



**RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR SUPPLY,
INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CLOUD-BASED
MICROSOFT CONTACT CENTRE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A
PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS**

[PSiRA/2021/RFB/14]

Date Issued: [13 DECEMBER 2021]

Closing date and time: [04 FEBRUARY 2022 at 11:00]

**Virtual Compulsory Briefing Session: 20 JANUARY
2022 at 10:00 (SERVICE PROVIDERS TO REGISTER
FOR VIRTUAL BRIEFING SESSION BY SENDING
EMAILS TO bids@psira.co.za NO LATER THAN 18
JANUARY 2022.**

Bid Validity Period: [120 days]

TENDER BOX ADDRESS:

420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Block B – Eco Glades 2 Office Park, Highveld Ext 70, Centurion



CHECKLIST OF COMPULSORY RETURNABLE SCHEDULES & DOCUMENTS/REQUIREMENTS

YES	NO	DOCUMENTATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD1: Invitation to Bid
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD2: Central Supplier Database (CSD) report to be submitted confirming the Bidders Tax Compliance
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD3: Pricing schedule (All pages to be initialled by the bidder)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD4: Declaration of Interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD6.1: Preference Claim Forms in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, evidence for BEE points claimed must be attached/provided
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD 8: Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Chain Practices
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SBD9: Certificate of Independent Bid Determination
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Conditions of Contract (All pages to be initialled and last page signed by the bidder)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terms of Reference (All pages to be initialled and last page signed by the bidder)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attendance of Compulsory Briefing session

Bidders must submit their bid by submitting one (1) Original document and one (1) copy + a USB

Sealed and clearly marked bids indicating the bid Reference No. i.e PSiRA/2021/RFB/01 must be deposited in the PSiRA Head Office tender box located at **420 Witch Hazel Avenue, Eco Glades, Block B2,Eco Park, Centurion, Pretoria-** before the closing date and time.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

**SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
CLOUD-BASED MICROSOFT CONTACT CENTRE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF 36
MONTHS**

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1. PURPOSE

The objective of this bid is to appoint a suitable service provider that can supply, install and maintain cloud-based Microsoft Contact Centre Management System for a period of 36 months for Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (herein after referred to as "PSiRA").

2. BACKGROUND

PSiRA was established in terms of Section 2 of the Private Security Industry Regulation Act (56 of 2001) in 2002. The strategic mandate of PSiRA originates from the Act and the regulations issued in terms of the Act. In a nutshell, the primary objectives of PSiRA are to regulate the private security industry and to exercise effective control over the practice of the occupation of security service provider in the public and national interest and in the interest of the private security industry itself. It is therefore essential that the Authority has a fully functional Contact Centre Management System that is available at all times.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work extends to supply, install and maintain cloud-based Microsoft Contact Centre Management System for PSiRA. The successful bidder must provide three (3) year support and maintenance to overall Contact Centre Management System with one (1) hour response; two (2) hours to fix for severity 1 incidents and four (4) hours to fix for severity 2 incidents. Severity 1 incident is described as a critical incident with very high impact where Contact Centre Management System is down whereas severity 2 incident is where the system is working but severely limited. The Contact Centre Management System will only be deployed on premise at Eco Park Centurion. The system must be integrated with Microsoft Teams. Call recording (1 year), during working hours (Monday to Friday between 7:30 – 16:00).

4. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Supply, install and maintain cloud based Contact Centre Management System which includes the following:

- Ten (10) call center licenses, however 6 licenses will be utilized in the beginning. The service provider will be notified when there is a need for those additional (4)

licenses. Additional 4 licenses should be reserved for the Authority for future growth at no additional cost and should only be charged on consumption of the licenses.

- The Contact Centre Management System must be able to integrate with a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) solution if need be.
- The Contact Centre Management System must be able to integrate with Microsoft Teams Direct Routing Solution.
- Bidders must provide Session Board Controller to link the Microsoft Contact Centre System to Teams.
- Wireless headsets should be supplied by the bidder.
- Office hours for the Contact Centre Agents are Monday – Friday 07:30 to 16:00.
- Maximum of 700 calls per day are received by the Authority.
- The bidder should supply and install a monitoring tool of all calls not limited to answered\received\dropped\lost calls.
- The system should ensure that staff has access to integrated voice and data technologies – i.e. staff can immediately view, online, the information which the caller is referring to; etc.
- The system should ensure that callers are automatically routed to the person or skill group they require – if they know where they want to be transferred to without having to speak to an operator.
- The Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system should be customized as per PSiRA's request as follows:
 - There must be an ability to provide announcements or delay treatments while in a queue and these must differ and change between various callers.
 - Ensure in the event the call is queued and the agent does not become available within a predefined period of time the call needs to be re-queued.
- Reports should be customized as per PSiRA requirements which includes but not limited to:
 - The system must calculate number of individual, business, general and training enquiries received per day.
 - Number of calls transferred by each agent to relevant division (ratio).
 - Percentage of calls answered from calls directed to the agent.
 - Percentage of transfer rate of calls received by the Contact Centre Agent.

