


BID NUMBER: SGR/CRES/PLUM/02/2022

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE PROVISION OF FIVE (5) 3SO
OR HIGHER GENERAL PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE
WORK CONTRACTORS ON AS AND WHEN BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF 36
MONTHS IN SOUTH GAUTENG REGION**

CLOSING DATE	Tuesday, 22 nd March 2022
CLOSING TIME	12:00 AM
BID DOCUMENTS DELIVERY ADDRESS	PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA PRASA CRES – SGR. GROUND FLOOR UMJANTSHI BUILDING, 30 WOLMARANS STREET, BRAAMFONTEIN. JOHANNESBURG. 2000
BIDDER NAME
BID RETURN ADDRESS	PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA PRASA CRES – SGR. GROUND FLOOR UMJANTSHI BUILDING, 30 WOLMARANS STREET, BRAAMFONTEIN. JOHANNESBURG. 2000

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These requirements do not apply to any information, which is or becomes publicly available or is shown to have been made available (otherwise than through a breach of a confidentiality obligation). Bidders, Key Contractors and their constituent members, agents and advisers, may be required to sign confidentiality Contracts/undertakings (in such form as PRASA may require from time to time).

All Confidential Information Provided (including all copies thereof) remains the property of PRASA and must be delivered to PRASA on demand. Further, by receiving this RFP each Bidder and each of its members agrees to maintain its submission in Bid to this RFP confidential from third parties other than PRASA and its officials, officers and advisers who are required to review the same for the purpose of procurement of the RFP.

Any recipient residing outside the Republic of South Africa is urged to familiarise themselves with and to observe any regulatory requirements relevant to the proposed transaction (whether these derive from a regulatory authority within or outside the Republic of South Africa).

Any requirement set out in this RFP regarding the content of a response to the RFP is stipulated for the sole benefit of PRASA, and serves as expressly stated to the contrary, may be waived at its discretion at any stage in the procurement process.

PRASA is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFP and/or its receipt of a Proposal in response to it. Please note that PRASA reserves the right to:

- Modify the RFP's goods / service(s) / works and request Respondents to re-bid on any changes;
- Withdraw, amend the RFP at any time without prior notice and liability to compensate or reimburse any respondent;
- Reject any Proposal which does not conform to instructions and specifications which are detailed herein
- Disqualify Proposals submitted after the stated submission deadline;
- Call a respondent to provide additional documents which PRASA may require which have not been submitted to PRASA.
- Not necessarily accept the lowest priced Proposal or alternative bid;
- Not accept any response to the RFP or appoint a final bidder;
- Reject all proposals if it so decides;
- Withdraw the RFP on good cause shown;

- Award a contract in connection with this Proposal at any time after the RFP's closing date;
- Award a contract for only a portion of the proposed goods/ service/s/ works which are reflected in the scope of this RFP;
- Split the award of the contract between more than one Service Provider, should it at PRASA's discretion be more advantageous in terms of, amongst others, cost or development considerations;
- Make no award at all;
- Validate any information submitted by Respondents in response to this bid. This would include, but is not limited to, requesting the Respondents to provide supporting evidence. By submitting a bid, Respondents hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to PRASA to do so;
- Request annual financial statements prepared and signed off by a professional accountant or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise; and/or
- Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing date and/or after the award of the business, unless the contract specifically provided for it.

To adopt any proposal made by any bidder at any time and to include such proposal in any procurement document which may or may not be made available to other bidders.

All costs and expenses incurred by Bidders in submitting responses to this RFP shall be borne by the Bidders and PRASA shall not be liable for any costs or expenses whatsoever or any claim for reimbursement of such costs or expenses.

Should a contract be awarded on the strength of information furnished by the Respondent, which after conclusion of the contract, is proved to have been incorrect, PRASA reserves the right to cancel the contract and/or place the Respondent on PRASA's list of Restricted Suppliers.

PRASA reserves the right to negotiate market-related price with the bidder scoring the highest points or cancel the bid; if the bidder does not agree to a market related price, negotiate a market related price with the bidder scoring the second highest points or cancel the bid; if the bidder scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market related price, negotiate a market related price with the bidder scoring the third highest points or cancel the bid. If the market related price is not agreed as envisaged in this paragraph, PRASA will cancel the bid.

PRASA reserves the right to negotiations Best and Final Offer (BAFO) with selected Respondents where none of the Proposals meet RFP requirement, are affordable and demonstrate value for money and there is no clear preferred response to the RFP

PRASA will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with its Proposal, whether the Respondent is awarded a contract.

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BBBEE	Broad Based-Black Economic Empowerment
CIDB	Construction Industries Development Board
DTiC	The Department of Trade and Industry and Competition
PPPFA	Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000 (as amended from time to time)
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act No.1 of 1999 (as amended from time to time)
PRASA	Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa
RFP	Request for Proposal
SANAS	South African National Accreditation System

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3 INTERPRETATION

In this RFP, unless inconsistent with or otherwise indicated by the context –

- 4.1 headings have been inserted for convenience only and should not be considered in interpreting the RFP;
- 4.2 any reference to one gender shall include the other gender;
- 4.3 words in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;
- 4.4 any reference to natural persons shall include legal persons and vice versa;
- 4.5 words defined in a specific clause have the same meaning in all other clauses of the RFP, unless the contrary is specifically indicated;
- 4.6 any reference to the RFP, schedule or appendix, shall be construed as including a reference to any RFP, schedule or appendix amending or substituting that RFP, schedule or appendix;
- 4.7 the schedules, appendices and Briefing Notes issued pursuant to this RFP, form an indivisible part of the RFP and together with further clarifying and amending information provided by PRASA, constitute the body of RFP documentation which must be complied with by Bidders;
- 4.8 in the event of any inconsistency between this RFP or other earlier information published regarding the Project, the information in this RFP shall prevail; and
- 4.9 this RFP shall be governed by and applied in accordance with South African law.


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4 DEFINITIONS

In this RFP and in any other project documents (as defined below) which so provides, the following words and expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them below and cognate expressions shall have a corresponding meaning, unless inconsistent with the context:

- 5.1 “Accounting Authority” means the Board of PRASA;
- 5.2 “Contract” means the Contract to be entered between PRASA and the successful Bidder for the provision of the *services* procured in this RFP.
- 5.3 “Bid” means the Bid to the RFP submitted by Bidders;
- 5.4 “Bidders Briefing Session” means the briefing session to be held at the offices of PRASA, in order to brief the Bidders about this tender;
- 5.5 “Black Enterprise” means an enterprise that is at least 51% beneficially owned by Black People and in which Black People have substantial Management Control. Such beneficial ownership may be held directly or through other Black Enterprises;
- 5.6 “Black Equity” means the voting equity held by Black People from time to time;
- 5.7 “Black People” means African, Coloured and Indian South African citizens, and “Black Person” means any such citizen;
- 5.8 “Black Woman” means African, Coloured and Indian South Africa Female citizen;
- 5.9 “Briefing Note” means any correspondence to Bidders issued by the PRASA;
- 5.10 “Business Day” means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in South Africa;
- 5.11 “Bidders” means individuals, organisations or consortia that have been submitted responses to the RFP in respect of the tender;
- 5.12 “Consortium” means any group of persons or firms jointly submitting a Bid as Bid to this RFP and “Consortia” means more than one Consortium;
- 5.13 “Contractor” the successful Bidders who has signed a Contract with PRASA in terms of this RFP.

“Closing Date” means the closing date for submission of bids/ Proposals by Bidders which is **Tuesday, 22nd March 2022;**

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“Project” means this project for **THE PROVISION OF FIVE (5) 3SO OR HIGHER GENERAL PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE WORKS CONTRACTOR ON AS AND WHEN BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS IN SOUTH GAUTENG REGION**

5.14 “RFP” means the Request for Proposals issued by PRASA for this tender; and

5.15 “Scope of Work” means the scope of work for this project as detailed out in the RFP technical specifications.


SECTION 1

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1 INVITATION TO BID

You are hereby invited to submit a bid to meet the requirements of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa. Responses to this RFP [hereinafter referred to as a **Bid** or a **Proposal**] are requested from persons, companies, close corporations, or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as an **entity, Bidder**].

BID DESCRIPTION	THE PROVISION OF FIVE (5) 3SO OR HIGHER GENERAL PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE WORKS CONTRACTOR ON AS AND WHEN BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS IN SOUTH GAUTENG REGION
BID ADVERT	This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury’s e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge. With effect from 21st February 2022
ISSUE DATE	Monday, 21st February 2022
SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF TENDER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRASA reserves the right to award business of this tender to Multiple Bidders. Each Bidder will be allocated a Corridor.
NON-COMPULSORY TENDER BRIEFING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY	Yes. Preserving the COVID-19 Regulations/Restrictions, the non – compulsory briefing will be held on 3 March 2022 at .
CLOSING DATE	Tuesday, 22nd March 2022 Bidders must ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address. As a general rule, if a bid is late or delivered to the incorrect address, it will not be accepted for consideration.
VALIDITY PERIOD	90 Business Days from Closing Date Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, at the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation

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	process has not been finalised within the validity period.
CLOSING DATE FOR QUESTIONS	9th March 2022 @14h00 Afternoon
CLOSING DATE FOR RESPONSES	16th March 2022 @ 12h00 Midday
CONTACT PERSON	Mr Lehlohonolo Mahlonoko

Any additional information or clarification will be emailed to all Respondents, if necessary.

2 FORMAL BRIEFING

A Non-compulsory tender briefing will be held virtually and a PRASA Representative will be available on 3 March 2022 at 10:00am.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTYwMDk0ZjctNmVhMS00ODBmLTk3NzEtYjY4N2RjZTg5ZTZk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ef089e05-fa66-4ce1-99c1-feb47ce02989%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223253d64b-5a7e-42ca-97a8-f167b045bd1d%22%7d

Interested Bidders are encouraged to visit and examine the Site of Works and its surroundings at their cost to obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the tender and entering a contract.

