentation and materials specifically developed by the successful bidder for and with input from the Western Cape Government pursuant to these Terms of Reference without the prior written consent of the Provincial Treasury.
- 7.15.5 All information and documentation provided to the successful bidder by the Western Cape Government officials and/or municipalities in relation to and/or during the rendering of the services referred to in these Terms of Reference must be kept confidential by the successful bidder, may not be disclosed by the successful bidder to any third parties, unless prior written permission has been obtained from the Provincial Treasury and subject to any conditions stipulated by the Provincial Treasury.
- 7.15.6 The successful bidder/s hereby indemnifies the Provincial Treasury from and against any claim that any material used by the successful bidder/s, in the course of providing the Services to the Provincial Treasury pursuant to these Terms of Reference, infringes any third party's intellectual property rights.
- 7.16. **Joint Ventures, Consortiums and Trusts**
- 7.16.1 A trust, consortium, or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, certificate.
- 7.16.2 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they

were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid.

- 7.16.3 Bidders must submit concrete proof of the existence of joint ventures and/or consortium arrangements. Provincial Treasury will accept signed agreements as acceptable proof of the existence of a joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.
- 7.16.4 The joint venture and/or consortium agreements must clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of the Lead Partner and the joint venture and/or consortium party. The agreement must also clearly identify the Lead Partner, with the power of attorney to bind the other party/parties in respect of matters pertaining to the joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.

Annexure A: Part A - Invitation to BID

INVITATION TO BID

ZERO-TOLERANCE TO FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION (ANTI-FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION

THE WCPT IS COMMITTED TO GOVERN ETHICALLY AND TO COMPLY FULLY WITH ANTI-FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION LAWS AND TO CONTINUOUSLY CONDUCT ITSELF WITH INTEGRITY AND WITH PROPER REGARD FOR ETHICAL PRACTICES. THE WCPT HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE APPROACH TO ACTS OF FRAUD, THEFT AND CORRUPTION BY ITS OFFICIALS AND ANY SERVICE PROVIDER CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE WCPT.

THE WCPT EXPECTS ALL ITS OFFICIALS AND ANYONE ACTING ON ITS BEHALF TO COMPLY WITH THESE PRINCIPLES TO ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE WCPT AND THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES.

THE WCPT IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING PUBLIC REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, ASSETS AND REPUTATION FROM ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY PERSON TO GAIN FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFIT IN AN UNLAWFUL, DISHONEST OR UNETHICAL MANNER.

INCIDENTS AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND WHERE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IS CONFIRMED, RESPONSIBLE PARTIES WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL TREASURY

BID NUMBER:	WCPT:01/2025/26	CLOSING DATE:	03 JULY 2025	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	WCPT 01/2025/26: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC REVIEW & OUTLOOK (MERO) 2025				

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX (MARKED "PROVINCIAL TREASURY") SITUATED AT:

Ground Floor (Foyer)
4 Dorp Street (c/o Dorp and Keerom street)
Tower Block,
CAPE TOWN
8000

BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO		TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:	
CONTACT PERSON	Ms Tumeka Ndlazi	CONTACT PERSON	Shannon Engel
TELEPHONE NUMBER	021 483 8915	TELEPHONE NUMBER	021 483 9198
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Tumeka.Ndlazil@westerncape.gov.za	E-MAIL ADDRESS	Shannon.Engel@westerncape.gov.za

SUPPLIER INFORMATION

NAME OF BIDDER						
POSTAL ADDRESS						
STREET ADDRESS						
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER			
CELLPHONE NUMBER						
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER			
E-MAIL ADDRESS						
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER						
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	WCSEB No.		TCS PIN:		AND	CSD No: MAAA

Please initial.....

SUPPLIER INFORMATION			
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ACREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS)	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMEs& QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETED 6.1 IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]			
1.1.1.1 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]	1.1.1.2 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 BIDDING 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	
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.			

Please initial.....

1.	BID SUBMISSION
1.1	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2	ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED – (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4	THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (WCBD7).
2.	TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3	APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA .
2.4	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA/JOINT VENTURES/SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE AND CSD NUMBER AS MENTIONED IN 2.3 ABOVE.
2.6	WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7	NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."
NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE/OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN CAPE

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, BIDDERS PAST SCM PRACTICES AND INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

1. To give effect to the requirements of the Western Cape Provincial Treasury Instructions, 2019: Supply Chain Management (Goods and Services), Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) Supply Chain Management (SCM) Instruction No. 3 of 2021/2022 - SBD 4 Declaration of Interest, Section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998 as amended together with its associated regulations, the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 and regulations pertaining to the tender defaulters register, Paragraph 16A9 of the National Treasury Regulations and/or any other applicable legislation.
2. 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.
3. All prospective bidders intending to do business with the Institution must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) and the Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank (WCSEB) if they wish to do business with the Western Cape Government (WCG) via the electronic Procurement Solution (e-PS).
4. The status of enterprises and persons listed on the National Treasury's Register for Tender Defaulters will be housed on the e-PS. Institutions may not under any circumstances procure from enterprises and persons listed on the Database of Tender Defaulters.
5. The status of suppliers listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers will be housed on the e-PS; however, it remains incumbent on institutions to check the National Treasury Database of Restricted Suppliers before the conclusion of any procurement process. For suppliers listed as restricted, institutions must apply due diligence and risk assessment before deciding to proceed with procurement from any such supplier

6. **DEFINITIONS**

"bid" means a bidder's response to an institution's invitation to participate in a procurement process which may include a bid, price quotation or proposal;

"Bid rigging (or collusive bidding)" occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and/or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and/or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors;

"business interest" means:

- a) a right or entitlement to share in profits, revenue or assets of an entity;
- b) a real or personal right in property;
- c) a right to remuneration or any other private gain or benefit, or

- d) includes any interest contemplated in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) acquired through an intermediary and any potential interest in terms of any of those paragraphs;

“Consortium or Joint Venture” 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;

“Controlling interest” means, 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.

