MPOFANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



MANAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MPOFANA MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

BID NUMBER: MPO/09/2023



MANAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF MPOFANA MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM FOR MPOFANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY SIX (36) MONTHS

Sanele Sithole / Bongekile Sokhela

| Telephone No. | : | (033) 263 1221 |
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| SUBMISSION OF BID DOCU | MENT | |
| Closing Date | : | 14 September 2023 |
| Closing Time | : | 12:00 |
| Venue | : | Mpofana Local Municipality Offices |
| | | 10 Claughton Terrace, Mooi River, 3300 |
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| Name of Organisation (Bidd | ler): | |
| Postal Address | : | |
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| Contact Person | : | |
| Telephone No. | : | |
| Fax No. | : | |
| Email Address | : | |
| Total Bid Price (Incl VAT) | : | |
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Enquiries

BID ADVERTISEMENT

Service Providers are hereby invited to bid to Mpofana Local Municipality for the following bid:

| Bid no: | Bid Description | Date and Venue for briefing meeting | Evaluation Criteria |
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| MPO/09/2023 | Manage And Maintenance of The Mpofana Municipal Financial System For A Period Of 36 Months | 21 August 2023 at 11:30am 10 Claughton Terrace, Mooi River, Board Room / Council Chamber | Administrative Compliance Functionality Specific Goal (Ownership) Price |

ALL BIDS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. Requirements for sealing, addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of bids are stated in the bid document;
- 2. No late bid will be accepted. Telefax or e-mail bids are not acceptable.
- 3. Bids may only be submitted on the bid documents as provided by Mpofana Local Municipality. The use of tip-ex is not allowed
- on the bid documents. Bids completed in pencil will be regarded as invalid bids. No page(s) may be removed from the original bid document. All forms must be completed and must not be amended. If any of the forms, or portion of any form, is not applicable please indicate it on the form by marking it N/A.
- 4. The following Municipal Documents are compulsory and must be included in the bid document.
 - Advertisement
 - Specification (Terms of Reference)
 - MBD 1: Invitation to Bid
 - MBD 2: Tax Requirements
 - MBD 4: Declaration of Interest
 - MBD 6.1: Preference Points Claim Form
 - MBD7.1: Contract Form –Purchase of goods/works
 - MBD 8: Declaration of Bidders past SCM Practices
 - MBD 9: Certificate of Independent Bid Determination
 - Any special conditions as contained in the bid document.

Evaluation and adjudication of bids

The Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022, issued in terms of Section 5 of The Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, (Act 5 of 2000), the Supply Chain Management Policy of the Mpofana Local Municipality and other enabling legislation will be applied in the evaluation and adjudication process. For the purposes of this bid the 80/20 preference points system will be applicable. For the purposes of comparison and in order to ensure a meaningful evaluation, bidders are requested to furnish detailed information in substantiation of compliance to the evaluation criteria mentioned in this bid document.

Mpofana Local Municipality is not obliged to accept the lowest of any quotation.

Bid documents are available at the Mpofana Municipal Offices upon payment of a non- refundable fee of <u>R500.00</u> per document Incl. VAT during office hours between 08h00 to 15h00 as from Friday, 18 August 2023. Completed bids in sealed envelopes bearing the **bid number** must be deposited in the Municipality's bid box at the municipal offices 10 Claughton Terrace, Mooi River, 3300 **no later than** 12:00 on 14 September 2023 here bids will be opened in public.

Procurement enquiries: Mr. S. Sithole / Mrs B. Sokhela 033 263 7701 / 14.

Dr E.H. DLADLA MUNICIPAL MANAGER

MANAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM FOR MPOFANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY SIX (36) MONTHS

BID NO: MPO/09/2023

FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE OFFER

The employer, identified in the acceptance signature block, has solicited offers to enter into a contract for:

[Manage and Maintenance of the Mpofana Municipal Financial System. Bid Number MPO/09/2023]

The bidder, identified in the offer signature block, has examined the documents listed in the tender data and addenda thereto as listed in the tender schedules, and by submitting this offer has accepted the conditions of bid.

By the representative of the bidder, deemed to be duly authorized, signing this part of this form of offer and acceptance, the bidder offers to perform all of the obligations and liabilities of the contractor under the contract including compliance with all its terms and conditions according to their true intent and meaning for an amount to be determined in accordance with the conditions of contract identified in the contract data.

| THE OFFERED TOTAL OF THE PRICES INCLUSIVE OF VALUE ADDED TAX IS |
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| R (in figures) (or other suitable wording) |
| This offer may be accepted by the employer by signing the acceptance part of this form of offer and acceptance and returning one copy of this document to the bidder before the end of the period of validity stated in the tender data, whereupon the bidder becomes the party named as the contractor in the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. |
| Signature(s) |
| Name(s) |
| Capacity For the Bidder |
| (Name and address of organization) |
| Name and Signature of |
| Witness Date |

ACCEPTANCE

By signing this part of this form of offer and acceptance, the employer identified below accepts the bidder's offer. In consideration thereof, the employer shall pay the contractor the amount due in accordance with the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. Acceptance of the bidder's offer shall form an agreement between the employer and the bidder upon the terms and conditions contained in this agreement and in the contract that is the subject of this agreement.

The terms of the contract, are contained in:

Part 1 Agreements and contract data, (which includes this agreement)

Part 2 Pricing data
Part 3 Scope of work
Part 4 Briefing Session

and drawings and documents or parts thereof, which may be incorporated by reference into Parts 1 to 4 above.

Deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the tender data and any addenda thereto as listed in the tender schedules as well as any changes to the terms of the offer agreed by the bidder and the employer during this process of offer and acceptance, are contained in the schedule of deviations attached to and forming part of this agreement. No amendments to or deviations from said documents are valid unless contained in this schedule, which must be signed by the authorized representative(s) of both parties.