3 BRIEFING SESSION MINUTES AND NOTES

- 3.1 Clarifications will be issued to all Respondents to this RFP utilizing the contact details provided at receipt of the responses to the RFP documentation, after submission to the authorised representative.
- 3.2 Bidders / Respondents are requested to promptly confirm receipt of any clarifications sent to them.
- 3.3 Bidders / Respondents must ensure responses to the clarifications are received on or before the deadline date stated.

4 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION OF RFP RESPONSE

Proposal Responses must be submitted to PRASA in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

ATTENTION: MR. LEHLOHONOLO MAHLONOKO, PRASA CRES – 30 WOLMARANS STREET, UMJANTSHI HOUSE, BRAAMFONTEIN, JOHANNESBURG

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Description of Bid:

PROVISION OF GENERAL PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE WORKS ON AS AND WHEN BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FOR PARK STATION

Closing date and time: **Tuesday, 22nd of March 2022 @ 12h00 Midday**

Closing address: **PRASA CRES – 30 WOLMARANS STREET, UMJANTSHI HOUSE, BRAAMFONTEIN, JOHANNESBURG**

5 DELIVERY INSTRUCTION FOR RFP

Delivery of Bid

The Bid envelopes must be deposited in the PRASA tender box which is located at the main entrance of the **PRASA OFFICES, Umjantshi House, 30 Wolmarans Street, Braamfontein** and must be addressed as follows:

ATTENTION: LEHLOHONOLO MAHLONOKO, PRASA CRES – SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT TENDER OFFICE, 30 WOLMARANS STREET, UMJANTSHI HOUSE, BRAAMFONTEIN JOHANNESBURG.

NB: BIDDERS ARE URGED TO COME INSIDE THE RECEPTION AREA OF PRASA CRES OFFICES TO SIGN THE TENDER SUBMISSION REGISTER WHEN DEPOSITING THEIR BID PROPOSALS INTO THE TENDER BOX.

6 BROAD-BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC OBLIGATIONS

As explained in more detail in the attached SBD 6.1 (BBBEE Preference Points Claim Form) in and as prescribed in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), Act 5 of 2000 and its Regulations, Respondents are to note that PRASA will award “preference points” to companies who provide valid proof of their B-BBEE status using either the latest version of the generic Codes of Good Practice or Sector Specific codes (if applicable).

Note: Failure to submit valid and original (or a certified copy of) proof of the Respondent's compliance with the B-BBEE requirements stipulated in this RFP (the B-BBEE Preference Points Claim Form) at the Closing Date of this RFP, will result in a score of zero being allocated for B-BBEE. Except for when B-BBEE level is a pre-qualification, which would lead to disqualification.

6.1 B-BBEE Joint Ventures or Consortiums

Respondents who would wish to respond to this RFP as a Joint Venture [JV] or consortium with B-BBEE entities, must state their intention to do so in their RFP submission. Such Respondents must also submit a signed JV or consortium agreement between the parties clearly stating the percentage [%] split of business and the associated responsibilities of each party. If such a JV or consortium agreement is unavailable, the partners must submit confirmation in writing of their intention to enter into a JV or consortium agreement should they be awarded business by PRASA through this RFP process. This written confirmation must clearly indicate the percentage [%] split of business and the responsibilities of each party. In such cases, award of business will only take place once a signed copy of a JV or consortium agreement is submitted to PRASA.


Respondents are to note the requirements for B-BBEE compliance of JVs or Consortiums as required by SBD 6.1 [the B-BBEE Preference Point Claim Form] and submit it together with proof of their B-BBEE Status as stipulated in the Claim Form in order to obtain preference points for their B-BBEE status.

Note: Failure to submit a valid and original B-BBEE certificate for the JV or a certified copy thereof at the Closing Date of this RFP will result in a score of zero being allocated for B-BBEE. Except for when B-BBEE level is a pre-qualification, which would lead to disqualification.

Consolidated BBBEE certificate for JV must be submitted.

7 COMMUNICATION

For specific queries relating to this RFP during the RFP process, bidders are required to adhere strictly to the communication structure requirements. An RFP Clarification Form should be submitted to [\[Lehlohonolo.mahlonk@prasa.com\]](mailto:Lehlohonolo.mahlonk@prasa.com) **Mr. Lehlohonolo Mahlonoko** before **Wednesday, on 9 March 2022 @ 14h00 Afternoon**, substantially in the form set out in Annexure 5 hereto.

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- 7.1 In the interest of fairness and transparency PRASA's response to such a query will be made available to the other Respondents who have attended a compulsory and a non-compulsory briefing session. For this purpose, PRASA will communicate with Respondents using the contact details provided at the compulsory and a non-compulsory briefing session.
- 7.2 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate in writing with the Bid Secretariat, at telephone number [011 013 1790, E-mail Lehlohonolo.mahlonok@prasa.com on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal.
- 7.3 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.
- 7.4 Respondents are warned that a response will be liable for disqualification should any attempt be made by a Respondent either directly or indirectly to canvass any officer(s) or employee of PRASA in respect of this RFP between the closing date and the date of the award of the business. Furthermore, Respondents found to be in collusion with one another will automatically be disqualified and restricted from doing business with PRASA in future.

8 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 8.1 PRASA shall ensure all information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidence. In this regard Respondents / Bidders are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure Agreement All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information gleaned from provision of the Services, which is either directly or indirectly related to PRASA's business, written approval to divulge such information must be obtained from PRASA.
- 8.2 Respondents must clearly indicate whether any information submitted or requested from PRASA is confidential or should be treated confidentially by PRASA. In the absence of any such clear indication in writing, PRASA shall deem the response to the RFP to have waived any right to confidentiality and treat such information as public in nature.

9 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE RFP

- 9.1 All responses to the RFP must be submitted in two sealed envelopes/boxes; the first envelop/box shall have the technical, compliance and BBEE response and the second envelop/box shall only have the financial response. Bidders must ensure that they do not indicate any financial information in the first envelop/box. PRASA will disqualify Bidders who fail to adhere to this requirement.
- 9.2 Bidders are required to package their response/Bid as follows to avoid disqualification:

Original & Copy of Volume 1 (Envelope 1/Package 1)


- **Part A:** Compliance Response and B-BBEE Response
- **Part B:** Technical or Functional Response (response to scope of work)
- **Part C:** SBD 6.2 and Annexure C

Original & Copy of Volume 2 (Envelope 2/ Package 2)

Part C: Financial Proposal (BOQ/Price Schedule and Pricing form C)

Volume 2 Has to be submitted in a separate sealed envelope. Bidders must make their pricing offer in envelope 2/package 2, no pricing and pricing related information should be included in the Volume 1 envelope 1. **Bidders who fail to meet this requirement will be automatically disqualified.**

- 9.3 Seal the original and electronic (USB) of the tender as separate packages marking the packages as "ORIGINAL". Each package shall state on the outside PRASA's address and invitation to tender number stated in the Scope of work/ specification, as well as the *tenderer's* name and contact address. Where the tender is based on a two envelop system tenderers must further indicate in the package whether the document is envelope / box 1 or 2. Bidders must submit 1 original response, 1 electronic version which must be contained in USB clearly marked in the Bidders name.
- 9.4 Bidders must ensure that their response to the RFP is in accordance with the structure of this document.
- 9.5 Where Bidders are required to sign forms, they are required to do so using a black ink pen.

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- 9.6 Any documents forming part of the original responses to RFP, but which are not original in nature, must be certified as a true copy by a Commissioner of Oaths.
- 9.7 Each response to RFP must be in English and submitted in A4 format, except other graphic illustrations, which may not exceed A3 format, unless the contrary is specifically allowed for in this RFP. Responses to RFP must be neatly and functionally bound, preferably according to their different sections.
- 9.8 The original responses to RFP must be signed by a person duly authorized by each consortium member and Subcontractor to sign on their behalf, which authorization must form part of the responses to RFP as proof of authorization. By signing the responses to RFP the signatory warrants that all information supplied by it in its responses to RFP is true and correct and that the responses to RFP and each party whom the responses to RFP signatory represents, considers themselves subject to and bound by the terms and conditions of this RFP.
- 9.9 The responses to RFP formulation must be clear and concise and follow a clear methodology which responses to RFP must explain upfront in a concise Executive Summary and follow throughout the responses to RFP.
- 9.10 Responses to RFP must provide sufficient information and detail in order to enable PRASA to evaluate the responses to RFP but should not provide unnecessary detail which does not add value and detracts from the ability of PRASA to effectively evaluate and understand the responses to RFP. The use of numbered headings, bullet points, sections, appendices and schedules are encouraged.
- 9.11 Information submitted as part of a responses to RFP must as far as possible, be ordered according to the order of the required information requested by PRASA. All pages must be consecutively numbered.
- 9.12 Responses to RFP must ensure that each requirement contained in the RFP is succinctly addressed. Responses to RFP should as far as possible use the terms and definitions applied in this RFP and should clearly indicate its interpretation of any differing terminology applied.
- 9.13 Response to RFP documents are to be submitted to the address specified in paragraph 5 above, and Bidders must ensure that the original and copies (where applicable) are identical in all respects as PRASA will not accept any liability for having disqualified a bidder for failing to provide a mandatory returnable document.

- 9.14 Unless otherwise expressly stated, all Proposals furnished pursuant to this RFP shall be deemed to be offers. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.
- 9.15 Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter. Subject only to clause 16 [Alterations made by the Respondent to Bid Prices] of the General Bid Conditions, alterations, additions or deletions must not be made by the Respondent to the actual RFP documents.
- 9.16 Bidders are required to review the Contract. Bidders may further amend and or delete any part of the Draft Contract where they deem fit to do so. Where Bidders have amended and or deleted any part of the Contract, it must be clearly visible by using track changes and must ensure that the disc copy of their bid submission for the Draft Contract is in word version and not password protected. **It must be noted that the marked - up Contract will form part of the evaluation.**

10 RFP TIMETABLE

PRASA may at its sole discretion amend any of the milestone dates indicated in the table below. Bidders will be informed of any amendments to the timeline through the issue of the Addendum.

