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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NO:1

RT57-2026: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SEDAN, LIGHT AND HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, BUSES, MOTORCYCLES, AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS, CONSTRUCTION PLANT AND EQUIPMENT TO THE STATE FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

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1.	Link for the Tender Document and Annexures	<p>Please click of the following link: https://www.etenders.gov.za/</p> <p>On the home page click on “search by”</p> <p>Then click on “Tender Number” then go to the search bar and type RT57-2026, it will pop up, click on it, and click “Search”</p>
2.	eTender Publication contact details and important information	<p>Tel: (012) 406 9222</p> <p>Email: etenders@treasury.gov.za</p>

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3.	How many people can access to eTender portal at the same time, and will the system experience any issues if there are multiple companies submitting bids at the same time.	The eTender system is cloud-based and can accommodate multiple companies/multiple bids. However, CSD is linked to the eTender portal, which has approximately 1.4 million users and these users been constantly on the platform to either change passwords, update information etc. We therefore appeal to the bidders to not wait until the last minute to submit their bids.
4.	Would like to request extension of the closing date for the above-mentioned tender. This request is based on the fact that there are many business units that are involve in completing the tender, e.g. Body Builders with multiply quotations that they need finalize for this tender.	Tender closing date has been extended up to 12 June 2026 @11:00.
5.	I do not know if Tender Technical Specifications of RT57-00-03-05 Hybrid Truck (Pool vehicles only) to RT57-00-04-12 Electrical Golf Cart (2 -Seater) fitted with Load bin are in another tender document	No specifications are provided. As the trucks are new to the market, any offer will be considered.
6.	RT57-00-03-05 Hybrid Truck (Pool vehicles only) RT57-00-04-01 Electrical Vehicle (Sedan/Hatch), NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only) RT57-00-04-02 Electrical Vehicle SUV/MPV 4x2 or 4x4/AWD, NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only)	No, the item description as contained in the pricing schedule are complete as there are no additional technical specifications provided.

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	<p>RT57-00-04-03 Electrical Vehicle LDV -Single or Double Cab 4x2 or 4x4/AWD, NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only)</p> <p>RT57-00-04-04 Electrical Vehicle Panel Van, NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only)</p> <p>RT57-00-04-05 Electrical Truck, NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only)</p> <p>RT57-00-04-06 Electrical Buses, NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only)</p> <p>RT57-00-04-07 Electrical Motorcycle (Two wheels), NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only)</p> <p>RT57-00-04-08 Electrical Quad Bikes, NON-Hybrid (Pool vehicles only)</p> <p>RT57-00-04-09 Electrical Golf Cart (2 -Seater),</p> <p>RT57-00-04-10 Electrical Golf Cart (4- Seater or more)</p> <p>RT57-00-04-11 Electrical Golf Cart (2 -Seater) Converted for Medical Transportation with stretcher</p> <p>RT57-00-04-12 Electrical Golf Cart (2 -Seater) fitted with Load bin</p>	
7.	<p>We are busy preparing our bid for the RT57-2026 tender but we noted that the specifications for RT50-08-02-01 is not available for download.</p> <p>Can it please be added to the portal or sent to us?</p>	<p>Specifications is part of Document 2 – RT57-2026 Technical Specifications also added on e-Tenders.</p>
8.	<p>Can there be an analysis of our submission before the closing date of the bid without disqualification</p>	<p>No.</p>

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9.	On the preferential point system where do you get the values of Pt and Pmin and who is supposed to calculate that, the bidder or treasury	This is calculated during the evaluation process.
10.	For the authorization letter slots in e-tender website(portal), if you have more brands than slots available can we attach multiple authorization letters to a single slot and this question applies to returnable that don't have a slot	More than one authorization can be submitted per slot. The bidder needs to ensure that it is one document. Trying to load a second document in the same slot will override the initial upload.
11.	Are we limited to 138 vehicles only, what if we have secondary options	No, the item number needs to be copy and pasted for every additional item offered per category.
12.	You said we shouldn't round off but the special conditions say we should round off, which of the two would prevent us from disqualification	Rounding up/ down for engine displacement needs to be done in line with 15.1 of the Special Conditions of Contract. Rounding of is for verifying and selecting the correct item, but the actual information is needed for evaluation and not the rounded figures.
13.	How do you know if a vehicle requires a radio?	Please refer to the Special Conditions of Contract, 28.1.9
14.	What if the e-tender portal is missing a returnable slot	Please notify us of the slot.
15.	Renaming a document will not get us disqualified?	Renaming a document will assist during the evaluation process. Scanning the document and rename the scanned

