



RFP NUMBER:	RFP/SASSETA/25261128
DESCRIPTION:	Appointment of a panel of two (2) suitable service providers to supply, deliver, configure, support and maintain SASSETA's ICT Infrastructure: comprising but not limited to servers, switches, firewalls, Mobile UPS and related components from date of appointment until 31 March 2030 with an option to extend up to a maximum of five (5) years
PUBLISH DATE:	21 April 2026
CLOSING DATE:	15 June 2026
CLOSING TIME:	11h00 am
COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION DATE	N/A
VALIDITY PERIOD:	120 days from the closing date
PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM	80/20
BID RESPONSES TO BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY:	Proposals are to be submitted electronically via email to infrastructure@sassetta.org.za for the attention of Ms. Lebo Hlombe, Quoting the reference (RFP/SASSETA/25261128)
ATTENTION:	Ms. Lebo Hlombe
The email address (infrastructure@sassetta.org.za) is for the submission of tender proposals only and will be accessed by SASSETA after the tender closing date and time.	
Queries related to this tender are to be sent to scm01@sassetta.org.za .	

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DOCUMENTS IN THIS BID DOCUMENT PACK

Bidders are to ensure that they have received all pages of this document, which consist of the following documents:

SECTION A

1. RFP Submission Conditions and Instructions
2. Terms of Reference
3. Selection Process

SECTION B

1. Invitation to Quote (SBD 1)
2. Pricing Schedule (SBD 3.3)
3. Bidder's Disclosure (SBD 4)
4. Preference Points Claim form in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 (SBD 6.1).
5. Submission Checklist
6. General Conditions of Contract (Annexure A)
7. Pricing Schedule (Annexure B)
8. Technical specification (Annexure C)

1. RFP SUBMISSION CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

- 1.1.1 All Service Providers are to take note of the implications of contravening the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, Act No 12 of 2004 and any other Act applicable.

1.2 COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

- 1.2.1 There will be no briefing session for this Request for Proposal

1.3 CLARIFICATIONS/QUERIES

- 1.3.1 Any clarification required by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the Terms of Reference, or any other aspect concerning the bid, is to be requested in writing (e-mail) from **Ms. Lebo Hlombe** at scm01@sasseta.org.za by **12h00 on 5 June 2026**. The **bid number** should be mentioned in all correspondence. **Telephonic requests for clarification will not be accepted.**

1.4 SUBMITTING BIDS

- 1.4.1 Proposals to be submitted electronically via email to infrastructure@sasseta.org.za (maximum size of the email 30 MB)
- Bidders are advised to compress their submission(s) to a maximum of 30MB file/folder. **Any submission(s) exceeding 30MB will be automatically rejected by the server.**
 - Submission(s) can be made through email and WeTransfer. **Bidders are advised NOT to set an expiry date on the submission(s) made.** If a Bidder's response is found to have expired during the evaluation period, it will be considered non-responsive. Bidders who chose to submit via WeTransfer are encouraged to ensure that they have a license for the platform as without it, the submission will automatically expire within seven (7) days.
 - Bidders must not submit their responses via **Google Drive or any other method that will compel SASSETA** to request access and/or create an email address out of SASSETA's domain (sasseta.org.za). Such responses will be considered non-responsive.
 - Bidders are advised to double check their submission(s) before responding to the bid.

❖ Closing date and time: **15 June 2026 @ 11h00**

1.5 LATE BIDS

- 1.5.1 Bids received late shall not be considered. A bid will be considered late if it arrived only one second after 11h00 or any time thereafter. Bids arriving late will not be considered under any circumstances. Bidders are therefore strongly advised to ensure that bids be sent allowing enough time for any unforeseen events that may delay the delivery of the bid.

1.6 NEGOTIATION

- 1.6.1 SASSETA has the right to enter into negotiation with a prospective service provider regarding any terms and conditions, including price(s), of a proposed contract.

