

## HARRY GWALA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PTY) LTD 2011/001221/07

Harry Gwala Farmers Market, Erf 2226 Portion 27 of the Farm Ellerton, IXOPO 3276 website www.hgda.co.za

## HARRY GWALA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY-INVITATION TO TENDER

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUPPLY, INSTALL, AUTOMATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS AT HARRY GWALA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PTY) LTD.

BID NO- HGDA 0025-2024/25

CLOSING DATE:
CLOSING TIME:
NAME OF BIDDER:
POSTAL ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
FAX NUMBER:
E-MAIL ADRESS:
TENDER SUM (ALL INCLUSIVE) in words:
TENDER SUM (ALL INCLUSIVE) (numerical):

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### BID NUMBER: HGDA 0025-2024/25

Bid documents must be deposited in the tender box marked "APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUPPLY, INSTALL, AUTOMATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS AT HARRY GWALA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PTY) LTD" located at the reception area at Harry Gwala Development Agency (HGDA), Farmers Market, Portion 27 of the Farm Ellerton, Erf 2226, Ixopo not later than 29 April 2025 at 12h00. Bidders must attach the following mandatory returnable documents to be considered. Failure to submit will lead to disqualification of the bidder. The following conditions are applicable to this bid:

- Price (s) quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT (MBD3.1)
- Copy of CSD (Central Supplier Database) summary report (not older than 3 months)
- Copy of company registration documents (compulsory)
- For Joint Venture Agreements, attach the CK's of each of the joint venture members (if applicable)
- Certified ID(s) copies of company director(s) not older than 6 months
- Copy of current municipal account for all Director/s and Company (not older than 3 months) or copy of lease agreement from the relevant leasing authority. If the business is operated from the residence of one of the Director/s, an original affidavit, certified, must be submitted stating the address of the premises, preferably from your local SAPS office.
- Printed copy of tax clearance certificate accompanied by a pin for further verification.
- Certified copy of B-BBEE certificate or Sworn Affidavit
- Completed and signed Bidding Document attached to the tender document.
- It is therefore compulsory that the municipal entity bidding document be used. Harry Gwala Development Agency (HGDA) is not bound to accept the lowest offer or any quote.

#### The following conditions will apply:

- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least ninety days (90) days from date of your offer.
- Price(s) quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT and disbursements.
- Your valid tax clearance certificate must be attached.

NB: No bid will be considered from persons in the service of the state or persons who owe rates, services, and taxes to any Municipality for a period longer than 120 days.

## **TENDER ADVERT**



## HARRY GWALA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (HGDA) (Pty) Ltd 2011/001221/07

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Website: www.hgda.co.za

## HARRY GWALA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: INVITATION TO TENDER

The Harry Gwala Development Agency (Pty) Ltd hereby invites suitably qualified, experienced and reputable Service Providers to provide services to the entity. The Bid documents can be downloaded from the Harry Gwala Development Agency (Pty) Ltd website www.hgda.co.za and e-tender portal.

BID NO.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COMPULSORY BRIEFING	AVAILABILITY OF TENDER DOCUMENTS	CLOSING DATE	TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES
HGDA 0025- 2024/25	Appointment of a service provider to supply, install, automation and maintenance of photocopying machine for a period of 36 months at Harry Gwala Development Agency (Pty) Ltd	None	01 April 2025 on the HGDA website and e- tender portal	29 April 2025 @12h00	Financial Accountant: Mr Y Mdolomba Tel: 068 287 3560
HGDA 0026- 2024/25	Supply and delivery of commodities for Women in Business Initiative: (Dental, Laundry, Electrical and Fencing)			14 April 2025 @12h00	LED Manager: Ms Z Mkulisi Tel: 082 308 6833
HGDA 0027- 2024/25	Supply and delivery of commodities for Enterprise Development Fund (EDF 2024/25)				

### **BID SUBMISSION**

Sealed Bid Documents with the **Bid Number and description of the bid** endorsed on the envelop with the **bidders details** clearly indicated maybe couriered at least 2 days before closing date to avoid late delivery or be hand delivered and must be deposited in the **TENDER BOX located at the Reception Area**, **Harry Gwala Development Agency**, **Farmers Market**, **Portion 27 of the Farm Ellerton**, **Erf 2226**, **Ixopo 3275**, not later than the aforementioned dates where after, bids will be opened in public. The scope of work and bid requirements is stipulated in the bid documents.

