

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROVISIONING OF MANAGED DATA CENTRE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

CONTRACT NO: CDC/116/25

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) is headquartered in the City of Gqeberha, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, South Africa, with a strategic operational footprint in South Africa and beyond the borders in the African continent. The CDC's vision is to be the leading catalyst for the championing of socio-economic development. This it seeks to achieve through the development and operation of the 9 003 hectares Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ), a transshipment hub and a leading investment destination in Africa, providing highly skilled competence and capacity for the execution of quality complex infrastructure and related projects throughout South Africa and selected markets in the African continent, and advisory on the development of industrialization and logistics zones. The CDC's advanced capabilities are successful enablers in economic zone development and management, real assets management, infrastructure planning and development for National, Provincial, Local Government Departments and State-owned Entities, technology integration while realising related socio-economic impact areas such as skills and SMME development. The foundational culture of the CDC's approach, backed by core values, is innovation and continuous improvement.

The CDC attracts local and foreign investment into the Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and the Nelson Mandela Bay Logistics Park (NMBLP); conceptualises and develops complex, multi-disciplinary projects; and provides programme management, strategic advisory, economic research and human capital services. It manages the entire development and service provision through innovative approaches that combine multidisciplinary skills.

INVITATION AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The CDC is inviting capable service providers to submit bids for the provisioning of Managed Data Centre and Telecommunications Services, which form part of the ICT services offering and enabling technology infrastructure for a period of three (3) years. A key component of this initiative is adherence to ICT governance frameworks and best practices, including international standards such as ISO/IEC 27001 for information security management and ISO/IEC 20000 for IT service management, ensuring reliable, secure, and efficient ICT operations.

One of the key objectives is to offer world-class data centre and telecommunications products and services to all CDC customers.

Additionally, these services help ensure that the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is a preferred investment destination and serves as a one-stop shop for the provision of ICT Services.

The scope is summarised into the following categories:

- (a) Telecommunications Services
- (b) Data Centre Operations
- (c) Ad hoc Services

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

- a) The CDC's Procurement Policy and Procedures shall apply.
- b) The following shall apply:

(i) Public Finance Management Act (PFMA);

(ii) Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), 2000.

(iii) Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022;

(iv) Disaster Management Act (57 of 2002);

(v) National Treasury Regulations;

(vi) Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations, Act (85 of 1993);

(vii) Protection of Personal Information Act (Act No. 4 of 2013);

(viii) Promotion of Access to Information Act No. 2 of 2000

(ix) The National Qualifications Framework Amendment Act (12 of 2019);

(x) The Skills Development Act (97 of 1998);

(xi) Compensation for Occupational injuries and disease Act (130 of 1993);

(xii) Broad Base Black Economic Empowerment – BBBEE Act Number 53 of 2003 (as amended by Act number 46 of 2013);

(xiii) National Environmental Management Act (107 of 1998);

(xiv) B-BBEE Act Number 53 of 2003 (as amended by Act number 46 of 2013);

(xv) Any other applicable legislation.
- c) The **80/20** or **90/10** preference point system will apply, where:

(i) Price - **80**

(ii) Specific Goals - **20**

Or

(iii) Price - **90**

(iv) Specific Goals - **10**

Either 80/20 or 90/10 preference points system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system.

d) An Entity that is part of the JV/Consortium is not permitted to form part of more than one bid submission in terms of the Competition Act 1996.

e) Bidders must be VAT registered, and bids must be submitted VAT inclusive. Non-VAT vendors who submit bids for contracts that would, if successful, take their annual turnover above the threshold of R 1 million are obliged to include VAT in the prices quoted and must therefore immediately upon award of the contract register with the South African Revenue Services (SARS) as VAT vendors. The award of contract would be conditional pending the successful bidder submitting proof of registration as a VAT vendor with SARS.

f) Should the VAT rate change between the period of Advertisement and Closing of Tender, the VAT will be adjusted accordingly.

g) Bidders (all the members in the Bidding Team in the case of Consortia or Joint Ventures) must provide proof of registration on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) or provide a Treasury CSD registration number e.g. MAAA...

h) CDC will only award the tender to a bidder who is tax compliant. The tax compliance status of the bidders (and all the members in the Bidding Team in the case of Consortia or Joint Ventures) will be verified through CSD and South African Revenue Services (SARS) website.

i) As per the Amended ICT Sector Codes, all Generic entities, along with QSEs that have less than 51% black shareholding, are required to submit a valid SANAS Accredited B-BBEE Verification Certificate, with the full applicable B-BBEE elements. QSEs with more than 51% black shareholding and all EMEs are to submit a sworn affidavit stamped and signed by the Commissioner of Oaths as per the DTI B-BBEE template or a CIPC BEE certificate. All Joint Ventures must submit a consolidated B-BBBEE Certificate as well as individual B-BBEE Certificates /affidavits of their own entities.

j) Bidders and all its Consortium/JV members if any, must confirm their company registration with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (formerly CIPRO) as CDC will not award any bid to any business that appears on the CIPC List of de-registered businesses. The CDC may verify company registration with CIPC through BizPortal.

k) In case of JV's/Consortia, the Bidder must include the JV agreement or an Intent to Enter into a JV/Consortium Agreement. The actual copy of the JV/Consortium Agreement would be required when contract is be concluded with the successful bidder.