The bidder shall within two weeks after receiving a completed copy of this agreement, including the schedule of deviations (if any), contact the employer's agent (whose details are given in the contract data) to arrange the delivery of any bonds, guarantees, proof of insurance and any other documentation to be provided in terms of the conditions of contract identified in the contract data at, or just after, the date this agreement comes into effect. Failure to fulfill any of these obligations in accordance with those terms shall constitute a repudiation of this agreement.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this agreement comes into effect on the date when the bidder receives one fully completed original copy of this document, including the schedule of deviations (if any). Unless the bidder (now contractor) within five days of the date of such receipt notifies the employer in writing of any reason why he cannot accept the contents of this agreement, this agreement shall constitute a binding contract between the parties.

| Signature(s) | | |
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| Name(s) | | |
| Capacity | | |
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| For the | | |
| Employer: | Mpofana Local Municipality | |
| Name and | | |
| Signature of | | |
| Witness | | Date |

PART A INVITATION TO BID

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| | THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7). | | | | | | | |
| BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT 10 CLAUGHTON TERRACE, MOOI RIVER, 3300 | | | | | | | | |
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| SUPPLIER INFORMATION | | | | | | | | |
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| STREET ADDRESS | | | | | | | | |
| TELEPHONE NUMBER | CODE | | | | NUMBER | | | |
| CELLPHONE NUMBER | | | | | | | | |
| FACSIMILE NUMBER | CODE | | | | NUMBER | | | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | | | | | | | |
| VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER | | | | | | | | |
| TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS | TCS PIN: | | | OR | CSD No: | | | |
| B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION | Yes | | | | STATUS | | Yes | |
| CERTIFICATE [TICK APPLICABLE BOX] | □ No | | | AFFIDA | SWORN VIT | _ _ | | |
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| | DATE | | | | | | | |
| CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED | | | | | | | | |
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| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | | | | | | | |

PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

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| 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 ONLINE |
| 1.3. | THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT. |
| 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 THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA. |
| 2.4 | FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3. |
| 2.5 | BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID. |
| 2.6 | IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER. |
| 2.7 | WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED. |
| 3. | QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS |
| 3.1. | IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? |
| 3.2. | DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| 3.3. | DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? |
| 3.4. | DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? |
| 3.5. | IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? |
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| | AILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID. DS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE. |
| SIGN | ATURE OF BIDDER: |
| CAPA | CITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED: |
| DATE | |
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AUTHORITY FOR SIGNATORY

Indicate the status of the bidder by ticking the appropriate box hereunder. The bidder must complete the certificate set out below for the relevant category.

| A | B | C | D | E |
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| Company | Partnership | Joint Venture | Sole Proprietor | Close Corporation |
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| Name | Address | Signature | Date |
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| As wit | nesses: | | | |
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| | 2 | | Date: | |
| E. | Certificate for Close C | Corporation | | |
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| | Name | Address | Signature | Date |
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Note: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all key partners upon whom rests the direction of the affairs of the Partnership as a whole.

TAX CLEARANCE CERTFICATE REQUIREMENTS

It is a condition of bid that the taxes of the successful bidder must be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

- In order to meet this requirement bidders are required to complete in full the attached form TCC 001
 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate Requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit bids.
- 2. SARS will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of approval.
- 3. The original Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted together with the bid. Failure to submit the original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate will result in the invalidation of the bid. Certified copies of the Tax Clearance Certificate will not be acceptable.
- 4. In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.
- 5. Copies of the TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" form are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website www.sars.gov.za.
- 6. Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website www.sars.gov.za.

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| SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: | |
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| DATE: | |

B-BBEE RATING CERTIFICATE

- 1. Bidders are required to submit Certified Valid copies of B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificates together with their bids, to substantiate their B-BBEE rating claims.
- Bidders who do not submit B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificates or are non-compliant contributors to B-BBEE do not
 qualify for preference points for B-BBEE but will not be disqualified from the bidding process. They will score points out of
 90 or 80 for price Only and zero (0) points out of 10 or 20 for B-BBEE.
- 3. A trust, consortium or joint venture must submit a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate.

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PRICING SCHEDULE - FIRM PRICES

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT.

| Name of bidder | Bid number: MPO/09/2023 |
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| Closing Date: 14 September 2023 at 12:00pm. | |

- 1. Please indicate your total bid price here: R......(compulsory)
- 2. NOTE: All prices must be VAT exclusive and must be quoted in South African Rand (ZAR).
- 3. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of the contract? YES/NO

Important: If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments shall be applied e.g. CPI, and also details of the cost breakdown.

COSTING: MANAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MPOFANA MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

DURATION: THIRTY SIX (36) MONTHS

| | COST PRICES | | | | | | | |
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| DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES | Year 1 (Excl VAT) | | Year 2 (Excl VAT) Plus % escalation | | Year 3 (Excl VAT) Plus % escalation | | SUB-TOTAL BID PRICE (Excl VAT) | |
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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹.
- 2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorized representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.

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| Ful | ll Name o | f bidder or his or her | representative: | | |
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| | | | | their individual identity numbers | and state employee numbers |
| Are | e you pres | sently in the service of the | e state? | | YES / NO |
| If | | • | | furnish | particulars |
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| | Capacity | | Name of Bidder | |
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| | Signature | | Date | |
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| 4. | Full details of directors / trustees / members / sha | areholders. Identity Number | State Employee Number | |
| | 3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars: | | | |
| 3.14 | Do you or any of the directors, trustees, manage principle shareholders, or stakeholders of this co have any interest in any other related companies business whether or not they are bidding for this | ors, ompany s or | | YES / NO |
| | 3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars. | | | |
| 3.13 | Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stain service of the state? | | | YES / NO |
| | 3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars. | | | |
| 3.12 | Are any of the company's directors, trustees, ma principle shareholders or stakeholders in service | | | YES / NO |
| | 3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars | | | |
| 3.11 | Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend any other bidder and any persons in the service may be involved with the evaluation and or adjuct | of the state who | | YES / NO |
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| 3.10 | in the service of the state and who may be involved the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? | | 3.10.1 If yes, furnis | YES / NO |

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This Preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference Points for specific goals.