“Corruption”- General offences of corruption are defined in the Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No 12 of 2004) as:

Any person who directly or indirectly -

- a) accepts or agrees or offers to accept an! gratification from any other person, whether for the benefit of himself or herself or for the benefit of another person; or
- b) gives or agrees or offers to give to any other person any gratification, whether for the benefit of that other person or for the benefit of another person., in order to act personally or by influencing another person so to act, in a manner:
 - (i) that amounts to the:
 - (aa) illegal, dishonest, unauthorised, incomplete. or biased: or
 - (bb) misuse or selling of information or material acquired in the course of the exercise, carrying out or performance of any powers, duties or functions arising out of a constitutional, statutory, contractual or any other legal obligation:
 - (ii) that amounts to:
 - (aa) the abuse of a position of authority;
 - (bb) a breach of trust; or
 - (cc) the violation of a legal duty or a set of rules;
 - (iii) designed to achieve an unjustified result; or
 - (iv) that amounts to any other unauthorised or improper inducement to do or 45 not to do anything. of the, is guilty of the offence of corruption

“CSD” means the Central Supplier Database maintained by National Treasury;

“employee”, in relation to:

- a) a department, means a person contemplated in section 8 of the Public Service Act, 1994 but excludes a person appointed in terms of section 12A of that Act; and
- b) a public entity, means a person employed by the public entity;

“entity” means any:

- a) association of persons, whether or not incorporated or registered in terms of any law, including a company, corporation, trust, partnership, close corporation, joint venture or consortium; or

b) sole proprietorship;

“entity conducting business with the Institution” means an entity that contracts or applies or tenders for the sale, lease or supply of goods or services to the Province;

“Family member” means a person's:

a) spouse; or

b) child, parent, brother, sister, whether such a relationship results from birth, marriage or adoption or some other legal arrangement (as the case may be);

“intermediary” means a person through whom an interest is acquired and includes a representative or agent or any other person who has been granted authority to act on behalf of another person;

“Institution” means:

a provincial department or provincial public entity listed in Schedule 3C of the Act;

“Provincial Government Western Cape (PGWC)” means:

a) the Institution of the Western Cape; and

b) a provincial public entity;

“RWOEE” means:

Remunerative Work Outside of the Employee's Employment

“spouse” means a person's:

a) partner in marriage or civil union according to legislation;

b) partner in a customary union according to indigenous law; or

c) partner with whom he or she cohabits and who is publicly acknowledged by the person as his or her life partner or permanent companion;

7. Regulation 13(c) of the Public Service Regulations (PSR) 2016, effective 1 February 2017, prohibits any employee from conducting business with an organ of state, or holding a directorship in a public or private company doing business with an organ of state unless the employee is a director (in an official capacity) of a company listed in schedules 2 and 3 of the Public Finance Management Act.

a) Therefore, by 31 January 2017, all employees who are conducting business with an organ of state should either have:

(i) resigned as an employee of the government institution;

(ii) ceased conducting business with an organ of state; or

(iii) resigned as a director/shareholder/owner/member of an entity that conducts business with an organ of state.

8. Any legal person, or their family members, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of potential conflict of interest, in the event that the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to family members of persons employed by an organ of state, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/ adjudicating authority where the bidder is employed by the Institution.

9. The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder or any of its directors abused the institution's supply chain management system; committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or failed to perform on any previous contract.
10. Section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging). Collusive bidding is a per se prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
11. Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorises accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a) disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b) cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
12. Communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium will not be construed as collusive bidding.
13. 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 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.

SECTION A DETAILS OF THE ENTITY		
	CSD Registration Number	MAAA
	Name of the Entity	
	Entity registration Number (where applicable)	
	Entity Type	
	Tax Reference Number	
Full details of directors, shareholder, member, partner, trustee, sole proprietor or any persons having a controlling interest with a right or entitlement to share in profits, revenue or assets of the entity should be disclosed in the Table A below.		

Please initial.....

TABLE A

FULL NAME	DESIGNATION (Where a director is a shareholder, both should be confirmed)	IDENTITY NUMBER	PERSONAL TAX REFERENCE NO.	PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE ENTITY

SECTION B: DECLARATION OF THE BIDDER'S INTEREST

The supply chain management system of an institution must, irrespective of the procurement process followed, prohibit any award to an employee of the state, who either individually or as a director of a public or private company or a member of a close corporation, seek to conduct business with the WCPT, unless such employee is in an official capacity a director of a company listed in Schedule 2 or 3 of the PFMA as prescribed by the Public Service Regulation 13(c). Furthermore, an employee employed by an organ of state conducting remunerative work outside of the employee's employment should first obtain the necessary approval by the delegated authority (RWOEE), failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in disciplinary action.

B1.	Are any persons listed in Table A identified on the CSD as employees of an organ of state? (If yes, refer to Public Service Circular EIM 1/2016 to exercise the listed actions)	NO	YES
B2.	Are any employees of the entity also employees of an organ of state? (If yes complete Table B and attach their approved "RWOEE")	NO	YES
B3.	Are any family members of the persons listed in Table A employees of an organ of state? (If yes complete Table B)	NO	YES

TABLE B

Details of persons (family members) connected to or employees of an organ of state should be disclosed in Table B below.

FULL NAME OF EMPLOYEE	IDENTITY NUMBER	DEPARTMENT/ ENTITY OF EMPLOYMENT	DESIGNATION/ RELATIONSHIP TO BIDDER**	INSTITUTION EMPLOYEE NO./ PERSAL NO. (Indicate if not known)

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SECTION C: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

To enable the prospective bidder to provide evidence of past and current performance.

C1.	Did the entity conduct business with an organ of state in the last twelve months? (If yes complete Table C)	NO	YES
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C2. Table C

Complete the below table to the maximum of the last five contracts

NAME OF CONTRACTOR	PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OR PROVINCIAL ENTITY	TYPE OF SERVICES OR COMMODITY	CONTRACT/ ORDER NUMBER	PERIOD OF CONTRACT	VALUE OF CONTRACT
C3. Is the entity or its principals listed on the National Database as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector?					NO YES
C4. Is the entity or its principals listed on the National Treasury Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No. 12 of 2004)?					NO YES
<i>(To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, www.treasury.gov.za, click on the icon "Register for Tender Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 326 5445.)</i>					
C5. If yes to C3 or C4, were you informed in writing about the listing on the database of restricted suppliers or Register for Tender Defaulters by National Treasury?					NO YES
C6. Was the entity or persons listed in Table A convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years in a court of law (including a court outside the Republic of South Africa)?					NO YES
C7. Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?					NO YES

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SECTION D: DULY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE TO DEPOSE TO AFFIDAVIT

This form must be signed by a duly authorised representative of the entity in the presence of a commissioner of oaths.