### The evaluation of bids will be done in the following stages:

First Stage - Functionality - Second Stage - Price and Specific Goals

Each bidder must score the required minimum score for functionality to be considered for the second stage. The 80/20 Preferential Point system in terms of the 2022 Preferential system will apply and points will be awarded based on the entity's specific goals that is on ownership and RDP goals. (MBD 6.1 must be completed by the tenderer to claim points.) Ownership = 10 points and RDP = 10 points. The detailed table for specific goals will be on the tender document.

Harry Gwala Development Agency (Pty) Ltd does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept the Bid in whole or part, at the rates quoted.

Late, telegraphic, e-mailed or faxed bids will not be considered.

Tenderers that submit tenders by courier retain the responsibility of ensuring that tender documents submitted are placed in the tender box. This is not the responsibility of the Municipal Entity. Tenders are to adhere to the General Conditions of Contract and the SCM Policy of Harry Gwala Development Agency.

MIRALL MAKHAYE

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

Notice Number: 63-24/25

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Harry Gwala Development Agency was established with a specific mandate to augment growth and development within the Harry Gwala District by, improving the quality of life for the residents of the district and promoting sustainable development.

## 2. PURPOSE

Harry Gwala Development Agency (PTY) Ltd invites prospective bidders to submit proposals for the appointment of a service provider to supply, install, automation and maintenance of photocopying machine for a period of 36 months on a rental / lease basis.

### 3. SCOPE OF WORK

The bidder is requested to supply, install, monitor, automate and maintain multifunctional Printing / Scanning/ Photocopying machine for the Harry Gwala Development Agency for a period of 36 (thirty-six) months as follows:

- Must have built job function.
- Security feature: password linked to users.
- The printer should be capable of doing colour and monochrome printing.
- The printer should provide USB port and secure wireless connectivity.
- The print speed should be up to 45 pages per minute.
- The printer must have an automated document feeder.
- The printer must be capable of network printing, scanning to mail/ network and colour scanning.
- The estimated number of people connected to the machine should be a minimum of 20.
- The printer must be able to provide security relevant chronological records such as audit trail and other reports.
- Mobile printing, cloud storage capability.
- Must scan to the drive.

### PROJECT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

ITEM	DESCRIPTION & FEATURES	QUANTITY
Multifunction Printer (MFP)	55ppm MFP (Print, Copy, Scan & Fax), A4 and A3 as well as SRA3, up to 300gsm, with the following finishing: 50-sheet multi position stapling and 2- and 4-hole punch Saddle stich booklet maker and V-fold. Dual Head Scanner -200ipm.	1

## 4. CONTRACT PERIOD

The appointed service provider will be required to sign the SLA with HGDA. The contract will be valid from the date of appointment for a period of thirty-six (36) months.

## 5. **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Bidders will be evaluated on 2 stages:

Stage 1: Functionality Assessment

Stage 2: Financial Offer and Preference Points

## Stage 1: Functionality assessment (100)

With regards to functionality the following criteria will be applicable and the maximum score of each criterion is indicated in the table below. A bidder that scores less than **60** points in respect of "functionality" will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive quote and will be disqualified and will be not evaluated for the price.