NB: BOFERE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- (a) The following Preference Point Systems are applicable to invitations to Tender:-
 - The 80/20 System for requirements with a Rand Value of up to R 50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included);
 - The 90/10 System for requirements with a Rand Value of up to R 50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- (b) To be completed by the Organ of State:- (*delete whichever is NOT applicable for this Tender*)
 - The applicable Preference Point System for this Tender is the 90/10 Preference Point System.
 - The applicable Preference Point System for this Tender is the 80/20 Preference Point System.
 - Either the 90/10 or 80/20 Preference Point System will be applicable in this Tender. The lowest/highest acceptable Tender will be used to determine the accurate system once Tenders are received.
- (c) Points for this Tender (even in the case of a Tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:
 - Price: and
 - Specific Goals.
- (d) To be completed by the Organ of State:
 - The Maximum Points for this Tender are allocated as follows:

| | POINTS |
|---|--------|
| PRICE | 80 |
| SPECIFIC GOALS | 20 |
| Total Points for Price and Specific Goals | 100 |

- (e) Failure on the part of a Tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this Tender to claim points for Specific Goals with the Tender, will be interpreted to mean that Preference Points for Specific Goals are not claimed.
- (f) The Organ of State reserves the right to require of a Tenderer either before a Tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently to substantiate any claim in regard to Preferences in any manner required by the Organ of State.

DEFINITIONS

- (a) "Tender" means a written offer in the form determined by an Organ of State in response to an invitation to provide Goods or Services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in Legislation;
- (b) "Price" means an amount of money tendered for Goods or Services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) "Rand Value" means the total estimated value of a contract in Rands, calculated at the time of Bid invitation and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) "Tender for Income-generating contracts" means a written offer in the form determined by an Organ of State in response to an invitation for the origination of Income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in Legislation that will result in a Legal Agreement between the Organ of State and a third party that produces revenue for the Organ of States and disposal of assets through Public Auctions; and
- (e) "The Act" means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).
- i. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES
 - POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE
 - ✓ The 80/20 or 90/10 Preference Points Systems
 - ✓ A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis

| Ps = 80 | | 1 - Pt - Pmin | Ps = 90 | 1 - Pt - Pmin | |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|
| | | Pmin | | Pmin | |
| Where: | | | | | |
| Ps | = | Points scored for p | rice of tender u | nder consideration | 1 |
| Pt | = | Price of Tender under consideration | | | |
| Pmin | = | Price of lowest acc | eptable Tender | | |

- ii. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT
 - POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE
 - ✓ A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

| Ps = 80 | | 1 - Pt - Pmax | Ps = 90 | 1 - Pt - Pmax | | |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|--|--|
| | | Pmax | | Pmax | | |
| Where: | | | | | | |
| Ps | = | Points scored for p | Points scored for price of tender under consideration | | | |
| Pt | = | Price of Tender under consideration | | | | |
| Pmax | = | Price of highest acceptable Tender | | | | |

iii. POINT AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, Preference Point System must be awarded for Specific Goals stated in the Tender. For the purposes of this Tender, the Tenderer will be allocated points based on the Specific Goals stated in the Table 1 below as may be supported by proof/documentation stated in the conditions of this Tender.
- In cases where Organ of State intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations which states that if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/20 Preference Point System applies, an Organ of State must in the Tender documents stipulate in the case of:-
 - ✓ An invitation for Tender for Income-generating contracts that either the 80/20 or 90/10 Preference Point System will apply and that the highest acceptable Tender will be used to determine the applicable Preference Point System; and/or
 - ✓ Any other invitation for Tender that either the 80/20 or 90/10 Preference Point System will apply and that the lowest acceptable Tender will be used to determine the applicable Preference Point System then the Organ of State must indicate the points allocated for Specific Goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 Preference Point System.

TABLE 1: SPECIFIC GOALS FOR THE TENDER AND POINTS CLAIMED ARE INDICATED PER THE TABLE BELOW.

- (Note to Organ of State: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 Preference Point System is applicable corresponding points must also be indicated as such.)
- (Note to Tenderers: The Tenderers must indicate how they claim points for each Preference Point System.)

| THE SPECIFIC GOALS ALLOCATED POINTS IN TERMS OF THIS TENDER | NUMBER OF POINTS ALLOCATED (80/20 SYSTEM) – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGAN OF STATE | NUMBER OF POINTS CLAIMED (80/20 SYSTEM) – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TENDERER |
|---|--|---|
| RACE - 100% Black Owned | 10 | |
| Proof: CIPC Certificate plus copy of ID Document | | |
| Gender - 100% Woman Owned | 05 | |
| Proof: CIPC Certificate plus copy of ID Document | | |
| Disability | 05 | |
| Proof: Medical Certificate | | |

| DECLARATION BY BANK MANAGER NAME OF BIDDER: | | _ |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| NAME OF BANK: | | _ |
| ACCOUNT NUMBER: | | - |
| ACCOUNT TYPE: | | - |
| BRANCH CODE: | | - |
| BRANCH NAME: | | - |
| BRANCH CONTACT PERSON: | | - |
| PHONE NUMBER: | | _ |
| FAX NUMBER: | | - |
| This is to certify that the Bidder has | sufficient good standing with this bank that he will, in my o | pinion, be financially able to |
| complete a contract of R | over the bided duration of | weeks. In |
| addition we confirm that, for the am | ount of the enquiry, the Bidder is rated Code | |
| SIGNATURE OF BANK MANAGER: . | DATE: | |
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| | BANK STAMP | |
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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR JOINT VENTURES

This returnable schedule is to be completed by joint ventures.

| We, the undersigned, are submitted | ing this bid offer in joint ven | ture and hereby authorize Mr./Ms. |
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| , autho | rised signatory of the company, | close corporation or partnership |
| | , acting in the capacity of | lead partner, to sign all documents in |
| connection with the bid offer and any con | tract resulting from it on our behalf. | |
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| NAME OF FIRM | ADDRESS | DULY AUTHORISED SIGNATORY |
| Lead Partner | | Signature: |
| | | Name: |
| | | Del et |
| | | Designation: |
| | | Signature: |
| | | Name: |
| | | Decimation |
| | | Designation: |
| | | Signature: |
| | | Name: |

Note:

A copy of the Joint Venture Agreement showing clearly the percentage contribution of each partner to the Joint Venture shall be appended to this schedule.

Designation:

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED SUB-CONTRACTORS

The Bidder shall list below any Sub-Contractors he wishes to employ to carry out part(s) of the Work.

