# **EATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY**



# **TENDER DOCUMENT**

# APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

# BID No - GKM 21-25/26

CLOSING DATE:	26 SEPTEMBER 2025
CLOSING TIME:	12H00
NAME OF BIDDER	:
POSTAL ADDRESS	:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	:
FAX NUMBER	:
E- MAIL ADRESS	:
TENDER SUM (ALL INCL	.USIVE) :

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# **PART A - INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY						
BID NUMBER:	GKM 21-25/26	CLOSING DATE:	26 SEPTEMBER2025	CLOSING TIME:	12H00	
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS					
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).						

# BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT $(\mathit{STREET}\ \mathit{ADDRESS}\ )$

75 HOPE STREET KOKSTAD 4700					
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER	
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER			1	1	
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	☐ Yes		B-BBEE LEVEL	STATUS SWORN	☐ Yes
[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	□No		AFFIDAVIT	on on a	□ No
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIF QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POIN		SWORN AFFIL	DAVIT (FOR E	EMES & QSEs	) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED	_			A FOREIGN PPLIER FOR	_
REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS	☐Yes ☐	]No	THE /SERVICES	GOODS /WORKS	☐Yes ☐No
/SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	[IF YES ENCLOSE PRO	OOF]	OFFERED?	Monno	[IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED					
			TOTAL BID	PRICE	R
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER					
			DATE		
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED			DAIL		
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO: TECHN			TECHNICAL	. INFORMATIO	ON MAY BE DIRECTED TO:
DEPARTMENT	Budget and Treasury (	Office	DEPARTME	NT	Infrastructure and Technical Services
CONTACT PERSON	Andiswa Mahlaka		CONTACT F	PERSON	ZS Godlimpi
TELEPHONE NUMBER	039 797 6743		TELEPHONI	E NUMBER	078 845 7607
FACSIMILE NUMBER	039 727 3676		FACSIMILE	NUMBER	039 727 3676
E MAIL ADDDESS			<b></b>		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	andiswa.mahlaka@Ko	kstad.gov.za	E-MAIL ADD	JKESS	zamindlela.godlimpi@kokstad.gov.za

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1.	BID SUBMISSION:						
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULAT NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.	ED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS	S. LATE BIDS WILL				
1.2.	1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED-(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED)						
1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATION (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPE	NS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITION					
	TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS						
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH	THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.					
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEI ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN (STATUS.						
2.3	APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATES VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVIS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.	SION, TÀXPÁYERS WILL NEED TO REG					
2.4	FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE	PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PAR	T B:3.				
2.5	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS	CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE E	BID.				
2.6	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTUR MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICA		VED; EACH PARTY				
2.7	WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE EDATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE F		NTRAL SUPPLIER				
3.	QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIER	S					
3.1.	IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF	SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?	☐ YES ☐ NO				
3.2.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?	,	☐ YES ☐ NO				
3.3.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLIS	SHMENT IN THE RSA?	☐ YES ☐ NO				
3.4.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOMI	E IN THE RSA?	☐ YES ☐ NO				
3.5.	IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM	OF TAXATION?	☐ YES ☐ NO				
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	FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PA BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS II		IVALID.				
SIGN	IATURE OF BIDDER						
CAP	ACITY UNDER WHICH THE BID IS SIGNED						
DATI	≣:						

# **TENDER ADVERT**

### **INVITATION TO BID**

### GKM 21-25/26

# APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

The Greater Kokstad Municipality hereby invites proposals from reputable Service Providers for the Panel of civil engineering services for the Municipality.

The scope of work and bid requirements is stipulated in the bid document.

This advert is issued in compliance with the Preferential Procurement Regulation 2022 Evaluation will be done on the following two-stage process in terms of National Treasury Circular No: 53:

#### Stage 1

Assessment of Functionality. Only service providers who achieve a minimum threshold of 70 points on functionality will qualify. Functionality criteria is as follows:

Company Experience 50 Points Key Personnel 30 Points Quality Assurance Systems 20 Points

Tender documents must be downloaded on E-tender Portal or at the Greater Kokstad Municipality website at no cost. The municipality will not be held responsible for any incomplete documents downloaded on the E-tender Portal or on the Greater Kokstad Municipality website.

Sealed tenders marked "Bid No.: "GKM 21-25/26 PROVISION OF PANEL OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES" must be deposited in the BOX located at the Reception Area, 75 Hope Street, Kokstad, not later than 26 September 2025 at 12H00, were after, bids will be opened in public.

Bidders retain the responsibility of ensuring that tender documents submitted are placed in the marked tender box. This is not the responsibility of the Municipality.

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

Technical Enquiries: Mr. Z. Godlimpi, Tel. 039 797 6646, Email: <a href="mailto:Zamindlela.godlimpi@kokstad.gov.za">Zamindlela.godlimpi@kokstad.gov.za</a>
Supply Chain Management enquiries: Ms. A. Mahlaka Tel. 039 797 6700, or email: <a href="mailto:andiswa.mahlaka@kokstad.gov.za">andiswa.mahlaka@kokstad.gov.za</a>

Greater Kokstad Municipality 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.