- I, hereby swear/affirm;
- i. that the information disclosed above is true and accurate;
 - ii. that I have read understand the content of the document;
 - iii. that I have arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.
 - iv. that the entity undertakes to independently arrive at any offer at any time to the Institution without any consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. In addition, that there will be no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specification, 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;
 - v. that the entity or its representative are aware of and undertakes not to disclose the terms of any bid, formal or informal, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract; and
 - vi. that there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made 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 that my entity was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

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DULY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

I certify that before administering the oath/affirmation I asked the deponent the following questions and wrote down his/her answers in his/her presence:

- 1.1 Do you know and understand the contents of the declaration? ANSWER:
- 1.2 Do you have any objection to taking the prescribed oath? ANSWER:
- 1.3 Do you consider the prescribed oath to be binding on your conscience? ANSWER:
- 1.4 Do you want to make an affirmation? ANSWER:
2. I certify that the deponent has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this declaration, which was sworn to/affirmed and the deponent's signature/thumbprint/mark was place thereon in my presence.

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SIGNATURE FULL NAMES Commissioner of Oaths

Designation (rank) **ex officio:** Republic of South Africa

Date: **Place**

Business Address:

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022 AND IN TERMS OF THE WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENTS INTERIM STRATEGY AS IT RELATES TO PREFERENCE POINTS

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS (TENDERERS) MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER, PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022 AND THE BROAD BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ACT AND THE CODES OF GOOD PRACTICE

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 **"acceptable tender"** means any tender which, in all respects, complies with the specifications and conditions of tender as set out in the tender document.
- 1.2 **"affidavit"** is a type of verified statement or showing, or in other words, it contains a verification, meaning it is under oath or penalty of perjury, and this serves as evidence to its veracity and is required for court proceedings.
- 1.3 **"all applicable taxes"** includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
- 1.4 **"B-BBEE"** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 1.5 **"B-BBEE status level of contributor"** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 1.6 **"bid"** means a written offer on the official bid documents or invitation of price quotations and **"tender"** is the act of bidding/tendering;
- 1.7 **"Code of Good Practice"** means the generic codes or the sector codes as the case may be;
- 1.8 **"consortium or joint venture"** 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;
- 1.9 **"contract"** means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by an organ of state;
- 1.10 **"EME"** is an Exempted Micro Enterprise with an annual total revenue of R10 million or less.
- 1.11 **"Firm price"** means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;
- 1.12 **"Large Enterprise"** is any enterprise with an annual total revenue above R50 million;
- 1.13 **"non-firm prices"** means all prices other than "firm" prices;

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- 1.14 **"person"** includes a juristic person;
- 1.15 **"price"** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- 1.16 **"proof of B-BBEE status level contributor"** means-
- a) The B-BBEE status level certificate issued by an authorised body or person;
 - b) A sworn affidavit as prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice; or
 - c) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act.
- 1.17 **QSE** is a Qualifying Small Enterprise with an annual total revenue between R10 million and R50 million;
- 1.18 **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- 1.19 **"sub-contract"** means the primary contractor's assigning, leasing, making out work to, or employing, another person to support such primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract;
- 1.20 **"tender"** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- 1.21 **"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;
- 1.22 **"the Act"** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000);
- 1.23 **"the Regulations"** means the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022;
- 1.24 **"total revenue"** bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and promulgated in the *Government Gazette on 11 October 2013*;
- 1.25 **"trust"** means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person; and
- 1.26 **"trustee"** means any person, including the founder of a trust, to whom property is bequeathed in order for such property to be administered for the benefit of another person.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 2.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
- 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).

2.2 **Preference point system for this bid:**

- a) **The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable;**

2.3 Preference points for this bid (even in the case of a tender for income-generate contracts) shall be awarded for:

- a) Price; and
b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.

2.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

2.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to fill in, sign this form and submit in the circumstances prescribed in the Codes of Good Practice either a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS) or an affidavit confirming annual total revenue and level of black ownership together with the bid or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

2.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

3. ADJUDICATION USING A POINT SYSTEM

3.1 Subject to Section 2(1)(f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, the **bidder obtaining the highest number of total points** will be awarded the contract.

3.2 A tenderer must submit proof of its B-BBEE status level of contributor in order to claim points for B-BBEE.

3.3 A tenderer failing to submit proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor or is a non-compliant contributor to B-BBEE will not be disqualified but will only score:

- a) points out of 80 for price; and
b) 0 points out of 20 for B-BBEE

3.4 Points scored must be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.

3.5 In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.

3.6 As per section 2(1)(f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000, the contract may be awarded to a bidder other than the one scoring the highest number of total points based on objective criteria in addition to those contemplated in paragraph (d) and (e) of the Act that justifies the award to another tenderer provided that it has been stipulated upfront in the tendering conditions.

3.7 Should two or more bids be equal in all respects; the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

4. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

4.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

4.1.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{80/20} & & \text{90/10} \\ P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) & \text{or} & P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \end{array}$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

P_t = Price of tender under consideration

P_{\min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender

5. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

5.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{80/20} & & \text{90/10} \\ P_s = 80 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{\max}}{P_{\max}} \right) & \text{or} & P_s = 90 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{\max}}{P_{\max}} \right) \end{array}$$

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

6. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION

6.1 In terms of WCG interim strategy, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

- 6.2 An **EME** must submit a valid, originally certified affidavit confirming annual turnover and level of black ownership or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission.
- 6.3 A **QSE that is less than 51 per cent (50 per cent or less) black owned** must be verified in terms of the QSE scorecard issued via Government Gazette and submit a valid, original or a legible certified copy of a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by SANAS.
- 6.4 A **QSE that is at least 51 per cent black owned (51 per cent or higher)** must submit a valid, originally certified affidavit confirming turnover and level of black ownership as well as declare its empowering status or an affidavit issued by Companies Intellectual Property Commission.
- 6.5 A **large enterprise** must submit a valid, original or originally certified copy of a B-BBEE Verification Certificate issued by a verification agency accredited by SANAS.
- 6.6 A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- 6.7 A trust, consortium or joint venture (including unincorporated consortia and joint ventures) must submit a consolidated B-BBEE status level verification certificate for every separate tender.
- 6.8 Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialised scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.