Criteria	Basis of allocation	Point allocation	Verification Method
Company experience in the Supply, installation, monitoring, automation and maintenance of photocopying machine	reference letters – 40  4 appointment letters with reference letters – 30  3 appointment letters with	40	Attach signed appointment letter with reference letter for experience with contacts.
	reference letters – 20  2 appointment letters with reference letters – 10  1 appointment letters with reference letters – 5		
Experience of the lead technician in Supply, installation, monitoring, automation and maintenance of	5 years and above	30	Attach table indicating the nature of project, start date, completion date and contactable references.  Reference checks will be
photocopying machine	3 years	20	done by the Harry Gwala Development Agency
	2 years	15	
Financial viability	Bidders must attach a letter of good standing	30	Attach a letter from a Registered Financial Institution.

## STAGE 2 - PRICE AND PREFERENTIAL SPECIFIC GOALS

The 80/20 preferential point system will be applied where 80 points will be allocated for price and 20 points for preferential goals as follows:

- Preferential Goal 1
- Preferential Goal 2

PREFERENCE GOAL		Documents required for verification	
GOAL 1 - Ownership – Maximum points	10	Vermeauon	
Businesses who are 51% or more owned by black person.	3	ID copy of Director or CSD detailed report Or	
Businesses owned less than 51% by black person	1	CIPC Registration Certificate (Companies and Intellectual Property Commission)	
Business who are 51% or more owned by black women.	3	ID copy of Director or CSD detailed report Or	
Business owned less than 51% by black women	1	CIPC Registration Certificate (Companies and Intellectual Property Commission)	
Businesses who are 51% or more owned by black youth.	2	ID copy of Director or CSD detailed report Or	
Business owned less than 51% by black youth	1	CIPC Registration Certificate (Companies and Intellectual Property Commission)	
Business who are 51% or more owned by disabled person	2	Attach proof from a registered doctor/physician for a bidder to obtain full points	
GOAL 2 – RDP – Maximum points	10		
Business falls under the SMME category – EME or QSE	3	Certified copy of B-BEEE Certificate / Sworn Affidavit	
Promotion of business located within Harry Gwala Development Agency	3	<ul> <li>Preferred address on detailed CSD Report</li> <li>Municipal account not older than 90 days for the director.</li> <li>Lease agreement and affidavit if you are leasing or;</li> <li>Affidavit if you are residing in rural area</li> </ul>	
Promotion of business located within KZN province Promotion of business located in South Africa outside KZN Province	1	<ul> <li>Preferred address on detailed CSD Report</li> <li>Municipal account not older than 90 days for the director.</li> <li>Lease agreement and affidavit if you are leasing or;</li> <li>Affidavit if you are residing in rural area</li> </ul>	

Each bidder must score the required minimum score for functionality to be considered for the second stage. 80/20 Preferential Point system in terms of the 2022 Preferential system will apply and points will be awarded based on the entity's specific goals, that is on ownership and RDP goals.

### 6. COST SCHEDULE

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE / RENTAL – YEAR 1
A4 & A3 colour multifunction printer (MFP)	1	R
All monochrome copies charge per A4 or A3	R	
All colour copies charged per A4 or A3 copy		R

Escalation rate:	
Total estimated cost for year 1:	R
Total estimated cost for year 2:	<u>R</u>
Total estimated cost for year 3:	<u>R</u>
Total estimated cost for 36 months:	R

## 7. FEATURES REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION

All Annexure to these Terms of Reference that require completion by the bidder must be completed in full and returned with the bid. Failure to do so may disqualify the bid.

## 8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

Appointment will be made in terms of the Harry Gwala Development Agency's Procurement Policy.

## 9. **NEGOTIATING A FAIR MARKET PRICE**

The HGDA reserves the right to enter negotiations with the preferred bidders for a fair market price if on its own assessment is of the view that the highest scoring bidder is charging prices higher than the fair market price.

## 10. NON-APPOINTMENT

The Harry Gwala Development Agency reserves the right not to make an appointment should it find that bidding parties do not meet the specified criteria.