MR S R ZWANE MUNICIPAL MANAGER NOTICE NO.: 30-2025/2026

#### **SECTION A**

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF BIDDING FORMS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE NATIONAL TREASURY SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT 56, 2003, THE GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK AND THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

- 1. Unless inconsistent with or expressly indicated otherwise by the context, the singular shall include the plural and visa versa and with words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the neuter.
- 2. Under no circumstances whatsoever may the bid forms be retyped or redrafted.
- 3. The bidder is advised to check the number of pages and to satisfy himself that none are missing or duplicated.
- 4. Bids submitted must be complete in all respects.
- 5. Bids shall be lodged at the address indicated not later than the closing time specified for their receipt, and in accordance with the directives in the bid documents.
- 6. Each bid shall be addressed in accordance with the directives in the bid documents and shall be lodged in a separate sealed envelope, with the name and the bid number and closing date indicated on the envelope. The envelope shall not contain documents relating to any bid other than that shown on the envelope. If this provision is not complied with, the Municipality will not be held responsible for late bids.
- 7. All bids received in sealed envelopes with the relevant bid numbers on the envelopes are kept unopened in safe custody until the closing time of the bids.
- 8. A specific box is provided for the receipt of bids, via courier services should be inserted by the courier company on the tender box a special instruction must be given to the courier company, the Municipality will not be responsible for documents received late, lost or misplaced tender documents.
- 9. No bid sent through the post will be considered if it is received after the closing date and time stipulated in the bid documentation, and proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
- 10. No bid submitted by telefax, telegraphic or other electronic means will be considered.
- 11. Any alteration made by the bidder must be initialled.
- 12. Use of correcting fluid is prohibited
- 13. Bids will be opened in public as soon as practicable after the closing time of bid.
- 14. Where practical, prices are made public at the time of opening bids.
- 15. If it is desired to make more than one offer against any individual item, such offers should be given on a photocopy of the page in question. Clear indication thereof must be stated on the schedules attached.

#### **SECTION B**

# **BID NUMBER: GKM 21-25/26**

### TENDER REQUIREMENTS AND MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

# APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

In submitting their bid, bidders must respect all instructions, forms, Terms of reference, contract provisions and specifications contained in this bid dossier. Failure to submit a bid containing all the required information and documentation within the deadline specified will lead to the rejection of the bid.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRATERIA

Bidders must attach the following mandatory returnable documents to be considered for this bid and must note the applicable conditions:

- Price (s) or rates quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT
- Copy of CSD (Central Supplier Database) report (not older than 3 months), if not attached the CSD Number on MBD 1 will be used for verification.
- Bidders must submit proof that the company and the director/s of the company do not owe rates and taxes or Municipal service charges for a period longer than 90 days. Bidders must refer to section J for the required document.
- Printed copy of SARS Tax Pin for further verification, if not attached the CSD printout will be used to verify the tax compliance status. Bidders will not be eliminated for not attaching copy of the SARS tax compliance certificate.
- Completed and signed Municipal Bidding Documents, if MBD 6.1 is not signed, bidders will lose the points and will not be disqualified.
- NB: failure to meet above criteria will lead to disqualification.

Bidders must take note of MBD 1 and ensure that their total bid prices including vat are carried over to MBD 1, all MBD forms must be completed and signed, and the directors must be listed on MBD 4.

Tenders will be adjudicated in terms of mandatory returnable documents and functionality.

CERTIFICATION OF A PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION OR LOSS OF POINTS AND CERTIFICATION ON DOCUMENTS MUST NOT BE OLDER THAN 6 MONTHS.

The following conditions will apply:

Proposals must be valid for at least (120) days from date of your offer.

NB: No quotations 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 90 days.

# **SECTION C - CHECKLIST**

The Checklist below is attached hereto to assist Service Providers with the completion of the tender document. Service Providers are required to **TICK** the relevant boxes for verification purposes. Where information is not applicable to the tender, the symbols **N/A** must be inserted in the space provided.

