

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RFI NUMBER: RFI 13 2026-2027

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION OF UNIVERSITY-BASED STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

This RFI calls for suitably qualified suppliers to provide information to Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA) regarding a Request for Information to identify and engage suitably qualified service providers who can assist in accredited short courses that are NQF-aligned and/or credit bearing which can be packaged into an Economist Development Programme (EDP) for Competition Commission staff.

Issue date: 02 October 2026

Closing Date: 16 October 2026 @ 11:00

For enquiries contact CCSA Supply Chain Management E-mail: tenders@compcom.co.za

This RFI is an invitation for person(s) to submit information(s) for the provision of the services as set out in the Specification contained herein. Accordingly, this RFI must not be construed, interpreted, or relied upon, whether expressly or implicitly, as an offer capable of acceptance by any person(s), or as creating any form of contractual, promissory or other rights. No binding contract or other understanding for the supply of services will exist between CCSA and any Respondents unless and until CCSA has executed a formal written contract with the selected supplier.

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EXPECTED TIMEFRAME	

RFI PROCESS	EXPECTED DATES
RFI Advertisement Date	02 October 2026
RFI Available from	02 October 2026
Site Visit Date & Time	N/A
Venue for Site Visit	Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA) DTI Campus, Mulayo (Block C) 77 Meintjies Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria
RFI Closing Date and Time	16 October 2026 @ 11:00
Delivery Venue: Electronics Submission	tenders@compcom.co.za
Contact details	tenders@compcom.co.za

CCSA retains the right to change the timeframe whenever necessary and for whatever reason it deems fit.

Respondents interested in participating must register their interest by providing company name, contact person, telephone, cell number and email address to CCSA, please indicate RFI number on the subject line. This will ensure that any addenda and clarification to this RFI are communicated to all participants.

1. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

- 1.1** Proof of registration on CSD report (Central Supplier Database)

2. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1** “**RFI**” - a request for information, which is a written official enquiry document encompassing all the terms and conditions of the information in a prescribed or stipulated form.
- 2.2** “**RFI response**” - a written response in a prescribed form in response to an RFI.
- 2.3** “**Respondent**” – any person (natural or juristic) who forwards an acceptable RFI in response to this RFI with the intention of being the main contractor should the RFI be awarded through a competitive bid process.
- 2.4** “**EDP**” - Economist Development Program, a structured professional development program designed to deepen economists’ analytical, technical and professional capabilities. It develops the economic, econometric, regulatory, report-writing and stakeholder-engagement skills required to support the Commission's competition enforcement and broader statutory mandate

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this request for information both during and after completion is to be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information gleaned from the service which is either directly or indirectly related to the CCSA, written approval to divulge such information will have to be obtained from CCSA.

The Respondents must ensure that confidential information is: maintained confidential; not disclosed to or used by any unauthorised person; so as to prevent any disclosure or unauthorised use with at least the standard of care that Respondents maintain to protect their own confidential information; only used for the purpose of considering and responding to this RFI; and not reproduced in any form except as required for the purpose of considering and responding to this RFI. Respondents must ensure that: access to confidential information is only given to those of its partners, officers, employees and advisers who require access for the purpose of considering and responding to this RFI; and those partners, officers, employee and advisers are informed of the confidential information section and keep that information confidential. This bid remains at all times the property of the Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA). No rights other than as provided in this bid and in respect of the confidential information are granted or conveyed to bidder/s

Name of Respondent: _____

Physical Address: _____

Respondent's contact person: Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Fax.: _____

E-mail address: _____

3. The manner of submission of the RFI

- 3.1 Respondent shall submit RFI response in accordance with the prescribed manner.
- 3.2 Respondent shall submit one ***emailed submission*** including relevant supporting documents.
- 3.3 The original copy must be signed by an authorised employee, agent or representative of the respondent.
- 3.4 The subject line on the email submission must be clearly marked with the responding organisation's name and RFI number and description of RFI.
- 3.5 Respondent must clearly outline costing implications of the solution required, as well as any economic factors (i.e. exchange rate implication) that may pose a risk impact against said costing.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Competition Commission (Commission) is a statutory body constituted in terms of the Competition Act, No. 89 of 1998 (the Act). It is one of three, independent competition regulatory authorities established in terms of the Act, with the other two being the Competition Tribunal and the Competition Appeal Court. The Commission is empowered by the Competition Act to investigate, control and evaluate restrictive business practices, abuse of dominant positions, mergers, undertake market inquiries and advocacy in order to achieve equity and efficiency in the South African economy.
- 1.2 CCSA is a public entity listed in schedule 3A of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), and acts in compliance with section 217 of the Constitution of South Africa and applicable Public Procurement Regulations and Prescripts.
- 1.3 Therefore, the CCSA is requiring a suitability qualified service provider to assist in accredited short courses that are NQF-aligned and/or credit bearing which can be packaged into an Economist Development Programme (EDP) for Competition Commission staff.