RFP PROCESS	MILESTONE DATES
Bid issue date	21 st February 2022
Non – Compulsory Site Inspection for Bidders	3 March 2022 @ 10h00
Closing date for Questions	9 th March 2022 @ 14h00
Closing date for Responses	16 th March 2022 @ 16h00 Afternoon
Closing Date for Submission of final Bids	22 nd March 2022 @ 12h00 Midday
Evaluation of Proposals (Bidders note that PRASA may call for Presentation of bidders offers at any stage of the evaluation process)	4 th April 2022 to 19 April 2022
Appointment of the successful Bidder	TBA
Signing of Contract	TBA

11 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Bidders must ensure that they comply with all the requirements of the RFP and if Bidders fail to submit any of the required documents, such Bids shall, at the sole discretion of PRASA, be disqualified the Bidder. PRASA reserves the right to call a Bidder to provide additional documents which PRASA may require from a Bidder which have not been submitted to PRASA.

Respondents must ensure that they comply with all the requirements of the RFP and if Bidders fail to submit any of the required documents, such Bids shall, at the sole discretion of PRASA, be disqualified.

The successful Bidder [hereinafter referred to as the **Service Provider**] shall be in full and complete compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations.

12 NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

Respondents are required to self-register on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) which has been established to centrally administer supplier information for all organs of state and facilitate the verification of certain key supplier information. Only foreign suppliers with no local registered entity need not register on the CSD. The CSD can be accessed at <https://secure.csd.gov.za>. Respondents are required to provide the following to PRASA in order to enable it to verify information on the CSD:

Supplier Number: _____ **Unique registration reference number:** _____.

13 TAX COMPLIANCE

Respondents must be compliant when submitting a proposal to PRASA and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

It is a condition of this RFP that the tax matters of the successful bidder be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

The Tax Compliance status requirements are also applicable to foreign Respondents/ individuals who wish to submit bids.

Respondents are required to be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) as indicated in paragraph 12 and the National Treasury shall verify the Respondent's tax compliance status through the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

For this purpose, the attached SBD 1 must be completed and submitted as an essential returnable document by the closing date and time of the bid.

New Tax Compliance Status (TCS) System

SARS has implemented a new Tax Compliance Status (TCS) system in terms of which a taxpayer is now able to authorise any 3rd party to verify its compliance status in one of two ways: either through the use of an electronic access PIN, or through the use of a Tax Clearance Certificate obtained from the new TCS system.

Respondents are required to provide the following to PRASA in order to enable it to verify their tax compliance status:

Tax Compliance Status (TCS) Pin: _____.

14 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

In responding to this bid, PRASA acknowledges that it may obtain and have access to personal data of the Respondents. PRASA agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Respondents in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law. Furthermore, PRASA will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal data submitted by Respondents or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any Third Party without the prior written consent from the Respondents. Similarly, PRASA requires Respondents to process any personal information disclosed by PRASA in the bidding process in the same manner.

SECTION 2

BACKGROUND OVERVIEW AND SCOPE REQUIREMENTS

Buildings, Bridges & Structures (BBS) is one of the key functional areas within Facilities Management

(FM) department at PRASA CRES. It responds to Building structure and Plumbing related maintenance requirements of the property portfolio including railway stations, workplace facilities, residential etc. General Plumbing maintenance support PRASA entity operations towards the achievement of both the primary and secondary mandate.

The contract work consists of:

- Emergency Plumbing related repairs As and When required. **(Refer to scope of work for details)**

The contractor shall integrate the provision of his services into the general operation of the PRASA operational system which may require that the contractor co-operate with other contractors employed by PRASA.

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

a. STATUS QUO

- A bigger portion of the Repairs and Maintenance budget is currently apportioned to Plumbing related services due to a high number of emergencies recorded on a periodic basis. Given our required resolution rate for emergencies within the specified time, contracts must be put in place to improve service response timelines.
- The Region currently has 4 qualified artisan plumbers responsible for servicing the entire Region with 165 stations excluding Free State, Northern Cape and Workplace facilities.

b. PROBLEM STATEMENT

- The PRASA property portfolio has generally been exposed to high rate of recurring theft and vandalism which resulted to non-functional and non-compliant PRASA assets that poses safety and health hazard to the commuters, PRASA personnel, stakeholders and community at large. Malicious damages to PRASA properties and assets further contributed to increasing amount of building failures and FM is unable to execute faults within the acceptable business turnaround time.
- The existing 4 qualified artisan plumbers within the Region are incapable to attend to major breakdowns of an emergency nature and unable to achieve the acceptable business turnaround time to execute emergency repairs and unplanned maintenance.



a. DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

- ## b. PROJECT BENEFITS TO PRASA

- No additional expenses such as traveling and or delays incurred in getting external assistance
- Improved turnaround time to repair faults
- Improve compliance with legislation and safety requirements
- Improve customer satisfaction.

c. CURRENT MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM

The Region currently has 4 qualified artisan plumbers responsible for servicing the entire Region with 165 stations excluding Free State, Northern Cape and Workplace facilities.

3. SCOPE OF WORK AND AREAS OF FOCUS

a. SCOPE OF THE DESIRED SOLUTION

To appoint 5 general plumbing contractors on an As and When basis to repair and maintain the facilities for a period of 36 months in South Gauteng Region (SGR).

South Gauteng Region (Corridors)

Corridor Name	Number of Contractors Required
Gauteng East Corridor	2 One (1) for Gauteng East Corridor1 One (1) for Gauteng East Corridor2
Gauteng West Corridor	2 One (1) for Gauteng West Corridor1 One (1) for Gauteng West Corridor2
Free State and Northern Cape	1

The scope of works will cover repairs, and maintenance as required, but not limited to the following plumbing related works as noted below.

Access ways

- Sanitary hardware and fittings
- Sewer Networks
- Water Networks

Plumbing related building works internal structures

- Piping

- Geyser
- Wall tiles
- Floor tiles
- Ceiling
- Walls

Plumbing related building works internal structures

- Supply and Install Sanitary Hardware
- Supply and Install Sanitary Fittings

Network Infrastructure

- Sewer network facilities
- Septic tank facilities
- Water network facilities

Additional information

- The service provider should provide vehicles suitable for the execution of the operations
- Suitable vehicles are “bakkies” and light duty trucks for the transportation of employees and materials and to respond to call-outs.
- The service provider should have a workshop or office close to the corridor in order to respond timeously to the call-outs.
- Kilometers for traveling to the stations and depots will be reimbursed from the base station of that particular corridor in terms of the rate per kilometre priced by the service provider.
- During the contract term the Contractor shall furnish all parts, materials, tools, equipment, manpower, and consumables to complete the work.
- The repair parts used by the Contractor shall be new and unused. The Contractor is responsible to provide new parts and execute the repairs
- In the event that the unit is beyond repair a delegated PRASA official will examine the component and provide authorization for the purchase of a new component
- If a bidder is considered for more than one corridor a written confirmation and supporting documentation to substantiate the capacity to meets its obligation shall be requested.

- Bidders shall submit proof of lease agreement or ownership of workshop/offices including rates and taxes as proof of footprint for the corridor that they are bidding for.

b.DETAILS ON THE PREFERRED SOLUTION

The preferred solution shall address the issues of capacity and staff shortages by introducing contractors that will be allocated at various corridors in order to achieve the acceptable business turnaround time in response to emergency repairs and unplanned maintenance.

c. TARGETED AREA BY THIS PROJECT

- The request is to appoint 5 contractors to cover areas reflected in table 1, 2 & 3 which include the following corridors;
 - a. Gauteng East corridor
 - b. Gauteng West corridor
 - c. Free State and Northern Cape corridors
- The Gauteng East corridor comprises of 4 sub-corridors with the total of 90 stations and shall be allocated 2 contractors.
- The Gauteng West corridor comprises of 4 sub-corridors with the total of 75 stations and shall be allocated 2 contractors.
- Both Free State and Northern Cape corridors have sum of 15 stations and shall be allocated 1 contractor.

	EAST CORRIDORS										
	Corridor 1		Corridor 2		Corridor 3		Corridor 4				
1	Elsburg	Small	1	Doornfontein	Core	1	Delmore	Intermediate	1	Avenue	Halt
2	Dallas	Small	2	Ellis Park	Halt	2	Angelo	Intermediate	2	Benoni	Core
3	Wattles	Small	3	Jeppe	Core	3	Oos Rand	Intermediate	3	Northmead	Intermediate
4	Union	Small	4	George Goch	Small	4	Boksburg	Small	4	Van Ryn	Intermediate
5	Natalspruit	Intermediate	5	Benrose	Small	5	Boksburg Oos	Small	5	New	Intermediate
6	Mpilisweni	Intermediate	6	Denver	Small	6	Dunswart	core	6	Kleinfontein	Intermediate
7	Angus	Small	7	Tooronga	Intermediate	7	Knights	Intermediate	7	Alliance	Intermediate
8	Randwater	Halt	8	Cleveland	Intermediate	8	Ravensklip	Intermediate	8	Daveyton	Core
9	Kliprivier	Intermediate	9	Geldenhuys	Halt	9	Elandsfontein	Intermediate	9	Anzac	Small
10	Skandsdam	Halt	10	Driehoek	Small	10	Isando	Intermediate	10	Brakpan	Core
11	Daleside	Small	11	President	Intermediate	11	Kemptonpark	Supercore	11	Schapenrust	Halt
12	Henley-on-klip	Small	12	Gemiston	Supercore	12	Van Riebeeckpark	Small	12	New Era	Intermediate
13	Meyerton	Intermediate	13	India	Small	13	Birchleigh	Intermediate	13	Apex	Small
14	Kookrus	Small	14	Refinery	Small	14	Kaalfontein	Intermediate	14	Springs	core
15	Redan	Small	15	Hillview	Halt	15	Oakmoor	Supercore	15	Pollak Park	Small
16	Alloy	Small	16	Gosforth Park	Halt	16	Tembisa	Supercore	16	Selpark	Small
17	Rooikop	Small	17	Alberton	Halt	17	Liminindlela	Supercore	17	Daggafontein	Small
18	Mapleton	Small	18	Simpan	Halt	18	Leralla	Supercore	18	Roadbend	Halt
19	Glenroy	Small	19	Germiston South	Halt	19	Olifantsfontein	Core	19	Dunnottar	Small
20	Kaydale	Small	20	Germiston Lake	Halt	20	Kutalo	Halt	20	Servaas	Halt
21	Vereneeging	core	21	Webber	Halt	21	Elsburg	Intermediate	21	Nigel	Small
	Super core	0	22	Parkhill	Halt	22	Wadeville	Intermediate			
	Core	1		Super core	1	23	Katlehong	Intermediate		Super core	0
	Intermediate	4		Core	2	24	Lindela	Intermediate		Core	4
	Small	14		Intermediate	3	25	Pilot	Intermediate		Intermediate	6
	Halt	2		Small	6	26	Kwesine	Small		Small	7
				Halt	10		Super core	4		Halt	4
							Core	2			
							Intermediate	15			
							Small	4			
							Halt	1			
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Table 1: Gauteng East Corridor