The tenderer must complete and return documents, all returnable document as listed below as part of his/her tender submission:

Returnable Schedules (Documents) for Tender Evaluation Purposes	Yes	No	N/A
Has the Tender Document been completed in <b>BLACK INK</b> and all corrections			
counter-signed? (No correction fluid used)			
Have all tendered amounts been arithmetically checked, and the correct total			
bid price been carried forward to MBD 1?			
Bidders who do not put prices on MBD 1 will be eliminated.			
Is a valid Tax Clearance Status Verification Certificate with pin attached to the			
Tender Document?			
In case of a joint venture, has the tenderer attached a joint venture agreement			
signed by both parties indicating the lead partner of the joint venture (company			
documents to be attached for all JV Partners i.e CSD, Tax Verification			
certificate, etc)			
Has the compulsory "Site Inspection/Tender Briefing" meeting been attended			
and has the tenderer signed the register (when applicable)			
Has the tenderer fully completed the Declaration of Interest (MBD 4) form,			
(Directors must be listed on the table on MBD 4 form)			
Has the "Preference Points Claim Form (MBD 6.1) in terms of the Preferential			
Procurement Regulations 2022" been completed in its entirety and signed?			
Has the tenderer attached proof that the <b>DIRECTOR/S</b> of the company do not			
owe Municipal rates (Refer section J for the required documentation).  Has the tenderer attached proof that the COMPANY does not owe Municipal			
rates (Refer section J for the required documentation).			
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Central Supplier's Database registration certificate - <b>Detailed CSD</b>			
Has the "Declaration of Bidder's Past SCM practices (MBD 8)" been completed			
in its entirety and signed?			
Has the "Independent Bid Determination (MBD 9)" been completed in its entirety			
and signed.  Has all information as required in terms of the Tender Document been submitted			
with the tender?			
with the tender:			
Name of the Bidder :			
Traine of the blader 1			
Signature : Date:			

# SECTION D REGISTRATION ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIERS DATABASE

- 1. In terms of the Greater Kokstad Municipality Supply Chain Management Policy Framework, all suppliers of goods and services are required to register on the Central Suppliers Database.
- 2. If you wish to apply for Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration, suppliers may go to www.csd.gov.za to register or call KZN Provincial Treasury on 033 897 4223/4676/4509 for assistance.
- 3. If a business is registered on the Database and it is found subsequently that false or incorrect information has been supplied, then the Municipality may, without prejudice to any other legal rights or remedies it may;
- 3.1 Recommend to National/Provincial Treasury the de-registration of the supplier from the Central Supplier Database
- 3.2 Cancel a bid or a contract awarded to such supplier, and the supplier would become liable for any damages if a less favourable bid is accepted, or less favourable arrangements are made.
- 4. The same principles as set out in paragraph 3 above are applicable should the supplier fail to update its information on the Central Suppliers Database, relating to changed particulars or circumstances.

# **SECTION E**

# DECLARATION THAT INFORMATION ON CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) IS CORRECT AND UP TO DATE

(To be completed by bidder)
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I (name of the authorised representative)
WHO REPRESENTS (state name of bidder)
I AM AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE WITH RESPECT TO THE BIDDER'S DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION, AND THAT THE SAID INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND UP TO DATE AS ON THE DATE OF SUBMITTING THIS BID.  AND I AM AWARE THAT INCORRECT OR OUTDATED INFORMATION MAY BE A CAUSE FOIL DISQUALIFICATION OF THIS BID FROM THE BIDDING PROCESS, AND/OR POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT THAT MAY BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF THIS BID.
SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE  DATE

### **SECTION F**

### **MBD 4 -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 OR	
Shareholder²):	
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 state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.	individual identity numbers and
3.8. Are you presently in the service of the state?	YES / NO
3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars	
MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –	

- - (a) a member of -
    - (i) any municipal council;
    - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
    - (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;
  - (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
  - (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;

- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No.1 of 1999);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the company or business and exercises control over the company.

3.9	Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve	e months?	YES / NO
	3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars		
	Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persections of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation in		
adjud	ication of this bid?	YES/NO	
	3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.		
3.11 the se	Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) bet ervice of the state who may be involved with the evaluation a	nd or adjudication of	• •
	3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars		
3.12	Are any of the company's directors, trustees, managers, pri	inciple shareholders	or
stake	holders in service of the state?	YES / NO	
	3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.		
3.13	Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors	trustees, manage	ers, principle
share	holders or stakeholders in service of the state?	,	(FS / NO

S	
directors, trustees, managers, proof this company have any interest siness whether or not they are bidd	in any
rticulars:	
tees / members / shareholders.	
Identity Number	State Employee Number
)	Date
	Name of Bidder
	directors, trustees, managers, proof this company have any interest siness whether or not they are bidd YES rticulars:

### **SECTION G**

# TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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

- 1. In order to meet this requirement, bidders are required to ensure compliance with their tax obligations.
- 2. Bidders are required to submit their unique personal identification number (pin) issued by SARS to enable the organ of state to view the taxpayer's profile and tax status.
- 3. Application for the tax compliance status (TCS) certificate or pin may also be made via e-filing. in order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as e-filers through the website www.sars.gov.za.
- 4. Foreign suppliers must complete the pre-award questionnaire in part b:3.
- 5. Bidders may also submit a printed TCS certificate together with the bid.
- 6. In bids where consortia / joint ventures / sub-contractors are involved; each party must submit a separate TCS Certificate / Pin / CSD number.
- **7.** Where no TCS is available, but the bidder is registered on the central supplier database (CSD), a CSD registration printout must be provided.