The acceptance of his bid shall not be construed as approval of all or any of the listed Sub-Contractors. Should any or all of the Sub-Contractors not be approved subsequent to acceptance of the bid, this shall in no way invalidate this bid. Furthermore, the bided unit rates for the various items of work shall remain final and binding.

| No. | PROPOSED SUB- CONTRACTORS | PART OR TYPE OF WORK | ADDRESS OF PROPOSED SUBCONTRACTOR | CONTACT DETAILS | VALUE OF WORK (R) |
|-----|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | | | | | |
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| 6 | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | |
| | TOTAL VALUE OF WORKS TO BE SUB-CONTRACTED | | | | |

| Bidders are requested to furnish certif | ed copies of the proposed subcontractor's CK Certificate as well as certified copies of the owners' Identity Documents along with this bid. |
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| SIGNED ON BEHALF OF BIDDER: | |

EXPERIENCE OF BIDDER

The following is a statement of work of a similar nature with municipalities successfully executed by myself/ourselves within the past 3 years:

| MUNICIPALITIES' NAME, CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE NUMBER | DESCRIPTION OF WORK | VALUE OF WORK (inclusive of VAT) | COMPLETION DATE | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
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| A separate schedule, clearly referenced, may be inserted here. Bidders must have specific experience and submit at least two recent references (in a form of written proof/(s) on municipalities' letterhead including relevant contact person, nature of service, contract amount, commencement date, telephone number, fax number and email addresses) of similar work | | | | | | |
| relevant contact person, nature of service, contract amount, undertaken. | commencement date, telephone numbe | r, tax number and email a | adresses) of similar work | | | |

| A separate schedule, clearly referenced, may be ins | nserted here. |
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| SIGNATURE: | DATE: |
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| (of person authorised to sign on behalf of the Bidder) | |

DECLARATION CERTIFICATE FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT FOR DESIGNATED SECTORS

This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a declaration form for local content (local production and local content are used interchangeably).

Before completing this declaration, bidders must study the General Conditions, Definitions, Directives applicable in respect of Local Content as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011 and the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 (Edition 1) and the Guidance on the Calculation of Local Content together with the Local Content Declaration Templates [Annex C (Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule), D (Imported Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annex C) and E (Local Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annex C)].

1. General Conditions

- 1.1. Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011 (Regulation 9) makes provision for the promotion of local production and content.
- 1.2. Regulation 9.(1) prescribes that in the case of designated sectors, where in the award of bids local production and content is of critical importance, such bids must be advertised with the specific bidding condition that only locally produced goods, services or works or locally manufactured goods, with a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content will be considered.
- 1.3. Where necessary, for bids referred to in paragraph 1.2 above, a two stage bidding process may be followed, where the first stage involves a minimum threshold for local production and content and the second stage price and B-BBEE.
- 1.4. A person awarded a contract in relation to a designated sector, may not sub-contract in such a manner that the local production and content of the overall value of the contract is reduced to below the stipulated minimum threshold.
- 1.5. The local content (LC) expressed as a percentage of the bid price must be calculated in accordance with the SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286: 2011 as follows:

$$LC = [1 - x / y] *100$$

Where

x is the imported content in Rand

y is the bid price in Rand excluding value added tax (VAT)

Prices referred to in the determination of x must be converted to Rand (ZAR) by using the exchange rate published by the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) at 12:00 on the date of advertisement of the bid as required in paragraph 4.1 below.

The SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 is accessible on http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial development/ip.jsp at no cost.

- 1.6. A bid may be disqualified if -
 - (a) this Declaration Certificate and the Annex C (Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule) are not submitted as part of the bid documentation; and
 - (b) the bidder fails to declare that the Local Content Declaration Templates (Annex C, D and E) have been audited and certified as correct.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. "bid" includes written price quotations, advertised competitive bids or proposals;
- 2.2. "bid price" price offered by the bidder, excluding value added tax (VAT);
- 2.3. "contract" means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by an organ of state;
- 2.4. "designated sector" means a sector, sub-sector or industry that has been designated by the Department of Trade and Industry in line with national development and industrial policies for local production, where only locally produced services, works or goods or locally manufactured goods meet the stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content;

| 2.5. | "duly sign" means a Declaration Certificate for Local Content that has been signed by the Chief Financial Officer or other legally responsible person |
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| | nominated in writing by the Chief Executive, or senior member/person with management responsibility(close corporation, partnership or individual). |

- 2.6. "imported content" means that portion of the bid price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or its subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad (this includes labour and intellectual property costs), plus freight and other direct importation costs, such as landing costs, dock duties, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African port of entry;
- 2.7. "local content" means that portion of the bid price which is not included in the imported content, provided that local manufacture does take place;
- 2.8. "stipulated minimum threshold" means that portion of local production and content as determined by the Department of Trade and Industry; and
- 2.9. "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.
- 3. The stipulated minimum threshold(s) for local production and content (refer to Annex A of SATS 1286:2011) for this bid is/are as follows:

| Description of services, works or goods | Stipulated minimum threshold |
|---|------------------------------|
| | % |
| | % |
| | % |

4. Does any portion of the services, works or goods offered have any imported content?

(*Tick applicable box*)

| YES | NO | |
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4.1 If yes, the rate(s) of exchange to be used in this bid to calculate the local content as prescribed in paragraph 1.5 of the general must be the rate(s) published by the SARB for the specific currency at 12:00 on the date of advertisement of the bid.

conditions

The relevant rates of exchange information is accessible on www.reservebank.co.za.

Indicate the rate(s) of exchange against the appropriate currency in the table below (refer to Annex A of SATS 1286:2011):

| Currency | Rates of exchange | |
|----------------|-------------------|--|
| US Dollar | | |
| Pound Sterling | | |
| Euro | | |
| Yen | | |
| Other | | |

NB: Bidders must submit proof of the SARB rate (s) of exchange used.