## 11. COMPLETION

Projects will not be paid for unless the required services have been correctly delivered.

## 12. COURTESY

In dealings with the municipal entity internal structures, the bidder is required to deal with discussions and disputes with deliberate courtesy and understanding, in close liaison with the Harry Gwala Development Agency.

Prior to the commencement of works, the successful bidder shall arrange through the office of the Chief Executive Officer to be introduced to the appropriate Harry Gwala Development Agency structures and to be briefed upon any sensitivities that need to be observed.

### 13. GENERAL

Tender offers will only be accepted on condition that:

- a. The tender offer is signed by a person authorized to sign on behalf of the Tenderer.
- b. A Tenderer who submitted tenders as joint venture has included an acceptable Joint Venture Agreement with his tender.
- c. The Tenderer or any of its principals, directors or managers is not employed by the state or any municipality or municipal entity.
- d. The quotation/ proposal must be on a company letterhead.
- e. Bids submitted are to hold good for a period of 90 (ninety) days and must be inclusive of VAT,
- f. The enclosed forms MBD 4, MBD 6.1(must be completed to claim points), MBD 8 & MBD 9 must be scrutinized, completed and submitted together with your Bid.
- g. NB: No Bid will be considered from persons in the service of the state
- h. Proof of company registration
- i. A valid tax clearance certificate is included with this tender or tax compliance status with the pin.
- j. In the case of a bidder owning a property, they must provide a municipal statement confirming status of municipal accounts not older than 3 months (Bidders must not be in arears for more than 90 days)
- k. In case of a bidder leasing the property, they must attach a lease agreement & letter from landlord stating that rent is up to date. The letter must not be older than 3 months.
- I. In the case of the bidder operating in an area that doesn't pay rates, they must attach a sworn affidavit stating that rates are not paid in that area. The affidavit must not be older than 3 months.
- m. If the bidder is staying with parents, spouse or any family relative in an area where rates are paid (an affidavit from the bidder or signed letter from the property owner stating that the bidder is not responsible for municipal accounts must be attached). Affidavit or letter must not be older than 3 months.

- n. The Tenderer or any of its principles is not listed on the register of Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004 as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector.
- o. The tenderer has not abused the Employers' Supply Chain Management System or has failed to perform on any previous contract and has been given a written notice to this effect; and
- p. The Employer is satisfied that the Tenderer or any of his principles has not influenced the tender offer and acceptance by the following criteria:
  - Having offered or promised or given a bribe or other gift remuneration to any person in connection with the obtaining or execution of this Contract.
  - Having acted in a fraudulent or corrupt manner in obtaining or executing of this contract.
  - Having approached an officer or employee of the Employer or the Employers' Agent with the objective of influencing the award of a Contract in the Tenders' favor
  - Having entered into any agreement or arrangement, whether legally binding or not, with any other person, firm or company to refrain from Tendering for this Contract or as to the amount of the Tender to be submitted by either party; or
  - Having disclosed to any other person, firm or company other than the Employer, the exact or approximate amount of his proposed Tender.

In the event of any of the above, the Harry Gwala Development Agency may, in addition to using any other legal remedies, repudiate the Tender offer and acceptance and declare the Contract invalid should it have been concluded already.

The Harry Gwala Development Agency's Supply Chain Management Policy shall apply.

The Municipal Entity does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Bid and reserves the right to accept the Bid as whole or in part, at the rates quoted.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE CONDITIONS IN ALL RESPECTS WILL RESULT IN THE TENDER BEING DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE. IF THE PRICE OFFERED IS NOT MARKET RELATED, THE HARRY GWALA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY MAY NOT AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THAT TENDERER AND MAY NEGOTIATE FOR MARKET RELATED PRICE WITH THE TENDERER, FAILING WHICH NEGOTIATE WITH THE NEXT PREFERRED TENDERER OR TENDER MAY BE CANCELLED.

