



BID REFERENCE: NRF/SARAO SHAO/23/2025-26

**DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF PHASE 1
OF THE SKAO SCIENCE PROCESSING CENTRE (SPC) AND ASSOCIATED
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CAPE TOWN HOST INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM
(CTHIS) FACILITY AT ITHEMBA LABS, CAPE TOWN**

BID INVITATION NOTICE

The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory ('SARAO') hereby invites submissions for the following tender -

Bid Number	Bid Description	CIDB Grading	Bid Closing Date and Time
NRF/SARAO SHAO/23/2025-26	DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF PHASE 1 OF THE SKAO SCIENCE PROCESSING CENTRE (SPC) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CAPE TOWN HOST INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM (CTHIS) FACILITY AT ITHEMBA LABS, CAPE TOWN	It is estimated that contractors must have a CIDB contractor grading designation of 8GB, or higher	Tuesday, 29 July 2025 at 12.00PM

BID CLARIFICATION MEETING AND SITE VISIT

A Non-compulsory bid clarification meeting will take place as follows –

Date: Tuesday, 01 July 2025

Time: 10.00 AM

Registration & Meeting Link: To register in advance for the briefing session, click on the following link:

<https://ska.zoom.us/meeting/register/bPbj1NDVTpOyg5ft95y8A>

After registering, bidders will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Following the bid clarification meeting, a Compulsory site visit will be held as follows -

Date: Friday, 04 July 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Venue: iThemba LABS Precinct (located on the Old Faure Road, which runs parallel to the N2, between the M32 and R310, in Cape Town). GPS coordinates: Latitude: 34°1'27.96"S; Longitude: 18°43'1.32"E

NOTE - Any bid submitted by a bidder not represented at the site visit will be rejected. Persons attending the compulsory clarification meeting and site visit must be duly authorised to represent the bidder.

PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT SYSTEM:

The 90/10 price and preference points system, as prescribed by Section 4 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 issued under the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, (Act No 5 of 2000) (PPPFA) will be applied to evaluate this bid.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Only tenders which satisfy the minimum functionality thresholds in Stages 2.1 & 2.2 of the Functionality Evaluation will be evaluated further on price and preference. Failure to do so will result in a bid being held to be non-responsive and, therefore, disqualified.

BID SUBMISSION:

Electronic submissions must be sent to tenders@sarao.ac.za on or before the closing date, **Tuesday, 29 July 2025 at 12.00PM.**

Bids received after the closing date and/or time will be disqualified.

Bids must be submitted in separate electronic folders, one with the compliance and technical response, and the other with the financial response. Technical submissions must be in searchable PDF format.

Bidders may use WeTransfer, Dropbox or Google Drive to submit their bid submissions.

The bid documentation may be accessed on the SARAO website: <http://www.sarao.ac.za/tenders/>, or the National Treasury E-tenders portal: <http://www.etenders.gov.za>

BID ENQUIRIES:

Bid enquiries may be directed to tender-enquiries@sarao.ac.za.

NOTE ON FRAUD OR CORRUPTION IN THE TENDER PROCESS:

The NRF/SARAO would never offer payment or any other consideration in return for the favourable consideration of a bid. Please report any suspected acts of fraud or corruption to the following toll-free number - **0800 701 701 or SMS 39772.**