- Total time Agent spends on the call from the time the call is answered until the call is completed and resolved (Average Handle Time (AHT) of 2 minutes is the target).
 - The Contact Centre Management System should on average be able to take an average of 700 or more calls per day.
 - Percentage of resolved customer queries forwarded to other divisions (daily, weekly, monthly reports).
 - The System should report on calls transferred and call transfer rate.
 - The System should be customized for real time display of calls ratio.
- The system should ensure real-time information on all Agents or Supervisors for queue status such as longest duration in queue, number of callers in queue, etc.
 - The system should ensure that the Supervisor and/or Agent is able to view detailed information regarding calls in queue such as their name, Caller-ID (remote telephone number), duration of call, etc.
 - Supervisors must be able to move calls in real time from one queue to another queue on their screen and answer a call that is waiting in queue regardless of that caller's position in queue.
 - The bidder should make sure the system is available as per the identified hours and verify problems are resolved within 60 minutes of reporting the matter.
 - Wireless handset should be provided for Contact Center and IT helpdesk.
 - Recording Interactive Voice Response (IVR) (e.g. welcome message) capability is required; it must specify what number is the caller on the queue and give options as follows:
 - a. Individual Enquiries Press 1
 - Individual registration
 - b. Business Enquiries Press 2,
 - Accounts
 - Letters of good standing
 - Business registration
 - Any other business queries
 - c. Training Press 3
 - Online assessments
 - Individual training

-Course reports

- Auto Attended IVR (Interactive Voice Response)
 - Allow caller to be transferred to the relevant extension without the intervention of an operator. i.e. press 1 for department 1, press 2 for department 2 or hold for next available operator.
 - Ability for the system to use auto-attended on identified extensions.
- Notification to be sent via email when calls are missed.
- The system must be able to forward calls to other extension within the same business unit if the number is busy or unavailable.
- All calls to be recorded and kept for a period of one (1) year.
- The system must generate individual report and show the following:
 - Total number of calls directed to each Agent.
 - Total number of calls taken by each Agent.
 - Total number of missed calls per Agent.
 - Total number of transferred calls per Agent.
 - Total number of transferred per Agent (ratio).
 - Pause calls duration (overall, lunch, tea break and comfort break).
 - Total paused calls duration per agent.
 - Agent availability (idle).
 - Total number of calls received (overall).
 - Total number of missed calls (overall).
 - Total number of transferred (overall).
- The system must show the following on the screens:
 - Total number of call received (number and ratio).
 - Total number of calls taken (number and ratio).
 - Total number of calls waiting on the queue.
 - Number of Agents available (idle).
 - Agents must be able to sign in and out.
- The system should record all calls taken by Contact Centre Agents and times for quality assurance purpose.
- The system must route calls to available Agents (hunt for the available Agent)
- The solution should ensure that when all Agents are busy, the phone should ring once, caller should have an option to leave a message or given an option for a call back, so that the customers do not hold for too long. When the Agent is done with

the call, the automatic call back should be activated so that the Agent can assist the customer.

- Auto Answer within 3 rings.
- Calculate compliance based on the following:
 - Pause for breaks (lunch, tea break, comfort break, emails (info), Facebook and meetings).
 - The overall target compliance for each agent must be **95%**.
 - Calls transfer to other departments (Internal).
- The system must route calls to available Agents (hunt for the available Agent)
- The system must not allow multiple calls at once.
- The system must show whether the person you are transferring to is busy on a call or not.
- The system must produce accurate stats in terms of the number of call received via the queue.
- All calls must go through the queue.
- The system must be capable of:
 - Screening incoming calls
 - Providing call options
 - Providing an option for making outgoing calls (call back requests).
 - Redirecting calls based on option chosen to consultant (Registration/Training/Debtors)
 - Redirecting calls to Call Centre Consultants based on general queries option chosen.
 - Re-routing of calls if Consultants from various divisions not answering a call (missed calls). Should there be no response, the call must be re-routed to the next available Consultant in the division.
 - Call waiting interactive voice response to provide relevant options for clients to choose from (Business, Individual, Training or Accounts) enquiries.
 - Bidders must provide training manuals and training to all Consultants and Supervisors.
 - The system must be able to use customer satisfaction survey at the end of calls where customers are asked to complete a quick survey after every call to rate the level of service they received.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