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WEST CORRIDORS							
Corridor 1		Corridor 2		Corridor 3		Corridor 4	
1 Randfontein	Core	1 Duncanville	Small	1 Naledi	Supercore	1 Vleikop	Halt
2 Homelake	Small	2 Leeuhof	Halt	2 Merafe	Core	2 Middelvlei	Halt
3 Robinson	Small	3 Kleigrond	Halt	3 Inhlazane	Core	3 Welverdien	Halt
4 Central	Halt	4 Houtheuwel	Core	4 Ikweni	Core	4 Oberholzer	Small
5 Millsite	Halt	5 Kwaggastroom	Intermediate	5 Dube	Core	5 Maizelands	Halt
6 Westrand	Small	6 Eatonside	Small	6 Phefeni	Core	6 Bank	Halt
7 Krugersdorp	Core	7 Residensia	Core	7 Phomolong	Intermediate	7 Goudryk	Halt
8 Windsor	Small	8 Stretford	Supercore	8 Mzimhlope	Intermediate	8 Westonaria	Small
9 Lanwen	Halt	9 Grasmere	Intermediate	9 New Canada	Core	9 Suurbekom	Small
10 Luipaardsvlei	Core	10 Middanadale	Core	10 Nasrec	Intermediate	10 Goudeon	Small
11 Witpoortjie	Small	11 Anglers	Halt	11 Crown	small	11 Waterworks	Small
12 Princess	Intermediate	12 Lawley	Intermediate	12 Westgate	small	Super core	0
13 Horison	Small	13 Lenz	Core	13 Booyens	small	Core	0
14 Roodepoort	Core	14 Midway	Core	14 Village Main	small	Intermediate	0
15 Georgina	Halt	15 Tshiawelo	Core	15 Faraday	small	Small	5
16 Hamberg	Small	16 Kliptown	Core	16 Karsene West	small	Halt	6
17 Florida	Intermediate	17 Nancefield	Core	Super core	1		
18 Unifed	Small	18 Orlando	Core	Core	6		
19 Maraisburg	Small	19 Mlamlankunzi	Intermediate	Intermediate	3		
20 Bosmont	Small	20 Longdale	Small	Small	6		
21 Newclare	Small	21 Croesus	Small	Halt	0		
22 Westbury	Small	Super core	1				
23 Industria	Halt	Core	9				
24 Langlaagte	Core	Intermediate	4				
25 Grosvenor	Halt	Small	4				
26 Mayfair	Intermediate	Halt	3				
27 Braamfontein	core						
Super core	0			SUMMARY Super core 2 Priority 1 Core 22 Priority 2 Intermediate 10 Priority 3 Small 27 Priority 4 Halt 14 Priority 5 Total Stations 75			
Core	7						
Intermediate	3						
Small	12						
Halt	5						

Table 2: Gauteng West Corridor

No.	Free State Stations
1	Sasolburg
2	Koppies
3	Kroonstad
4	Brandfort
5	Henneman
6	Virginia
7	Theunissen
8	Bloemfontein
9	Springfontein
10	Bethulie
11	Noupoort
12	Orange Rivier
No.	Northern Cape Stations
1	Christiana
2	Warrenton
3	Kimberley

Table 3: Free State and Northern Cape Corridors

d.OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

None

4. SPECIFICATION OF THE WORK OR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES REQUIRED

a) SPECIFICATION- AS AND WHEN: GENERAL PLUMBING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

PREAMBLE

PRASA CRES Facilities department has a mandate to the general upkeep of PRASA Group Facilities here in referred to as all buildings, plants and equipment's. In its endeavor to achieve the said mandate its service provisions cover the following:

- Preventative Maintenance
- Periodic Maintenance
- Routine Maintenance

- Deferred Maintenance
- Reactive Maintenance

With the following Priority Levels:

- **Emergency** - an incident that threatens endangers personal safety or property and prevents or limits the usage of a building, plant and equipment.
- **Urgent** – an incident that does not threatens, endangers personal safety or property but does prevents or limits the usage of a building, plant and equipment.
- **Non-Urgent** - an incident that is defined or falls under the general repairs, deferred maintenance or reactive maintenance of a non-urgent nature, where a building, plant and equipment is secured and use of it is not disrupted.

Service performance measurements and expectations

- **Emergency & Urgent Faults** - Response time for non-emergency items shall be 24 hours from the call out time and completion as per marked related time to repair the fault as per job card or work order.
- **Normal Faults** - Response time for non-emergency items shall be within working days stipulated in the works order from the call out time and completion as per marked related time to repair the fault.

Completion of works, upon the completion of work the service Provider must submit the following:

- Signed job card by the Project Manager or leader (job completion form)
- Guarantee/ Warranty certificates to cover a free maintenance period
- Maintenance programs or plan for
- New installations for General Plumbing related items.
- Maintenance manuals
- C.O.C and other related statutory / regulatory documentations

Safety and Quality of Materials and Workmanship:

- All materials supplied to be SABS approved and workmanship to meet the requirements of the PRASA Norms, Guidelines and Standards (NGS) and the National Building Regulations (NBR).

- All work performed on PRASA premises to comply with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1993.
- The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management Act in relation to COVID-19.
- Works with poor workmanship will not be signed off and PRASA CRES reserve the right to withhold payments until satisfied with the quality of the works.

Non-Compliance:

Safety – PRASA CRES Facilities department will at all times ensure that work is performed in accordance with all the prescribed legal prescripts and indemnifies itself from taking any responsibility if any service provider appointed violates these statutory prescripts.

Response time – if an appointed service provider as per the General provisions of the As and When fails to adhere to the priority levels as prescribed PRASA CRES Facilities department hereby reserves the right to penalize the service provider to a penalty fee of 10% of the value of the contract and if this provision is continually violated the contract will be terminated.

Guidelines for variations

- No payments will be processed or entertained pertaining to deviations from the original scope of work.
- No approval will be granted for deviation and the contractor shall ensure that the work done is as approved by the project manager.

15. CONTRACT PERIOD

The contract duration period for the 'As and When Required' general plumbing and drainage maintenance works contractor shall be for a period of Three (3) years (36 Months).

16. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The evaluation of Bids will be based on the information contained in Bids received in RFP and, which may be further supplemented by presentations and clarification information provided, if required. All Bids shall be equally evaluated by various committees involved in the evaluation process in accordance with stated Evaluation Criteria. Procurement integrity and fairness, transparency, competitiveness and full accountability will always be paramount.

16.1 TRANSFORMATION PROCUREMENT

PRASA may transform its procurement spend by utilising the following:

- i. PPPFA allows organs of state to utilize prequalification criteria for preferential procurement.
- ii. PPPFA allows organs of state to use objective criteria and stipulate same in the tender document.

NB: Tenderers are required to meet minimum stipulated threshold for local production and content for designated sectors for construction in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Regulation, 2017.

All annexures relating to local content are stipulated in SBD 6.2 form

The PPPFA Regulations, 2017, prescribe how Local Production and Content is to be measured in public sector Bids. In terms of these regulations when issuing bids involving designated sectors, PRASA must advertise such bids with a specific bid condition that only locally produced or manufactured Goods or Services which meet a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content will be considered. For example, if the stipulated minimum threshold for LOCAL CONTENT is 70%, this means that 70% of the bid price must be spent on LOCAL CONTENT (i.e. everything that is not included in Imported Content.)


- i. Designated sectors, sub-sector or industry or product, are those sectors which in accordance with national development and industrial policies have been designated by the DTI in consultation with National Treasury, for Local Production and Content. The National Treasury must inform organs of state of any designation made through a circular / instruction note. The circulars/instructions issued by NT on designated sectors must always be strictly adhered to when bids in these sectors are issued. Refer to NT's website for the latest list of designated sectors. Further please refer to the circulars/instructions issued by NT as certain sectors have designated sub-sectors/components in addition to the overall thresholds.
- ii. PRASA, its Divisions and Subsidiaries are to note that local content is applicable to all designated products irrespective of the value unless indicated otherwise in the specific Instruction/Circular.
- iii. PRASA, its Divisions and Subsidiaries must be aware that certain Bidders may have approach the DTI to be exempted from meeting all LOCAL CONTENT requirements. Where such exemption has been received by a Bidder, Procurement must request a copy of such exemption from the Bidder with their Bid submission.