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		name to the specific document number or name e.g.: Scan 123 – rename to SBD6.1
16.	<p>Please note that on current Special General Conditions of Contract page 31 the email is incorrectly stated and reads as follows: - Demanad.Azquistion1@treasury.gov.za</p> <p>(Demand vs Demanad)</p>	<p>Correct email address is demand.acquisition1@treasury.gov.za or alternatively sithembiso.mahlalela@Treasury.gov.za</p>
17.	<p>During Question and Answer I raised the clarity required for the applicable Rate of Exchange for pricing. I pointed out that on Page 39 it requires the rate of exchange as on 31 January 2026.</p> <p>Will you kindly provide the USD currency for this date since you use the average exchange rates as published by the Reserve Bank for this period applicable to this Pricing Schedule?</p>	<p>The actual rate of exchange on 31 January 2026 needs to be used. The average exchange rates are used for the price adjustments.</p>
18. 19.	<p>On the pricing sheet and as alluded to in the online meeting, provision is made for additional conversions on certain vehicles on RT57-06 Additional conversions tab. Are we allowed to offer additional conversions on other vehicles such as trucks, Ldv etc.; and can we then add a column at the end of the sheet for this purpose?</p>	<p>No, only the items as listed or where technical specifications are provided will be considered. An additional conversion will create a different item. A bidder can however offer additional accessories.</p> <p>Extra conversion is only applicable to panel vans where it is only the inside that is converted and not the structure of the vehicle. Please refer to the Pricing Schedule, RT57-06</p>

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20.	As per our brief discussion, would you please kindly confirm what exactly the affidavit should state or whether a resolution will suffice?	If this relates to the authorization letter, the template as provided needs to be adhered to as well as the conditions contained in the SCC.
21.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RT57-08-02-01: This category is described as High-Performance SUV Vehicles, while the corresponding technical specification sheet provided relates to Armored SUV Vehicles. Kindly clarify whether this category is intended to be evaluated under high-performance SUVs or armored vehicles, and confirm which specification applies.	The corrected pricing scheduled has been updated to refer to armored vehicles.
22.	I need clarity on the High-Performance category. The spec has a minimum requirement of 200kW for the vehicles. Is this accurate as currently (on current tender) the minimum requirement is 130Kw. For context, the Golf GTI is 195Kw.	The high-performance category has been removed and replaced with the armoured vehicle category as it was mostly as repetition of Categories RT57-01, 04 and 05.
23.	During Question and Answer I raised the issue of copies of IDs and the legal constraints applicable through the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013. This message is to point out a better solution on this matter: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• instead of Suppliers providing the CSD Summary Report, it is better that suppliers submit the full CSD report utilizing our Unique	The conditions of the current tender as published needs to be adhered to. The recommendation can be investigated for future contracts.

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	<p>Registration Reference Number because this report shows and states Director's ID Numbers instead of submitting the copies of Director's IDs as part of the submission.</p> <p>The advantage of the full CSD report is that it links and captures the CIPC registration documents or changes to Directors automatically /immediately without any further delays.</p>	
24.	<p>We have an enquiry on the previous RT57 submissions. The returnable documentation consisted of the above questionnaire which assisted us as the OEM with the specifications of the Trucks and Buses we needed to provide.</p> <p>I have noted that, this documentation is not part of this tender pack this time around. And now we need some clarity around the specifications.</p> <p>Can you perhaps assist with this or advise who I can obtain clarity from regarding the specifications?</p>	<p>Most of the relevant information that was contained in the technical questionnaires has been included in the additional columns on the pricing schedules.</p>
25.	<p>We do not see a pricing schedule for optional extras for other vehicles, especially trucks and more specifically waste compactors. Please provide one so we may price accordingly.</p>	<p>No optional extras are requested. Where available it can be submitted as an annexure to the pricing schedule as optional extras.</p>
26.	<p>All technical specifications are numbered accordingly to the corresponding vehicles expect for RT57-02 and RT57-06. Please provide the full numbering for theses specifications so that we may not inadvertently mismatch our pricing and compliance.</p>	<p>Specifications are not specific to the category as only the engine size differs for the body type and size.</p>