CRITERION 1 – COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS

Bidders will first be evaluated in terms of the minimum requirements / gatekeepers. Bidders who do not fulfil all the requirements or do not submit the required documents will be disqualified. Those who fulfil all the minimum requirements or have submitted the required documents will be further evaluated on **criterion 2** - which is the functionality.

COMPULSORY/ MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Tender must be submitted in the prescribed format. Standard bidding documents should be filled. These standard bidding documents include the following:

- a. SBD1 Invitation to Bid.
- b. SBD 2 central supplier database (CSD) report to be submitted confirming the Bidders tax compliance.
- c. SBD 3.1 Pricing Schedule.
- d. SBD 4 Declaration of Interest.
- e. SBD 6.1 Preference Points Claim Form.
- f. SBD 8 Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Management Practices
- g. SBD 9 Certificate of Independent Bid Determination.
- h. General Conditions of Contract (ALL pages to be initialed by the bidder and last page must be signed).
- i. Terms of reference (ALL pages to be initialed by the bidder and last page must be signed).

➤ **All forms must be completed and signed. Incomplete forms/bids will be disqualified.**

➤ **Firm prices must be on the license, maintenance and support.**

CRITERION 2 – FUNCTIONALITY

Functionality Evaluation – Bidders will be evaluated out of 80 points and are required to achieve minimum threshold of 60 points out of 80 points to qualify for **criteria 3**.

CRITERION 3 – PRESENTATION

Bidders will be evaluated out of 20 points and are required to achieve minimum threshold of 10 points out of 20 points. The overall combined score must be equal or above 70

points out of 100 points in order to proceed to **Criteria 4:** Price and BBBEE evaluations. Bidders who score less than 70 points out of 100 points on functionality and presentation will therefore be disqualified.

The functionality evaluation is broken down as follows:

Functionality / Technical Criteria		Weight
Project Implementation Plan		20
Project Implementation Plan- must include the following points:		
Project implementation plan as follows:		
Points Allocation (20)		
Detailed project plan that (i)highlights tasks and timeframes from placing an order to PSiRA receiving the goods and (ii) implementation of the solution: -20 points for delivery within 8 weeks -10 points for delivery within 10 weeks -0 for delivery 11 weeks and above	20	
Training and reporting		25
The successful bidder must provide the following:		
Points allocation (25)		
Training manuals and training to all Contact Centre Consultants and Supervisors. Sample training manuals must be provided. provide sample training manuals.	10	
Full Contact Centre Management System Report as per the technical specification. Reporting template must be provided (monthly).	10	
The Contact Centre Management System must be Microsoft certified solution	5	

Reference letters	15								
<p>Bidders are requested to provide the following: Three (3) reference letters on a letterhead from their clients where Contact Centre Management System has recently been implemented with similar criteria. Bidders must make sure that the reference letters are signed and the contact details are fully completed. The contact details must include the contact number and the e-mail address of the referee. The reference letter must not be older than 36 months from the date of the Request for Proposal (RFP) submission.</p> <p>Points allocation (15)</p> <table> <tr> <td>3 reference letters</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr> <td>2 reference letters</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr> <td>1 reference letter</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>No reference letter</td><td>0</td></tr> </table> <p>Note: PSiRA may verify the information provided; and if your referee does not confirm the information provided the reference will not be considered.</p>		3 reference letters	15	2 reference letters	10	1 reference letter	5	No reference letter	0
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Project team members	20								
<p>Detailed and signed CV's of Project Management team and Project leader with contactable reference.</p> <p>Points allocation (20)</p> <table> <tr> <td>Project Manager in the IT environment with minimum of 5 years as a Project Manager</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr> <td>Project team in the IT environment with minimum of 3 years of experience</td><td>10</td></tr> </table>		Project Manager in the IT environment with minimum of 5 years as a Project Manager	10	Project team in the IT environment with minimum of 3 years of experience	10				
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Presentation	20								
<p>Detailed presentation and explanation of the proposed Contact Centre Management System and the capability of the system that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2 points for Network diagram illustrating the connectivity from contact centre to PSiRA network ✓ 5 points for demonstrating how calls are recorded and recordings are safe guarded in line with POPI Act ✓ 5 points for contact centre system features, integration with CRM system ✓ Dashboard showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 points for total number of calls waiting, dropped, received and answered - 2 points for total number of callers, answered calls per operator, calls transferred - 2 points for average waiting time, maximum waiting time and average talk time - 2 points for consultants activity summary (Consultants are logged in / out / busy / available) 									
Total	100								