5. Were the Local Content Declaration Templates (Annex C, D and E) audited and certified as correct? (*Tick applicable box*)

| YES | NO | |
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| 5.1. | If yes, provide | e the following | particu | lars: |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|-------|
|------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|-------|

| (a) | Full name of auditor: | |
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| | | |

- (b) Practice number:
- (c) Telephone and cell number:
- (d) Email address:

(Documentary proof regarding the declaration will, when required, be submitted to the satisfaction of the Accounting Officer / Accounting

| | Authority) |
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| 6. | Where, after the award of a bid, challenges are experienced in meeting the stipulated minimum threshold for local content the DTI must be informed accordingly in order for the DTI to verify and in consultation with the Accounting Officer/ Accounting Authority provide directives in this regard. |
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LOCAL CONTENT DECLARATION (REFER TO ANNEX B OF SATS 1286:2011)

LOCAL CONTENT DECLARATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR OTHER LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE PERSON NOMINATED IN WRITING BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR SENIOR MEMBER/PERSON WITH MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY (CLOSE CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR INDIVIDUAL) IN RESPECT OF BID NO. **ISSUED BY**: (Procurement Authority / Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity): NB The obligation to complete, duly sign and submit this declaration cannot be transferred to an external authorized 1 representative, auditor or any other third party acting on behalf of the bidder. 2 Guidance on the Calculation of Local Content together with Local Content Declaration Templates (Annex C, D and E) is accessible on http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial development/ip.jsp. Bidders should first complete Declaration D. After completing Declaration D, bidders should complete Declaration E and then consolidate the information on Declaration C. Declaration C should be submitted with the bid documentation at the closing date and time of the bid in order to substantiate the declaration made in paragraph (c) below. Declarations D and E should be kept by the bidders for verification purposes for a period of at least 5 years. The successful bidder is required to continuously update Declarations C, D and E with the actual values for the duration of the contract. I, the undersigned,(full names), do hereby declare, in my capacity as of(name of bidder entity), the following: (a) The facts contained herein are within my own personal knowledge. (b) I have satisfied myself that the goods/services/works to be delivered in terms of the above-specified bid comply with the minimum (i) local content requirements as specified in the bid, and as measured in terms of SATS 1286:2011; and the declaration templates have been audited and certified to be correct. (ii) (c)The local content percentages (%) indicated below has been calculated using the formula given in clause 3 of SATS 1286:2011, the rates of exchange indicated in paragraph 4.1 above and the information contained in Declaration D and E which has been consolidated in Declaration C: Bid price, excluding VAT (y) R Imported content (x), as calculated in terms of SATS 1286:2011 Stipulated minimum threshold for local content (paragraph 3 above) Local content %, as calculated in terms of SATS 1286:2011 If the bid is for more than one product, the local content percentages for each product contained in Declaration C shall be used instead of the table above. The local content percentages for each product has been calculated using the formula given in clause 3 of SATS 1286:2011, the rates of exchange indicated in paragraph 4.1 above and the information contained in Declaration D and E. (d) I accept that the Procurement Authority / Municipality / Municipal Entity has the right to request that the local content be verified in terms of the requirements of SATS 1286:2011. (e) I understand that the awarding of the bid is dependent on the accuracy of the information furnished in this application. I also understand that the submission of incorrect data, or data that are not verifiable as described in SATS 1286:2011, may result in the Procurement Authority / Municipal / Municipal Entity imposing any or all of the remedies as provided for in Regulation 13 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011 promulgated under the Preferential Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000). SIGNATURE: DATE: DATE: _____ WITNESS No. 1 WITNESS No. 2 DATE: _____

CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SERVICE PROVIDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.

PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER)

| 1. | | rtake to render | | | | | | | of th | , |
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| | specifications stipu | lated in Bid Number. ng the validity period | | at the price | s quoted. M | y offer/s rema | | | | |
| 2. | The following docu | ments shall be deem | ned to form and be | read and cor | strued as par | t of this agre | ement: | | | |
| | - Inv - Ta: - Pri - Fill - Pre - De - De - Ce - Sp | cuments, viz itation to bid; x clearance certificate cing schedule(s); ed in task directive/p eference claims for l ocurement Regulation claration of interest; claration of Bidder's rtificate of Independe ecial Conditions of Conditions of Conditions of Contract; cify) | roposal; Broad Based Black ns 2011; past SCM practices ent Bid Determination ontract; | ; | Empowermei | nt Status Le | vel of Contri | bution in te | rms of ti | he Preferentia |
| 3. | | e satisfied myself as uments; that the price at my own risk. | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | nsibility for the prope the due fulfillment of | | fillment of all | obligations a | and condition | s devolving | on me undei | r this agr | eement as the |
| 5. | I declare that I hav | e no participation in a | any collusive praction | ces with any | bidder or any | other persor | n regarding th | nis or any oth | ner bid. | |
| 6. | I confirm that I am | duly authorised to sig | gn this contract. | | | | | | | |
| | NAME (PRINT) | | | [w | TNESSES | | | | | |
| | CAPACITY | | | " | | | | | | |
| | SIGNATURE | | | | | | | | | |
| | NAME OF FIRM | | | | | | | | | |

DATE

DATE:

CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

| (i) | acc | ept your bid under reference numberher specified in the annexure(s). | pacity asdated | for the rer | ndering of services in | dicated hereunder | r and/or | | |
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| (ii) | An | official order indicating service delivery instruc | ctions is forthcoming. | | | | | | |
| (iii) | I undertake to make payment for the services rendered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, within 30 (thirty) days aft receipt of an invoice. | | | | | | | | |
| | | DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE | PRICE (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED) | COMPLETION DATE | B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION | MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT (if applicable) | | | |
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| SIGN | ATU | RE | | | | | | | |
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DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality's/municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system:
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years;
 or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Bid Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)
- In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

| Item | Question | Yes | No |
|----------|---|-----|----|
| 4.1 | Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? | Yes | No |
| | (Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this | | |
| | restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after | | |
| | the audialterampartem rule was applied). | | |
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| | The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's | | |
| | website(<u>www.treasury.gov.za</u>) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of | | |
| | the home page. | | |
| | | | |
| 4.1.1 | If so, furnish particulars: | | |
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| 4.2 | Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Bid Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? | Yes | No |
| | The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page. | | |
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| 4.2.1 | If so, furnish particulars: | | |
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| 4.3 | Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law | Yes | No |
| 7.0 | outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years? | | |
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| If so, furnish particulars: | | | | |
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| Question Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rate to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipal arrears for more than three months? If so, furnish particulars: | es and taxes or municipal charges lity / municipal entity, that is in | Yes Yes | No No | |
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| TION FORM TRUE AND CORRECT. | | | | |
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| Position | Date Name of Bidder | | | |
| | Question Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rate to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipal arrears for more than three months? If so, furnish particulars: Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / m of state terminated during the past five years on account of faithe contract? If so, furnish particulars: CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATION THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRATION PROVE TO BE FALSE. Signature | Question Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months? If so, furnish particulars: Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract? If so, furnish particulars: CERTIFICATION DERSIGNED (FULL NAME) | Question Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months? If so, furnish particulars: Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract? If so, furnish particulars: CERTIFICATION DERSIGNED (FULL NAME) TION FORM TRUE AND CORRECT. THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINSTION PROVE TO BE FALSE. Signature Date | Question Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months? If so, furnish particulars: Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract? If so, furnish particulars: CERTIFICATION DERSIGNED (FULL NAME) |