## 14. **DOCUMENTATION**

The proposal document submitted must include all the information deemed necessary to evaluate your submission on the bases stipulated in this document. The additional forms appended to this document must also be included in the submission.

This document may be detached and re-binded to ensure neatness and to also avoid the risk of accidently losing loose sheets. In the process of doing that, please be careful not to lose any of the pages of this document because should that be the case, your proposal may be regarded as incomplete.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The Bidder shall enter in the spaces provided below a list of relevant recent experience.

Employer (Name, Tel. No. or Fax No.)	Details of Project (Attach ref letters)	Value of Work (fees)	Year

## **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

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

(I) COMPANY	(II) CLOSE CORPORATIO N	(III) PARTNERSHIP	(IV) JOINT VENTURE	(V) SOLE PROPRIETOR

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Note: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all of the key members upon whom rests the direction of the affairs of the Close Corporation as a whole.

## (III) CERTIFICATE FOR PARTNERSHIP

We, the undersigned, being the key partners in the business trading as,

hereby authorize <b>I</b>	Mr./Ms		
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Lead partner			
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Note: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all of the key partners upon whom rests

the direction of the affairs of the Partnership as a whole.

(V) <u>CER</u>	TIFICATE FOR SOLE	PROPRIETOR	
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	ORY ENTERPRISE		
The following	ng particulars must be	e furnished. In the cas	e of a joint venture, separate enterpris
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Section 1.	Name of enterpris	se:	
Section 2.	VAT registration	number, if any:	
Section 3.	CIDB registration	number, if any:	
Section 4.	Particulars of sole	e proprietors and par	tners in partnerships.
Name*		Identity number*	Personal income tax number*

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a member of an accounting authority

of any national or provincial public

an employee of Parliament or a

If any of the above boxes are marked, disclose the following\*:

\* Insert separate page if necessary.

Name of spouse, child or	Name of institution, public	Status of	service (tick
parent	offices, board or organ of state and position held	appropriate	e column)
		Current	Within last 12 months

## 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 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 an employee of any provincial department, national or provincial member any provincial of public entity or constitutional institution legislature within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 member National of the of 1999) Assembly or the National Council of Provinces a member of an accounting authority of any national or provincial public a member of the board of directors entity of any municipal entity an employee of Parliament or a an official of any municipality or provincial legislature municipal entity

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<sup>\*</sup> Insert separate page if necessary.

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

- i. authorises 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 neither the name of the enterprise or the name of any partner, manager, director or other persons, 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, has within the last five years been convicted of fraud or corruption.

- iv. confirms that I/we am/are not associated, linked or involved with any other tendering entities submitting tender offers and have no other relationship with any of the tenderers or those responsible for compiling the scope of work that could cause or be interpreted as a conflict of interest; and
- v. confirms that the contents of this questionnaire are within my personal knowledge and are to the best of my belief both true and correct.

Signed:	Date:	
Name:	Position:	
Enterprise name:		

## C: RECORD OF ADDENDUM TO TENDER DOCUMENTS

I / We confirm that the following communications received from the Employer or his representative before the date of submission of this tender offer, amending the tender documents, have been taken into account in this tender offer.

ADD. No	DATE	TITLE OR DETAILS
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SIGNATURE:	 DATE	

(of person authorised to sign on behalf of the Tenderer)

## PART A INVITATION TO BID

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1.	BID SUBMISSION: BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIF	ME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS LAT	LE BIDO
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1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.	S OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLI	CABLE,
2.	TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS		
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR T	AX OBLIGATIONS.	
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATAX STATUS.	PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBE TE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFI	R (PIN) LE AND
2.3	APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVIS WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE W	SION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO RE	_SO BE GISTER
2.4	FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AW	ARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.	
2.5	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIF	CATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.	
2.6	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICAT	SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED E / PIN / CSD NUMBER.	; EACH
2.7	WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDE		PPLIER
3.	QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS		
3.1.	IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SO YES ☐ NO	UTH AFRICA (RSA)?	
3.2.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?		
	☐ YES ☐ NO		
3.3.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHM YES $\ \square$ NO	ENT IN THE RSA?	
3.4.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN YES ☐ NO	THE RSA?	
3.5.	IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF YES ☐ NO	TAXATION?	
A T	HE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT AX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM RS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.	IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTE THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SE	R FOR RVICE
	FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICUL BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE S		
SIG	NATURE OF BIDDER:	21.30	
CAF	ACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:	886	
DAT	E:		