CRITERION 4- PRICE AND PREFERENCE

The Bidder will be evaluated on a points system for Price and Preference as per Preferential Procurement Framework Act of 2000 (Act 5 of 2000).

The price / preference weighting applicable for BID are as follows:

Price / Preference	Weighting percentage
Preference:	20%
Price:	80%
Total must equal:	100%

Preference Point allocation – 80/20

B-BBEE Level	Number of Points
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-Compliant contributor	0

Price Calculation 80/20

The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price.

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

Where:

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Rand value of bid under consideration

Pmin = Rand value of lowest acceptable bid

6. DELIVERABLES

- Successful installation of the Contact Centre Management System as per the requirements.
- Successful monitoring of the Contact Centre Management System for the duration of the contract.
- Successful implementation of the project plan.
- Total number of calls received (number and ration).
- Total number of calls transferred to relevant divisions (ratio).

7. SUCCESS CRITERIA

The project will be considered successful when technical specifications are met and the testing of the system is successful and working to the satisfaction of PSiRA.

8. KEY MILESTONES

- System testing signed off after work has been completed.
- Project completion signed off.

9. REFERENCE LETTERS

- a. The bidder and its partner should provide details of customer/s for reference.
- b. References should be for clients with requirements similar to those of bid requirements.

10. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a. PSiRA will enter into a Service Level Agreement with the successful bidder. The Service Level Agreement will among others, govern the relationship between the parties; ensure that services are provided according to specified standards and within stipulated timeframes; and to provide for remedies for under/poor performance and non-compliance with terms and conditions of the Service Level Agreement.
- b. The evaluation will only be done on the basis of information that was requested and provided.
- c. The evaluation process does not obligate PSiRA to make use of any proposed services. Acceptance of any proposal shall only indicate a willingness to include the information into an analysis or to commence negotiations and shall not place any other duties or liabilities on PSiRA. PSiRA shall have no obligation to furnish any formal acceptance or non-acceptance of any information presented.
- d. It will be accepted that the bidder, on submitting the proposal, has read, understood and accepted all the terms and conditions of this TOR. It shall therefore be presumed by PSiRA that the submission of the proposal by any bidder confirms its complete acceptance of the terms and conditions of the document.

- e. Throughout this process and thereafter, prospective bidders must obtain from PSiRA written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this bid or the subsequent process. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in immediate disqualification from this process and PSiRA reserves the right to institute legal proceedings against the bidder.
- f. PSiRA will treat all RFP's as confidential until a contract is awarded, or the process is completed. Thereafter, RFP's and related documentation may be made available for inspection at PSiRA's sole discretion, except for material that is proprietary or confidential. PSiRA will not disclose or make public any information, which the bidder and its partner has marked "proprietary" or "confidential".
- g. Bidders are reminded that as per National Treasury regulations, all prospective must have registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier database.

11. PSiRA RIGHTS

Notwithstanding anything else in this Request for Proposal (RFP), and without limiting its rights at law or otherwise, PSiRA reserves the right, in its absolute discretion at any time:

- a. Cancel or Call for new Tenders.
- b. To appoint more than one bidder or contractor.
- c. Reject any Tender received after the Closing Time.
- d. Consider and accept or reject any alternative tender.
- e. Alter the structure and/or the timing of this RFP or the Tendering Process.
- f. Reject any Tender that does not comply with the requirements of this RFP.
- g. Terminate the participation of any Bidder or any other person in the Tendering Process.
- h. Vary or extend any time or date specified in this RFP for all or any Bidder or other persons.
- i. Cease to proceed with or suspend the Tendering Process prior to the execution of a formal written contract.
- j. Require additional information or clarification from any Bidder or any other

person or provide additional information or clarification.