1.7 REASONS FOR REJECTION

- 1.7.1 SASSETA shall reject a bid for the award of a contract if the recommended bidder has committed a proven corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for the particular contract.
- 1.7.2 SASSETA shall disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors:
 - 1.7.2.1 have abused the Supply Chain Management systems of SASSETA.
 - 1.7.2.2 have committed proven fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such systems.
 - 1.7.2.3 have failed to perform on any contract and the proof exists.
- 1.7.3 Such actions shall be communicated to the National Treasury.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

2.1.1. SASSETA is one of the twenty-one (21) Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) established in terms of the Skills Development Act (Act 97 of 1998) as amended. SASSETA's licence has been renewed until 31st March 2030. SASSETA is classified as a schedule 3A Public Entity in terms of Public Finance Management Act, (Act 1 of 1999, as amended). SASSETA reports to the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET).

2.2. ICT INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW

2.2.1. SASSETA operates a virtualised infrastructure built on eight (8) physical host servers, which collectively host over 15 virtual machines.

2.2.2. All VMs run on Microsoft Windows Server Standard 2016/2019/2022 and support various business critical functions, including but not limited to:

- System services and system monitoring
- Directory services
- File and user management
- Core business applications

2.2.3. Our network infrastructure consists of 1 core switch that manages central connectivity and routing, along with 12 access network switches that support end-user connectivity across the organisation.

2.2.4. This environment is designed to provide high availability, central management, and scalable performance to meet operational and compliance requirements.

2.3. PURPOSE

2.3.1. SASSETA seeks to appoint a panel of two (2) suitable service providers to supply, deliver, configure, support and maintain SASSETA's ICT Infrastructure: comprising but not limited to servers, switches, firewalls, Mobile UPS and related components from date of appointment until 31 March 2030.

2.3.2. Should SASSETA be satisfied with the performance of the panel, the contract may be extended up to a maximum of five (5) years to maintain continuity and stability of service, subject to review and approval prior to any extension.

2.4. SCOPE OF WORK AND DELIVERABLES

2.4.1. For detailed Technical Specifications, please refer to ANNEXURE B: SASSETA ICT Infrastructure

2.4.2. All services below are to be rendered on an ad-hoc basis:

2.4.2.1. Supply & Delivery

- a) All equipment must be genuine, brand new, and sourced directly from OEMs or accredited OEM partners/resellers. Grey-market stock will not be accepted.

2.4.2.2. Installation & Configuration

- a) All configurations must comply with SASSETA security policies and leading practices such as Centre of Internet Security (CIS) benchmarks, vendor best practice and relevant South African regulatory standards

2.4.2.3. Workload Migration

- a) The service provider must prepare a detailed migration plan identifying dependencies, rollback procedures and downtime windows, subject to approval by SASSETA ICT.

2.4.2.4. Security & Performance

- a) All infrastructure must be designed and configured to deliver optimal performance, security, and reliability. This includes implementing system hardening, encryption, access controls, secure management protocols, and continuous monitoring. Solutions must support high availability, redundancy, and quality of service, with proactive patching, authentication controls, and performance tuning to maintain compliance with SASSETA ICT policies and industry best practices to support operational visibility and compliance auditing.

2.4.2.5. Testing & Validation

- a) No system will be considered accepted until testing has been signed off by designated SASSETA ICT personnel.

2.4.2.6. Training & Documentation

- a) Training sessions must include practical demonstration and competency assessment.

2.4.2.7. Support & Maintenance

- a) The successful service provider must provide an SLA with clearly defined severity levels, response times and resolution times. Incidents must be responded to within a reasonable time.