7. BID DECLARATION

- 7.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

7.1.1 B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 5

7.2 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution = (maximum of 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 6.1 and must be substantiated by means of a B-BBEE certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or an affidavit confirming annual total revenue and level of black ownership in terms of the relevant sector code applicable to the tender.

8. SUB-CONTRACTING

8.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? **YES/NO** (delete which is not applicable)

8.1.1 If yes, indicate:

(i) what percentage of the contract will be subcontracted?%

(ii) the name of the sub-contractor?

(iii) the B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor?

(iv) whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE? **YES/NO** (delete which is not applicable)

8.1.2 Sub-contracting relates to a **particular** contract and if sub-contracting is applicable, the bidder to state in their response to a particular RFQ that a portion of that contract will be sub-contracted.

9. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

9.1 Name of company/entity:

9.2 VAT registration number:

9.3 Company Registration number:

9.4 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

[SELECT APPLICABLE ONE]

9.5 I/we, the undersigned, who is/are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBEE status level of contribution indicated in paragraph 7 above, qualifies the company/firm for the preference(s) shown and I/we acknowledge that:

- a) The Western Cape Government reserves the right to audit the B-BBEE status claim submitted by the bidder.
- b) As set out in Section 13O of the B-BBEE Act as amended, any misrepresentation constitutes a criminal offence. A person commits an offence if that person knowingly:
 - (i) misrepresents or attempts to misrepresent the B-BBEE status of an enterprise;

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- (ii) provides false information or misrepresents information to a B-BBEE Verification Professional in order to secure a particular B-BBEE status or any benefit associated with compliance to the B-BBEE Act;
 - (iii) provides false information or misrepresents information relevant to assessing the B-BBEE status of an enterprise to any organ of state or public entity; or
 - (iv) engages in a fronting practice.
- c) If a B-BBEE verification professional or any procurement officer or other official of an organ of state or public entity becomes aware of the commission of, or any attempt to commit any offence referred to in paragraph 9.1 (a) above will be reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation.
- d) Any person convicted of an offence by a court is liable in the case of contravention of 9.4 (b) to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 10 years or to both a fine and such imprisonment or, if the convicted person is not a natural person to a fine not exceeding 10 per cent of its annual turnover.
- e) The purchaser may, if it becomes aware that a bidder may have obtained its B-BBEE status level of contribution on a fraudulent basis, investigate the matter. Should the investigation warrant a restriction be imposed, this will be referred to the National Treasury for investigation, processing and imposing the restriction on the National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers. The bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, may 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.
- a) **The purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have:**
- (v) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (vi) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (vii) 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; and
 - (viii) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.
- b) The information furnished is true and correct.
- c) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 2 of this form.

SIGNATURE(S) OF THE BIDDER(S):

DATE:

ADDRESS:

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WITNESSES:

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Annexure D: General conditions of contract

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

General Conditions of the Contract

1. Definitions

- 1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 “**Closing time**” means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 “**Contract**” means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 “**Contract price**” means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 “**Corrupt practice**” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 “**Countervailing duties**” are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidised by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 “**Country of origin**” means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognised new product results that are substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 “**Day**” means calendar day.
 - 1.8 “**Delivery**” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 “**Delivery ex stock**” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 “**Delivery into consignees store or to his site**” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.

- 1.11 "**Dumping**" occurs when a private enterprise abroad markets its goods on their own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
- 1.12 "**Force majeure**" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "**Fraudulent practice**" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "**GCC**" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "**Goods**" means all of the equipment, machinery and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "**Imported content**" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "**Local content**" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "**Manufacture**" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "**Order**" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "**Project site**" where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "**Purchaser**" means the organisation purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "**Republic**" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "**SCC**" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "**Services**" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.25 "**Written**" or "**in writing**" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, PRETORIA 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specification.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection

- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance Security

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
- a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
 - b) a cashier's or certified cheque.
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections Tests and Analyses

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organisation acting on behalf of the Department.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal, the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

- 11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

- 12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivery price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental Services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- c) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - d) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - e) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
 - f) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
 - g) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.
- 13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

- 14.1 As specified in the SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:
- a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
 - b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

- 15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.
- 15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in the SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without cost to the purchaser.
- 15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in the SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in the SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfilment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in the SCC.

17. Prices

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorised in the SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract amendments

- 18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

- 19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

- 20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in supplier's performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practical after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.
- 21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.
- 21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

- 22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

- 23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:
- a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
 - b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
 - c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.
- 23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such a manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.
- 23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.
- 23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days, the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.
- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer/Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer/Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person is, or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer/Authority actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the supplier and/or person restricted by the purchaser;
 - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction;
 - (iii) the period of restriction; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded onto the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

- 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidised import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him.

25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for solvency

- 26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of disputes

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.

- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein:
- a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6:
- a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and
 - b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing Language

- 29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable law

- 30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in the SCC.

31. Notices

- 31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice.
- 31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and duties

- 32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.
- 32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.

- 32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid, the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.

33. National Industrial Participation Programme

- 33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.

34. Prohibition of restrictive practices

- 34.1 In terms of section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is/are or a contractor(s) was/were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).
- 34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has/have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.
- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has/have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and/or terminate the contract in whole or part, and/or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and/or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

SECTION B: TERMS OF REFERENCE

BID REFERENCE NUMBER - WCPT 01/2025/26: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC REVIEW & OUTLOOK (MERO) 2025

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To appoint a service provider for the development of the Municipal Economic Review & Outlook (MERO) 2025.

Note: that the contract includes the option to extend for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years for the development of the 2026 and 2027 MERO publications, subject to satisfactory performance by the service provider and availability of budget.

- 1.2 The MERO is a research publication that provides an overview of the Western Cape socio-economic environment at local government level. The intention of the MERO is to provide a comprehensive overview of the recent economic performance and outlook for each municipality of the Western Cape.

- 1.3 As a complementary publication to the Provincial Economic Review & Outlook (PERO), Provincial Treasury (PT) assists municipalities by compiling an annual MERO publication providing the socio-economic intelligence needed to inform and guide credible, responsive, and sustainable municipal planning and budgeting to propel local economies towards an inclusive growth path.

- 1.4 The MERO publication will consist of six (6) booklets, one for each region of the Western Cape, these are:

- Cape Metro;
- Cape Winelands District;
- West Coast District;
- Overberg District;
- Garden Route District; and
- Central Karoo District.

3. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 PT's overall aim for the MERO is to add background and substance to the broad outline of macro-economic and sectoral dimensions that feature in the PERO and other economic literature available to local government policymakers across the Western Cape. This allows an informed interpretation of development in the province.

- 3.2 Key objectives of the MERO may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) Identification of constraints and opportunities to development, per municipality;
- b) Investigate the most appropriate avenues to escalate job-creation growth, per municipality;
- c) Highlight the interventions required to facilitate faster growth, per municipality and district;
- d) Provide updated historical economic information (review);
- e) Provide two-year sectoral and overall district and municipal forecasts (Outlook);
- f) Analyse sectoral developments and trends for the metro/districts and local municipalities;
- g) Analysis of regional industry linkages; and

h) Explore trade and tourism opportunities within each district, inclusive of a value chain analysis.

3.3 The aim is therefore to provide recent information of the socio-economic and sectoral environment, which in turn informs policy and appropriate interventions required by policymakers.

4. SCOPE OF WORK

4.1 The MERO publication contains 4 sections, namely the Introduction and Background, Section A: Macroeconomic Performance and Outlook, Section B: Economic Growth and Jobs, and Section C: Safety and Well-being. There are working titles and are subject to change. The service provider will be required to compile the following sections of the publication: Introduction and Background; Section A; and Section B, while Section C will be developed by PT.

4.2 The scope of work entails the following deliverables:

- a) Data collection: The service provider will be responsible for collecting data from credible data service providers, as well as from respective Municipalities via municipal surveys. PT will collect data from provincial departments and other government agencies for the purpose of analysis in the MERO publication. The service provider is required to submit all raw data collected as well as the analysed and formatted data to PT within the limitations/restrictions of any secondary data service providers.
- b) The service provider is required to develop six (6) individual MERO booklets for each of the regions in the Western Cape comprising of the five (5) districts (West Coast, Overberg, Cape Winelands, Garden Route, Central Karoo) and the City of Cape Town.
- c) The service provider is required to draft the Introduction and Background, which will contextualise the publication, delineating its purpose, objectives, intended utilisation, and application.
- d) The service provider will be required to draft "Section A" which should include a summary of the global, national and Western Cape macroeconomic review and outlook for inclusion in each booklet, as outlined in Section 5.1 of the ToR.
- e) The service provider will be required to draft "Section B" which should contain an analysis of the economy and labour market of the respective region of the Western Cape and its municipalities, inclusive of GDP estimates for the preceding year, as well as two-year sectoral, national, regional, district and municipal GDP forecasts for each booklet, as outlined in section 5.1 of ToR.
- f) The service provider must collaborate with the PT-appointed graphic designer on the design of document templates and layouts for the Introduction and Background, Sections A and B, ensuring standardization across all six (6) booklets. The design must adhere to the Western Cape Government Style Guide.
- g) The service provider should make use of innovative data visualisations where viable, steering away from the exclusive use of line, bar and pie charts to represent data. These should be standardised across all six (6) booklets.
- h) Maps should be used for the spatial representation of selected data.
- i) For each MERO booklet, the service provider is required to collaborate with the graphic designer appointed by PT to develop a 1 - 2-page infographic summarizing each section, as well a comprehensive infographic summary of the Western Cape, to be incorporated into each MERO booklet.

- j) The service provider should incorporate comments from various stakeholders including but not limited to PT, the Western Cape Ministry of Finance and Economic Opportunities and municipalities, to produce the final draft of the booklets.
- k) The service provider will be required to consolidate the entire document including section C which will be drafted by the PT.
- l) The service provider should provide professional proof-reading services and copy-editing services across all four sections (including Section C). The proofreading expert/s is responsible for ensuring the MERO booklets are accurate, polished, and professional. This includes reviewing grammar, spelling, punctuation, and formatting to maintain consistency and readability. The role ensures that data-driven narratives are clear, free of errors, and aligned with the WCG and PT style guides. Attention to detail is critical in verifying terminology, economic references, and the coherence of analytical insights. The proof-reading expert is to enhance the technical accuracy and consistency of the document. The copy-editing expert/s should focus on developing clear, and accessible content for the MERO booklets, ensuring that economic analyses are effectively communicated to a diverse audience, including policymakers, municipal officials, and the public. This involves refining complex economic data into concise and engaging narratives, maintaining consistency in tone and style, and aligning messaging with WCG strategic objectives. The copy-editing services should enhance the structure, flow, and impact of the content, ensuring it is both informative and engaging.
- m) The service provider must collaborate with PT and the PT appointed graphic design team to develop the final MERO publication in PDF format (for printed and digital publication) and MS Word format.
- n) The service provider must develop MERO summary presentations in MS PowerPoint for the Budget Policy Committee, Provincial Top Management and Provincial Cabinet.
- o) The service provider must develop the District/Municipal specific presentations in MS PowerPoint (including the Metro) to assist with the document roll-out.
- p) The service provider will be required to draft an executive summary of the entire MERO publication in MS Word format.
- q) Service provider attendance and input (answering questions) is required at selected roll-out forums (6-8 engagements) including parliamentary committees and district coordinating forums.
- r) The service provider should provide monthly reports detailing progress against the project plan.
- s) The service provider shall compile and submit a comprehensive close-out report upon project completion. This report must detail project timelines, key highlights, challenges, and municipal survey responses. Additionally, it should include reflections on the procurement process, contracting, onboarding, data management, publication development, quality assurance, design process, communication, roll-out, and financial aspects. The report must also provide recommendations and a proposed way forward for the development of the next MERO publication.

4.3 The project plan should take into account the following outer deadlines:

- a) The 2025 MERO publication shall be finalized in a timely manner to ensure its tabling before the Western Cape Provincial Parliament during September/October 2025.
- b) The rollout of the 2025 MERO shall commence after tabling and conclude by March 2026.

5 BOOKLET OUTLINE

- 5.1 Each of the six (6) MERO booklets will be structured into four (4) distinct sections delineated as follows:

The **Introduction and Background** will contextualise the publication, delineating its purpose, objectives, intended utilisation, and application.

Section A provides an overview of the global, national and provincial macroeconomic environment. This section will encapsulate a synopsis of primary economic indicators and a delineation of the principal social, political, and economic risks, challenges, opportunities, and threats that will impact the regional environment as discussed in the section to follow.