- k. PSiRA reserves the right to terminate without penalty if the successful bidder is not able to honor the terms and conditions specified by the tender requirements.
- l. PSiRA reserves the right to terminate without penalty if the successful service provider is not able to honor the terms and conditions specified by the TOR.
- m. **PSiRA is not obliged to accept the lowest or any bid thereof and reserves the right to withdraw this bid.**

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Bid documentation will be made available from National Treasury E-Tender Website, ready to be downloaded by bidders;
- b. All compulsory forms contained in the bid documentation must be completed and signed in full.
- c. Proof of Registration with the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) must be provided.
- d. Received bids will be opened in public on the closing date at **11h30**.
- e. Bids should be submitted at the correct address, before or on the closing date and time. No late bids will be accepted under any circumstance.
- f. Only original bid documents will be accepted. No e-mailed or posted copies will be accepted (**one original and one copy + a USB will be sufficient**).
- g. Bidders may make use of courier services and must confirm bid acknowledgement with SCM office.
- h. Sealed and clearly marked bids indicating the Bid Reference No. i.e. **PSiRA/201X/RFB/XX must be deposited in the PSiRA Head Office tender situated at 420 Witch Hazel Avenue, Eco Glades, Block B2, Eco Park, Centurion, Pretoria**

13. INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

- a. The bidder is required to confirm that it will hold its proposal valid for 120 days from the closing date of the tender, during which time it will maintain without change, their proposed rates and prices.

- b. Bidders are required to submit **2 indexed hard copies of bids (one original and 1 copy) and a USB (bidders must ensure that the documentation on the USB are exactly the same as the one submitted as a hard copy document).**
- c. The bidder is requested to carefully examine the specification, terms and conditions specified therein, and if there appears to be any ambiguity, contradictions, inconsistency, gap and/or discrepancy in the specification, bidder should seek necessary clarifications through the Authority's Supply Chain Management division

14. CONTACT PERSONS

The contact person for this assignment (Technical Enquiries):

Ms. Sophy Mahura | 012 003 0686 | Email: bids@psira.co.za

Bidding Procedures Enquiries

Ms. Tsakani Maluleke | Tel: 012 003 0686 | Email: bids@psira.co.za

Ms. Sophy Mahura

(Chairperson)

Bid Specification Committee



Signature

25/11/2021

Date

Name of bidder

Bidder's Signature

Date

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY							
BID NUMBER:	PSIRA/2021/RFB/14	CLOSING DATE:	04 FEBRUARY 2022	CLOSING TIME:	11h00		
DESCRIPTION	RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CLOUD-BASED CONTACT CENTRE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS						
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)							
PSIRA HEAD OFFICE: 420 WITCH HAZEL AVENUE							
BLOCK B - ECO GLADES 2 OFFICE PARK							
HIGHVELD EXT 70							
CENTURION							
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO				TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			
CONTACT PERSON	Ms. Tsakani Maluleke			CONTACT PERSON	Ms.Sophy Mahura		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 003 0686			TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 003 0686		
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A			FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	bids@psira.co.za			E-MAIL ADDRESS	bids@psira.co.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 THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]	
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:
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
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.
1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
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.
2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
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."

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

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

DATE:

Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate

Purpose

Select the applicable optionTenders ☐ Good standing ☐

If "Good standing", please state the purpose of this application

Particulars of applicant

Name/Legal name (Initials & Surname or registered name)																														
Trading name (if applicable)																														
ID/Passport no											Company/Close Corp. registered no																			
Income Tax ref no											PAYE ref no	7																		
VAT registration no	4										SDL ref no	L																		
Customs code											UIF ref no	U																		
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E-mail address																														
Physical address																														
Postal address																														

Particulars of representative (Public Officer/Trustee/Partner)

Surname																														
First names																														
ID/Passport no											Income Tax ref no																			
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Expected duration of the tender	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> year(s)
Particulars of the 3 largest contracts previously awarded	
Date started	Date finalised

Are you currently aware of any Audit investigation against you/the company?.....

If "YES" provide details

YES	NO
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I the undersigned confirm that I require a Tax Clearance Certificate in respect of or .

I hereby authorise and instruct to apply to and receive from SARS the applicable Tax Clearance Certificate on my/our behalf.

Signature of representative/agent

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Date

Name of representative/agent

I declare that the information furnished in this application as well as any supporting documents is true and correct in every respect.