2.4.2.8. Working hours

- a) The successful bidder will be required to work mostly after working hours (from 17h00), holidays and weekends

2.5. DELIVERABLES (on an ad hoc basis in different quantities)

2.5.1. The appointed service provider will be expected to provide following products/service fully configured and maintained:

- a) Servers – HPE ProLiant DL380 Gen11, with CPU, memory, storage, network, HBA, power supplies, iLO 6, OS installation and hardening
- b) Core Network Switch – HPE Aruba CX 6100 24G 4SFP+
- c) Network Switch – HPE Aruba CX 6100 48G PoE 4SFP+
- d) Firewall – FortiGate 120G
- e) Firewall – FortiGate 70G
- f) Mobile UPS – APC Smart-UPS RT 10kVA
- g) Wireless Access Points – Fortinet FortiAP 431G
- h) Network Cabling – CAT6/CAT6A – Installation, labeling, testing
- i) Fiber Lids & SFP Modules – Installation, configuration, testing, documentation
- j) 600x1000 Floor Server Cabinet – Perforated (Sever Rack)
- k) 600X600 Server Cabinet Floor Server Cabinet – Perforated (Sever Rack)
- l) 6U Server Cabinet - 530mm X 350mm X 300mm (Wall mounted server rack)
- m) Configuration & Installation – End-to-end setup of all servers, network switches, firewalls, UPS, APs, VLANs, security policies
- n) Workload Migration – System and data migration from old servers to new infrastructure
- o) Testing & Validation – Unit, integration, performance, and security testing; acceptance report
- p) Training & Documentation – Technical training, manuals, network diagrams, configuration backups
- q) Support & Maintenance – Onsite/remote support, preventive & corrective maintenance, performance monitoring, patching

2.6. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

2.6.1. The bidder should:

- 2.6.1.1. Be ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO 9001 certified and submit valid certificates.
- 2.6.1.2. Submit valid Partner Certificates or Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) letters for Fortinet and Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE).
- 2.6.1.3. The proposed team members must collectively hold the following certifications, with each certification held by at least one team member
 - Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE): Cloud Platform and Infrastructure
 - Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)
 - NSE 4 Network Security Professional

NB: Non submission of the requirements mentioned above will lead to automatic disqualification.

2.7. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

2.7.1. The bidding company to:

2.7.1.1. Submit a detailed Implementation Plan as part of the proposal, clearly outlining:

- Project phases and milestones
- Dependencies between tasks
- Resource allocation per activity
- Risk mitigation measures, including rollback procedures
- Testing, validation, and acceptance processes
- The Implementation Plan must demonstrate the first phase of the project, including delivery, installation, configuration, migration, testing and deployment of core network infrastructure, and critical security components, will be completed within four (4) months from the project commencement date.

2.7.1.2. The proposed Project Team must collectively demonstrate verifiable experience in the successful design, implementation, and maintenance of comparable ICT infrastructure projects involving enterprise-grade hardware, virtualised environments, network and security configurations, and workload migrations.

- a) Technical Project Manager to have completed a minimum of three (3) assignments in managing multi-site rollouts ICT infrastructure implementation projects. Must have successfully overseen at least three (3) assignments of a similar nature, involving servers, networking, firewalls, ups, and related enterprise ICT components.
- b) Senior Solution Architect to have completed a minimum of three (3) assignments in designing and integrating multi-site enterprise ICT environments, including server virtualisation, network segmentation, and secure architecture design.
- c) Senior Infrastructure Engineer/Specialist to have a minimum of three (3) assignments in implementing, configuring and supporting multi-site enterprise-grade server environments.
- d) Senior Cybersecurity Engineer/Specialist to have completed a minimum of three (3) assignments in implementing, configuring and supporting network infrastructure, including LAN/WAN, HPE Aruba switching, Fortigate wireless access points, VLANs, and fibre cabling, FortiGate firewalls, VPNs, intrusion prevention, endpoint security, and secure access management.

Four (4) CVs of the members of the project team to be submitted.

2.7.1.3. The bidding company to submit signed reference letters from previous clients demonstrating successful delivery of comparable ICT infrastructure projects. The letters to collectively demonstrate experience across multi-site implementations, enterprise ICT services, and the technologies required for this project.

