



SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) hereby invites suitably qualified property owners, landlords, property management companies, and authorised representatives with a direct mandate from the property owner to submit proposals for the provision of temporary fitted-out office accommodation within the Cape Town Central Business District (CBD).

This process is undertaken in accordance with applicable public procurement prescripts and seeks to identify suitable office premises that meet the operational and security requirements of SAHRA.

SAHRA will not be liable for the payment of any brokerage, finder's fee, commission, agency fee, facilitation fee, or similar costs arising from the submission of proposals. Any such costs shall be for the account of the bidder or property owner.

Only proposals submitted by property owners or duly authorised representatives with written authority from the property owner will be considered.

### **Proof of Mandate**

Where a proposal is submitted by an agent or property representative, written and signed proof of authority or mandate from the property owner must be provided. SAHRA shall not be responsible for any commission, brokerage, or finder's fees associated with the proposal.

## 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Terms of Reference is to procure suitable temporary office accommodation in the Cape Town central business district for the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA).



The required accommodation must provide a functional, cost-effective, and fitted-out occupation-ready office environment suitable for a public entity for a lease period of three (3) years.

### 3. REQUIRED OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

SAHRA requires office accommodation that meets the following minimum specifications:

#### Location

Premises must be situated within the Cape Town Central Business District (CBD). The premises must be reasonably accessible to public transport routes and key public amenities.

The proposed accommodation must be located within a fully commercial office building.

Premises located within mixed-use developments that include residential apartments, student accommodation, hotel accommodation, or shared residential occupancy will not be considered.

The building must provide dedicated commercial access and security appropriate for the operations of a public entity.

### 4. SPACE REQUIREMENT AND LAYOUT SUITABILITY

The required office accommodation must provide a minimum lettable area of 700m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum lettable area of 880m<sup>2</sup>.

Proposals outside of this range will be excluded from further consideration.

#### 4.1. Functional and Suitable Office Layout

A functional and suitable office layout shall mean a layout that:

- Provides a contiguous office environment and may comprise of connected office areas that enable the organisation to operate as a single, integrated workspace.
- Enables the accommodation of the functional areas listed in Clause 5 without requiring major structural alterations
- Provides efficient internal circulation and access between functional areas
- Minimises unusable or inefficient space such as excessive passages, fragmented office configurations, or irregular floor layouts
- Is designed and approved for commercial office use.

## 4.2. Natural Lighting Requirement

- The office accommodation must provide reasonable access to natural light through external-facing windows across a substantial portion of the usable office area.
- While operable windows are not mandatory, the premises must provide sufficient external glazing to ensure adequate natural lighting and external visibility.
- Premises with predominantly internalised layouts and limited access to natural light will be regarded as unsuitable.

## 4.3. Occupancy Requirements

The premises will be utilised as a full-time office accommodation facility. The office is expected to accommodate approximately 35 employees on any given working day, based on a rotational attendance model. Occupancy levels may vary from time to time, and the premises must be capable of comfortably accommodating higher attendance levels for meetings, collaborative activities, training sessions, or other operational requirements.

## 5. FUNCTIONAL SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Bidders must demonstrate how the proposed premises can accommodate the following minimum functional areas:

- Reception and public interface/waiting area
- Open-plan office workspace for approximately 20 workstations
- A minimum of eight (8) enclosed offices for management and confidential functions
- A boardroom capable of accommodating a minimum 20-seater boardroom table and chairs
- Three (3) additional meeting rooms and/or large office spaces
- Kitchen and staff pause area
- Sufficient male, female, and accessible ablution facilities
- ICT server room area, approx. 12m<sup>2</sup> - 15m<sup>2</sup> in size, fire detection system. There must be proximity to main data entry point (MDF)
- Two (2) file/storage rooms with a recommended minimum size of 15m<sup>2</sup> each
- Circulation and internal access routes

### Note: Submission Requirement

#### Bidders must submit:

1. A detailed space utilisation schedule
2. Scaled floor plans
3. A brief narrative indicating how the proposed premises accommodate the functional requirements within the required area range of 700m<sup>2</sup> to 880m<sup>2</sup>.

#### 5.1. Minimum Fit-Out Requirements

As the accommodation is intended for temporary occupation for a period of three (3) years, SAHRA requires premises that are **substantially fitted out and suitable for occupation with minimal additional tenant works.**

The premises do not need to include loose furniture; however, the following minimum fit-out components are required:

- Completed flooring throughout the premises
- Existing internal partitioning sufficient to accommodate a combination of enclosed offices, meeting rooms, and open-plan workspace
- Electrical reticulation and adequate power supply
- Standard internal lighting installations
- Mechanical ventilation and air-conditioning systems in good working order
- Functional plumbing and kitchen facilities
- Ablution facilities compliant with applicable regulations
- Basic ICT and data infrastructure readiness
- Fire detection and safety compliance systems

#### 5.2. Preference is given to premises that:

- Require minimal additional fit-out expenditure
- Can be occupied within a short implementation timeframe – **intended occupation from August 2026.**
- Provide a practical and cost-effective solution appropriate for a public entity.

#### 5.3. Bidders must clearly indicate:

- Existing fit-out elements included in the lease
- Any tenant installation allowance offered
- Any landlord works proposed prior to occupation

- Estimated lead time to occupation readiness

## 6. PARKING REQUIREMENT

- A minimum of ten (10) dedicated parking bays must be provided.

### **Bidders must indicate:**

- The number of covered and uncovered bays
- Visitor parking availability
- Any applicable parking costs

## 7. BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

The premises must include:

- Air-conditioning and ventilation systems
- Fibre and ICT connectivity readiness:
  - Building must be serviced by at least two independent fibre providers (DFA and Liquid Telecom must be available)
  - Fibre termination point must be accessible within the tenant space
  - Landlord must allow tenant to appoint own ISP
  - Redundant pathways for fibre entry where possible
- Backup power supply and/or generator capability
- Landlord must allow installation of tenants own Inverter and Lithium Battery Backup system for the server room and allow uninstallation thereof at end of lease.
- Appropriate security and access control systems
- Fire detection and suppression systems
- Compliance with Occupational Health and Safety legislation
- Compliance with municipal building regulations and occupancy certification



## 8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROPOSALS

- 8.1. All costs and expenses incurred by potential service providers relating to their project proposal will be borne by each respective service provider. SAHRA is not liable to pay such costs and expenses or to reimburse or compensate service providers in the process under any circumstances, including the rejection of any proposal or the cancellation of this project.
- 8.2. While SAHRA endeavors to ensure that all information provided to all potential service providers is accurate, it makes no warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any information provided by it.
- 8.3. SAHRA reserves the right to waive deficiencies in project proposals. The decision as to whether a deficiency will be waived or will require the rejection of a project proposal will be solely within the discretion of SAHRA.
- 8.4. SAHRA reserves the right to request new or additional information regarding each service provider and any individual or other person associated with its project proposal.
- 8.5. SAHRA reserves the right not to make any appointment from the proposals submitted.
- 8.6. Service providers shall not make available or disclose details pertaining to their project proposal with anyone not specifically involved, unless authorized to do so by SAHRA.
- 8.7. Service providers shall not issue any press release or other public announcement pertaining to details of their project proposal without the prior written approval of SAHRA.
- 8.8. Service providers are required to declare any conflict of interest they may have in the transaction for which the tender is submitted or any potential conflict of interest. SAHRA reserves the right not to consider further any proposal where such a conflict of interest exists or where such potential conflict of interest may arise.
- 8.9. Any and all project proposals shall become the property of SAHRA and shall not be returned.
- 8.10. The proposals should be valid and open for acceptance by SAHRA for a period of 120 days from the date of submission.
- 8.11. Service providers are advised that submission of a project proposal gives rise to no contractual obligations on the part of SAHRA.
- 8.12. SAHRA reserves the right not to accept any proposal which does not comply with the TERMS OF REFERENCE and conditions set out in the proposal documents.
- 8.13. SAHRA reserves the right not to award or not award the proposal to the service provider that scores the highest points.



- 8.14. Disputes that may arise between SAHRA and a service provider must be settled by means of mutual consultation, mediation (with or without legal representation) or, when unsuccessful, in a South African court of law.
- 8.15. All returnable proposal documents must be completed in full and submitted together with the service provider's quote and a sample annual report book.
- 8.16. The "Requirements for content of the project proposal" section above outlines the information that must be included in proposal offers. Failure to provide all or part of the information may result in your proposal being excluded from the evaluation process.
- 8.17. All goods/service or products to be supplied to SAHRA shall be in full compliance with South African approved standards and in compliance to the specifications provided.
- 8.18. It is the conditions of this RFQ that a quotation is submitted together with the following completed forms; **kindly submit fully completed Bid Documents**

## 9. RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

- a. SBD 1 Invitation Bid
- b. Tax Compliance Status Pin
- c. SBD 3.3 Pricing Schedule
- d. SBD 4 Bidders Disclosure
- e. SBD 6.1 Preference points claim form (valid BBBEE certificate must be submitted together with this completed document.
- f. Contract Form – Rendering of Services
- g. General Conditions of Contract.