# SECTION H AUTHORITY FOR SIGNATORY

Indicate the status of the tenderer by ticking the appropriate box hereunder. The tenderer <u>must attach</u> the authority to sign letter or must complete the certificate set out below for the relevant category <u>if the resolution letter is not attached.</u>

C

**Joint Venture** 

D

Sole

Proprietor

Е

Close

Corporation

В

**Partnership** 

Α

Company

A. CERTIFICATE FOR COMPANY							
l,		, chairperson of the bo	ard of				
hereby confirm that b	y resolution of the boar	d (copy attached) taken	on				
20, Mr./Ms		acting in the c	capacity of				
was authorised to sign company.	n all documents in conn	ection with this tender a	nd any contract result	ing from it on behalf of the			
As witnesses:							
1		Chairman					
2 Date:							
B. CERTIFICATE FOR PARTNERSHIP							
We, the undersigned,	We, the undersigned, being the key partners in the business trading as						
	, hereby authorize Mr/Ms						
acting in the capacity of, to sign all documents in connection with this							
tender and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.							
Name	Address		Signature	Date			

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

# C. CERTIFICATE FOR JOINT VENTURE

We, the undersigned, are submitting this tender offer in Joint Venture and hereby						
authorise Mr/Ms	of	the lead partne, authori	sed signatory of t	he		
company, to sign all documents in connection with this tender for Contract and any contract resulting from it on our behalf. This authorisation is evidenced by the attached power of attorney signed by legally authorised signatories of all the partners to the Joint Venture (Joint Venture to submit power of attorney).						
Name of Firm	Address	Authorizing Name and Capacity	e Authorizi	ng Signature		
Lead Partner:		•				
I,	D. CERTIFICATE	E FOR SOLE PROPRIE		the		
business trading as						
As witnesses:						
1 Sole Owner:						
2. Date:						
E. CERTIFICATE FOR CLOSE CORPORATION						
Ve, the undersigned, being the key members in the business trading as						
nereby authorise Mr./Ms acting in the capacity of , to sign all documents						
n connection with this tender and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.						
Name	Addre	s	Signature	Date		
	S					

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

# **SECTION I**

# **TENDER CONSENT FORM:**

			_ a natural person with	
	Full Name			
D No.:		in my capacity a	s	
of	(Comr	pany Name and Reg. No	<u></u>	
	(Comp	barry marrie and meg. Mo	· <i>)</i>	
hereby give my consenwhere the Greater Koks			process and distribute my personal	information
understand my right to conditions for the lawful			information processed in accordan	ce with the
	ny personal information		ed and for which it will be used and ad Municipality sharing my personal	
			lunicipality with the required conse my application for the above-mention	
misleading and that it is	s complete in all resp ected and that I will	ects and will be held I immediately advise the	okstad Municipality is accurate, up and/ or stored securely for the e Greater Kokstad Municipality of a	e purpose
		tick the appropriate	box:	
	I / We hereby conse	nt to the above		
		hold the Greater Koksta	stand the implication of my/our d Municipality responsible for not	
Signed at	this	day of	20	
		Signature of data	a subject/ designated person	
		Signature		

# **SECTION J** RATES AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (PROOF OF LOCALITY

In terms of section 38(d) of the National Treasury Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulation the Greater Kokstad Municipality reserves the right to reject any tender if any municipal rates and taxes or municipal service charges owed by that tenderer or any of its directors to the municipality or to any other municipality or municipal entity are in arrears for more than 3 (three) months/90 days.

Tenderers are required to submit proof that the company and directors do not owe municipal rates and tariffs

for the municipality.	•
This serves to confirm that	(Company
Name) municipal rates and taxes are paid up to date and the following is attached rejected if you have not attach proof that your company does not owe rates for a period	
Proof that the Bidder (Company) does not owe rates	Tick whichever is attached.
Municipal Statement not older than 90 days and not owing more than 90 days	
Valid Lease agreement (Must be active and must be signed by both parties)	
Municipal Rates clearance certificate / Affidavit if the company is operating in rural areas	
(non-ratable area). Affidavit to state the reason why they are not responsible for paying rates  Letter or rates statement from the landlord or body corporate if the company is renting and	
does not have a lease agreement.	
An original copy of an affidavit if the company has not attached any of the document above mentioned documents - the affidavit must clearly state the reasons why the company is not owing rates and taxes or any Municipal charges.	
Please note that you are required to attach proof that each director does not owe rates a Municipal service charges for a period longer than 90 days. Your tender will be rejected attach proof that each director does not owe rates for a period longer than 90 days.	
Proof that the director/s do not owe rates for more than 90 days	Tick whichever is attached.
Municipal Statement not older than 90 days and not owing more than 90 days	
Valid Lease agreement (Must be active and must be signed by both parties)	
Municipal Rates clearance certificate / Affidavit if the director/s is operating in rural areas (non-ratable area). Affidavit to state the reason why they are not responsible for paying rates	
Letter or rates statement from the landlord or body corporate if the company is renting and does not have a lease agreement.	
An original copy of an affidavit if the director/s has not attached any of the document above mentioned document - the affidavit must clearly state the reasons why the director/s do not owe rates and taxes or any Municipal charges.	
NB: TENDERERS TO NOTE THAT THEY NEED TO SUBMIT PROOF THAT COMPANY AND THE DIRECTOR/S DO NOT OWE RATES/ TAXES.  Signed at	
Oignature of data subject designated per	10011

...... Signature...... Signature.....