- a) Two (2) letters to confirm successful implementation of multi-site ICT infrastructure rollout projects including installation and configurations of servers, network switches, firewalls, UPS, and other enterprise ICT components.
- b) One (1) letter to cover server implementation and configuration, including virtualisation and related enterprise-grade server environments.
- c) One (1) letter to cover network implementation and configuration, including LAN/WAN, switching, wireless access points, VLANs, and fibre cabling.
- d) One (1) letter to cover security implementation and configuration, including firewalls, VPNs, intrusion prevention, endpoint security, and secure access management.

2.8. TIMEFRAMES FOR DELIVERY OF THE WORK

- 2.8.1. This contract will be valid from the date of appointment until 31 March 2030.
- 2.8.2. Should SASSETA be satisfied with the performance of the panel, the contract may be extended up to a maximum of five (5) years to maintain continuity and stability of service, subject to review and approval prior to any extension.
- 2.8.3. The service provider will be required to supply and deliver the required items within 21 working days from date of order.

2.9. PRICING

- 2.9.1. The service providers are requested to provide an all-inclusive cost of this project assignment on the provided Annexure C
- 2.9.2. The products/services will be requested/provided on an ad hoc basis.
- 2.9.3. Claim travel mileage costs applicable to this contract as per the Department of Transport rates.
- 2.9.4. Book only economy-class flights
- 2.9.5. Book Group A hire cars, otherwise Group B are to be used following SASSETA's approval
- 2.9.6. Utilise cost-effective mode of transport such as Uber/Taxify/Gautrain or shuttle.
- 2.9.7. services when traveling to and from the airport.
- 2.9.8. Book only Bed and Breakfast, Hotels, or other equivalent accommodations up to a Rand value of R1 400/ per night per person (including dinner, breakfast, and parking).
- 2.9.9. Submit all applicable invoices/receipts for the travel undertaken and also, a google map of the trip where travel by private car was undertaken for payment.
- 2.9.10. All travel to be approved by SASSETA before being Undertaken.

2.10. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

- 2.10.1. The service provider will report directly to SASSETA ICT Manager for the duration of the contract.

2.11. PENALTY FOR NON-PERFORMANCE

- 2.11.1. SASSETA reserves the right to enforce penalties, withhold payment, or take other remedial action should the appointed service provider fail to meet the agreed service levels, timelines, or deliverables as will be captured in the Service Level Agreement (SLA).
- 2.11.2. Final project timelines will be agreed upon with the appointed service provider and incorporated into the SLA. Failure to meet these agreed timelines may result in penalties as outlined in the SLA.

2.12. HANDOVER PROCESSES

- 2.12.1. On the expiry of this contract, the appointed service provider will be required to hand over all access credentials of all portals to SASSETA.

2.13. CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) (ANNEXURE A)

- 2.13.1. Bidders are requested to initial each page of the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) (Annexure A) and submit their response to this Request for Quotations. The GCC will form part of the contract with the successful Bidder.

2.14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 2.14.1. The service provider will be contracting with SASSETA. All products and data of this project, in whatever format raw or analysed, will be confidential information for utilisation by SASSETA. All information and documents, received from SASSETA or stakeholders, is to be kept confidential and may not be used or distributed in any format without the written approval of SASSETA. To this end, the service provider will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement within the Service Level Agreement.

2.15. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT

- 2.15.1. All Service Providers are to take note of the implications of POPIA act and any other data privacy Act applicable that SASSETA complies to. In compliance to the act, please be advised that the following are applicable to the treatment of vendor information:

- 2.15.1.1. All requested bid information will be solemnly utilized for the purpose of the bid evaluation processes. The vendor hereby consents the information provided as part of this bid will be utilized for supply chain processes of SASSETA and may be subject to multiple processing to enable the evaluation of this bid.