Section B will furnish an economic analysis of the region and its respective municipal areas, encompassing an introductory exposition, GDP performance evaluation encompassing estimations and projections, a sectoral examination delving into inter-industry linkages and value chains, alongside an evaluation of international trade, tourism, and public and private sector investments. Additionally, a comprehensive assessment of the labour market, inclusive of formal and informal sectors, economic sectors, as well as skill level evaluation, will be provided. This chapter will culminate with a comparative advantage analysis of economic sectors, complemented by municipal-specific insights elucidating the primary sources of employment generation and economic activity. The overarching objective of this section is to offer insights into the economic landscape, delineating risks, challenges, weaknesses, strengths, and opportunities, while proffering recommendations to steer the region towards an inclusive growth trajectory.

Section C will delineate the socio-economic landscape, affording readers a snapshot of the prevailing realities confronting citizens within the region and its respective municipal areas. These profiles will encompass essential data on demographics, health, education, crime, income distribution, inequality, and municipal services for each municipal area. The analysis will serve to underscore socio-economic risks, challenges, weaknesses, strengths, and opportunities prevalent within the region.

- 5.2 The proposed content, layout, and design of the respective sections of the booklets are subject to consultation between the service provider, PT and the PT appointed graphic designer. Furthermore, the content and structure should be developed cognisant of the 2025-2030 WCG strategic plan.
- 5.3 To strengthen the quality of the publication and facilitate the readers ability to grasp content quickly and easily, complex information should be presented in a visually appealing manner. To this end, the booklets should incorporate in-text graphics, innovative data visualization techniques, infographic summaries of key indicators pertinent to each section, and spatial representations via maps.

6 REQUIRED EXPERTISE OF THE RESEARCH, PROOF-READING AND COPY-EDITING TEAM: QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 6.1 The experts of the research, proof-reading and copy-editing team must possess the minimum qualifications, years of experience, knowledge, and skills as delineated in the Table B1.
- 6.2 The research team must consist of a minimum of 3 resources. At least two (2) resources should possess a relevant master's qualification.

Table B1: Minimum Qualification and Experience Requirements

Area of expertise	Minimum Qualification and Experience
Economic Research Team	
Required qualifications	Each of the members of the research team must have a minimum NQF level 8 or equivalent qualification in the field of economics, public policy or other relevant field related to data analysis and economic research.
	At least two (2) resources within the research team must have a master's qualification in the field of economics, public policy or other relevant field related to data analysis and economic research within the research team.
Knowledge, understanding and experience for members of the research team	At least 2 resources must have a minimum of 5 years of experience in economic research and analysis, market research and surveys.
	At least 2 resources in the team must have a minimum of 5 years of experience in economic research within the local government environment
	At least 1 resource in the team should have a minimum of 5 years of experience in modelling and forecasting.
Proof-reading & Copy -Editing Team	
Required qualifications	At least a tertiary qualification of NQF 5 in English, Linguistics, Journalism, Communications, or a related field.
Required experience of the proof-reading team.	3 years of experience in professional proof reading and/or copy-editing within the economic research environment.

SECTION C: CONDITIONS OF THE BID

1. EVALUATION PROCESS

1.1 The bid will be evaluated in accordance with the following table as outlined below:

Table C: Phases

Phase 1 (Part A)	Phase 1 (Part B)	Phase 2	Phase 3
Compliance to SCM Conditions and Requirements;	Compliance to minimum Bid/ToR Conditions and Requirements;	Evaluation of Functionality: Evaluation against the functionality criteria;	Application of price and BBEE: 80/20 preference points system

1.2 PHASE 1 (PART A): COMPLIANCE TO SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS (BID DOCUMENTS)

1.2.1 During this phase, bids are evaluated for compliance to the compulsory requirements of the bid, inclusive of all relevant bid documents being duly completed, signed and submitted as part of the bid and that all supporting documentation has been provided in line with the conditions of the bid. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in non-compliance of the bid and such a bidder will not proceed to Phase 1 (PART B) of the evaluation.

1.2.2 During this phase, bid documents will be reviewed to determine compliance with SCM returnable documents. Bids that do not satisfy the compliance criteria as per Table C1 below may not be evaluated further.

Table C1: Compliance to SCM conditions and requirements

NO.	Schedules	Description	Mandatory	Returnable documents
(a)	WCBD 1	Invitation to Bid (To be accompanied by proof of authority e.g. company resolution)	√	√
(b)	WCBD 3.3	Pricing Schedule	√	√
(c)	WCBD 4	Declaration of Interest, Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Chain Management Practices and Certificate of Independent Bid Determination.	√	√
(d)	WCBD 6.1	Preference points claim form; (to be accompanied by a valid BBEE certificate or consolidated BBEE for joint ventures certificate/affidavit)		√
(e)	CSD	Bidders must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) at the time of award – Submission of Proof of CSD Registration or latest Report.		√
(f)	GCC and ToR	Bidders must accept all bid conditions by initialling every page of the GCC and Terms of Reference (ToR), that they have read and understood the terms and conditions.	√	√

1.3 PHASE 1 (PART B): COMPLIANCE TO MINIMUM BID/TOR CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- 1.3.1 During this stage, compliance will be assessed against the minimum bid conditions (Table B1) and bid submission requirements as indicated Table C2 of Phase 2 below, of this document. **Failure to meet the minimum bid requirements listed in Table C2 below will result in the disqualification of a bid.**

NB: Should a bidder not meet all the minimum requirements as stipulated under 'demonstrated experience', such bidder will not proceed to the next evaluation phase.

- 1.3.2 Bids will be subjected to the responsiveness criteria to determine which bid responses are compliant or non-compliant with the bid specifications and requirements issued by the Department as part of the bid process.
- 1.3.3 The minimum bid conditions are reflected in Table B1. In order to assess compliance with these, the following submission requirements should be met as outlined in Table C2 below of Phase 1 (Part B):
- Certified copies of the qualifications;
 - Professional curriculum vitae;
 - The service providers portfolio of work;
 - Contactable reference letters; and
 - An economic research and business proposal.
- 1.3.4 The economic research and business proposal serve as a critical component of the bid submission, allowing the service provider to demonstrate their understanding of the scope of work, their approach to delivering the required services, and their ability to meet the specified objectives.

The proposal should provide a detailed response to the requirements set out in the Terms of Reference, including an outline of the proposed methodology, the relevant experience of the company, and the qualifications of the key team members responsible for executing the work.