COMPULSORY ENTERPRISE QUESTIONNAIRE

| The following particulars must be furnished. In the case of a joint venture, separate enterprise questionnaires in respect of each partner must be completed and submitted. | | | | | |
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| Section 1: Name of enterp | rise: | | | | |
| Section 2: VAT registration | n number, if any: | | | | |
| Section 3: CIDB registration | on number, if any: | | | | |
| Section 4: Particulars of s | ole proprietors and partners in partr | nerships | | | |
| Name* | Identity number* | Personal income tax number* | | | |
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| * Complete only if sole proprie | tor or partnership and attach separate | page if more than 3 partners | | | |
| Section 5: Particulars of companies and close corporations Company registration number Close corporation number Tax reference number Section 6: Record of service of the state Indicate by marking the relevant boxes with a cross, if any sole proprietor, partner in a partnership or director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder in a company or close corporation is currently or has been within the last 12 months in the service of any of the following: a member of any municipal council a member of any provincial legislature a member of the National Assembly or the National Council of Province a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature | | | | | |
| If any of the above boxes are marked, disclose the following: Name of sole proprietor, partner, director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder Name of institution, public office, board or (tick appropriate column) Within last current 12 months | | | | | |
| *insert separate page if neces | l sary | | | | |

| Section 7: Record of spouses, children and parents in the service of the state Indicate by marking the relevant boxes with a cross, if any spouse, child or parent of a sole proprietor, partner in a partnership or director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder in a company or close corporation is currently or has been within the last 12 months been in the service of any of the following: a member of any municipal council a member of any provincial legislature a member of the National Assembly or the National Council of Province a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature an official of any municipality or municipal entity | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|------------------|----------|---|---|
| Name of spouse, child or parent | Name of institution state and position | | office, board or | organ of | Status of se (tick approp current | rvice riate column) Within last 12 months |
| *insert separate page if necessary | | | | | | |

The undersigned, who warrants that he/she is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the enterprise:

- i) authorizes the Employer to obtain a tax clearance certificate from the South African Revenue Services that my / our tax matters are in order:
- ii) confirms that the neither the name of the enterprise or the name of any partner, manager, director or other person, who wholly or partly exercises, or may exercise, control over the enterprise appears on the Register of Tender Defaulters established in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004;
- iii) confirms that no partner, member, director or other person, who wholly or partly exercises, or may exercise, control over the enterprise appears, has within the last five years been convicted of fraud or corruption;
- iv) confirms that I / we are not associated, linked or involved with any other tendering entities submitting bid offers and have no other relationship with any of the bidders or those responsible for compiling the scope of work that could cause or be interpreted as a conflict of interest:
- iv) confirms that the contents of this questionnaire are within my personal knowledge and are to the best of my belief both true and correct;

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 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).² Collusive bidding is a pe se prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
- This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5. In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:
- ¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.
- ² 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 not to compete.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

| I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid: | | | | |
|--|-------|--|--|--|
| (Bid Number and Description) | | | | |
| in response to the invitation for the bid made by: | | | | |
| (Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity) | | | | |
| do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect: | | | | |
| I certify, on behalf of: | that: | | | |
| (Name of Bidder) | | | | |

- 1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate:
- 2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- 4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- 5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
- 6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
- 8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
 - ³ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

| 10. | I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for 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. | | | | |
|-----|---|----------------|--|--|--|
| | Signature | Date | | | |
| | Position | Name of Bidder | | | |
| | | | | | |

SPECIFICATIONS

BID NUMBER: MPO/09/2023

MANAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MPOFANA MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL SYSTE FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

Mpofana Local Municipality seeks to appoint a suitably registered and experienced Service Provider with all required documentation for rendering the Financial Management System Service for a period of thirty six (36) months from the date of appointment, as per the following scope of work:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 12.1 Section 62(1)(c) of the MFMA provides that the municipality must ensure that it has and maintains effective, efficient and transparent systems of financial and risk management and internal control. This relates to all financial applications, including those used for revenue, expenditure, supply chain, asset and liability management, payroll, performance management, accounting, . It is imperative that the municipality operate effectively and utilize financial applications optimally to present credible information on a timely basis for internal and external use
- 12.2 The Municipal Regulations, issued in terms of MFMA, on Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA) Gazette No. 37577 provides for the following key objectives:
 - · Improved data quality and credibility;
 - The achievement of a greater level of standardization;
 - The development of uniform data sets critical for whole-of-government reporting;
 - The standardization and alignment of the 'local government accountability cycle' by the regulation of not only the budget and in-year reporting formats but also the annual report and annual financial statement formats;
 - The creation of the opportunity to standardize key business processes with the consequential introduction of further consistency in the management of municipal finances;
 - Improved transparency, accountability and governance through uniform recording of transactions at posting account level detail;
 - Enabling deeper data analysis and sector comparisons to improve financial performance; and
 - The standardization of the account classification to facilitate mobility in financial skills within local government and between local government and other spheres as well as the private sector and to enhance the ability of local government to attract and retain skilled personnel.

Circular No 57 of the MFMA was issued during the planning phase of the mSCOA project. The aim of circular 57 was to discourage municipalities from changing financial information systems during the planning and implementation phases of mSCOA. It would guard municipalities from implementing systems that would, after an implementation piloting phase, being deemed as unable to transact in accordance to the regulations, and the municipality's expense for such an acquisition be construed as being fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

The piloting phase of mSCOA implementation has now been concluded.

The objective of this bid is to appoint a municipal financial management system with internal control functions provider who is able to provide solutions to Municipality in accordance with the mSCOA regulations, applicable legislation and processes as indicated in the technical specifications.

SCOPE OF WORK

This bid is for the Management and Maintenance of an Integrated Financial Management System with Internal Control Functions (System) as per the attached technical specification.

The system must, at a minimum, comply with the seven main components of municipal financial management and control. The seven components must integrate seamlessly with the mSCOA general ledger and comply at a posting level to mSCOA Regulations and GRAP. The main components/modules should be as follows:

- General Ledger as per mSCOA regulation
- Billing for the municipality
- Supply chain management that complies with regulation
- Assets management and tracking
- Inventory management
- Budget module aligned to IDP as regulated
- HR and Payroll module with leave management
- Performance Management

Eighteen major business processes have been defined within Local Government. These business processes are defined in the technical specification.