- iv. Based on the results above the GCPO must engage the DTI to seek exemption from the LOCAL CONTENT requirement. The application for an exemption must be accompanied by a report of the outcome from the above exercise, as proof of the status of the market. Should an exemption be granted, the exemption must be referred to in the Bid document.
- v) Where, after the contract has been awarded, a bidder can no longer meet the LOCAL CONTENT requirements, Procurement and the end user must deal with such a bidder in terms of the contractual terms and conditions relating to non-performance. However, there are National Treasury Instruction Notes that were issued with a clause which affords bidders an opportunity to approach the DTI with a request for exemption. In this regard, Procurement and the end-user must always verify if exemption is applicable against that specific Instruction Note.

LOCAL CONTENT Requirements in Bid Documents

It is a requirement that the following documents be listed as mandatory returnable documents, whenever a minimum threshold for LOCAL CONTENT is required:

- i. Declaration Certificate for Local Production and Content [SBD 6.2]; and
- ii. Annexure C – Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule.
- iii. The following documents are supporting schedules and may be requested as essential returnable documents if PRASA would like to verify them for a bid:
- iv. Annexure D – Imported Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annexure C; and
- v. Annexure E – Local Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annexure C.

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17. EVALUATION AND SCORING METHODOLOGY

The evaluation of the Bids by the evaluation committees will be conducted at various levels. The following levels will be applied in the evaluation:

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
Verify completeness	The Bid is checked for completeness and whether all required documentation, certificates; verify completeness warranties and other Bid requirements and formalities have been complied with. Incomplete Bids will be disqualified.
Verify compliance	The Bids are checked to verify that the essential RFP requirements have been met. Non-compliant Bids will be disqualified.
Detailed Evaluation of Technical	Detailed analysis of Bids to determine whether the Bidder is capable of delivering the Project in terms of business and technical requirements. The minimum threshold for technical evaluation is 65%, any bidder who fails to meet the minimum requirement will be disqualified and not proceed with the evaluation of Price and B-BBEE.
B-BBEE	Evaluate B-BBEE
Price Evaluation	Bidders will be evaluated on price offered.
Scoring	Scoring of Bids using the Evaluation Criteria.
Recommendation	Report formulation and recommendation of Preferred and Reserved Bidders
Best and Final Offer	PRASA may go into the Best and Final Offer process in the instance where no bid meets the requirements of the RFP and/or the Bids are to close in terms of points awarded.
Approval	Approval and notification of the final Bidder.

17.1. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Interested bidders for this project shall be evaluated in terms of their business credentials, financial standing, empowerment, technical capacity and experience. The evaluation committee shall use the following Evaluation Criteria depicted in Table 1 for the selection of the preferred bidder that shall execute cleaning services work for the project. The evaluation will be done in three stages, which are as follows:

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EVALUATION PROCESS	
Stage 1	
Compliance	Stage 1a: Pre-qualification compliance
	Stage 1b: Mandatory compliance
	Stage 1c: Non-mandatory/Basic compliance
Stage 2	
Technical/Functional Criteria	Testing of capacity – meet minimum threshold of 65%
Stage 3	
Preference Points	
Price	80
BBBEE	20
TOTAL	100

Details of the stages outlined in table 1 above are presented in the following sections.

17.2 STAGE 1: COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS


Bidders must comply with the following requirements and failure to comply will lead to immediate disqualification.

Mandatory Requirements

Stage 1 A: Pre-Qualification Requirements

Pre-Qualification Criteria – Bidders who fail to meet the below mandatory requirements will be automatically disqualified:


No.	Description of requirement	
a)	Declaration document for local content and production SBD 6.2 must be completed, duly signed and submitted by the tenderer at the closing date and time of the tender.	
b)	Annexure C – Local Content Declaration – Summary Schedule must be completed, duly signed and submitted by the tenderer at the closing date and time of the tender.	

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Stage 1B: Mandatory Compliance Requirements

Failure to submit the following documents - your Bid Proposal will be disqualified automatically:


No.	Description of requirement	
a)	Price Schedule/Bill of Quantities (BOQ) and Bid Form C (Pricing Schedule/Bill of Quantities (BOQ) must be included in Volume 2/Envelope 2	
b)	Completion of ALL RFP documentation (Completion of ALL RFP documentation includes SBD documents/forms and must be signed off by Commissioner of Oath)	
c)	<p>Company proof of address;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of the Rates and Taxes • Lease agreement with landlord contacts or any • Credible letter with contacts confirming proof (affidavit, Letter from Councillor, <p>To determine the footprint (Anywhere in Gauteng province for Gauteng Corridor), (Free state for Free state Corridors) and (Northern cape for Northern cape Corridors)</p>	
d)	Joint Venture / Consortium agreement / Trust Deed/ JV or consortium agreement signed by all parties (if applicable)	
e)	Certificate of CIDB grading level 3SO or higher and JV CIDB certificates must be consolidated.	
f)	Bidders to fill and sign the closing/ Submission register on submission of tender documents.	
g)	Valid Letter of Good Standing (i.e. COIDA, Department of Labour or any other accredited Institutions)	

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Stage 1 C: Non - Mandatory Compliance Requirements

If you do not submit the following basic compliance documents and should an award be made, these basic compliance documents must be made available within seven (7) days, failing of which the award will be recalled.

No.	Description of requirement	
a)	Company Registration Documents	
b)	Copies of Directors' ID documents;	
c)	Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (must be valid on closing date of submission of the proposal) and SARS Issued Pin	
d)	CSD report / CSD reference number	
e)	Proof of UIF registration	
f)	Proof of Bank Account (i.e. cancelled cheque or letter issued by the bank	
g)	Annexure D – Imported Content Declaration – Supporting Schedule to Annexure C	
h)	Annexure E – Local Content Declaration – Supporting Schedule to Annexure C	
i)	Public Liability Insurance (Not less than R1 000 000.00)	
i)	Draft Contract	


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STAGE 2 - Technical / Functionality Evaluation

NOTE: The Technical or Functionality criteria must be guided by the project scope of works and area of focus.

CRITERIA	SUB-CRITERIA	SCORING	WEIGHT
Track Record of the Contractor on similar type (General plumbing Work) and sizes (3SO or higher) of projects previously executed. Proof of Projects executed prior CIDB regulation changes in October 2019 within level 3SO grading will also be accepted. Project must still fall within the 2015-2021 period.	Full points are allocated for track record of 5 projects of similar type and scale executed and completed by Tenderer in consideration in the last 7 years (2015-2021). All the below items 1- 2 must be provided for all projects presented under the scoring. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointment letter from client, on Client Letterhead 2. Reference Letter from the client, on Client Letterhead, signed or stamped with contactable references. 	0 points = No proof or submission 1 point = Proof of 1 or less projects of similar type of scope or projects not of similar scope and scale 2 points = Proof of 2 projects of similar type of scope 3 points = Proof of 3 projects of similar type of scope 4 points = Proof of 4 projects of similar type of scope 5 points = proof of 5 projects or more of similar type of scope	35
Key Staff (assigned site personnel) in relation to the scope of work	List all Site Staff proposed for this Contract including experience with copies of CV's, Trade Test / Certificates. Trade or relevant certificates within the construction industry. (A Contractor is required to have a minimum of 3 plumbers (Artisans) this part will be included in special conditions/scope of works.)	0 point: No submission or no proof of key staff provided. 1 point: 0 to 1 years' average experience of all (Artisan/s) Builder with Building Trade Test Certificate 2 points: More than 1 to 2 years' average experience of all (Artisan/s) Builder with Building Trade Test Certificate	35

CRITERIA	SUB-CRITERIA	SCORING	WEIGHT
		<p>3 points: More than 2 to 3 years' average experience of all (Artisan/s) Builder with Building Trade Test Certificate</p> <p>4 points: More than 3 to 4 years' average experience of all (Artisan/s) Builder with Building Trade Test Certificate</p> <p>5 points: More than 4 and above years' average experience of all (Artisan/s) Builder with Building Trade Test Certificate</p>	
Resource Availability	<p>Proof of ownership or rental of plant and equipment (ownership certificates of vehicles form traffic dept) from supplier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drilling machine ○ Grinder machine ○ LDV (Bakkie) ○ Jackhammer ○ Scaffolding ○ Submersible Pump ○ Jetting machine ○ Sewer steel rods <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For rental of plant and equipment a letter of intent on the letter head of the rental company or rental agreement will be sufficient. • For ownership of plant and equipment a list on a company letter head and signed by the company director will be sufficient. • For ownership of a bakkies only proof from Traffic Dept will be accepted. 	<p>0 Point – No submission provided</p> <p>1 Point – 1 listed item or irrelevant submission</p> <p>2 Points – 2 or 3 listed items</p> <p>3 Points – 4 or 5 listed items</p> <p>4 Points – 6 or 7 listed items</p> <p>5 Points – 8 listed items and above</p> <p>Note that by providing more quantities of the same item no additional points will be awarded i.e. two watercarts will be awarded 1 point.</p>	15
Financial Capability	<p><u>Financial Capacity: Operating cash flow</u></p> <p>The operating cash flow ratio measures a company's short-term liquidity. Formula: Operating Cash Flows Ratio = Cash Flows from Operations/Current Liabilities.</p>	<p>0. No Submission of financial Statement</p> <p>1. Submission of incomplete financial statement</p> <p>2. Operating Cash Flows Ratio $X < 0$</p> <p>3. Operating Cash Flows Ratio $0 < X < 0.5$</p> <p>4. Operating Cash Flows Ratio $0.5 < X < 1$</p> <p>5. Operating Cash Flows Ratio $X > 1$</p>	15

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CRITERIA	SUB-CRITERIA	SCORING	WEIGHT
	Bidder should submit a complete set of financial statements. (Current financial statements must be prepared and signed by an independent registered professional)		
TOTAL			100

Qualifying bidders shall be evaluated on technicality / functionality after meeting all compliance requirements outlined above. The minimum threshold for the technical/functionality requirements is 65%. Bidders who score below the minimum requirement shall not be considered for further evaluation in stage 3.