Additionally, the proposal should align closely with the Minimum Bid Conditions & Submission Requirements outlined in Table C2 of Phase 1 (Part B), ensuring that all necessary criteria are addressed. This alignment not only facilitates the evaluation process but also serves as a checklist for both the bidder and the evaluation panel, confirming that all requirements are met. A well-structured proposal strengthens the bidder's case by demonstrating compliance, capability, and a clear plan for delivering the required services.

- 1.3.5 Any experts included within the bid document that do not meet the minimum qualifications, years of experience, knowledge and skills delineated in Table B1 will not be considered during the bid evaluation.
- 1.3.6 The service provider should note that the scoring will be based on members of the team with highest qualification/experience. If there are multiple teams tackling various research objectives, the scoring method will be the same.
- 1.3.7 Note: The service provider must complete Annexure E - Team Resource to indicate the areas they will be responsible for.

Table C2 of Phase 1 (Part B): Minimum Bid Conditions & Submission Requirements

NOTE: Please indicate with an “X” if the bidder complies with the compulsory requirements of the bid. Non-compliance with the stipulated requirement will lead to the disqualification of the bid.

Minimum Bid Conditions & Submission Requirements	Comply	Do not Comply
Bidders must provide:		
<p>a) Certified copies of Qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Research Team NQF level 8 or higher qualification in economics, public policy, or other relevant field related to data analysis and economic research. Qualifications of entire research team to be submitted (Refer to Section B, Table B1). Proof-reading and Copy-Editing Team Tertiary qualification in English, Linguistics, Journalism, Communications, or a related field. Note: International qualifications must be accompanied with SAQA accreditation Certified copies of qualifications not older than three (3) months 		
<p>b) Professional Curriculum Vitae (CV) of all experts of the research and proof-reading and copy-editing team that will undertake the work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrating number of full years of experience (start and end dates to be reflected) Refer to Section B, Table B1 above 		
<p>c) Service Provider Portfolio of Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidders must provide portfolio of work which must substantively demonstrate that they are able to meet the evaluation criteria, which must be demonstrated by means of the following minimum documentation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Three (3) examples of previous economic and socio-economic research with sufficient content to demonstrate the quality of previous projects completed. Written samples such as opinion pieces, articles, research projects and/or published material may be provided. Dates/timeframes and scope of research/projects should clearly be reflected in the examples. Three (3) example(s) of forecasting and modelling projects previously completed which clearly outlines the dates/timeframes and scope of the project. Three (3) example of previous economic research projects within the local government environment which clearly outlines the dates/timeframes and scope of the project. PowerPoint presentations (1 - 3 different presentations) within the context of economic and socio-economic research in order to assess the quality of presentations i.e., the service providers presentation skills. *Sensitive information may be redacted. <p>Note: An example of the service providers' portfolio of work might contain all aspects listed from 1 to 4 of the submission requirements listed above.</p>		

Minimum Bid Conditions & Submission Requirements	Comply	Do not Comply
<p>d) Contactable reference letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three (3) or more signed reference letters on the letterhead of the organ of State/public/private sector of the above-mentioned projects, contactable work references where economic and socio-economic research was undertaken. The reference should reflect the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement date; Contract duration; Contract value; and Scope of research/projects. 		
<p>e) Economic research and business proposal</p> <p>NB: The proposal should clearly outline the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive summary Introduction, Background and Context Research objectives and Scope Methodology and Approach (Research design, data sources, analytical techniques) Expected Outcomes and Benefits Implementation Plan and Timeline Budget and Financial Proposal Organisational Capacity and Team Expertise Conclusion Appendices <p>The proposal should align closely with the Minimum Bid Conditions & Submission Requirements outlined in Table C2 of Phase 1 (Part B), ensuring that all necessary criteria are addressed. This alignment not only facilitates the evaluation process but also serves as a checklist for both the bidder and the evaluation panel, confirming that all requirements are met. A well-structured proposal strengthens the bidder's case by demonstrating compliance, capability, and a clear plan for delivering the required services.</p>		

1.4 PHASE 2: EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONALITY (FUNCTIONALITY CRITERIA)

- 1.4.1 Functionality in terms of this bid means the ability of a bidder to provide services in accordance with the scope of the work as set out in the bid documents. Functionality takes into account quality, reliability, viability and durability of a service and the bidder's technical and personnel capacity and ability to execute a contract. Phase 2 evaluation process will constitute a functional evaluation. The total score for Phase 2 is 100 per cent. Bidders must obtain a minimum score of 70 per cent out of 100 per cent in order to be proceed to the next phase.

1.4.2. The following functionality criteria outline in Table C3 below will be applicable when evaluating this bid. A minimum threshold of 70 per cent must be attained by bidders during Phase 2 (functionality/technical) of the evaluation to qualify for Phase 3 of the evaluation, where only Price and Preference Points will be considered.

1.4.3 The Bid Evaluation Committee members will individually evaluate responses received, and the scores will be multiplied with the weighting to obtain marks scored for each criterion.

Table C3: Functionality Criteria

#	Evaluation Criteria	Weight (%)	Scoring Criteria	Score
Qualification(s)10%				
1.	An appropriate and relevant NQF level 8, equivalent or higher qualification	10%	Honour's degree/NQF 8 qualification in relevant field.	3
			Master's degree/NQF 9 qualification in relevant field.	7
			PhD/NQF 10 qualification in relevant field.	10
Knowledge, understanding and experience 40%				
2.	5 years of experience in economic research and analysis, market research and surveys	25%	5 years	8
			6-7 years	10
			8 - 10 years	15
			10+ years	25
3.	5 years of knowledge and experience in modelling and forecasting	5%	5 years	2
			6 - 7 years	3
			8 - 10 years	4
			10+ years	5
4.	5 years of experience in economic research within the local government environment	10%	5-7 years	3
			8 -10 years	7
			10+ years	10
Proof-reading & Copy-Editing Assessment 15%				
5.	3 years of experience in professional proof reading and/or copy-editing within the economic research environment.	10%	3 years	3
			4 - 5 years	5
			6 - 10 years	7
			10+ years	10
6.	Tertiary qualification of NQF 5 in English, Linguistics, Journalism, Communications, or a related field	5%	NQF 5 qualification in relevant field	1
			NQF 6 qualification in relevant field	3
			NQF 7 or higher qualification in relevant field	5
Portfolio of work 20%				
7.	Three (3) examples of previous economic and socio-economic research	5%	Low quality <i>(Examples presented are not relevant, basic usage of software, basic technical skills and show little alignment to proposed project)</i>	1
			Medium quality <i>(Examples submitted are relevant, include adequate software usaae, displays good technical</i>	3