**NB: Failure to submit original completed returnable forms as mentioned above will automatically disqualify your quotation. Please ensure that you submit CSD Registration Report.**

SAHRA reserves the right to revise any aspect of these timeframes at any stage, and to amend the process at any stage.



## 10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

10.1. All proposal offers received shall be evaluated based on the following phase out approach:

### ➤ Phase one: Administrative and Mandatory Compliance

Compliance to the Terms of Reference and conditions of the proposal. Failure to meet any of the conditions of the proposal will automatically disqualify your proposal on this phase. Bidders must demonstrate compliance with the minimum requirements set out in this TOR, including but not limited to:

- Location within the Cape Town CBD;
- Minimum and maximum lettable area requirements;
- Commercial office zoning and occupancy compliance;
- Submission of floor plans and space utilisation information;
- Compliance with minimum fit-out requirements;
- Availability of required parking;
- Submission of all mandatory documentation.

**Failure to comply with the mandatory requirements may result in disqualification from further evaluation.**





## ➤ Phase Two: Technical Evaluation and Site Inspection

Proposals that meet the administrative and mandatory compliance requirements in Phase One will proceed to a technical evaluation and site inspection phase.

During this phase, the proposed premises will be assessed in relation to SAHRA's operational and accommodation requirements, including but not limited to:

- suitability of the location and accessibility;
- practicality and functionality of the proposed layout and space utilisation;
- quality and condition of the fit-out and finishes;
- adequacy and accessibility of parking facilities;
- building infrastructure, services, and operational readiness; and
- overall suitability of the premises for SAHRA's operational needs.

SAHRA reserves the right to conduct site inspections of shortlisted premises to verify the information submitted and to assess the overall suitability and readiness of the proposed accommodation.

Premises that are found not to adequately meet SAHRA's operational requirements may be excluded from further consideration.



➤ **Phase Three: Price and Specific Goals Evaluation**

Proposals that satisfy the administrative and technical requirements may proceed to evaluation in terms of price and specific goals in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), Preferential Procurement Regulations, and applicable procurement prescripts.

**Financial proposals must clearly indicate:**

- Base rental costs
- Estimated operating costs and recoveries
- Estimated utilities and municipal charges
- Parking costs
- Escalation rates
- Any additional occupation-related costs

Bidders must further specify which items are included within the operating costs, including any applicable:

**Compulsory:** The proposal must further specify which items are included within the operating costs, including but not limited to: (Mark with an **X** which is applicable).

No.	Operating Cost Item	Yes	No
1.	Rates and taxes		
2.	Water and sanitation		
3.	Refuse removal		
4.	Common area electricity		
5.	Air-conditioning recoveries		
6.	Security		
7.	Cleaning and maintenance of common areas		
8.	Generator or backup power recoveries		
9.	Building management fees		
10	Any other applicable operating cost recoveries <i>(please clarify)</i> 1. 2. 3		
<b>Any exclusions or tenant-responsible costs must be clearly identified</b>			



Preference Point System	Points
<b>Price</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Specific Goals</b>	<b>20</b>
Black owned company	8
Women	4
Youth	5
Disability	3
<b>Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS</b>	<b>100</b>

**11. PRICE (Vat included)**

80 Points for price will be awarded with reference to the total fixed proposal amount inclusive of VAT. The service provider with the lowest price shall score a maximum of 80 points.

**12. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS**

Bids must be submitted via email to [tenderinfor@sahra.org.za](mailto:tenderinfor@sahra.org.za) for the attention of Supply Chain Management- **Bid No: RFQ SAHRA 01/2026**

SAHRA takes no responsibility for mailed tender documents. It is the onus of the service provider to ensure that the document is placed in the Tender Box before closing date and time.

**13. CLOSING DATE: 12 June 2026 @ 11:00 am.  
NO LATE QUOTATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**14. For information, please contact in writing:**

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