Summary of the technical/functional requirements are presented in the table below:

ITEM	CRITERIA	WEIGHT
1	Track Record of the Contractor on similar type (General plumbing Work) and sizes (4SO or higher) of projects previously executed.	35
2	Key Staff (assigned site personnel) in relation to the scope of work	35
3	Resources Availability	15
4	Financial Capability	15
	TOTAL	100

STAGE 3: PRICING AND B-BBEE

The following formula, stipulated in the approved PRASA conditions of contract, shall be used by the Bid Evaluation Committee to allocate scores to the interested bidders on pricing:

$$P_s = 80 \left[1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right]$$

Where:

P_s = Points scored for the price of tender under consideration;

P_t = Rand value of the tender under consideration;

P_{min} = Rand value of the lowest acceptable tender.

The minimum qualifying criteria for pricing is 80 points as per the standard Evaluation Criteria. The B-BBEE component of the evaluation process is weighted at 20 points in Table 1 of the standard Evaluation Criteria outlined above. Bidders will be awarded points based on the level of their BBEE status in their B-BBEE Certificate issued by an approved agency certified by SANAS.

Details of the allocation of points by the Evaluation Committee are presented in Table 1 below:

B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	NUMBER OF POINTS (80/20 SYSTEM) BELOW R 50 MILLION
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-Compliant Contributor	0

18. VALIDITY PERIOD

This RFP shall be valid for *[90 days]* calculated from Bid closing date.

19. B-BBEE REQUIREMENTS

A Bidder must submit proof of its B-BBEE status level contributor, a Bidder failing to submit proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor or is a non-compliant contributor to B-BBEE will be disqualified.

20. POST TENDER NEGOTIATION (IF APPLICABLE)

PRASA reserves the right to conduct post tender negotiations with a shortlist of Respondent(s). The shortlist could comprise of one or more Respondents. Should PRASA conduct post tender negotiations, Respondents will be requested to provide their best and final offers to PRASA based on such negotiations. A final evaluation will be conducted in terms of 80/20.

21. BEST AND FINAL OFFER

PRASA reserves the right to embark on the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) Process where:

- None of the proposals meet the RFP requirements;
- None of the responses to RFP are affordable and demonstrate value for money; and
- There is no clear preferred Response to this RFP.

Upon the decision by PRASA to embark on a BAFO process it shall notify the response to RFP.

22. FINAL CONTRACT AWARD

PRASA will negotiate the final terms and condition the contract with the successful Respondent(s). This may include aspects such as Supplier Development, the B-BBEE Improvement Plan, price and delivery. Thereafter the final contract will be awarded to the successful Respondent(s).

23. FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

PRASA views fairness and transparency during the RFP Process as an absolute on which PRASA will not compromise. PRASA will ensure that all members of evaluation committees declare any conflicting or undue interest in the process and provide confidentiality undertakings to PRASA. The evaluation process will be tightly monitored and controlled by PRASA to assure integrity and transparency throughout, with all processes and decisions taken being approved and auditable.


SECTION 3

PRICING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Respondents are required to complete the Pricing Schedule **Annexure: 4** (Volume 2 /Envelope 2)

1 PRICING

- 1.1. Prices must be quoted in South African Rand, inclusive of VAT.
- 1.2. Price offer is firm and clearly indicate the basis thereof.
- 1.3. Pricing Bill of Quantity is completed in line with schedule if applicable.
- 1.4. Cost breakdown must be indicated.
- 1.5. Price escalation basis and formula must be indicated.
- 1.6. To facilitate like-for like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this price schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule could result in a bid being declared non-responsive.
- 1.7. Please note that should you have offered a discounted price(s), PRASA will only consider such price discount(s) in the final evaluation stage on an unconditional basis.
- 1.8. Respondents are to note that if price offered by the highest scoring bidder is not market related, PRASA may not award the contract to the Respondent. PRASA may:
 - 1.8.1. negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the highest points or cancel the RFP;
 - 1.8.2. if that Respondent does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the second highest points or cancel the RFP; and

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- 1.8.3. if the Respondent scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the third highest points or cancel the RFP.
- 1.8.4. If a market-related price is not agreed with the Respondent scoring the third highest points, PRASA must cancel the RFP.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PRICES QUOTED

Respondents are to note that, on award of business, PRASA is required to publish the tendered prices and preferences claimed of the successful and unsuccessful Respondents inter alia on the National Treasury e-Tender Publication Portal, (www.etenders.gov.za), as required per National Treasury Instruction Note 01 of 2015/2016.

3 SERVICE LEVELS

- An experienced national account representative(s) is required to work with PRASA's procurement department. [No sales representatives are needed for individual department or locations]. Additionally, there shall be a minimal number of people, fully informed and accountable for this agreement.
- PRASA will have quarterly reviews with the Service provider's account representative on an on-going basis.
- PRASA reserves the right to request that any member of the Service provider's team involved on the PRASA account be replaced if deemed not to be adding value for PRASA.
- The Service provider guarantees that it will achieve a 100% [hundred per cent] service level on the following measures:
 - a) Random checks on compliance with quality/quantity/specifications
 - b) On time delivery.

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- The Service provider must provide a telephone number for customer service calls.
- Failure of the Service provider to comply with stated service level requirements will give PRASA the right to cancel the contract in whole, without penalty to PRASA, giving 30 [thirty] calendar days' notice to the Service provider of its intention to do so.

Acceptance of Service Levels:

YES	
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1. TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP (TCO)

*PRASA will strive to procure goods, services and works which contribute to its mission. In order to achieve this, PRASA must be committed to working with suppliers who share its goals of continuous improvement in service, quality and reduction of Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).

*Respondents shall indicate whether they would be committed, for the duration of any contract which may be awarded through this RFP process, to participate with PRASA in its continuous improvement initiatives to reduce the total cost of ownership [TCO], which will reduce the overall cost of transportation services and related logistics provided by PRASA's operating divisions within South Africa to the ultimate benefit of all end-users.

2. FINANCIAL STABILITY

Respondents are required to submit their latest financial statements prepared and signed off by a professional accountant for the latest year period with their Proposal in order to enable PRASA to establish financial stability.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20.....

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

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NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

3. VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The successful Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its Tax Clearance Certificate and valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate, for the duration of any contract emanating from this RFP. Should the Respondent be awarded the contract [the Agreement] and fail to present PRASA with such renewals as and when they become due, PRASA shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies that it may have in terms of the eventual Agreement, to terminate such Agreement forthwith without any liability and without prejudice to any claims which PRASA may have for damages against the Respondent.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20.....

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____


2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

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4. CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFP TERMS & CONDITIONS & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

By signing this certificate the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with, and agrees with all the conditions governing this RFP, including those contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof, including but not limited to the documents stated below and PRASA will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such condition or failed properly to take it into account for the purpose of calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:

1. PRASA's General Bid Conditions*
2. Standard RFP Terms and Conditions for the supply of Goods or Services or Works to PRASA

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in the RFP unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted Bid. Any such submission shall be subject to review by PRASA's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be. A material deviation from the Standard terms or conditions could result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid to which they intend to respond, before submitting the bid. The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFP was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

The bidder understands that his/her Bid will be disqualified if this Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP documents included in the RFP as a returnable document, is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20....

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

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SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

7.1 ALTERNATIVE BIDS

Bidders may submit alternative Bid only if a main Bid, strictly in accordance with all the requirements of the RFP is also submitted. The alternative Bid is submitted with the main Bid together with a schedule that compares the requirements of the RFP with the alternative requirements the Bidders proposes. Bidders must note that in submitting an alternative Bid they accept that PRASA may accept or reject the alternative Bid and shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria stipulated in this RFP.

5.2 PRASA'S TENDER FORMS

Bidders must sign and complete the PRASA's Bid Forms and attach all the required documents. Failure by Bidders to adhere to this requirement may lead to their disqualification.

5.3 PRECEDENT

In case of any conflict with this RFP and Bidders response, this RFP and its briefing notes shall take precedence.

5.4 RESPONSE TO RFP-CONFIDENTIALITY

Response to RFPs must clearly indicate whether any information conveyed to or requested from PRASA is confidential or should be treated confidentially by PRASA. In the absence of any such clear indication in writing from a response to RFP, PRASA shall deem the response to RFP to have waived any right to confidentiality and treat such information as public in nature.

Where a Bidder at any stage during the RFP Process indicates to PRASA that information or any response to RFP requested from PRASA is or should be treated confidentially, PRASA shall treat such information or response to RFP confidentially, unless PRASA believes that to ensure the transparency and competitiveness of the RFP Process the content of the information or response to RFP should be conveyed to all Bidders, in which event it shall apply the following process:

- PRASA shall confirm with the Bidder whether the raising of confidentiality applies to the entire response to the RFP or only specific elements or sections of the response;
- Where confidentiality is maintained by the Bidder and PRASA is of the opinion that the information or response to RFP if made publicly available would affect the commercial interests of the Bidder or is commercially sensitive information, PRASA shall not release such information to other

Bidders if providing such information or response to the RFP would prejudice the competitiveness and transparency of the RFP Process;

- Where PRASA is of the opinion that information provided is not commercially sensitive or would have no impact on the commercial interests of the relevant Bidder if released and fairness and transparency require that such information be released to all Bidders, PRASA may:
 - i. inform the relevant Bidder of the necessity to release such information and/or response to RFP and request the Bidder to consent to the release thereof by PRASA; or
 - ii. obtain legal advice regarding the confidentiality of the relevant information and/or response to RFP and the legal ability of PRASA to release such information; or
 - iii. refrain from releasing the information and/or response to RFP, in which event PRASA shall not take account of the contents of such information in the evaluation of the relevant response to RFP.