## PRICING SCHEDULE - FIRM PRICES (PURCHASES)

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

MBD 3.1 DESCRIPTION QUANTITY AMOUNT SUB-TOTAL VAT (15%) TOTAL LESS (R DISCOUNT ) **OFFERED** TOTAL BID **PRICE** 

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

### **CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least ninety (90) days from date of offer for evaluation purposes.
- Price(s) quoted must be firm and include VAT.
- Tenderers original valid tax clearance certificate must be attached.
- Tender original or certified B-BBEE Certificate must be attached to the document.
- Tender documents signed by a person who does not have authority to sign will be disqualified.
- Tenderers who did not complete the compulsory questionnaire, who abuse the employer's supply chain management system will not be conceded.
- Non-collusion affidavit to be executed by bidder and submitted with the bid.

<sup>\*\* &</sup>quot;all applicable taxes" includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

- 1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state<sup>1</sup>.
- 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 authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.
  - 3 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

	3.1	Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:	***************************************
	3.2	Identity Number:	
	3.3	Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, hareholder²):	
	3.4	Company Registration Number:	
	3.5	Tax Reference Number:	
	3.6	VAT Registration Number:	
	3.7	The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below	
	3.8	Are you presently in the service of the state?	YES / NO
		3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars.	
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¹MS(	CM R	egulations: "in the service of the state" means to be – ember of –	
(α)	(i)	any municipal council;	
	(ii)	any provincial legislature; or	
	(iii)	the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;	
		ember of the board of directors of any municipal entity;	
(c)	an c	official of any municipality or municipal entity;	
(a)		employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial pub tution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act N	
(e)		ember of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or	
		employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.	
<sup>2</sup> S	hareh	nolder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively invo	olved in the management
of t	he co	ompany or business and exercises control over the company.	managornone
3.9	Hav	e you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months?YES	/ NO
		3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars	
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3.10 be ii	) Do y nvolved	ou have I with the	any relationsh evaluation and	ip (family, fr d or adjudica	iend, other) with pe ition of this bid?	rsons in the service of the	state and who may YES / NO
		3.10.1	If yes, furnish	particulars.			
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			gg	9			
	3.11	in the s adjudid YES / I	service of the s cation of this bi <b>NO</b> If yes, furnish p	tate who Ma d? particulars	y be involved with t	er) between any other bidde ne evaluation and or	r and any persons
	3.12		of the compar	ıy's directors	s, trustees, manager	rs, Principle shareholders or	
	3.12.	1 If yes,	furnish particu	lars.			
	3.13 share YES	holders o	spouse, child or stakeholders	or parent of s in service o	the company's directif the state?	ctors trustees, managers, pr	inciple
		3.13.1				z z zse ss	
	3.14	Do you compar bidding YES / N	or any of the ny have any ir	directors, tru nterest in an	ıstees, managers, p	orinciple shareholders, or si npanies or business wheth this	takeholders of this er or not they are contract.
		3.14.	1 If yes, furnis	-			
				# · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
4.	Full	details of	directors / truste	es / members	s / shareholders.		
ull Na	me				Identity Number	State Employee Numb	er
		-147					

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

## **DECLARATION BY BUSINESS**

I/We	declare that the above
particulars and information fur bidding for the Harry Gwala D understand the meaning there	nished to the Harry Gwala Development Agency for the purpose of evelopment Agency are true in substance and in fact and that I / We fully
Name	Signature
Date	Designation

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

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

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

#### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:
  - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
  - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

## 1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

(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.
- 1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:
  - (a) Price; and
  - (b) Specific Goals.