- 2.15.1.2. The vendor consents that the information collected will be retained for the duration of the evaluation and archived for records management purposes. The information will be disposed as per the SASSETA records management policies as prescribed by the national archives act. Furthermore, the information owner acknowledges that the information provided will be scanned into digital records which are retained on the SASSETA backup servers and that are replicated to backup media. SASSETA does

confirm that the organization adopts industry best practice with regards to the safeguarding of digital records whether locally stored or retained in backup media.

- 2.15.1.3. SASSETA confirms that all submitted records will be retained in their original form and will not be altered with to preserve the quality and originality of information provided.
- 2.15.1.4. SASSETA confirms that the Information Officer is duly responsible for vendor information provided and exercises stringent measures to ensure that information is secured and solemnly utilized for the purpose of use. No vendor records will be distributed or utilized for any processes outside the current bid that the information has been requested for.

3. PROPOSED SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1 Compliance requirements

3.1.1 All bids duly lodged will be examined to determine compliance with bidding requirements and conditions.

3.2 Conditions for selection/short listing

3.2.1 All submissions will be evaluated as follows:

3.2.1.1 Phase 1 – Requirements items, Service Providers to:

- Submit their proposal by the closing date and time. **Proposals submitted after the closing date and time will be disqualified from further evaluation.**
- Should be ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO 9001 certified and submit valid certificates.
- Should submit valid Partner Certificates or Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) letters for Fortinet and Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE).
- The proposed team members must collectively hold the following certifications, with each certification held by at least one team member
 - Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE): Cloud Platform and Infrastructure
 - Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)
 - NSE 4 Network Security Professional

NB: Non submission of the requirements mentioned above will lead to automatic disqualification.

- complete and submit all Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) forms mentioned above on page 2 of this document, namely: SBD1, SBD 3.3, SBD 4, SBD 6.1.
- Bidders to be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) by the closing date and time of this request for quotation. Bidders are to provide SASSETA with a copy of their CSD registration report downloaded from the National Treasury CSD Website.
- Initial each page of the General Condition of Contract (Annexure A) and submit with your proposal.

3.2.1.2 Phase 2 – Functionality evaluations

- The proposals of all service providers will be rated on a scale of 0 to 1.
 - 0: Required document/item not submitted/ Unacceptable, does not meet set criteria
 - 1: Exceptional mastery of the requirement should ensure extremely effective performance.

ELEMENT	FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION		FUNCTIONALITY WEIGHT	TOTAL SCORE
	Rating out of 1	Evaluation criteria		
Certification and Experience:			60%	
The Bidding company to submit a detailed Implementation Plan as part of the proposal, clearly outlining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project phases and milestones - Dependencies between tasks - Resource allocation per activity - Risk mitigation measures, including rollback procedures - Testing, validation, and acceptance processes - The Implementation Plan must demonstrate that the first phase of the project, including delivery, installation, configuration, and initial testing of servers, core network infrastructure, and critical security components, will be completed within four (4) months from the project commencement date. 	0	No plan submitted, or the submitted plan does not address all the elements within scope of work.	12%	
	1	Implementation plan submitted and addressed all elements below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project phases and milestones - Dependencies between tasks - Resource allocation per activity - Risk mitigation measures, including rollback procedures - Testing, validation, and acceptance processes - The Implementation Plan must demonstrate that the first phase of the project, including delivery, installation, configuration, and initial testing of servers, core network infrastructure, and critical security components, will be completed within four (4) months from the project commencement date. 		
Technical Project Manager to have completed a minimum of three (3) assignments in managing multi-site rollouts ICT infrastructure implementation projects. Must have successfully overseen at least three (3) assignments of a similar nature, involving servers, networking, firewalls, ups, and related enterprise ICT components.	0	CV of the Technical Project Manager not attached or has less than three (3) completed assignments	12%	
	1	CV of the Technical Project Manager submitted demonstrating three (3) or more completed assignments		
Senior Solution Architect to have completed a minimum of three (3) assignments in designing and integrating multi-site enterprise ICT environments, including server virtualisation, network segmentation, and secure architecture design.	0	CV of the Senior Solution Architect not submitted. Or submitted but has less than 3 assignments.	12%	
	1	CV of the Senior Solution Architect submitted and demonstrating three (3) or more assignments.		