Each business process has been fragmented into sub- processes to enable alignment to practical work streams common to municipalities. Legislative or business requirements provide further explanation of the sub-processes. The business processes are:

- Corporate Governance;
- Municipal Budgeting, Planning and Modelling;
- Indigent Control
- Pre-Paid Electricity
- Cash Payment System
- Financial Accounting;
- Costing and reporting;
- Project Accounting;
- Treasury and Cash Management;
- Procurement Cycle: Supply Chain Management, Expenditure Management, Contract Management and Accounts Payable;
- Grant Management;
- Full Asset Life Cycle Management including Maintenance Management;
- Real Estate and Resources Management;
- Human Resource and Payroll Management;
- Customer Care, Credit Control and Debt Collection;
- Valuation Roll Management;

- Land Use Building Control; and
- Revenue Cycle Billing.
- Performance Management System

Functionality within systems, acting as enablers of the business processes, have been added and describes how systems must assist local government in maintaining proper execution and achievement of business process milestones and deliverables. Although the required system functionality is accepted to be driven by either legislation or mSCOA regulation, some functionality has been identified through evaluation, to be for best practice activities within local government.

An indicator has been placed with each required system functionality to specify what the relevancy of the said requirement is for the mSCOA regulation. Transactional indicates that the functionality must, at the point of source, be made within the mSCOA segmentation. The derived indicator allows for transactions to be originated from sub-systems and updated into the general ledger in segments.

For each of the detailed system requirements within the pricing schedule the following breakdown of pricing will be required:

License Fees:

- Once-off license, where the system solution requires an initial once-off fee;
- Annual maintenance fee, where software maintenance fees are payable annually or in monthly instalments;
- Annual service level agreement fee, where fees are payable to ensure support is available, i.e.
 helpdesk; After implementation onsite support, where support staff are placed at the municipality
 other than the six week go-live support.

Implementation:

- Assessment of current status: On- or offsite investigation of the current financial data
- Organisational change management: Cost to ensure that organisational change management is addressed during implementation
- Assessment of requirement: During assessment for current status, requirements must be identified.
- Customisation and setup of parameters: Operating system and server (setup of server with related software); Database setup (cost of setting up required database); Security and roles definition (the cost of configuring users' access and security features) and Software solution (customising software solution to fit client requirement).
- User acceptance testing: Test environment setup and testing to an accepted level for users
- Implementation training: Training for the size of municipality as indicated
- Refresher training: Training plan for the next three years
- Handholding: Cost to have support staff onsite for six weeks to ensure all processes have been tested. First billing cycle completed, salary run done, asset financial transactions integrated, general ledger month-end done, and statutory reporting submitted.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

3.1 The 80/20 adjudication criteria will apply when this Bid is adjudicated, and points will be allocated as follows:-

Price: 80 Points
Preference Points: 20 Points
Total 100 Points

3.2 80/20 Preference Point System in terms of the Municipality's SCM Policy

3.3 All bidders will be evaluated according to the following:

3.3.1 Phase 1: Administrative Compliance

A panel will evaluate all bids received on administrative compliance by checking the compulsory returnable documents as detailed in the diagram below. Failure to comply with the administrative required documents will render your bid non responsive, and will lead to disqualification.

3.3.2 Phase 2: Functionality

A panel will evaluate all bids received on the functionality criteria as reflected. The evaluation criteria will be used for the purpose of pre-qualifying the service provider so that they can be recommended for price and preference phase. All bidders who don't score a minimum of sixty (70%) on functionality will be considered as being non-responsive and they will be disqualified from being considered as valid bidders.

3.3.3 Phase 3: Preference and Price

Price and Preference goal (ownership as a specific goal)

80/20 Preference Point System in terms of the Municipality's SCM Policy will be applicable as follows:

| | POINTS |
|--|--------|
| PRICE | 80 |
| SPECIFIC GOALS (20 POINTS) | |
| Race – 100% Black Owned (HDP) | 10 |
| Gender – 100% Woman Owned (HDP) | 05 |
| Disability (HDP) | 05 |
| Total Points for Price and Specific Goal | 100 |

Proof to claim Preference Goal: Ownership as a specific goal

- ID Copy
- Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)
- Medical Certificate (if disabled)

5. BID SUBMISSION

5.1 Bidders will be permitted to submit bids by:

Post: PO Box 47, Mooi River, 3300 or Hand Delivered: 10 Claughton Terrace, Mooi River, 3300

5. CLOSING DATE AND TIME

- 5.1 Closing date for submission of bid documents is 11 September 2023.
- 5.2 Closing time: 12:00pm

6. VALIDITY OF BIDS

6.1 Bidders are required to submit bids valid for 120 days

7. DURATION OF CONTRACT

7.1 Duration of contract would be for a period of thirty six (36) months.

8. BIDDING PROCESS

- 8.1 Bidders are requested to submit their bid documents in an envelope, marked clearly with Bid Number, Description, Name and Address of the Bidder.
- 8.2 The bidder must be responsible for inspection and quality assurance of all materials provided.
- 8.3 Recommended bidder will be subjected to security screening.

9. LATE BIDS

9.1 Bids received after the time stipulated will not be considered.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

PHASE 1:

Administration Compliance: Compulsory Returnable Documents

- a) Mandatory Requirements
 - Valid Tax Clearance Certificate or PIN issued by SARS.
 - Latest Proof of Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD Report). The service provider should be in good standing with the South African Revenue Services which will be verified through the CSD.
 - Proof of Municipal Rates and Taxes.

Failure to provide any mandatory information required will result in the submission being deemed null and void and shall be considered non-responsive.