Signature of applicant/Public Officer

Name of applicant/
Public Officer

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1. It is a serious offence to make a false declaration.
2. Section 75 of the Income Tax Act, 1962, states: Any person who
 - (a) fails or neglects to furnish, file or submit any return or document as and when required by or under this Act; or
 - (b) without just cause shown by him, refuses or neglects to-
 - (i) furnish, produce or make available any information, documents or things;
 - (ii) reply to or answer truly and fully, any questions put to him ...As and when required in terms of this Act ... shall be guilty of an offence ...
3. **SARS will, under no circumstances, issue a Tax Clearance Certificate unless this form is completed in full.**
4. Your Tax Clearance Certificate will only be issued on presentation of your South African Identity Document or Passport (Foreigners only) as applicable.

PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES (PURCHASES)

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

Name of bidder.....Bid number: PSiRA/2021/RFB/14

Closing Time 11:00

Closing date: 04 FEBRUARY 2022

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

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY ** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
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RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CLOUD-BASED MICROSOFT CONTACT CENTRE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

- Required by: **PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (PSiRA)**

- At: **ALL PSiRA OFFICES**

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- Brand and model

- Country of origin

- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? *YES/NO

- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s)

- Period required for delivery
*Delivery: Firm/not firm

- Delivery basis

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

** "all applicable taxes" includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-
 - the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
 - the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.
2. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**
 - 2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:
 - 2.2 Identity Number:
 - 2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²):
 - 2.4 Company Registration Number:
 - 2.5 Tax Reference Number:
 - 2.6 VAT Registration Number:
 - 2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / persal numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

¹"State" means –

- (a) 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);
- (b) any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) provincial legislature;
- (d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
- (e) Parliament.

²"Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state? **YES / NO**

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:

Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed :

Position occupied in the state institution:

Any other particulars:

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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? **YES / NO**

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attached proof of such authority to the bid document? **YES / NO**

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months? **YES / NO**

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

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YES/NO

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YES/NO

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4 DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF
PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHOULD THIS DECLARATION
PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

May 2011

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

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

1.2

a) The value of this bid is estimated **not exceed** R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the **...80/20.....** Preference point system shall be applicable; or

b) The 80/20 preference point system will be applicable to this tender

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

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

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means:
 - 1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
 - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
 - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) **“QSE”** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (j) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20

or

90/10

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Price of bid under consideration

P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

- 4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5. BID DECLARATION

- 5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

- 6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)
(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

- 7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(***Tick applicable box***)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- 7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- The name of the sub-contractor.....
- The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(***Tick applicable box***)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		

Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
 - ☐ One person business/sole propriety
 - ☐ Close corporation
 - ☐ Company
 - ☐ (Pty) Limited
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Manufacturer
 - ☐ Supplier
 - ☐ Professional service provider
 - ☐ Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we 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 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a

fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding 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 bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury 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.

WITNESSES

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS

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DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions 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.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
 - a. abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - c. failed to perform on any previous contract.
- 4 **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of 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.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 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 (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:
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SBD 8

CERTIFICATION

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION
FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

**I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT,
ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION
PROVE TO BE FALSE.**

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 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).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD 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.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² 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.

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 Institution)

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 consortium³ 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.

³ 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.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT
July 2010

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. 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 supplier, 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 supplier 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 any thing 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 of 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 consignees 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 supplier 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 market 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 supplier and not involving the supplier'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 supplier 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 supplier 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 or 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 organization purchasing the goods.
- 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 ancillary 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 supplier 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 supplies, 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 www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 5.1 The supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

- 6.1 The supplier 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 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 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
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 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 Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 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 supplier.
- 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

analyzed 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 supplier 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 suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

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. Packing

9.1 The supplier 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 supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier 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 supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier, 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 supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier 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 supplier, 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 supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment 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 supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the 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 supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

- 20.1 The supplier 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 supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier 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 supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier'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 minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the

supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier 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 canceling 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 supplier'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 supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods 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 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 supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- (a) if the supplier 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 Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, 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 or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier 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 supplier by prohibiting such supplier 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 supplier or any

person associated with the supplier, the supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier.

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 supplier 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 suppliers 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 anti-dumping 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 anti-dumping 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 supplier 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 is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier 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
for insolvency**

- 26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier any monies due the supplier.

**28. Limitation of
liability**

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the supplier 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 supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

		(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 supplier 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 Department 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. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)	33.1	The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices	34.1	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).
	34.2	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.

34.3

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.

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Signature

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Name of bidder