Senior Infrastructure Engineer/Specialist to have a minimum of three (3) assignments in implementing, configuring and supporting multi-site enterprise-grade server environments.	0	CV of the Senior Infrastructure Engineer/Specialist not submitted. Or submitted but has less than 3 assignments.	12%	
	1	Senior Infrastructure Engineer/Specialist submitted demonstrating three (3) or more assignments.		
Senior Cybersecurity Engineer/Specialist to have completed a minimum of three (3) assignments in implementing, configuring and supporting network infrastructure, including LAN/WAN, HPE Aruba switching, Fortigate wireless access points, VLANs, and fibre cabling, Fortigate firewalls, VPNs, intrusion prevention, endpoint security, and secure access management.	0	CV of the Senior Cybersecurity Engineer/Specialist not submitted. CV of the Senior Cybersecurity Engineer/Specialist submitted but has less than 3 assignments.	12%	
	1	Senior Cybersecurity Engineer/Specialist submitted and demonstrating three (3) or more assignments.		
Reference Letters:			40	
The Bidding Company to submit two (2) signed reference letters to confirm successful implementation of multi-site ICT infrastructure rollout projects including installation and configurations of servers, network switches, firewalls, UPS, and other enterprise ICT components.	0	The Bidding Company did not submit written references letters, or submitted less than two (2) written references letters	15%	
	1	The Bidding Company submitted two (2) or more written references letters		
The Bidding Company to submit one (1) signed reference letter covering server implementation and configuration, including virtualisation and related enterprise-grade server environments.	0	The Bidding Company did not submit written references letters	5%	
	1	The Bidding Company submitted one (1) or more written references letters		
The Bidding Company to submit One (1) signed reference letter must cover network implementation and configuration, including LAN/WAN, switching, wireless access points, VLANs, and fibre cabling.	0	The Bidding Company did not submit written references letters	5%	
	1	The Bidding Company submitted one (1) or more written references letters		
The Bidding Company to submit One (1) signed letter cover security implementation and configuration, including firewalls, VPNs, intrusion prevention, endpoint security, and secure access management.	0	The Bidding Company did not submit written references letters	15%	
	1	The Bidding Company submitted one (1) or more written references letters		
TOTAL POINTS			100%	

Bidders are required to meet 90% threshold to be evaluated in the next phase. Bidders who do not meet 90% threshold will be disqualified from further evaluation.

3.2.1.3 Phase 3 – Price and Specific Goals

- The value of this bid is estimated not to exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 system shall be applicable where 80 points will be allocated to price and 20 points for Specific Goals as follows:

Evaluation Criterion on Price and Specific Goals	
Relative competitiveness of proposed price	80
Specific Goals	20
TOTAL FOR PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS	100

3.2.1.4 ADJUDICATION OF BID

- The Bid Adjudication Committee will consider the recommendations of the Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) and make a recommendation to the Award Authority to make the final award. The successful bidder will usually be the service provider scoring the highest number of points lower-scoring bid based on firm, verifiable and justifiable grounds, or no award at all.

PART A - INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	RFP/SASSETA/25261128	CLOSING DATE:	15 June 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11h00am
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PROPOSALS TO BE EMAILED:					
Proposals to be submitted electronically via email to infrastructure@sasseta.org.za for the attention of Ms. Lebo Hlombe					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Ms. Lebo Hlombe		CONTACT PERSON	Ms. Lebo Hlombe	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	scm01@sasseta.org.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	scm01@sasseta.org.za	
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					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]	
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.					