# **GREATER KOKSTAD MUNICIPALITY**



# **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

# APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

# **GKM 21-25/26**

Issued and Prepared by: Greater Kokstad Municipality 75 Hope Street P.O. Box 8 Kokstad 4700

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# 1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

# APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

### 1.1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Greater Kokstad Municipality (GKM) is a strategically Municipality within the Eastern Seaboard Development, situated within the Harry Gwala District Municipality. The Municipality has a responsibility to deliver basic services to citizen within this area. The municipality has experience challenges in the time duration it takes to acquire the Professional Services for Engineering Consultants. It is on these bases that GKM seeks to appoint the above-mentioned Professionals into a Panel of Service Providers based on the specialization in the different fields.

The Greater Kokstad Municipality seeks to appoint a panel of service providers for the provision of Civil Engineering Consultants services for a period of 36 months. This document will outline the refined user and business requirements. These requirements are written from a business perspective so that agreement can be reached on the requirements that should be met.

### 1.2. AIM OF THE PROJECT

The intention of the Bid is to seek proposals from reputable Professional Service Providers to aid the Municipality in realizing:

- a. Planning and design of civil engineering infrastructure (roads, stormwater, bridges, sports/recreational facilities and buildings).
- b. Construction supervision and commissioning of the infrastructure implemented projects.
- c. Provision of Mentorship training to Municipal staff for skills transfer and capacity building.

Professional Fees and structure per project will be done following ECSA guidelines: Guideline for Defining the Scope of Services and for determining the Professional Fees for Persons Registered in terms of the Engineering Profession Act, 200 (Act No. 46 of 2000): Government Gazette No 39480, 04 December 2015, Board notice, notice 138 of 2015 (or the latest edition at the time of signing the SLA). Professional services which entail all projects stages as per ECSA guidelines:

- Stage 1 Inception
- Stage 2 Concept and Viability
- Stage 3 Design Development

- Stage 4 Documentation
- Stage 5 Contract Administration and Inspection
- Stage 6 Close-Out (including unbundling of asset as per GRAP standards)

# 2. CONDITIONS OF THE PROJECT

The invitation applies to qualified and suitable Civil Engineering Professionals.

A service level agreement will be entered into with Engineering Consultants to render services to the Municipality on an Ad-hoc basis.

The Municipality does not guarantee that any work or assignment will be given to any Service Providers. The Municipality may in its sole discretion award any assignment or part thereof to more than one Service Provider.

The services of the respective Engineering Consultants will be utilized by the Municipality as and when the need arises.

Engineering Consultants may not cede or subcontract any part of work thereof to any person unless with the written consent of the Municipality.

The term of the appointed panel shall be 3 (three) years. The Municipality, however, reserves the right to continue with any Engineering Consultants any assignment awarded by the Municipality prior to the expiry of the 3 (three-year term and/or may appoint any firm of Engineering Consultants to complete any task not completed).

The Municipality reserves the right to cancel the appointment of any Service Provider and remove such Service Provider from its panel if such firms do not meet the standards agreed upon and/or expected from such firms.

NB: Bidders will be required to submit quotations when the need arises where the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act will apply.

# 3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

# 3.1. Functionality (100)

Regarding functionality the following criteria will be applicable and the maximum score of each criterion are indicated in brackets. Bidder must score minimum of 70 points.

The assessment of functionality will be done in terms of the evaluation criteria and the minimum threshold value of 70 points. A bid will be disqualified if it fails to meet the minimum threshold value for functionality as per the bid invitation.

For functionality, the following criteria will be applicable and the maximum value of points breakdown for each criterion using these scale level descriptors:

No.	Description of Quality Criteria	Maximum number of tender evaluation points
1.	Company Experience	50 Points
2.	Key Personell	30 Points
3.	Quality Assurance Systems	20 Points
	TOTAL	100 Points

The minimum number of evaluation points for quality is 70. Tender offer that fails to score the minimum number of evaluation points for quality will be elimanated.

