



**SARAO**

South African Radio  
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**BID REFERENCE: NRF/SARAO SHAO/43/2023-24**

**APPOINTMENT OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (LED BY AN ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT) TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKA SCIENCE OPERATIONS CENTRE (SOC); SKA SCIENCE PROCESSING CENTRE (SPC), SKA SCIENCE REGIONAL CENTRE (SRC) AND SARAO HQ, WHICH FORM PART THE NEW 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 -

<b>Bid Number</b>	<b>Bid Description</b>	<b>Bid Closing Date and Time</b>
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**BID CLARIFICATION MEETING AND SITE VISIT:**

A compulsory bid clarification meeting, followed by a site visit, will be held as detailed below:

**Bid Clarification Meeting:**

Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2023

Time: 10.00AM

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

After registering, bidders will receive a signed confirmation of attendance certificate, to be returned with their Bid.

The site visit will be held directly after the clarification meeting.

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

### **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:**

Bidders must meet the evaluation criteria detailed in Clause C.3.11.2 of the Tender Data.

**Only bids which achieve a minimum score of 75% for Functionality (in both Stages 2.1 & 2.2 of the Functionality Criteria) will be evaluated further on Price and Specific Goals**

### **BID SUBMISSION**

Electronic submissions must be sent to [tenders@sarao.ac.za](mailto:tenders@sarao.ac.za) on the closing date, **Tuesday, 16 January 2024 at 12.00PM.**

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

**Bids must be submitted in two separate electronic folders, one with the compliance and technical response, and the second with the financial response. Technical submissions should preferably be in searchable PDF format.**

**Folders must be titled with the bidder's company name and folder title. Attachments are limited to 25 MB per email.**

**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:**

For technical queries, contact Thulani Fihlani, Email: [tfihlani@sarao.ac.za](mailto:tfihlani@sarao.ac.za)

For procedural queries, contact Anwuli Okecha, Email: [anwuli@sarao.ac.za](mailto:anwuli@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**.