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27.	<p>With regards to the scoring for local manufacturing:</p> <p>a. Does score for local manufacturing only affect buses, or other converters also affected e.g. what is the scoring for local manufacturing for truck body builders and ambulance body builders, if any? If there is no allocation for these two and other categories of builders, besides the bus body builders, will the 10 points then all be allocated for local ownership as set out?</p> <p>b. For any scenario of local manufacturing points – are the respective points passed onto to the bidder for using a local manufacturer (whether CKD or SKD) e.g. if bidding Company X uses converter Company Y who qualifies for 5 points, will those 5 points be allocated to Company X?</p>	<p>a. The local content requirement for buses is legislated by the DTIC. There is currently no further legislation or regulations that is applicable to other conversions.</p> <p>b. It is scored per bidder of the manufacturing of the actual vehicle / chassis.</p>
28.	<p>With respect to TCD 13.2 and Authorization Letter – are converters / body builders also required to fill out these or any one of these for bidders, or are they only for OEMs (chassis)?</p>	<p>It is only required for the supplier of the vehicle chassis, the OEM and not the converters.</p>
29.	<p>Please would you advise regarding the below:</p> <p>1. Whether there are specifications for Categories RT57-03-12-03 – RT57-03-12-06 (These were not listed in the file)</p>	<p>1. No, it is only the item description as contained on the pricing schedule that is applicable as it is chassis cab only with no conversion included.</p> <p>2. No.</p>

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	<p>2. We would like to know if specifications must be downloaded for categories we will not be tendering on.</p> <p>Thank you kindly for your assistance in this matter.</p>	
30.	<p>We have noticed some errors on the excel pricing template.</p> <p>For items in the category RT57-09, all the optional tabs highlighted in the color do not have any values assigned to them and when you try and complete the tab it gives you an error saying – “This value doesn’t match the data validation”.</p> <p>Can you please have a look at this error and revert with what needs to be done for the completion of the spreadsheet.</p>	<p>The pricing schedule has been rectified. Please look for possible drop-down menus(arrows) to select the relevant field.</p>
31.	<p>Eligibility to Bid (Supplier Status) - Please confirm whether the bid must be submitted by The Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) only, or can it also be submitted by Authorized dealerships and/or distributors acting on behalf of OEMs, provided that valid letters of authority are submitted?</p>	<p>Can be submitted by any party that meets the minimum requirements of the bid. This will include a valid authorization letter as per the Special Conditions of Contract, 6.4.2</p>
32.	<p>Pricing per Category / Item - Please confirm whether bidders are required to price all items, categories, or sub categories, or allowed to only price the sections, categories, or items they are able to supply, without penalty or disqualification?</p>	<p>A bidder is only required to submit pricing for the items that it can supply and not for all the categories.</p>

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33.	Impact of Partial Pricing - Where a bidder prices only selected items or categories, please confirm that evaluation will be conducted only on the priced items, and failure to price unquoted items will not render the overall bid non-responsive?	Correct, evaluation will be done per item number and awarded as such.
34.	Exchange Rate Adjustments - Please confirm that exchange rate adjustments apply only to the declared imported portion of the contract price and not to the local content portion?	Correct
35.	Price Review in Subsequent Years - For Year 2 and Year 3 resubmission of pricing is price resubmission mandatory for all awarded items, or may suppliers elect to resubmit pricing only for selected awarded items	The bidder needs to submit all items that it would like to be considered in year 2 and 3 of the contract, irrespective of it being awarded in the previous year or not. Please refer to the Special Conditions of Contract, 18
36.	Use of Subcontractors / Converters - Please confirm whether subcontracting (e.g. conversions, armoring, specialized fitments) is permitted provided that: Subcontractors are declared at bid stage, and the bidder retains full contractual responsibility?	Correct. In the event of converters, please refer to Special Conditions of Contract, 31.1.34
37.	Delivery Period Measurement - Please confirm whether delivery periods are measured from date of official order issue, or date of confirmation of specifications by the ordering department?	Whichever date is later.
38.	Penalty Application - Please clarify whether late delivery penalties apply automatically or whether mitigating circumstances (e.g. OEM production delays or conversion lead times) will be considered?	Penalties are not automatically applied.