# 3.2. Schedule for evaluating quality

Criterion	Assessment	Points	Max
		Awarded	Points
1. COMPANY EXPERIENCE (50) Proof of Relevant previous experience in Implementing Municipal or Government Civil Engineering Projects such as the construction of Roads and stormwater, Sports Facilities, Buildings,	5 and above Signed Appointment letters /signed orders and Signed Completion Certificates/signed reference letters.	50	
Landfill Sites and construction of Bridges.  The following documents are required to serve	3 - 4 Signed Appointment letters/signed orders and Signed Completion Certificates/signed reference letters.	30	50
as required proof:  Signed Appointment letter/ Signed Order accompanied by signed Completion Letter/signed positive reference letter relating to the experience.	1 - 2 Signed Appointment letter/ Signed order and Signed Completion Certificates/signed reference letters.	20	
2. KEY PERSONELL	CV, certified copy of ID, and certified copy of registration with		
2.1. Lead Engineer/ Technologist	ECSA and has completed:		
Lead Engineer/Technologist must be registered as a Professional Engineer / Professional Engineering Technologist registered with ECSA and with post registration experience on Roads and stormwater, Sports Facilities, Community Halls, Landfill Sites and construction of Bridges.	5 or more projects 3 - 4 Projects 1 – 2 Projects	15 10 5	
2.2. Project Manager  Project Manager must be registered with ECSA as a Professional Engineer/Technologist/ Technician or Professional Project Construction Manager/ Professional Construction Manager registered with SACPMCP with post registration experience on Roads and stormwater, Sports Facilities, Community Halls, Landfill Sites and construction of Bridges.	CV, certified copy of ID, and certified copy of registration with ECSA or SACPCMP and has completed:  5 or more projects 3 - 4 Projects 1 - 2 Projects	15 10 5	30
Bidders must submit a detailed CV with professional registration and detailed post registration experience	Certification on ID and certificates must not be older than 6 months. Copies of certified copies will not be accepted		

Proof of Certification:		
ISO 9001:2015	20	20
Proof of Registration	10	
No Certification/Registration	0	
	Proof of Registration	ISO 9001:2015 <b>20</b> Proof of Registration <b>10</b>

A bidder that scores less than 70 points out of 100 in respect of "functionality" will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive quote and will be disqualified.

# 2. GENERAL

Interested Service Providers are strongly advised to check the page numbers and should any be missing or duplicated, or the reproduction indistinct, or any descriptions ambiguous, or this document contains any obvious errors, you are to immediately inform the Greater Kokstad Municipality and have same rectified.

No liability whatsoever will be admitted in respect of errors in any tender due to the tenderers failure to observe this requirement.

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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Greater Kokstad Municipality 75 Hope Street, **KOKSTAD, 4700** 

# **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.

ltem	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of	Yes	No
	Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with		
	the public sector?		
	(Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of		
	this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the		
	restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> 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	Yes	No
1.2	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 ( <u>www.treasury.gov.za</u> ) by clicking on its link at the bottom		
	of the home page.		
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	Yes	No
	of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past	Ш	Ш
4.0.4	five years?		
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

Item	Question		Yes	No
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal ramunicipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	other municipality	Yes	No
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:			
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / mun other organ of state terminated during the past five years on ac perform on or comply with the contract?		Yes	No
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:			
	I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)			
	I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.			
	Signature	Date		
	Position	Name of Bidder		

# 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:
  - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
  - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
  - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
- This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 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>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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

#### 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)		
(Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity)		
do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:		
I certify, on behalf of:		
that:		

# (Name of Bidder)

- 1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
- 2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- 4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- 5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
  - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
  - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
  - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
- 6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.

- However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>3</sup> 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.
  - Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

Signature	Date
Position	Name of Bidder

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### **PUBLICATION REFERENCE:**

In submitting their bid, bidders must respect all instructions, forms, Terms of reference, contract provisions and specifications contained in this bid dossier. Failure to submit a bid containing all the required information and documentation within the deadline specified will lead to the rejection of the bid.

# 1. Services to be provided

These services required by the Contracting Authority are described in these Terms of Reference/Specification.

# 2. Participating and sub-contracting

- 2.1 Participation in this bid is open to everyone.
- 2.2 Bids should be submitted by the same service provider or consortium, which has submitted the proposal based on the above. **No change whatsoever in the identity or composition of the bidder is permitted**;
- 2.3 Short-listed service provider or consortia are allowed to form alliances with any other firms or to sub-contract to each other for the purpose of this contract;
- 2.4 Sub-contracting will be allowed, only in so far as it was stated in the initial bid.
- 2.5 Duplication of bid document is prohibited.

### 3. Contents of Bids

Bid must comprise of a financial offer must be submitted with the bid.

# 4. Submission of samples

Where necessary, Prospective service providers may be requested to supply samples to the Municipality to enable verification of SABS and SANS specifications on samples provided and compliance with Local Content Criteria. These are to be supplied at the request of the Municipality prior to the evaluation of compliant bids. **Samples supplied will serve as standard quality.** 

### 5. Variant solutions

Any variant solutions will not be taken into consideration.

# Period during which Bid are binding

Bidders are bound by their bids for 120 days after the deadline for the submission of bids. In exceptional cases, before the period of validity expires, the Contracting Authority may ask bidders to extend the period for a specific number of days, which may not exceed 40.