PHASE 2: FUNCTIONALITY:

| Functionality criteria / testing | in this category | | | ✓ |
|---|--|---|----|----------|
| | | В | A | ✓ |
| Company work experience in government financial system related projects (please attach copy | Previous mSCOA compliant financial system projects, at least 5 appointment letters & recommendation from Municipality between 2016-2019 5 Points will be awarded for every valid recommendation letter to a maximum of 5. | 5 | 25 | |
| of mSCOA compliant appointment letter for financial system & recommendation letter from municipality) | Proof of Mscoa Pilot site currently Live attach valid recommendation letter | 1 | | |
| Track record and experience | Submit referral letters from Municipalities where mScoa have been compiled satisfactory in the last 3 years with unqualified opinion: | 5 | 10 | |
| Key personally, number of | Contract Management with NQF level 7 in IT or related course | - | 10 | |
| years' experience | At least 7 years' experience | 5 | | |
| after obtaining | At least 6 years' experience | 4 | | |
| qualification of | At least 5 years' experience | 3 | | |
| project / contract manager; site agent | At least 4 years' experience | 2 | | |
| attach CV / profile; | At least 3 years' experience | 1 | | |
| certified ID copy & qualification certificates | Site agent/ implementation agent with NQF level 6 in IT or related course | - | 10 | |
| (National Diploma) | At least 7 years' experience | 5 | | |
| (Hational Diploma) | At least 6 years' experience | 4 | | |
| | At least 5 years' experience | 3 | | |
| | At least 4 years' experience | 2 | | |

| | At least 3 years' experience | 1 | | |
|--|--|-----|----|--|
| Locality (proof of physical address and | Company located within Kwazulu Natal (Headquarters) | 10 | 10 | |
| existence in that addres) | Company having office in Kwazulu Natal | 7 | | |
| | Company located elsewhere in South Africa | 5 | | |
| Proposal / Methodology/ Presentation of mSCOA compliance | Fully compliant to stated requirement. Demonstrate clear understanding of the scope of the project & mSCOA compliance methodology to be followed, clearly stated with total cost breakdown and the time; indicate all municipalities where the system is currently functional, project implementation plan with mile stone, skill transfer process | 5 | 20 | |
| | and demonstrate system integration with other systems e.g. banking system or CSD, procedure and how company will add value to Municipality's financial management | | | |
| | Proposal lack any aspect as per requirement. Demonstrate moderate understanding of the scope of the project & mSCOA compliance, methodology to be followed clearly started with total cost breakdown. And the time, indicate all municipalities where the system is currently functional, project implementation plan with milestone, skill transfer process and demonstrate integration with other system e.g. Banking system or CSD, procedure and how company will add value to Municipality's financial management. | 3 | | |
| | Poor understanding of the scope of the project & mSCOA compliance, methodology to be followed, clearly stated with total cost breakdown and the time, indicate in all municipalities where system is currently functional, project implementation plan with milestone, skill transfer process and demonstrate system integration with other system e.g. banking system or CSD, procedure and how company will add value to Municipality's financial management. | 1 | | |
| IT Security Management | Quality Management System (Certified by SABS, ISO) | 1 | 10 | |
| Total Score: | Functionality criteria formula: bid= AxB/5 All bidders with less than 70 points will be disqualified from further evaluation | 100 | | |

10. CLARIFICATION OR ALTERATIONS OF BIDS

- 10.1 Bidders will not be requested or permitted to alter their bids after the deadline for receipt of bids.
- 10.2 Requests for clarification may be needed to evaluate bids and the bidder's responses should be made in writing.

11. COMPLETENESS OF DOCUMENTATION

- 11.1 It will be ascertained whether bids:
 - a) Include original tax clearance certificates
 - b) Have been properly signed and completed
 - c) Are accompanied by the required securities/accreditations
 - d) Are substantially responsive to the bidding documents
 - e) Are generally in order.
- and specifications in the bidding documents, it will not be considered further.
- 11.3 The bidder will not be permitted to correct or withdraw material deviations or reservations once bids have been opened.

12. REJECTION OF ALL BIDS

12.1 Mpofana Municipality reserves the right to reject all bids if and when deemed necessary. This is justified when there is lack of effective competition, or bids are not substantially responsive.

13. ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN CONSULTANTS

13.1 Consultants may associate with each other to complement their respective areas of expertise, or for other reasons. Such an association may be for the long term (independent of any particular assignment) or for a specific assignment. The association may take the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy.

14. GENERAL

- 14.1 The Mpofana Municipality reserves the right to award the bid
- 14.2 The Mpofana Municipality reserves the right to sign the SLA with the appointed service provider.
- 14.3 The Mpofana Municipality will not be held responsible for any costs incurred by the service providers in the preparation and submission of bid.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The purpose of this Annexure is to:

- i. Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to Mpofana Municipality 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 Mpofana Municipality.
 - 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 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.

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1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
- 1.2 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
- 1.3 **"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.
- 1.4 **"Contract price"** means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
- 1.5 **"Corrupt practice"** means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public employee in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- 1.6 **"Countervailing duties"** are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its Mpofana Municipality and encouraged to market its products internationally.
- 1.7 "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 recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components
- 1.8 "Day" means calendar day.
- 1.9 **"Delivery"** means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
- 1.10 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
- 1.11 "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.
- 1.12 **"Dumping"** occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on 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.
- 1.13 **"Force majeure"** means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions fires, floods, epidemics, guarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.14 "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.
- 1.15 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.16 **"Goods"** means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract
- 1.17 "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 abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other 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.
- 1.18 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.19 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.

- 1.20 "Order" means an employee written order issued for the supply of goods for works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.21 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.22 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.23 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.24 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.25 "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.
- 1.26 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of 96 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 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 State Tender Bulletin. The State Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.employee.gov.za.

4. STANDARDS

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

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 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**

- 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:
- 7.3.1. 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
- 7.3.2. 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 Municipality or an organization acting on behalf of the Municipality.
- 8.3. If there is no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during 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 Energy Board 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 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 be rejected.
- 8.7. Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when 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 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 OF 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 delivered 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:
 - a. performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - b. furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - c. furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
 - d. 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
 - e. 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 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 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.

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 SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.
- 15.5. Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.
- 15.6. If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in 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 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 SCC.
- 16.2. The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfilment of 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 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 authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request 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 in 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 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 THE SUPPLIERS 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 practicable 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 local authorities.
- 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 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 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 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 manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to 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.

24. ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND RIGHTS

24.1. When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping 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 subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after 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 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 contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by force majeure event.

26. TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY

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 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.
- 27.6. Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6.

28. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 28.1. 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 obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser.
- 28.2. 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 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 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, Mpofana Municipality 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 (NIP) PROGRAMME

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

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 bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).

- If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998. 15
- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred 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.