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39.	Post Award Changes to Subcontractors - Please confirm whether subcontractors may be changed post award subject to approval, without affecting contract validity or pricing ranking?	If the bidder subcontracts for the supply of vehicles, the subcontractor can only be changes after the 1 st year of the contract, upon which the bidder will need to supply a new authorization letter. Where it is for other services such as transport, such can be made upon the approval of National Treasury. For converters, please refer to the Special Conditions of Contract, 31.1.34
40.	Electronic Completion of Documents - Please confirm whether bid documents may be: Completed electronically (typed), and electronically signed & initialed?	Yes.
41.	Clarification of Administrative Omissions - Please confirm whether minor administrative omissions may be clarified post submission, or whether such omissions will result in automatic disqualification?	Please refer to 6.3.1.10 of the Special Conditions of Contract. In terms of phase 3, the non-compliance with result in the disqualification of the bid. (Special Conditions of Contract, 6.4.1
42.	Ranking and Contract Listing - Please clarify whether multiple bidders will be appointed per item/category, or whether appointment is limited to the highest ranked bidder only?	Yes, multiple bidders
43.	With reference to the requirement to submit a comprehensive list of service plans and/or maintenance plans, kindly clarify: 1. In what format must this information be submitted (e.g. narrative description, table, Annexure, or a prescribed template)?	Please refer to 7.2.1.26 (g) of the Special Conditions of Contract. 1. In excel where possible, but a letter from the OEM or word document is also acceptable.

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	<p>2. Must service and maintenance plans be submitted per vehicle item/model, or may a generic plan per brand or category be provided?</p> <p>3. Is supporting documentation (e.g. OEM or dealer service plan brochures or schedules) required, or is a bidder declaration sufficient?</p>	<p>2. Where the price of the service or maintenance plan covers more than one model, such can be stated. If it is universal for a specific brand, it must be indicated.</p> <p>3. No</p>
44.	<p>With reference to the requirement to provide a list of dealerships, fitment centre, and service centers, please confirm: Whether bidders are only required to submit a list of names and locations, or whether supporting documentation is required, such as proof of agreements, affiliation or capability? Please also advise whether such documentation is required at bid stage or only upon request or post award.</p>	<p>Where the bidder is not the OEM, the list of dealerships needs to be provided as part of the authorization letter.</p> <p>An OEM needs to provide a list of all dealerships (please refer to the definition) and a list of all other accredited independent service providers.</p>
45.	<p>Kindly clarify what is expected in respect of vehicle warranties and guarantees, specifically: Is a written declaration or statement by the bidder sufficient to confirm warranty terms? Or must bidders submit formal warranty documentation (e.g. OEM warranty booklets, warranty schedules, or policy documents)?</p>	<p>Where the bidder is an OEM, written confirmation will suffice. Where the bidder is a third party it will need to be included in the Authorization letter as per the Special Conditions of Contract, 6.4.2</p>
46.	<p>With reference to delivery charges as mentioned on page 18 of 76, kindly clarify: At which stage delivery charges will be evaluated and considered, i.e.: During price evaluation, or only at the ordering / call off stage by departments?</p>	<p>Delivery charges do not form part of the evaluation process but is published at the time of the award of the contract. This allows the end users to note all the costs of the specific order.</p>

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47.	Will you accept the alternative offer on this: RT57-00-04-05 (Electric Trucks	Any offer that meets the requirement of a specific line item will be considered.
48.	Heavy Motor Vehicle (HMV) and refuse trucks (RT57-03) are strictly locked to diesel engines. Can I offer Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV's) with equivalent specifications as alternative or premium offers for category RT57-03?	It cannot be offered under Category RT57-03 but can however be offered under Category RT57-00.
49.	What is the process to follow to get registered in order to tender for the government, I would really like to take the opportunity in tendering?	A company needs to be registered on the Central Supplier Database. Please refer to the National Treasury website. Once registration is completed, a company can submit their bid.
50.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Vehicles that have a higher than average power output for a specific category should indicate High Performance Output (HPO) in brackets as part of the description of the item offered, this may include vehicles fitted with turbo charged engines Please advise what would be deemed as high when it comes to HPO; what are the ranges?2. Luxury Bus, 45 - 50-seater, fitted with a diesel engine, developing not less than 650Nm of Torque and AUTOMATIC Transmission (as per specification). Please clarify what is meant by AUTOMATIC transmission; does this refer to fully automatic or can also allow for automated/AMT?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HPO mostly refer to Sedan, LDV's and SUV where the vehicles are utilized by Law enforcement.2. Automated and AMT will be accepted.3. Yes4. Alternative can be offered to have ease of access to the batteries.

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	<p>3. A full-length hand rail must be fitted. Is this required for the luxury buses as it is also included in the luxury bus specifications.</p> <p>4. A swing out battery carrier in a separate lockable body side locker, incorporating a toolbox must be fitted on the left-hand side of the body. Can we offer an alternative option?</p> <p>5. A slide out step: The item is found in all the Luxury Bus specification. Please confirm if this is required since the buses are already low.</p> <p>6. For Buses, the specification refers to Chrome Rails; can we offer alternative?</p> <p>7. Mechanically adjustable Emergency Exit roof hatches must be fitted. Kindly clarify specification on this item.</p> <p>8. Please confirm percentage of the tint for windscreen, driver window and sliding windows.</p> <p>Please confirm percentage of the tint.</p>	<p>5. Yes, it is required as per the specification.</p> <p>6. Yes, alternative top rails can be provided.</p> <p>7. Hatches must be adjustable and must be able to fully open in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>8. As per the National Road Traffic Regulations.</p>
51.	The specifications for certain categories appear to be missing from tender numbers RT57-03-12-03 to RT57-03-12-06. Kindly provide the missing pages.	On category RT57-03-12-xx there is no specifications needed as it is chassis cab only, no conversion included

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52.	Should registration and license fees be included in our pricing, or must these be indicated separately? If separate, kindly advise where they should be reflected.	Registration and license fees need to be excluded from the bid price. These costs will be quoted by the contractor at the time of the order being placed – Special Conditions of Contract, 32.
53.	May we complete only the relevant options on the Excel price sheet and leave the remaining sections blank?	It is recommended that the bidder rather indicate that is N/A. Where a bidder is not submitting for a specific item, it can be left blank.
54.	Are we permitted to add an additional column below the offered option in order to include a second option within the Excel pricing schedule?	Please refer to the bidder's manual as included with the tender. The item number must be copied and all information for the second item must be provided in a different row.
55.	Please provide details regarding the required service and/or maintenance plans for RT57-03 HMV (Trucks). The specifications do not indicate the term or mileage (e.g., 3 years/90,000 km or 4 years/120,000 km).	It is as offered by the OEM as not all OEM's have the same service, maintenance plans.
56.	Referring to page 30: Bidders are required to submit delivery charges, accessories, and optional extras in separate electronic documents. <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Should these amounts also be included in the total bid price, in addition to being provided in a separate Excel document? Thank you for your assistance and hope you have a great afternoon.	Yes, as not all optional extras are provided for under the pricing schedules.

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	<p>2. An example of a requirement of a 15-seater required; is a bidder allowed to put a 16-seater or 18-seater for example if the price is right and will all other things be being equal?</p> <p>On page 21 of the special conditions, it is specifically recorded that “The authorization / letter confirming supply can be issued by either the manufacturer (OEM); approved distributor / importer. Not from a dealership</p>	<p>2. Yes, as long as it does not fall within the previous or next item.</p> <p>Correct, not authorization letter from a dealership will be accepted.</p>
60.	Will you accept and alternative offer for RT57-00-04-04	Yes, these vehicles are new to the market.

Yours sincerely,

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