The above procedures regarding confidentiality shall not apply to any information which is already public knowledge or available in the public domain or in the hands of PRASA or is required to be disclosed by any legal or regulatory requirements or order of any competent court, tribunal or forum.

5.5 RESPONSE TO THE RFP – RFP DISQUALIFICATION


Responses to RFP which do not comply with the RFP requirements, formalities, terms and conditions may be disqualified by PRASA from further participation in the RFP Process.

In particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) PRASA may disqualify, at its sole discretion and without prejudice to any other remedy it may have, a Bidder where the Bidder, or any of its consortium members, subcontractors or advisors have committed any act of misrepresentation, bad faith or dishonest conduct in any of its dealings with or information provided to PRASA.

5.6 CORRUPTION, GIFTS AND PAYMENTS

Neither the Bidders to RFPs, its equity members, the sub-contractors, consortium members nor any of their agents, lenders or advisors shall directly or indirectly offer or give to any person in the employment of PRASA or any other Government official or any of the Advisory Team any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for appointing a particular Bidder, or for showing or omitting to show favour or disfavour to any of the Bidders, its equity members or the sub-contractors in relation to the Project.

In the event that any of the prohibited practices contemplated under the above paragraph is committed, PRASA shall be entitled to terminate any Response to RFP's status and to prohibit such Response to

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RFP, its equity members, its SPV members, its Sub Contractors and their agents, lenders and advisors from participating in any further part of the procurement of the Project.

5.7 INSURANCE

Unless specifically provided for in this RFP or draft contracts, Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid for services professional indemnity insurance and works insurance to an extent (if any) if insurance provided by PRASA may not be for the full cover required in terms of the relevant category listed in this RFP. The Bidder is advised to seek qualified advice regarding insurance.

5.8 NO CONTACT POLICY

Bidders may only contact the bid administrator of PRASA as per the terms of the Communication Structure established by this RFP, except in the case of pre-existing commercial relationships, in which case contact may be maintained only with respect thereto and, in making such contact, no party may make reference to the Project or this RFP.

5.9 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No Bidder member, subcontractor or advisor of the response to RFP may be a member of or in any other way participate or be involved, either directly or indirectly in more than one response to RFP or response to RFP during any stage of the Project procurement process, but excluding specialist suppliers of systems and equipment, non-core service providers or financial or commercial institutions whose role is limited purely to lending money or advancing credit to the response to RFP. Bidders are to sign the declaration of interest form. In order to prevent the conflict or potential conflict of interest between Lenders and Bidders to RFP, no advisors or the Contractor/s or Consortium/s to any response to RFP, consortium member or subcontractor may fulfil the role of arranger, underwriter and/or lead bank to the response to RFP. PRASA may disqualify the response to RFP from further participation in the event of a failure to comply with this provision. PRASA views the potential conflict of interest so great as to warrant the reduction of competition for advisory services.

5.10 COLLUSION AND CORRUPTION

Any Bidder shall, without prejudice to any other remedy available to PRASA, be disqualified, where the response to RFP –

- communicates to a person other than persons nominated by PRASA a material part of its response to RFP; or
- Enters into any Contract or arrangement with any other person or entity that it shall refrain from submitting a response to RFP to this RFP or as to any material part of its Response to RFP to

this RFP (refer the prohibition contained in Section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998).


. The Bidders represents that the Bidder has not, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like for the purpose of, with the intention to, enter into collusive Bidding or with reasonable appreciation that, collusive any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like may result in or have the effect of collusive Bidding. The Bidder undertakes that in the process of the Bid but prior to PRASA awarding the Bid to a preferred bidder become involved in or be aware of or do or caused to be done any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like for the purpose of or which may result in or have the effect of a collusive Bid, the Bidder will notify PRASA of such any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like.; or

- offers or agrees to pay or give any sum of money, inducement or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done, or causing, or having caused to be done any act or omission in relation to the RFP Process or any proposed response to RFP (provided nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent a response to RFP from paying any market-related commission or bonus to its employees or contractors within the agreed terms of their employment or contract).

5.11 CONSORTIUM CHANGES

If exceptional circumstances should arise in which a after the submission to the bid and after closing date of submission of bids, there is change in the composition of the Bidder, either through substitution or omission of any member of the Bidder:

- The Response to RFP must notify PRASA in writing of the proposed changes supported by complete details of the material reasons for the changes, the parties impacted by the changes and the impact on the response to RFP.
- PRASA shall evaluate the reasons advanced by the Bidder for the requested changes to the Bidder structure and where PRASA is not satisfied that the reasons advanced are reasonable or material, refuse to accept the change and disqualify the response to RFP, or notify the Bidder in writing of its non-acceptance of the changes and require the Bidder to propose a suitable alternative to PRASA within 10 (TEN) days of its receipt of the decision of PRASA, upon receipt of which PRASA shall -
 - i. Evaluate the alternative proposed for suitability to PRASA, and where the alternative is accepted by PRASA, inform the Bidder in writing of such acceptance and PRASA shall reassess the response to RFP against the RFP requirements and criteria; or

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- ii. Where the alternative is not accepted by PRASA, inform the Bidder in writing of such non-acceptance as well as its disqualification from the RFP Process.
- iii. Where PRASA is satisfied that the changes requested under (i) above are reasonable and material, the response to RFP, shall be allowed to effect the required changes and PRASA shall reassess the response to RFP against the RFP requirements and criteria.


5.12 COSTS OF RESPONSE TO THE RFP SUBMISSION

All costs and expenses associated with or incurred by the Bidder in relation to any stage of the Project, shall be borne by the Bidder. PRASA shall not be liable for any such costs or expenses or any claim for reimbursement of such costs or expenses.

To avoid doubt, PRASA shall not be liable for any samples submitted by the Bidder in support of their Responses to RFP and reserves the right not to return to them such samples and to dispose of them at its discretion.

5.13 RESPONSE TO THE RFP WARRANTY


Bidders must provide a warranty as part of their Responses to RFP that their Responses to RFP are true and correct in all respects, that it does not contain a misrepresentation of any kind and that the taxes of all members of the Bidder company, consortium members and or subcontractors are in order and none of the members are undergoing corruption or any criminal-related investigations or have any past convictions for fraud or corruption.

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6. CONDITIONS OF TENDER

General

Actions	1	PRASA's <i>Representative</i> and each <i>tenderer</i> submitting a tender shall act as stated in these Conditions of Tender and in a manner, which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.
Interpretation	2	Terms shown in <i>italics</i> vary for each tender. The details of each term for this tender are identified in the Request for Tender / Scope of work/ specification. Terms shown in capital initials are defined terms in the appropriate conditions of contract.
	3	Any additional or amended requirements in the Scope of work/ specification, and additional requirements given in the Schedules in the <i>tender returnables</i> are deemed to be part of these Conditions of Tender.
	4	The Conditions of Tender and the Scope of work/ specification shall form part of any contract arising from this invitation to tender.
Communication	5	Each communication between PRASA and a <i>tenderer</i> shall be to or from PRASA's <i>Representative</i> only, and in a form that can be read, copied and recorded. Communication shall be in the English language. PRASA takes no responsibility for non-receipt of communications from or by a <i>tenderer</i> .
PRASA's rights to accept or reject any tender	6	PRASA may accept or reject any variation, deviation, tender, or alternative tender, and may cancel the tender process and reject all tenders at any time prior to the formation of a contract. PRASA or PRASA's <i>Representative</i> will not accept or incur any liability to a <i>tenderer</i> for such cancellation and rejection but will give reasons for the action. PRASA reserves the right to accept the whole or any part of any tender.
	7	After the cancellation of the tender process or the rejection of all tenders PRASA may abandon the proposed work and services, have it performed in any other manner, or re-issue a similar invitation to tender at any time.

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Tenderer's obligations

The *tenderer* shall comply with the following obligations when submitting a tender and shall:

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| Eligibility | 1 | Submit a tender only if the <i>tenderer</i> complies with the criteria stated in the Scope of work/ specification. |
| Cost of tendering | 2 | Accept that PRASA will not compensate the <i>tenderer</i> for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a tender. |
| Check documents | 3 | Check the <i>tender documents</i> on receipt, including pages within them, and notify PRASA's <i>Representative</i> of any discrepancy or omissions in writing. |
| Copyright of documents | 4 | Use and copy the documents provided by PRASA only for the purpose of preparing and submitting a tender in response to this invitation. |
| Standardised specifications and other publications | 5 | Obtain, as necessary for submitting a tender, copies of the latest revision of standardised specifications and other publications, which are not attached but which are incorporated into the <i>tender documents</i> by reference. |
| Acknowledge receipt | 6 | Preferably complete the Receipt of invitation to submit a tender form attached to the Letter of Invitation and return it within five days of receipt of the invitation. |
| | 7 | Acknowledge receipt of Addenda / Tender Briefing Notes to the <i>tender documents</i> , which PRASA's <i>Representative</i> may issue, and if necessary, apply for an extension to the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> , in order to take the Addenda into account. |
| Site visit and / or clarification meeting | 8 | Attend a site visit and/or clarification meeting at which <i>tenderers</i> may familiarise themselves with the proposed work, services or supply, location, etc. and raise questions, if provided for in the Scope of work/ specification. Details of the meeting are stated in the RFP document, <i>i-tender</i> website and CIDB website. |
| Seek clarification | 9 | Request clarification of the <i>tender documents</i> , if necessary, by notifying PRASA's <i>Representative</i> earlier than the <i>closing time for clarification of queries</i> . |