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

1. BID SUBMISSION:
<p>1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.</p> <p>1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED– (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.</p> <p>1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.</p> <p>1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).</p>
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
<p>2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.</p> <p>2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER’S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.</p> <p>2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.</p> <p>2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.</p> <p>2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.</p> <p>2.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.</p> <p>2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.”</p>

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

NAME OF SIGNATORY

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

N/B.: If a Company has one director as listed on CSD, the one Director to sign these documents on behalf of the Company. Any other member of the Company will require a Company Resolution to be attached to this submission signed by the duly Authorised Director.

N/B.: If the Company has more than one Director as listed on CSD, a signed Company Resolution to be attached to confirm that the one Director can sign on behalf of the Company. Any other member of the Company will require a Company Resolution to be attached to this submission signed by the duly Authorised Directors.

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

PRICING SCHEDULE

(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER:	BID NO.: RFP/SASSETA/25261128
CLOSING TIME: 11h00	CLOSING DATE: 15 June 2026

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR **120** DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY **(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
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1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals and each price below **must be inclusive of VAT (where applicable)**:

BIDDERS TO RECORD THEIR PRICES ON ANNEXURE C (PRICING SCHEDULE)

- i. Bidders are to ensure that all items indicated on **(Annexure C)** are quoted for and it is unaltered. **Incomplete and unaltered Annexure C will lead to automatic disqualification at phase 1 of the evaluation process.**
- ii. Bidders are to submit Annexure C for evaluation purposes. Non-submission of Annexure C will lead to automatic disqualification.
- iii. The template will sum up the total.
- iv. Bidders are requested to input their costs only and sign off.
- v. Bidders are required to submit this excel spreadsheet in Excel format for evaluation purposes and also a signed PDF version for audit trail purposes.
- vi. Bidders to note the following:
 - All annual prices will be subject to the Consumer Price Index (CPIX) on the anniversary of the contract.
 - They will claim travel mileage costs applicable to this contract as per the Department of Transport rates.

For the purposes of evaluations and price comparisons, the total costs should be inclusive of Fixed once-off costs and Ad-hoc costs. Bidders are encouraged to confirm their price calculations before submission.

NB.: SASSETA is looking at leveraging cost by applying economies of scale on the number of learners to be allocated per category. Bidders to provide a cost for one (beneficiary) on all the categories mentioned on Annexure C.

The service provider will be responsible for arranging their travel, which will be reimbursed at cost by SASSETA. Rate per kilometre travelled will be reimbursed as per Department of Transport rates.

Bidders are to complete the name and surname of the four (4) proposed team members on this assignment and ensure that comprehensive CV of these members is attached to the proposal as follows:

NO.	ROLE IN THE TEAM	NAME AND SURNAME <i>(One team member to be proposed)</i>	IS THE ATTACHED <i>(circle the response below)</i>
1.	Technical Project Manager		Yes/No
2.	Senior Solution Architect		Yes/No
3.	Senior Infrastructure Engineer/Specialist		Yes/No
4.	Senior Cybersecurity Engineer/Specialist		Yes/No

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

(To be signed by a duly authorised Delegate. A signed Company Resolution must be submitted). (To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate)

BIDDER’S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder’s declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

N/B. If more space required, Service providers are to copy this table onto their letterhead and provide information as per the table above

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?
YES
/NO

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3. DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name).....in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 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 consortium¹ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.7 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.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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¹ 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.

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

- (a) (The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.
- (b) The lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (c) Price; and
- (d) Specific Goals.

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

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

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

2.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR THE PRICE

2.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

2.2 POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

2.2.1 In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender.

2.2.2 For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

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

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this bid	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the bidder)
At least 100% Black People ownership	5	
At least 30% Black Women Ownership	4	
At least 30% Black youth ownership	4	
The Promotion of South African owned enterprises	7	
Total Points	20	

3. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

3.1. Name of company/firm.....

3.2. Company registration number:

3.3. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Y Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
 - Y One-person business/sole propriety
 - Y Close corporation
 - Y Public Company
 - Y Personal Liability Company
 - Y (Pty) Limited
 - Y Non-Profit Company
 - Y State Owned Company
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

3.4. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

 SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)
SURNAME AND NAME:
DATE:
ADDRESS:

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CLAIMING SPECIFIC GOALS

As per bullet 1.6 and 1.7 of the Preference Points Claim Form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022, bidders are required to submit the SASSETA verification document(s) in order to be allocated the specific goals claimed:

- a) An Original/Certified copy of a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit.
- b) Valid Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) Company registration documents
- c) Certified copy/ies of Identity documents of the Company Directors
- d) CSD report
- e) medical report (if any)
- f) declaration letter signed by the bidder.