#	Evaluation Criteria	Weight (%)	Scoring Criteria	Score
Qualification(s)10%				
			knowledge and aligned to proposed project)	
			High quality (Examples provided are of a high standard, use of advanced software and technical skills and strongly aligned to proposed project)	5
8.	Three (3) example(s) of forecasting and modelling projects previously completed	5%	Low quality (Examples presented are not relevant, use of basic software, basic technical skills and show little alignment to proposed project)	1
			Medium quality (Examples submitted are relevant, include adequate software usage, displays good technical knowledge and aligned to proposed project)	3
			High quality (Examples provided are of a high standard, use of advanced software and technical skills and strongly aligned to proposed project)	5
9.	Three (3) example(s) of a research project within the local government environment	5%	Low quality (Examples presented are not relevant, use of basic software, basic technical skills and show little alignment to proposed project)	1
			Medium quality (Examples submitted are relevant, include adequate software usage, displays good technical knowledge and aligned to proposed project)	3
			High quality (Examples provided are of a high standard, use of advanced software and technical skills and strongly aligned to proposed project)	5
10.	Provide 1 to 3 recent PowerPoint presentations that showcase previous project work relevant to the scope of this specification.	5%	Low quality ((Examples presented are not relevant, use of basic software, basic technical skills, includes limited graphics and show little alignment to proposed project))	1
			Medium (Examples submitted are relevant, include adequate software usage, displays good technical knowledge, uses standard graphics and data visualisation	3

#	Evaluation Criteria	Weight (%)	Scoring Criteria	Score
Qualification(s)10%				
			and is aligned to proposed project)	
			High quality (Examples provided are of a high standard, use of advanced software and technical skills, uses innovative graphics and data visualisation and is strongly aligned to proposed project)	5
Contactable reference letters 5%				
11.	A minimum of three (3) signed reference letters on the official letterhead of an organ of state, public institution, or private sector entity , specifically related to economic and/or socio-economic research projects . These reference letters must be directly relevant to the research project examples provided in the submission. Additional reference letters that are relevant to the scope of this project may also be submitted and will be considered during evaluation.	5%	3 reference letters	1
			4 – 6 reference letters	3
			7 or more reference letters	5
Proposal 10%				
12.	The proposal should clearly outline the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive summaryIntroductionBackground and Context<ul style="list-style-type: none">Research objectives and ScopeMethodology and Approach:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Research design,Data sources,Analytical techniquesExpected Outcomes and BenefitsImplementation Plan and TimelineBudget and Financial ProposalOrganisational Capacity and Team ExpertiseConclusionAppendices	10%	Low quality: <i>The proposal methodology and approach are poorly written or unclear, misaligned with the scope of work, lacks relevance or rationale, shows minimal understanding of context, and provides insufficient evidence of feasibility or proposer capability.</i>	1
			Medium quality: <i>The proposal methodology and approach address the scope of work but lacks clarity or depth in some areas, with limited contextualisation, partial relevance to the topic, or moderate evidence of feasibility and proposer expertise</i>	5
			High quality: <i>The proposal methodology and approach is well-written, clearly aligned to the scope of work, demonstrates contextual understanding, relevance to the topic, clearly defined aims and rationale, feasibility, and the proposer's expertise to deliver the project effectively.)</i>	10
Total (functionality threshold is (70%))		100%		

1.5 PHASE 3: PRICE AND PREFERENCE EVALUATION

- 1.5.1 During this phase, all bids that have achieved the minimum qualifying score (70 per cent) for Functionality will be further evaluated in terms of Price and the Preference points system in terms of the Preferential Procurement Act 5 of 2000 and Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2022.
- 1.5.2 The bidders who did not meet the minimum requirements of 70 per cent threshold required for the evaluation on functionality will not be considered during this stage.
- 1.5.3 All received bids will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20-point system as stipulated in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022.
- 1.5.4 80 points will be allocated for price and 20 points for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contributor.

SECTION D

1. CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

- 1.1 The successful service provider is expected to apply and uphold the following guiding principles, including the code of conduct as prescribed in Chapter 2 of the Public Service Regulation, 2016.
- a) *Professionalism and Diligence*: They shall, always demonstrate a commitment to professionalism and diligence in the performance of their duties.
 - b) *Legal and Ethical*: They shall not engage in any illegal or unethical conduct, or any activity which would constitute a conflict of interest.
 - c) *Integrity*: They shall, always, exhibit the highest level of integrity in the performance of all professional assignments and will accept only assignments for which there is reasonable expectation that the assignment will be completed with professional competence.
 - d) *Objectivity*: They will comply with lawful orders of the courts and will testify to matters truthfully and without bias or prejudice.
- 1.2 If a service provider is found to have guilty in any of the conduct as stipulated under paragraph 2.1, above, The Provincial Treasury reserves the right to either cancel the contract in its totality or the individual contract with the service provider.

2. REPORTING, CONTRACT MANAGEMENT MONITORING & EVALUATION

- 2.1 An inception meeting will be scheduled between the project manager(s) and the successful service providers for the onboarding of the project. The minutes of the meeting will be recorded, transcribed and will be made available by the service provider to the department.
- 2.2 The SLA will be entered into, between PT and the Service Provider to facilitate the performance, monitor their scope of work, govern the relationship between PT and the service provider. It will include project phases that will address each of the project deliverables. The service provider will be required to submit performance report against deliverables of the contract/scope of work, which will be either on monthly/quarterly basis, which must be reviewed and signed-off by the contract manager. The report will provide insight on the progress of work made, outstanding, challenges or risk that might be taken into consideration by all parties.
- 2.3 A payment schedule will be drawn between the two parties and will be monitored by the both parties. Payments will only be approved and processed on the basis of the achievement of deliverables as per the implementation plan and/or project plan and related to performance of the project.
- 2.4 The successful service provider must ensure that minutes of all engagements conducted under this contract period, are kept and submitted to the contract manager to sign off, and for contract management records. There is no standard template required, minutes can be a form of action minutes etc.