l) The CDC will not award more than five (5) active projects to one bidder, unless one project has reached 80% completion stage and beyond. Capacity assessment may be conducted in an event that the recommended bidder is the only responsive service provider and has already been awarded five contracts.

m) Bidders will be evaluated on functionality and are expected to meet the minimum of 70 points threshold to be evaluated further. The evaluation criteria for measuring functionality and weight of each criterion are provided in Table 5 (a) and 5 (b).

n) Bidders are expected to provide a single bid document that describes the methodology and approaches to conducting air quality monitoring in the Coega SEZ and includes a completed and signed pricing schedule.

o) The successful bidder will be required to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations, Act (85 of 1993); Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act, Act (130 of 1993); National Environmental Management Act, Act (107 of 1998) and Disaster Management Act, Act (57 of 2002) and, all relevant legislations throughout the duration of the contract.

p) Upon appointment of the successful bidder, the service provider will be required to develop Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Management Systems in compliance to the CDC Norms and Standards.

q) Public servants are prohibited from doing any form of business with organs of state, whether in their own capacity as individuals or through companies in which they are directors.

r) It is incumbent upon and the responsibility of the Prospective Bidders to submit their full and correct contact details when they download the RFP Document to enable any communication that the CDC might need to issue to all the Prospective Bidders during the bidding process to be realised. The CDC will not be accountable for any such omission or failure by the Prospective Bidders.


s) Incomplete RFP Document will result in the submissions being deemed null and void and shall be considered non-responsive.

t) Any misrepresentation of information will lead to immediate disqualification of the Bidder's Submission. It is imperative that the duly authorised person conducts quality control on all the documentation to be submitted to the CDC as part of this RFP and signs the submission as a correct and sound documentation that the CDC could put its reliance on.

u) In case of a JV/Consortium, one member of the JV/Consortium may attend the Briefing Meeting.

v) Bidders must complete and sign the POPI Act consent form. In case of Joint Venture/Consortium, a separate form in respect of each party to the JV must be completed.

w) The tender validity period for this project is **fifteen (15) weeks** from closing date.

x) Rates tendered will be subject to negotiation, not exceeding the applicable industry.
- The RFP documents can be downloaded free of charge from the CDC Website: [www.coega.co.za](http://www.coega.co.za) or Provincial Tender Bulletin or National Treasury e-tender portal publication from **10h00 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2025**. The CDC will not take responsibility for any errors that may occur in the downloading of documents. Bidders are therefore required to ensure that they download the full pack with no missing pages. A Compulsory briefing meeting will be held on site in person where representatives from the CDC will meet prospective Bidders. The meeting will be held on **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2025, at 10:00** at the following address: **Coega Business Centre, Cnr Alcyon Rd and Zibuko Street, Zone 1, Coega SEZ, Gqeberha Embizweni boardroom, 6001**.
- Queries relating to this RFP may be addressed to Ms. Zine Mtanda, Unit Head: Supply Chain Management strictly via e-mail: [tenderscdc11625@coega.co.za](mailto:tenderscdc11625@coega.co.za) between the period of the **19<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 to the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2025**. No new queries received after the **6<sup>th</sup> of October 2025** will be considered.
- The closing date and time for the receipt of completed proposals is **Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 at 12:00 at the document control office at the Coega Business Centre, Corner Alcyon Road and Zibuko Street**, Zone 1, Coega SEZ, Gqeberha.
- Bidders must ensure that all bid documents are submitted in a secure, sealed, tamper-proof envelope or container. The submission must be secure against any form of tampering, alteration, removal, or insertion of documents. Any bid submission received in packaging that appears to be torn, unsealed, loose papers or otherwise compromising the integrity of the contents may be deemed non-responsive and disqualified at the discretion of the CDC.
- One original completed bid document shall be contained in a sealed envelope clearly marked:
- “CDC/116/25: REQUEST FOR PROVISIONING OF MANAGED DATA CENTRE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES”**
- Bids shall be placed in the **tender box** at the **Coega Business Centre, Corner Alcyon Road and Zibuko Street, Zone 1, Coega SEZ, Gqeberha**.
- Failure to provide mandatory information required in the bid will result in the submissions being deemed null and void and shall be considered non-responsive. Telegraphic, telexed, tippexed, facsimiled submissions will not be accepted.
- No telephonic or any other form of communication relating to this Tender with any other CDC member of staff, CDC Agent, Client, or any other role players will be permitted.
- All enquiries regarding this tender must be in writing only, and must be directed to:**  
Ms. Zine Mtanda, Unit Head: Supply Chain Management; e-mail address: [tenderscdc11625@coega.co.za](mailto:tenderscdc11625@coega.co.za)
- There shall be no disclosure, other than to the Clients legal and technical advisors of the tender amounts, method of work, terms, conditions, etc., to any other service tenderer nor to any parties who have not submitted tender documents. The CDC reserves the right not to accept the lowest proposal in part or in whole or any proposal.***
- TIP-OFFS ANONYMOUS HOTLINE:  
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BLACKMAIL / INTIMIDATION  
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ISO 20000-1:2018 ▪ ISO 27001:2022
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