NB.: Non-submission of the documents required above will lead to specific goal points NOT being awarded.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

(To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate. A signed Company Resolution must be submitted).

If you receive any suspicious calls asking for payment to secure an award of a bid or that the outcome of a tender can be influenced in your favour, please immediately inform the SASSETA Anti-Corruption Hotline at 0800 162 111 for further investigation.

BIDDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST WHEN SUBMITTING THEIR BIDS:

NO.	DETAILS	TICK BY BIDDER
1.	Part 1: Completed and signed the invitation to bid document (SBD 1) • To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate.	
2.	Part 2: Completed and signed pricing schedule (SBD 3.3) • To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate	
3.	Part 3: Completed and signed the bidder's declaration (SBD 4). <i>(In case of a consortium/ joint venture, or where sub-Service providers are utilised, each party to the bid to complete and sign the declaration of interest document)</i> • To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate	
4.	Part 4: Completed and signed the Preference Points Claim form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 (SBD 6.1) To be signed by a duly Authorised Delegate.	
5.	Part 5: Submitted the General Conditions of Contract (initialled each page)	
6.	Part 6: Bidders to submit their National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration document.	
7.	Part 7: Bidder's attached quotation on the Company letterhead inclusive of VAT and any other applicable costs in line with the SBD 3.3	
8.	Part 8: The Bidding company should be ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO 9001 certified and submit valid certificates. Non-submission of the valid certificate will lead to automatic disqualification	
9.	Part 9: The Bidding company should submit valid Partner Certificates or Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) letters for Fortinet and Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE). Non-submission of the valid Partner Certificates or OEM letter will lead to automatic disqualification	
10.	Part 10: The proposed team members must collectively hold the following certifications, with each certification held by at least one team member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE): Cloud Platform and Infrastructure ○ Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) ○ NSE 4 Network Security Professional <u>NB: Non submission of the requirements mentioned above will lead to automatic disqualification.</u>	
11.	Part 11: The Bidding company to submit a detailed Implementation Plan as part of the proposal that address all the elements within scope of work.	
12.	Part 12: The Bidding company to submit the CV of the Technical Project Manager demonstrating three (3) or more completed assignments	
13.	Part 13: The Bidding company to submit CV of the Senior Solution Architect demonstrating three (3) or more assignments.	
14.	Part 14: The Bidding company to submit the CV of the Senior Cybersecurity Engineer/Specialist demonstrating three (3) or more assignments.	
15.	Part 15: The Bidding Company to submit two (2) signed reference letters to confirm successful implementation of multi-site ICT infrastructure rollout projects including installation and configurations of servers, network switches, firewalls, UPS, and other enterprise ICT components.	

16.	Part 16: The Bidding Company to submit one (1) signed reference letter covering server implementation and configuration, including virtualisation and related enterprise-grade server environments.	
17.	Part 17: The Bidding Company to submit One (1) signed reference letter must cover network implementation and configuration, including LAN/WAN, switching, wireless access points, VLANs, and fibre cabling.	
18.	Part 18: The Bidding Company to submit One (1) signed letter cover security implementation and configuration, including firewalls, VPNs, intrusion prevention, endpoint security, and secure access management.	
19.	Part 18: Bidders to submit: NB.: Non-submission of the below-mentioned documents (under 12) will lead to specific goal points NOT being awarded.	
	Valid Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) Company registration documents	
	Certified copy of Identity document of company directors	

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