The successful bidder must maintain its bid for a further 60 days from the date of notification that its bid has been selected for the contract.

#### 6. Additional information before the deadline for submission of bidders

The bid dossier should be clear enough to avoid the Contracting Authority from having request additional information during the procedure. If the Contracting Authority, either on own initiative or in response to the request of a short-listed candidate, provides additional information on the bid dossier, such information will be sent in writing to all other bidders at the same time.

Bidders may submit questions in writing to the following address up to 10 days before the deadlines for submission of bids, specifying the **publication reference** and the **contract title:** 

Attention: Ms. A. Mahlaka Greater Kokstad Municipality 75 Hope Street P.O. Box 8 KOKSTAD 4700

Email: andiswa.mahlaka@kokstad.gov.za

Any prospective bidders seeking to arrange individual meetings with either the Contracting Authority during the bid period may be excluded from the bid procedure.

Any clarification of the bid dossier will be communicated simultaneously in writing to all bidders at the latest 7 calendar days before the deadline for submission of bids. No further clarifications will be given after this date.

Visit by individual prospective bidder during the bid period are not permitted other than the site visit for good reasons.

# 7. Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted in English such that they are received before the deadline specified by in the letter of invitation to bid.

Any infringement of these rules (e.g. unsealed envelops) is to be considered a breach of the rules, and will lead to rejection of the bid.

The envelope should carry the following information:

- a) The address for submission of bid indicated above;);
- b) The words "Not to be opened before the bid opening sessions";
- c) The pages of the Technical and Financial offers must be numbered.

### 8. Alterations or Withdrawal of Bids

**8.1** Bidders may alter or withdraw bids by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of bids. No bid may be altered after this deadline.

**8.2** Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with clause 8. The envelope must be marked "Alteration" or "Withdrawal" as appropriate.

# 9. Costs for preparing Bids

No costs incurred by the bidder in preparing and submitting the bid shall be reimbursable. All such costs shall be borne by the bidder. In particular, if proposed key members were interviewed, all costs shall be borne by the bidder.

# 10. Ownership of Bids

The Contracting Authority retains ownership in all bid received (this excludes intellectual property for all but the successful bidder) under this tendering procedure. Consequently, bidders have no right to have their bids returned to them.

# 11. Confidentiality

The entire evaluation procedure, from the drawing up of the shortlist to the signature of the contract, is confidential. The Evaluation / Adjudication Committee's decisions are collective and its deliberations are held in closed session. The members of the Evaluation / Adjudication Committee are bound to secrecy.

The evaluation reports and written records are for official use only and may be communicated to neither the bidders nor to any party other than the Contracting Authority.

# 12. Ethics clauses / Corruptive practices

- a) Any attempt by a bidder to obtain confidential information, enter into unlawful agreements with competitors or influence the Evaluation / Adjudication Committee or the Contracting Authority during the process of examining, clarifying, evaluating, comparing and adjudication bid will lead to the rejection of its bid and may result in administrative penalties.
- b) The bidder must not be affected by any potential conflict of interest.
- c) The Greater Kokstad Municipality reserves the right to suspend or cancel funding to this project if corrupt practices of any kind are discovered at any stage of the award process or during the implementation of a contract, if the Contracting Authority fails to take all appropriate measures to remedy the situation. For the purposes of this provision, "corrupt practices" are the offer of a bribe, gift, gratuity or commission to any person as an inducement or reward for performing or refraining from any act relating to the award of a contract or implementation of a contract already concluded with the Contracting Authority.
- d) Bids will be rejected, or contracts terminated if it emerges that the award or execution of a contract has given rise to unusual commercial expenses. Such unusual commercial expenses are commissions not mentioned in the main contract or not stemming from a properly concluded contract referring to the main contract, commissions not paid in return for any actual and legitimate service, commissions paid to a payee who is not clearly identified or commissions paid to a company which has every appearance of being a front company.

Failure to comply with one or more of the ethics clauses may result in the exclusion of the bidder or contractor from other Community contracts and in penalties.

# 13. Documentary evidence required from the successful Bidder

The successful bidder will be informed in writing that its bid has been accepted (notification of award). Before the Contracting Authority signs the contract with a Successful bidder, a successful bidder may be requested to provide additional information as deemed necessary by the Contracting Authority.

This evidence or these documents must carry a date, which cannot be more than 180 days in relation to the deadline for the submission of the bidder. In addition, a sworn statement shall be furnished stating that the situations described in these documents have not changed since then.

If the successful bidder fails to provide these documents or is found to have provided false information, the award will be considered null and void. In such a case, the Contracting Authority may award the bid to another bidder or cancel the bid procedure.

# 14. Signature of contract(s)

Within 7 days of receipt of the contract already signed by the Contracting Authority, the selected bidder shall sign and date the contract and return it to the Contracting Authority.

Failure of the selected bidder to comply with this requirement may constitute grounds for the annulment of the decision to award the contract. In such a case, the Contracting Authority may award the bid to another bidder or cancel the bid procedure.

The other candidates will be informed that their bids were not accepted, by means of a standard letter.

# 15. Cancellation of the Bids procedure

In the event of cancellation of the bid procedure, bidders will be notified of the cancellation by the Contracting Authority. If the bid procedure is cancelled before the envelopes of any bid has been opened, the unopened and sealed envelopes will be returned to the bidders.

### Cancellation may occur when:

- The bid procedure has been unsuccessful, i.e., no qualitative or financially worthwhile bid has been received or there is no response at all;
- The economic or technical data of the project have been fundamentally altered;
- Exceptional circumstances or force majeure render normal performance of the contract impossible;
- All technically compliant bids exceed the financial resources available;
- There have been irregularities in the procedure, in particular where these have prevented fair competition.

In no event shall the Contracting Authority be liable for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, in any way connected with the cancellation of a bid even if the Contracting Authority has been advised of the possibility of damages.

The publication of a procurement notice does not commit the Contracting Authority to implement the programme or project announced.

# 16. Intentions to award

Bidders will be informed of the Municipality's intention to award (notification of the intention to award). A notice will be sent to bidders or will be uploaded on the Greater Kokstad Municipality Website.

# THE NATIONAL TREASURY Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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## **General Conditions of Contract**

## 1. 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 Vendor, 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 Vendor 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.
- 1.10 "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 Vendor bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.

- 1.11 **"Dumping"** occurs when a private enterprise abroad markets its goods on 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 Vendor and not involving the Vendor'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 Vendor is required to supply to the Purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendors, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such Special Conditions of Contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

#### 3. General

3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the Purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.

3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin.

The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from <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 Vendor shall not, without the Purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the Purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor's performance under the contract if so required by the Purchaser.
- 5.4 The Vendor shall permit the Purchaser to inspect the Vendor's records relating to the performance of the Vendor and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Purchaser, if so required by the Purchaser.
- 5.5 The Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor'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 Purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
  - a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the Purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the Purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the Purchaser; or
  - b) A cashier's or certified cheque.
- 7.3 The performance security will be discharged by the Purchaser and returned to the Vendor not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the Vendor'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 Vendor.
- 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 analysed 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 Vendor 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 Vendor's cost and risk. Should the Vendor fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the Purchaser may, without giving the Vendor further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the Vendor.
- 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 Vendor 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 Vendor in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the Vendor are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor for similar services.

## 14. Spare Parts

- 14.1 Specified in SCC, the Vendor may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the Vendor:
  - a) such spare parts as the Purchaser may elect to purchase from the Vendor, provided that this election shall not relieve the Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor, 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 Vendor in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the Vendor 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 Vendor, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the Purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Vendor's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Purchaser may have against the Vendor under the contract.

## 16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the Vendor under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The Vendor 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 Vendor.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

#### 17. Prices

17.1 Prices charged by the Vendor for goods/works delivered and/or services rendered under the contract shall not vary from prices quoted by the Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor from any liability or obligation under the contract.

## 21. Delay in Vendor's Performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods/works and/or performance of services shall be made by the Vendor 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 Vendor or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods/works and/or performance of services, the Vendor shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, it's likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the Vendor's notice, the Purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the Vendor'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 Vendor's point of supply is not situated at or near the place the supplies are required or the Vendor's supplies or goods are not readily available.
- 21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the Vendor in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the Vendor 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 Vendor'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 Vendor.

## 22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the Vendor 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 Vendor, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:
  - a) if the Vendor fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
  - b) if the Vendor fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
  - c) if the Vendor, 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 Vendor shall be liable to the Purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods/works and/or services. However, the Vendor 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 Vendor by prohibiting such Vendor 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 Vendor or any person associated with the Vendor, the Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor.
- 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 Vendor 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 Vendors 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 anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such antidumping 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 vendor 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 Vendor shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, the Vendor 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 Vendor if the Vendor becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the Vendor, 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 Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Vendor any monies due the Vendor.

#### 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 Vendor 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 Vendor to pay penalties and/or damages to the Purchaser; and
  - b) the aggregate liability of the Vendor 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 Vendor concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice.
- 31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

#### 32. Taxes and Duties

- 32.1 A foreign Vendor 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 Vendor 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 Purchaser 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. Transfer of contract

33.1. The contractor shall not abandon, transfer, cede assign or sublet a contract or part thereof without the written permission of the purchaser.

#### 34. Amendments of contracts

34.1 No agreement to amend or vary a contract or order or conditions, stipulations or provisions thereof shall be valid and of any force unless such agreement to amend or vary is entered into in writing and signed by the contracting parties. Any waiver of the requirement that the agreement to amend or vary shall be in writing

## 35. National Industrial Participation Programme

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

#### 36. Prohibition of Restrictive Practices

- 36.1 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).
- 36.2 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.
- 36.3 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.