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| Insurance | 10 | Be informed of the risk that needs to be covered by insurance policy. The <i>tenderer</i> is advised to seek qualified advice regarding insurance. |
| Pricing the tender | 11 | Include in the rates, prices, and the tendered total of the prices (if any) all duties, taxes (except VAT), and other levies payable by the successful <i>tenderer</i> . Such duties, taxes and levies are those applicable 14 days prior to the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> . |
| | 12 | Show Value Added Tax (VAT) payable by PRASA separately as an addition to the tendered total of the prices. |
| | 13 | Provide rates and prices that are fixed for the duration of the contract and not subject to adjustment except as provided for in the <i>conditions of contract</i> . |
| | 14 | State the rates and Prices in South African Rand unless instructed otherwise as an additional condition in the Scope of work/ specification. The selected <i>conditions of contract</i> may provide for part payment in other currencies. |
| Alterations to documents | 15 | Not make any alterations or an addition to the tender documents, except to comply with instructions issued by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> or if necessary, to correct errors made by the <i>tenderer</i> . All such alterations shall be initialled by all signatories to the tender. Corrections may not be made using correction fluid, correction tape or the like. |
| Alternative tenders | 16 | Submit alternative tenders only if a main tender, strictly in accordance with all the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i> is also submitted. The alternative tender is submitted with the main tender together with a schedule that compares the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i> with the alternative requirements the <i>tenderer</i> proposes. |
| | 17 | Accept that an alternative tender may be based only on the criteria stated in the Scope of work/ specification and as acceptable to PRASA. |
| Submitting a tender | 18 | Submit a tender for providing the whole of the works, services or supply identified in the Contract Data unless stated otherwise as an additional condition in the Scope of work/ specification. |

NOTE:

- 19 **Return the completed and signed *PRASA Tender Forms and SBD forms provided with the tender. Failure to submit all the required documentation will lead to disqualification***
- 20 **Submit the tender proposal as an "ORIGINAL" and 1 USB for Volume/Envelope 1; "ORIGINAL" and USB " for Volume/Envelope 2 and an electronic version which must be contained in USB clearly marked in the Bidders name as stated in the RFP and provide an English translation for documentation submitted in a language other than English. Tenders may not be written in pencil but must be completed in ink.**
- 21 Sign and initial the original and all copies of the tender where indicated. PRASA will hold the signatory duly authorised and liable on behalf of the *tenderer*.
- 22 Seal the original and each copy of the tender as separate packages marking the packages as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY" for Volume/Envelope 1 & "ORIGINAL" and "COPY" for Volume/Envelope 2. Each package shall state on the outside PRASA's address and invitation to tender number stated in the Scope of work/ specification, **as well as the *tenderer's* name and contact address.** Where the tender is based on a two-way envelope system, tenderers must further indicate in the package whether the document is **envelope 1 or 2.**
- 23 Seal original and copies together in an outer package that states on the outside only PRASA's address and invitation to tender number as stated in the Scope of work/ specification. The outer package must be marked "CONFIDENTIAL"
- 24 Accept that PRASA will not assume any responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the tender if the outer package is not sealed and marked as stated.

Note:


PRASA prefers not to receive tenders by post and takes no responsibility for delays in the postal system or in transit within or between PRASA offices.

PRASA prefers not to receive tenders by fax, PRASA takes no responsibility for difficulties in transmission caused by line or equipment faults.

Where tenders are sent via courier, PRASA takes no responsibility for tenders delivered to any other site than the tender office.

PRASA employees are not permitted to deposit a tender into the PRASA tender box on behalf of a tenderer, except those lodged by post or courier.

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| Closing time | <p>25 Ensure that PRASA has received the tender at the stated address with the Scope of work / specification no later than the <i>deadline for tender submission</i>. Proof of posting will not be taken by PRASA as proof of delivery. PRASA will not accept a tender submitted telephonically, by Fax, E-mail or by telegraph unless stated otherwise in the Scope of work/ specification.</p> <p>26 Accept that, if PRASA extends the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> for any reason, the requirements of these Conditions of Tender apply equally to the extended deadline.</p> |
| Tender validity | <p>27 Hold the tender(s) valid for acceptance by PRASA at any time within the <i>validity period</i> after the <i>deadline for tender submission</i>.</p> <p>28 Extend the <i>validity period</i> for a specified additional period if PRASA requests the <i>tenderer</i> to extend it. A <i>tenderer</i> agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify a tender, except to the extent PRASA may allow for the effects of inflation over the additional period.</p> |
| Clarification of tender after submission | <p>29 Provide clarification of a tender in response to a request to do so from PRASA's <i>Representative</i> during the evaluation of tenders. This may include providing a breakdown of rates or Prices. No change in the total of the Prices or substance of the tender is sought, offered, or permitted except as required by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> to confirm the correction of arithmetical errors discovered in the evaluation of tenders. The total of the Prices stated by the <i>tenderer</i> as corrected by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> with the concurrence of the <i>tenderer</i>, shall be binding upon the <i>tenderer</i></p> |
| Submit bonds, policies etc. | <p>30 If instructed by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> (before the formation of a contract), submit for PRASA's acceptance, the bonds, guarantees, policies and certificates of insurance required to be provided by the successful <i>tenderer</i> in terms of the <i>conditions of contract</i>.</p> |

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- 31 Undertake to check the final draft of the contract provided by PRASA's *Representative* and sign the Form of Agreement all within the time required.
- 32 Where an agent on behalf of a principal submits a tender, an authenticated copy of the authority to act as an agent must be submitted with the tender.
- 33 Comply with PRASA's requirements regarding BBBEE Suppliers.


Fulfil BEE requirements

PRASA'S UNDERTAKINGS

PRASA, and PRASA's *Representative*, shall:

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| Respond to clarification | 1 | Respond to a request for clarification received earlier than the <i>closing time for clarification of queries</i> . The response is notified to all <i>tenderers</i> . |
| Issue Addenda | 2 | If necessary, issue to each <i>tenderer</i> from time to time during the period from the date of the Letter of Invitation until the <i>closing time for clarification of queries</i> , Addenda that may amend, amplify, or add to the <i>tender documents</i> . If a <i>tenderer</i> applies for an extension to the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> , in order to take Addenda into account in preparing a tender, PRASA may grant such an extension and PRASA's <i>Representative</i> shall notify the extension to all <i>tenderers</i> . |
| Return late tenders | 3 | Return tenders received after the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> unopened to the <i>tenderer</i> submitting a late tender. Tenders will be deemed late if they are not in the designated tender box at the date and time stipulated as the deadline for tender submission. |
| Non-disclosure | 4 | Not disclose to <i>tenderers</i> , or to any other person not officially concerned with such processes, information relating to the evaluation and comparison of tenders and recommendations for the award of a contract. |
| Grounds for rejection | 5 | Consider rejecting a tender if there is any effort by a <i>tenderer</i> to influence the processing of tenders or contract award. |
| Disqualification | 6 | Instantly disqualify a <i>tenderer</i> (and his tender) if it is established that the <i>tenderer</i> offered an inducement to any person with a view to influencing the placing of a contract arising from this invitation to tender. |

Test for responsiveness	7	Determine before detailed evaluation, whether each tender properly received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meets the requirements of these Conditions of Tender, has been properly signed, and is responsive to the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i>.
	8	Judge a responsive tender as one which conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the <i>tender documents</i> without material deviation or qualification. A material deviation or qualification is one which, in PRASA 's opinion would <ul style="list-style-type: none"> detrimentally affect the scope, quality, or performance of the works, services or supply identified in the Contract Data, change PRASA's or the <i>tenderer's</i> risks and responsibilities under the contract, or affect the competitive position of other <i>tenderers</i> presenting responsive tenders, if it were to be rectified.
Non-responsive tenders	10	Reject a non-responsive tender, and not allow it to be subsequently made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the non-conforming deviation or reservation.
Arithmetical errors	11	Check responsive tenders for arithmetical errors, correcting them as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words shall govern. If a bill of quantities applies and there is a discrepancy between the rate and the line item total, resulting from multiplying the rate by the quantity, the rate as quoted shall govern. Where there is an obviously gross misplacement of the decimal point in the rate, the line item total as quoted shall govern, and the rate will be corrected. Where there is an error in the total of the Prices, either as a result of other corrections required by this checking process or in the <i>tenderer's</i> addition of prices, the total of the Prices, if any, will be corrected.
	12	Reject a tender if the <i>tenderer</i> does not accept the corrected total of the Prices (if any).
Evaluating the tender	13	Evaluate responsive tenders in accordance with the procedure stated in the RFP / Scope of work/ specification. The evaluated tender price

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will be disclosed only to the relevant PRASA tender committee and will not be disclosed to *tenderers* or any other person.

Clarification of a tender	14 Obtain from a <i>tenderer</i> clarification of any matter in the tender which may not be clear or could give rise to ambiguity in a contract arising from this tender if the matter were not to be clarified.
Acceptance of tender	15 Notify PRASA's acceptance to the successful <i>tenderer</i> before the expiry of the <i>validity period</i> or agreed additional period. Providing the notice of acceptance does not contain any qualifying statements, it will constitute the formation of a contract between PRASA and the successful <i>tenderer</i> .
Notice to unsuccessful tenderers	16 After the successful <i>tenderer</i> has acknowledged PRASA's notice of acceptance, notify other <i>tenderers</i> that their tenders have not been accepted, following PRASA's current procedures.
Prepare contract documents	17 Revise the contract documents issued by PRASA as part of the <i>tender documents</i> to take account of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addenda issued during the tender period, • inclusion of some of the <i>tender returnables</i>, and • other revisions agreed between PRASA and the successful <i>tenderer</i>, before the issue of PRASA's notice of acceptance (of the tender).
Issue final contract	18 Issue the final contract documents to the successful <i>tenderer</i> for acceptance within one week of the date of PRASA's notice of acceptance.
Sign Form of Agreement	19 Arrange for authorised signatories of both parties to complete and sign the original and one copy of the Form of Agreement within two weeks of the date of PRASA's notice of acceptance of the tender. If either party requires the signatories to initial every page of the contract documents, the signatories for the other party shall comply with the request.
Provide copies of the contracts	20 Provide to the successful <i>tenderer</i> the number of copies stated in the Scope of work/ specification of the signed copy of the contracts within three weeks of the date of PRASA's acceptance of the tender.