## 1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

- Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by

the organ of state.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) "tender" means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) "price" means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts:
- (c) "rand value" means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) "tender for income-generating contracts" means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) "the Act" means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

## 3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

## 3.1<sub>e</sub> POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

## 3.1.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

$$Ps=80\left(1-rac{Pt-P\,min}{P\,min}
ight)$$
 or  $Ps=90\left(1-rac{Pt-P\,min}{P\,min}
ight)$ 

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration
Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

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

#### 3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$Ps = 80\left(1 + rac{Pt - P\,max}{P\,max}
ight)$$
 or  $Ps = 90\left(1 + rac{Pt - P\,max}{P\,max}
ight)$ 

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

### 4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:
- 4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
  - (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
  - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,

then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

Note: the bidder must complete the below table in order to claim points. No points will be awarded if its incomplete.

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	
GOAL 1 - Ownership – Maximum points	the organ of state) 10		
Businesses who are at least 51% owned by black person	3		
Business owned less than 51% owned by black person	1		
Businesses who are at least 51% owned by black women	3		
Business owned less than 51% by black women	1		
Businesses who are at least 51% owned by black youth	2		
Business owned less than 51% by black youth	1		
Business owned more than 51% by disabled person	2		
GOAL 2 – RDP – Maximum points	10		
Promotion of business located within Harry Gwala District Municipality	4		
Business falls under the SMME category – EME or QSE	3		
Promotion of business located within KZN province	3		
Promotion of business located in South Africa outside KZN province	1		

## **DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM**

4.3.	Na	me of o	company/firm		
4.4.	Co	Company registration number:			
4.5.	TY	PE OF	COMPANY/ FIRM [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]		
		One Clos Pub Pers (Pty Non	tnership/Joint Venture / Consortium e-person business/sole propriety se corporation lic Company sonal Liability Company - Limited e-Profit Company se Owned Company		
4.6.	poi	ints cla	ersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the imed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for ence(s) shown and I acknowledge that:		
	i)	The in	formation furnished is true and correct;		
	<ul> <li>The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indiparagraph 1 of this form;</li> </ul>				
	iii)	and 4	event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the of state that the claims are correct;		
	iv)	iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the condition of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –			
		(a)	disqualify the person from the tendering process;		
		(b)	recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;		
		(c)	cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;		
		(d)	recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and		
	9	(e)	forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.		
			SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)		

SURNAME AND NAME.....

DATE:

#### DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 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;
  - c. 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 Tender 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	THE STATE OF	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Databas Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing busines public sector?		Yes	No
	(Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in wr	iting of this		
	restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed	the		
	restriction after the audi alteram partem rule was applied).			
	The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's			
	website(www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the			
	bottom of the home page.			
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:			
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)?  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.	Yes	No	

4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes	No
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:	V	
Item	Question  Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes	Yes Yes	No No
4.4	or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?		
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	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?	Yes	No
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
	CERTIFICATION		
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	CEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACT		BE
TAK	EN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE	•	
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#### CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids<sup>1</sup> 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).<sup>2</sup> 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:
  - 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.
- In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:
- <sup>1</sup> Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.
- <sup>2</sup> 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 Blader)
- 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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
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Position	Name of Bidder

# THE NATIONAL TREASURY Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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#### **Definitions**

The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

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

- "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad markets 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.
- 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the Service Provider and not involving the Service Provider 's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the Purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the Service Provider is required to supply to the Purchaser under the contract.
- "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 Service Provider or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 **"Manufacture"** means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods/works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site" where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the Institution purchasing the goods/works and/or service.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillaries 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 Service Provider covered under the contract.

1.25 **"Written"** or **"in writing"** means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

## 2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents
- 2.2 Where applicable, Special Conditions of Contract are also laid down to cover specific Service Provider, 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 nonrefundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from <a href="https://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>.

#### 4. Standards

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

## 5. Use of Contract Document and Information; Inspection

- 5.1 The Service Provider shall not, without the Purchaser 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 Service Provider 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 Service Provider shall not, without the Purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the Purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the Purchaser on completion of the Service Provider's performance under the contract if so required by the Employer.
- 5.4 The Service Provider shall permit the Purchaser to inspect the Service Provider records relating to the performance of the Service Provider and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Purchaser, if so required by the Purchaser.
- 5.5 The Service Provider 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.

## 6. Patent Rights

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

## 7. Performance Security

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

## 8. Inspection, Tests and Analysis

- 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 Institution or an organization acting on behalf of the Institution.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the Purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the Purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the Service Provider.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or 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 Service Provider who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the Service Provider's cost and risk. Should the Service Provider fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the Purchaser may, without giving the Service Provider further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the Service Provider.
- 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. Packaging

9.1 The Service Provider shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the Purchaser.

## 10. Delivery and Documents

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the Service Provider in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the Service Provider are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the Service Provider 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 Service Provider 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 Service Provider of any warranty obligations under this contract;
  - e) training of the Purchaser's personnel, at the Vendor's plant; and /or
  - f) on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.
- 13.2 Prices charged by the Service Provider for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall

not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Service Provider for similar services.

## 14. Spare Parts

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

## 15. Warranty

- 15.1 The Service Provider 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 Service Provider 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 Service Provider, 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 Service Provider in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the Service Provider 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 If the Service Provider, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the Employer may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Service Provider's risk and expense and without prejudice to

any other rights which the Purchaser may have against the Service Provider under the contract.

#### 16. Payment

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

#### 17. Prices

17.1 Prices charged by the Service Provider for goods/works delivered and/or services rendered under the contract shall not vary from prices quoted by the Service Provider in this bid, with an exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or Purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

#### 18. Contract Amendments

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

#### 19. Assignment

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

#### 20. Subcontractors

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

#### 21. Delay in Service Provider's Performance

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

#### 22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the Service Provider fails to deliver any or all of the goods/works and/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/works and/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 Service Provider, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:
  - a) if the Service Provider 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 Employer pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
  - b) if the Service Provider fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
  - c) if the Service Provider, in the judgment of the Purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.
- 23.2 In the event the Purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the Purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods/works and/or services similar to those undelivered, and the Service Provider shall be liable to the Purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods/works and/or services. However, the Service Provider shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.
- 23.3 Where the Purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the Purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the Service Provider by prohibiting such Service Provider from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.
- 23.4 If a Purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a Service Provider or any person associated with the Service Provider, the Service Provider will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the Service Provider fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the Purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the Service Provider.
- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the Purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
  - (i) the name and address of the Service Provider and / or person restricted by the Purchaser.
  - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
  - (iii) the period of restriction; and

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

#### 24. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties and Rights

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or antidumping 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 the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him.

#### 25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the Service Provider 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 as a result of an event of Force Majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the Service Provider shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, they shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

#### 26. Termination on Insolvency

26.1 The Purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the Service Provider if the Service Provider becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the Service Provider, 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 Service Provider in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Purchaser or the Service Provider 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 Service Provider any monies due the Service Provider.

## 28. Limitation of Liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
  - a) the Service Provider shall not be liable to the Purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Service Provider to pay penalties and/or damages to the Purchaser; and
  - b) the aggregate liability of the Service Provider 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 Service Provider concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice
- 31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

#### 32. Taxes and Duties

- 32.1 A Service Provider 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 Service Provider shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the Purchaser.
- 32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.

# 33. National Industrial Participation Programme

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

## 34. Prohibition of Restrictive Practices

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