2. SITUATION ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA) is committed to developing and strengthening the competencies, capabilities and professional expertise of its employees in support of its mandate. To achieve this objective, the Commission seeks to establish structured learning pathways that will enhance both administrative and technical skills across the organisation.
- 2.2 The Commission has identified a need for university-based short courses that are accredited, NQF-aligned and/or credit-bearing, which can be combined into comprehensive staff development programme. The programme is intended to support continuous professional development while minimising the time employees spend away from the workplace. Accreditation and NQF alignment are essential to ensure the programmes contribute to formal learning recognition and skills development reporting requirements.
- 2.3 The Commission seeks information from accredited higher education institutions and business schools regarding existing short courses that can be packaged into an Economist Development Programme (EDP) for Competition Commission staff.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

- 3.1 The Service Provider is required to identify and provide details of accredited short courses that are credit-bearing and/or assigned an NQF level, enabling the Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA) to support skills development, learning recognition, and reporting requirements, including those related to B-BBEE compliance.
- 3.2 Economist Development Programme (EDP) ***is a structured professional development program designed to deepen economists' analytical, technical and professional capabilities. It develops the economic, econometric, regulatory, report-writing and stakeholder-engagement skills required to support the Commission's competition enforcement and broader statutory mandate.***
- 2.5 The modules listed under the The modules are intended as a guideline to illustrate the competencies and knowledge areas that the Commission seeks to develop.
- 3.3 The Service Provider is not limited to providing courses with identical titles. Where alternative course offerings are available, institutions are encouraged to propose courses under different names, provided that the content, learning outcomes, and competencies substantially align with the intended objectives of the respective programmes.
- 3.4 The Service Provider must demonstrate how the proposed courses can be packaged into a structured learning pathway and indicate:
- 3.4.1 Accreditation status of each course.
 - 3.4.2 NQF level and/or credit value.
 - 3.4.3 Learning outcomes and competencies addressed.
 - 3.4.4 Alignment of proposed courses to the EDP competency areas.
 - 3.4.5 Recommended sequence of courses to create a coherent development programme.
 - 3.4.6 Opportunities for articulation into higher qualifications or further learning programmes, where applicable.

No.	Economist Development Program (EDP) Modules
	ECONOMIC SKILLS
1.	Applied economics analysis and forecasting
2.	Applied spatial econometrics and related techniques
3.	Industrial policy
4.	Panel data analysis
5.	Survey data analysis
6.	Advanced competition economics
7.	Core principles in economic regulation and competition economics
8.	Financial analysis for economic regulation and competition
9.	Legal principles for competition and economic regulation
	TECHNICAL SKILLS
10.	Advanced Excel Skills (all levels)

11.	AI Tools (all levels)
12.	Report Writing Skills
13.	Geo Mapping
14.	Econometric Software Skills
15.	Cross-Examination Skills
16.	Executive Report Writing
17.	Expert Witness Training
18.	Expert Report Writing
19.	Expert Negotiation Training
	SOFT SKILLS
20.	Presentation Skills
21.	Personal Mastery
22.	Public Speaking Skills
23.	Managing Managers for Results
24.	Human Behaviour Performance
25.	Leadership Acceleration
26.	Media Skills
27.	Leading High Performance Teams
28.	Media, Parliament & Stakeholder Engagement

4. DELIVERABLES

The Service Provider submission must include:

- 4.1 A catalogue of relevant accredited short courses.
- 4.2 Proposed Economist Development Programme structure.
- 4.3 Accreditation, NQF and credit information for all proposed courses.
- 4.4 Recommended programme implementation approach.
- 4.5 Indicative costing and pricing model.
- 4.6 Proposed project plan and timelines.

5. TIMEFRAMES

- 6.1. The program must run for a period of 12 to 18 months.

6. ESTIMATE COSTING

6.1 ECONOMIST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (EDP)

6.1.1 Economic Skills

No.	Module Description	NQF Level	Credits	Cost per Learner (Excl. VAT)
1	Applied Economics Analysis and Forecasting			
2	Applied Spatial Econometrics and Related Techniques			
3	Industrial Policy			
4	Panel Data Analysis			
5	Survey Data Analysis			
6	Advanced Competition Economics			
7	Core Principles in Economic Regulation and Competition Economics			
8	Financial Analysis for Economic Regulation and Competition			
9	Legal Principles for Competition and Economic Regulation			

6.1.2 Technical Skills

No.	Module Description	NQF Level	Credits	Cost per Learner (Excl. VAT)
10	Advanced Excel Skills (All Levels)			
11	AI Tools (All Levels)			
12	Report Writing Skills			
13	Geo Mapping			
14	Econometric Software Skills			
15	Cross-Examination Skills			
16	Executive Report Writing			
17	Expert Witness Training			
18	Expert Report Writing			
19	Expert Negotiation Training			

6.1.3 Soft Skills

No.	Module Description	NQF Level	Credits	Cost per Learner (Excl. VAT)
20	Presentation Skills			
21	Personal Mastery			
22	Public Speaking Skills			

23	Managing Managers for Results			
24	Human Behaviour Performance			
25	Leadership Acceleration			
26	Media Skills			
27	Leading High Performance Teams			
28	Media, Parliament and Stakeholder Engagement			
	Total Cost (Excl. VAT)			
	VAT (15%)			
	Total Cost Including VAT			

7 GENERAL INFORMATION

Enquiries in respect of this RFI should be addressed to:

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGMENET

E-mail: tenders@compcom.co.za

All queries MUST be e-mailed

END OF THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT