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## **BID**

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**For the appointment of a service provider to provide ICT infrastructure Hosting solution with Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) solution for three (3) years.**

**Issued by:**

**Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency ("MEGA")  
Supply Chain Management Unit  
ABSA Square building  
20 Paul Kruger Street,  
Mbombela,  
1200**

**MEGA / 2022 / 08**

**CLOSING DATE : 08 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 12:00 PM**

## **SECTION 1: BIDDING INFORMATION**

TERMS OF REFERENCE
<b>BID FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE ICT INFRASTRUCTURE HOSTING SOLUTION WITH MULTIPROTOCOL LABEL SWITCHING (MPLS) SOLUTION TO MEGA FOR THREE (3) YEARS</b>

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency, hereinafter referred to as “**MEGA**” is a schedule 3D entity of the Mpumalanga Provincial Government with a mandate of stimulating economic growth in the Province through inter alia:-

- (i) the provision of funding to SMMEs, Co-operatives and Agricultural enterprises, as well as the provision of housing loans to citizens of Mpumalanga within the gap market;
- (ii) proactively identifying investment opportunities within the Province, attracting investment into such opportunities through various trade and investment promotion initiatives, as well as facilitating that such investments into the province derive maximum development impact;
- (iii) delivering massive infrastructure within the Province;
- (iv) the development and management of property in the form of industrial parks which stimulate economic activity in the Province.

In exercising its powers and functions as articulated in the Act, [“the MEGA Act 1 of 2010”], the entity must continually broaden the participation of Mpumalanga citizens in all the sectors of the economy and accordingly contribute, whether directly or indirectly, to the alleviation of poverty, unemployment and inequality.

## **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bid is to solicit proposals from suitably qualified and well-experienced parties interested in ICT Infrastructure Hosting solution for MLGA for three (3) years to replace the current telephony voice services and the IT Network and hosting services in line with MEGA business requirements.

The issuance of this bid does not constitute a commitment to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in the preparation of this bid. Submitting a response to this bid is not a guarantee in any way that an interested party will be awarded, nor does it preclude any interested party from responding to the future procurement opportunities.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

In terms of the Act, MEGA has a responsibility to adhere to a number of regulations that ensure the achievement of its objectives such as, real financial growth and sustainability, clean and unqualified audits and improved financial management capability maturity. The regulations in the Act include providing for, *inter alia*:

- Sound financial management;
- The efficient and effective management of all revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the company; and
- The provision of responsibilities of persons entrusted with financial management in the organization.

MEGA requires ICT infrastructure hosting services in line with its business requirements. MEGA currently has a hosted ICT Infrastructure which no longer meets the business requirements and seeks to replace it with an improved solution to meet its requirements.

## **4. SCOPE OF WORK**

### **4.1 HOSTED SERVICES SPECIFICATION**

Based on the background provided above, MEGA's proposal for the hosted services is detailed below.

- 4.1.1 To provide an integrated MPLS solution that is scalable, resilient, and fully managed solution with early warning systems and reporting.
- 4.1.2 A fully managed Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) network with Virtual Private Network (VPN) between all MEGA sites
- 4.1.3 The network must have a Fault-tolerant design that has a high level of availability and redundancy to all key sites.
- 4.1.4 Voice over the Internet (VoIP) solution for provisioning of communications services (voice, fax, voice-messaging) over the public Internet.
- 4.1.5 To provide on-demand Hybrid Cloud Platforms and services for the hosting of MEGA systems and with monitoring tools.

### **4.2 The solution must be a multi-tiered, managed solution consisting of the following components:**

- 4.2.1 A combination of Fiber and or Microwave connectivity to all Mega Sites
- 4.2.2 Redundancy on key sites as indicated on the network diagram below
- 4.2.3 Fully managed Dedicated Internet Access
- 4.2.4 Cloud platform on-demand for application Hosting
- 4.2.5 VoIP Solution for all sites including cloud-based Pabx
- 4.2.6 VPN access to the MEGA infrastructure
- 4.2.7 Corporate APN solution
- 4.2.8 Service Management

### **4.3 MPLS Conceptual Design**

- 4.3.1 Below is the conceptual design in line with current MEGA requirements. The design must allow for scalability whenever MEGA requirements change from time to time.

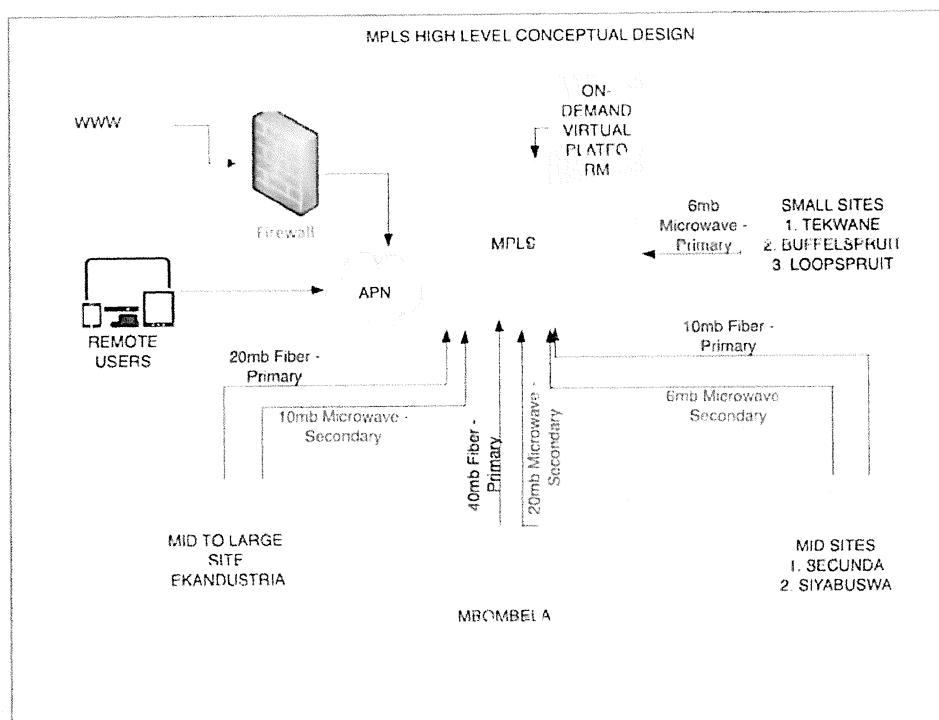


Figure 1: MEGA Conceptual Network diagram

#### 4.4 Cloud Hosting

- 4.4.1 To provide an on-demand hosted platform for MEGA systems which will also be used as DR for on-premise hosted applications.
- 4.4.2 Below is the conceptual design of the on-demand hosted cloud platform. The design must allow for scalability whenever MEGA requirements change from time to time.

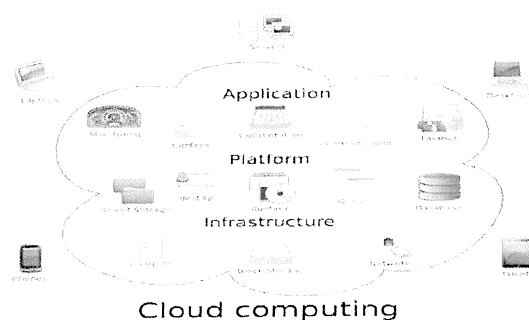


Figure 2: Cloud hosting conceptual design

#### 4.5 VoIP Conceptual Design

- 4.5.1 To provide a VoIP solution for all MEGA sites with central management.
- 4.5.2 Below is the conceptual design of the VOIP platform. The design must allow for scalability whenever MEGA requirements change from time to time.

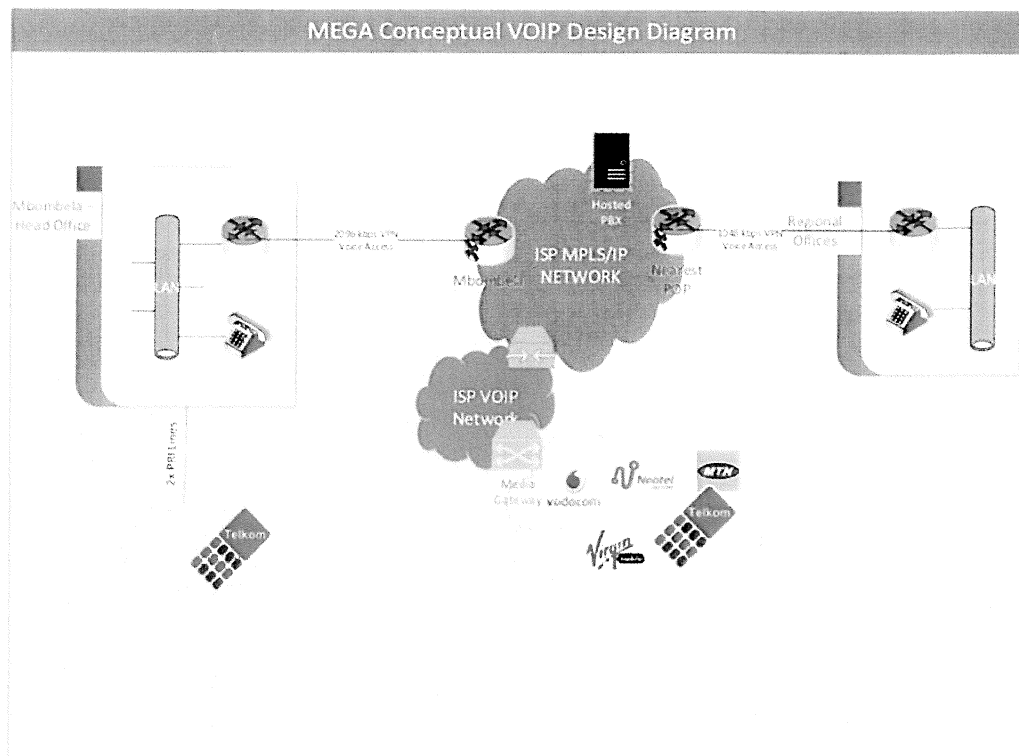


Figure 3: Mega Conceptual VoIP diagram

## 5. Detailed Specification

The detailed specification is based on current MEGA requirements and consideration should be placed on a scalable environment when scoping the solution.

No	Item	Q	Minimum Specification				Requirement
1.	Dedicated Internet Access (DIA)	1	60 Mb				To cater to web users in line with traffic requirements. This includes Primary and redundant Cisco 2911 or better
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Data Lines bandwidth with Quality of Service (QoS) for Voice and critical system</li> <li>Fully managed MPLS VPN network between all Sites</li> <li>Fault-tolerant design that has a high level of availability</li> </ul>	5	Office	No. of Users	Primary Medium (Fibre)	Redundant Medium (Microwave)	
			Nelspruit (HQ)	150	40 Mb	20 Mb	
			Ekadustria	30	20 Mb	10 Mb	
			Secunda	10	10 Mb	6 Mb	
			Siyabuswa	10	10 Mb	6 Mb	
			Buffelspruit	10	-	6 Mb	
			Tekwane	10	-	6 Mb	
			Loopspruit	5	-	6 Mb	

3. Site Availability	1	Premium SLA (Maximum of 2 hrs Monthly Downtime)	
4. Replication Link to DR	1	Dedicated 4Mbps to our DR site ( <i>Mbombela will be used as DR site interchangeable with Hosted cloud platform</i> )	
5. Hosted Dedicated Firewall	2	Fail-over with VPN and Transparent Web Proxy services with AD integration.	100% availability
6. DNS		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Domain Registration Mega.gov.za; mega.co.za; Mega.com; Mega.net; SEZ domain</li> <li>2. 1 X MX record</li> <li>3. 2 X A record</li> <li>4. 6 public IP addresses</li> </ol>	
7. APN	1	500 GB	This must include a management system to manage bundles including reallocation. Scalable based on need
8. VOIP based Hosted PABX and VOIP Phones	1	<p>Setting up VoIP services for the following regional offices.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nelspruit x 150 users / 2 x PRI line/ 6 x 48 ports PoE switches</li> <li>2. Ekandustria x 30 users - 2 x 48 ports PoE switches</li> <li>3. Secunda x 10 users - 2 x 24 ports PoE switches</li> </ol> <p><u>Satellite offices</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Buffelspruit 10 users</li> <li>5. Tekwane 10 users</li> <li>6. Loopspruit 5 users</li> </ol>	This includes handsets in line with the number of users.

## 6. On-Demand Virtual Hosting

To provide a Virtual Hosting for dedicated virtual web or application server in a shared hosting environment to give MEGA a complete and robust IT cloud platform with the highest levels of availability, responsiveness, and full remote management capabilities. The platform should be on-demand, able to add or remove servers and server resources as required for a scalable solution but pay only for the resource's MEGA needs at any given time.



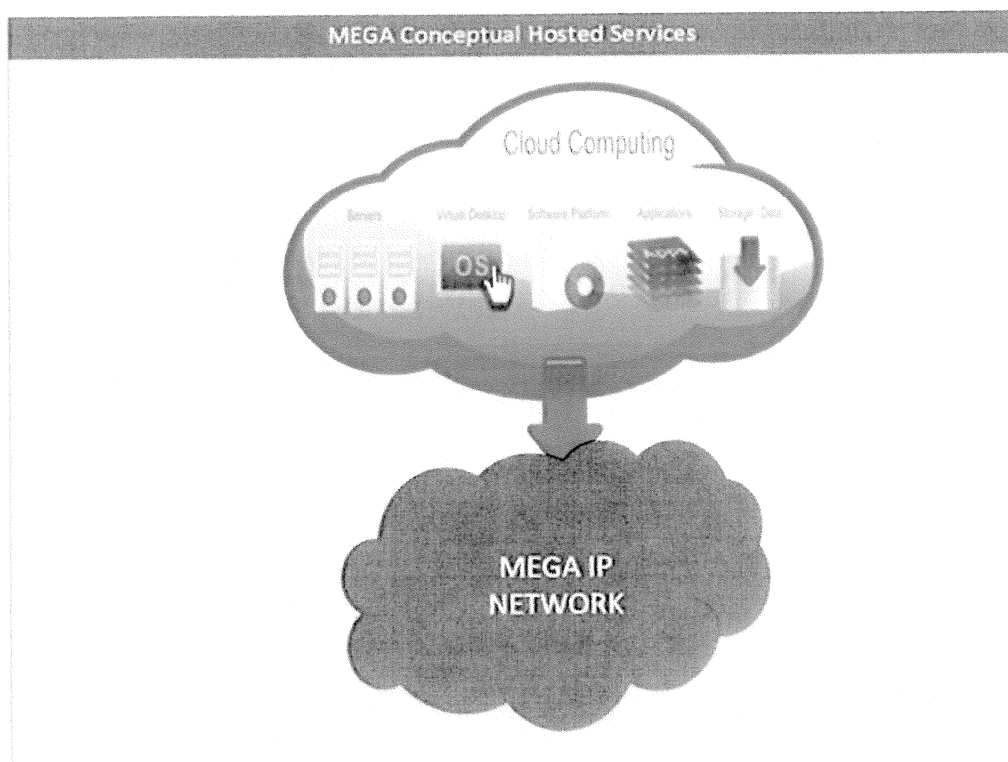


Figure 4: MEGA Conceptual Hosted Services

## 7. Hosted Exchange

To provide a managed premium email messaging service hosted and based on deployed on Microsoft Exchange Server technology. The hosted service must have the following features: storage, personal and shared calendars/contacts/tasks/rules/folders, Outlook Web Access, mobility, deleted Item Retention, security, and business continuity. The following additional service must be quoted separately as an add-on: Email archiving, Email encryption, Intelligent routing, Email branding, Email migration, and Mobile Email.

## 8. Dedicated Hosted Firewall

To provide a dedicated firewall solution for MEGA providing security services as one complete perimeter security package.

8.1 The dedicated firewall solution must consist of:

- 8.1.1 Firewall (optional failover/high-availability)
- 8.1.2 Intrusion Prevention
- 8.1.3 Network Anti-Virus
- 8.1.4 Web Content Filter

## 9. Virtual Private Network (VPN)

- 9.1 It is a MEGA requirement that employees working in a remote location or away from the office need secured connectivity. To keep things running efficiently, the people working in those locations need a fast, secure, and reliable way to share information across computer networks. In addition, traveling employees need an equally secure and reliable way to connect to their business's computer network from remote locations and access critical data on a secured platform.
- 9.2 MEGA seeks to implement a secured VPN service with a 2-factor authentication SSL VPN. The VPN will cater to mobile and home users across multiple locations. The APN must consist of a 500-gigabyte pool of data managed by MEGA. MEGA should be enabled to top up more data if the bundle is depleted at any point during the monthly cycle.
- 9.3 The APN must be connected to the MEGA MPLS VPN network and utilize the Dedicated Internet Access (DIA) for breakout to the internet and subjected to the MEGA firewall security access at all times.

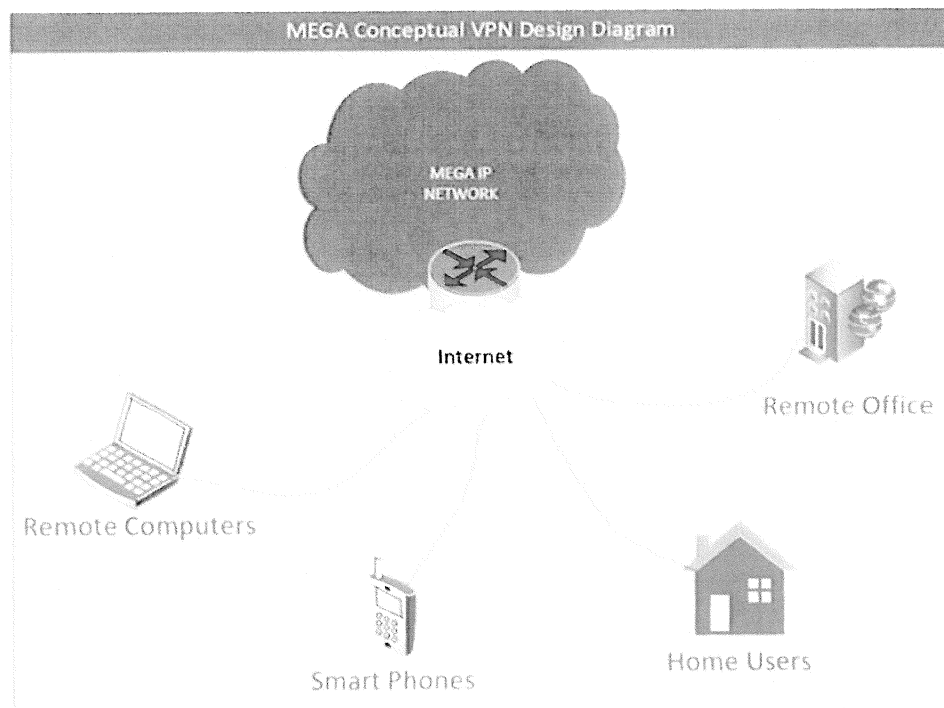


Figure 5: VPN Conceptual Design

## 10. Hardware Specification

10.1 MEGA currently has an aging IT Server infrastructure that requires a complete upgrade. The current servers are out of warranty and can fail at any moment thus render IT services unreliable. MEGA will require the following hardware installed and with onsite 48 hours repair/replace and a three (3) year warranty rent to own contract.

### 10.2 Bill of Quantities

10.2.1 This Bill of Quantities shall be read in conjunction with the entire specification and serves as the basis to quantify the specification requirements.

No.:	Location	Equipment Required	Qty
1.	Mbombela	Dell PowerEdge R830 Rack Server <i>or similar</i> . (Each with minimum 96 GB of RAM, Quad processor, 1tb Internal storage extendable up to 10tb)	x2
		SAN Storage (40tb raw storage) with Raid 5 configuration	x1
		48 ports POE Switches	x6
		IP Telephones handsets	X200
2.	Ekandustria	48 ports POE Switches	x2
		IP Telephones handsets	X40
3.	Secunda	24 ports POE Switches	x2
		IP Telephones handsets	X30
4.	Siyabuswa	24 ports POE Switches	X2
		IP Telephones handsets	X10
5.	Satellite Sites X 3 (Tekwane, Loopspruit, Buffelspruit)	24 ports POE Switches	X3
		IP Telephones handsets	X 10
6.	All offices	UPS with minimum capacity of 14 minutes for all service provider owned hardware	
7.	All sites	All hardware should be under on-site warranty for the duration of the contractual period	

## 11. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

11.1 View access to service provider monitoring systems.

11.2 Compliance to the MEGA IT policies and procedures.

11.3 Reports to be provided on monthly basis and as and when required by the MEGA.

## 12. Data Center Checklist

No.	Requirement	Yes	No	Comments
1	Is the Data Center (DC) located in a secured area with manned gates and security access?			
2.	Does the DC keep records for all access to the DC.			
3.	Physical DC security access with one or combination of the following (access cards, PIN and biometric access control)			
4.	On-site digital video camera surveillance			
5.	Is the data center share the same building with other offices, especially offices not owned by the organization?			
6.	Multiple DC sites in geographically diverse locations for true disaster recovery strategy (at least 20 km apart) Address to be provided			
7.	DC is sufficiently distanced from major airports, banks, refineries, nuclear, military & intelligence facilities, dams, etc			
8.	DC provides temporary workspace to use in the event of a crisis or if customer's regular workspace is inaccessible or out of service (with Free wireless access)			
9.	24 x 7 customer access - ability to work overnight & weekends in the event of a disaster			
10.	DC provides complete long-term power redundancy and back-up UPS systems			
11.	Entire facility backed by on-site generators in the event of area/regional power outage			
12.	Periodically testing of Generators and load tested at least quarterly (Provide records)			
13.	48-hour on-site generator fuel capacity			
14.	Quarterly checks on smoke and fire suppression systems (Fire certificate)			
15.	Water sensors in the data center floor			
16.	Monitoring of Environmental controls such as heating, cooling and ventilation at all times			
17.	Fully redundant cooling systems			
18.	On-site war room/disaster recovery space to accommodate key staff in the event of a disaster			
19.	Annual DC recovery testing.			
20.	All cabinets are lockable and are built with 5 sides including top.			

**Note:** The bidder must ensure that they provide the required response/ information for each service category the bidder is bidding for.

### **13. PROJECT TIMELINES**

13.1 The appointed service provider(s) will be required to start immediately after signing the contract and provide the services for three (3) years subject to an annual review of a service provider's performance. MEGA reserves the right to extend the term of appointment for a longer period not longer than 12 months.

### **14. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

#### **14.1 THE ADJUDICATION METHOD**

The three-stage tender evaluation and awarding process will be used to adjudicate the tender documents that will be submitted by potential bidders. The stages are described as being;

- Stage 1 - Responsiveness assessment: Tenders evaluated for responsiveness based on the mandatory requirements stated.
- Stage 2 - Functionality assessment
- Stage 3 – Quantitative assessment: Financial offer (tender price) evaluation and Empowerment adjudication: Evaluation of the bidder's scores for the price submitted and scoring of bidders on their BBEEE certification. A bidder scoring the highest points in terms of price and BBEE ratings will be recommended for appointment. 80/20 evaluation criteria will be used for this bid.

#### **Appointment of a preferred bidder(s)**

Subject to the provisions of MEGA Supply Chain Management Policy and the Procurement regulations of 2017,

**MEGA reserves the right to:**

- appoint one or more bidder(s) to provide the required service. **(Where MEGA appoints more than one bidder, a maximum of four (4) bidders will be appointed based on the ranking of the price and B-BBEE contribution evaluation scores)**
- where applicable, negotiate the final fee or rates with the preferred bidder(s)

- MEGA reserves the right to consider the guidelines and prescribed hourly remuneration rates for consultants as provided in the **National Treasury Instruction 01 of 2013/2014: Cost Containment Measures**, where relevant.

#### 14.2 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

All the submitted proposals will be assessed for compliance with the mandatory requirements as listed below:

**TABLE A: MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS	
(Failure to meet the below requirement(s), the bidder will be disqualified)	
1.	In case of a Joint Venture, an original or original certified copy of the joint / partnership agreement must be attached
2.	Fully completed pricing schedule
3.	Fully completed, signed Standard bidding documents (SBD1; SBD4; SBD6.1; SBD6.2; SBD 8 and SBD9)
4.	Letter of authority to sign the bidding documents
5.	Certified copies of Directors' or Shareholders Identity documents
6.	Proof registration on Central Supply Database (Detailed report)
7.	Letter of approval by the Executive Authority to do business if the entity has a member(s) who is / are Government employees
8.	Bidders who submit information that is fraudulent, factually untrue or inaccurate;

### 7.3 FUNCTIONALITY ASSESSMENT

The following criteria will be applied for the evaluation of the bidders. Bidders are therefore requested to submit information listed in the table below to enable MEGA to evaluate the capability and capacity of the bidding entity.

No.	Criterion	Expected Response	Weight
1.	<b>Bidder's Previous experience</b>	<p><i>The bidder must have demonstrable experience in the service categories that they are offering. Suitably qualified and proven verifiable experienced ICT Service providers in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a) VoIP Implementation</i></li> <li><i>b) Secure Virtual Hosting with cloud monitor and manager</i></li> <li><i>c) Fibre and Microwave connection specialists</i></li> <li><i>d) VPN and APN specialists</i></li> <li><i>e) Service management</i></li> <li><i>f) MPLS specialists</i></li> </ul> <p><i>The bidder must provide details of recent transactions/ matters they have handled for each service category.</i></p>	40
2.	<b>Recommendation or reference letters</b>	<p><i>The bidder must provide reference/ recommendation letter(s) from a client(s) where the bidder recently rendered services similar to the envisaged Hosted service specification.</i></p> <p><i>The bidder must also furnish MEGA with relevant contact details of its key clients for reference check purposes.</i></p>	20
3.	<b>Qualifications and experience in the ICT infrastructure hosting</b>	<p><i>The bidder must have an experienced and qualified team in all its service offering categories.</i></p> <p><i>The bidders must submit, as part of its proposal, the following:</i></p>	30

No.	Criterion	Expected Response	Weight
4	Skills Transfer Plan to MEGA employees	MEGA intends promoting the transformation of the IT division through inclusive development. Bidders are required to indicate their commitment to assist MEGA through this tender / contract by indicating their plans to support this objective of MEGA. Please indicate your detailed commitment plan in this regard.	10

Each criterion will be evaluated on a scale of 0 to 5 which shall be scored as indicated in the table below:

$$\text{Criterion Points scored} = \frac{\text{score (0 to 5)}}{5} \times \text{Weight of the Criterion}$$

Response	Score	Minimum assessment criteria
No response	0	The bidder does not include the relevant information required in the bid document.
Very poor	1	The bidder submits <u>relevant</u> information but is either incomplete or <u>lacks significantly</u> in addressing the expected response.
Poor	2	The bidder submits <u>relevant</u> information but is either incomplete or <u>somewhat lacking</u> in addressing the expected response.
Adequate	3	The bidder provides <u>sufficient information</u> as expected that addresses the required response adequately.
Very good	4	The bidder provides <u>more than sufficient</u> information which demonstrates superior (more than adequate/average) experience and knowledge to address the required response.
Excellent	5	The bidder provides more than sufficient information which demonstrates superior (more than adequate/average) experience and knowledge to address the required response. In addition, the bidder provides <u>innovative solutions and/or approach</u> to address the identified problem(s)

**A bidder who scores less than 60 points will not be accepted to participate in this bid.**



# 15. PRICING SCHEDULE

## PRICING SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN - 7A

<u>Item</u>	<u>Key personnel</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Estimated time in hours (for evaluation purposes)</u>	<u>Rate per hour</u>	<u>Total (time x rate)</u>
1			500	R	R
2			500	R	R
3			500	R	R
4			500	R	R
5			500	R	R
6			500	R	R
7			500	R	R
8			500	R	R
SJB - TOTAL FEES (1)					

# **PRICING SCHEDULE**

## **PRICING SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN -- DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER LEGAL EXPENSES -- 7B**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item description</b>	<b>Average rate per kilometer</b>	<b>Estimated km's (for evaluation purposes)</b>	<b>total (km's x rate)</b>
<b>1.</b>	Travelling expenses		5,000	R
<b>2.</b>	Other Travelling expenses claimed must be supported by proof / receipt of such travelling expense eg. Tollgate fees			NIL
<b>3.</b>	Other Accommodation expenses claimed on the invoice must be supported by proof / receipt from the Hotel or Guest House			NIL
<b>4.</b>	Other legal and relevant expenses claimed must be supported by proof / receipt of such an expense			NIL
<b>SUB - TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (2)</b>				

**PRICING SCHEDULE SUMMARY – 7C**

SUB-TOTAL FOR FEE (1)	R.....
SUB-TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND OTHER LEGAL EXPENSES (2)	R.....
SUB-TOTAL PRICE (excl VAT)	R.....
ADD 15% VAT	R.....
TOTAL TENDER PRICE (Incl VAT)	R.....
TOTAL TENDER OFFER - TO BE STATED UNDER SBD1	R..... (Incl. VAT)
Tender Offer (in words): .....	
.....	
Name: .....	Signed:..... Date:.....
Capacity: ..... Company name: .....	

## 16. CONFIDENTIALITY

This bid and all information in connection therewith shall be held in strict confidence by interested parties and usage of such information shall be limited to preparation of the bid.

## 17. ENQUIRIES

Enquiries related to this bid may be addressed via email on or before **31 August 2022** and time as indicated below:

All Supply Chain Management enquiries must be directed to:
Mrs Bridgett Mahlalela Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency Supply Chain Management Unit: 013 755 6328 <a href="mailto:Bridgett.mahlalela@mega.gov.za">Bridgett.mahlalela@mega.gov.za</a>

## 18. CLOSING DATE AND TIME

**Time: 12h00 pm South African Time (GMT +2.00)**

**Date: 08 September 2022**

## 19. METHOD AND PLACE OF SUBMISSION

All the Bid documents together with the supporting documents must be submitted on sealed envelope, marked with the Name of bidder, Bid number, Bid description and closing date and be deposited in the tender box as per closing date and time per bid above. The address is as follows:

MEGA Head Office  
Supply Chain Management Unit  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, ABSA Square Building  
20 Paul Kruger Street  
MBOMBELA  
1200

**All bidders are requested to submit the documents in two [2] formats, namely, one [1] original**

## **SECTION 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION**

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(To be completed by Respondent)

### Respondent Information

1. Name of company: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Company registration number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address of company:

Postal Address:

Street Address:

_____	_____
_____	_____

Company's internet address: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Contact person:

Name:

Designation:

Telephone number:

Fax number:

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5. Names of the directors of your company:

Name:

Designation:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
_____	_____

6. Total number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Declaration:

The information supplied in this document is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and accurately reflects the capability of:

(Company name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This bid is signed in my capacity as: \_\_\_\_\_

### **SECTION 3: TERMS AND CONDITIONS**



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**(To be read very carefully by respondent)**

### **Special conditions for the bid**

#### **1. INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS**

##### **1.1 Definitions**

The expressions defined below shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them unless inconsistent with the context of a particular proposal, agreement, contract or order.

1.1.1 "Company": Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency

1.1.2 "Closing date": the date and hour specified in the document

#### **2. BID INVITATION**

##### **2.1 Bid Preparation**

All costs in the preparation, presentation and demonstration will be on the account of the interested parties. All supporting documentation and manuals submitted in response to this bid will become "company's" property unless otherwise stated by the interested parties at the time of submission.

##### **2.2 Confidentiality**

The information obtained through this bid will be regarded as confidential, however, MEGA does not accept liability for any information which may become public.

### **2.3 Samples**

Interested parties may, as part of their response, submit samples, brochures or documentation of the products supplied by the interested parties. Samples, brochures and documentation submitted will be returned to the interested parties only on request.

### **2.4 Background checks**

MEGA reserves the right to request all relevant information, agreements and other documents to verify information supplied in the bid response. The bidder hereby gives consent to MEGA to conduct background checks on the bidding entity and any of its directors/ partners / trustees / shareholders / members

### **2.5 South African Based law firms**

MEGA promotes Local Production and Content, and for the purpose of this tender, MEGA reserves the right to only consider South African based law firms for appointment under this tender

## **3. BID**

### **3.1 Document requiring completion and return**

Interested parties must complete and submit the following documents as part of their response:

- a. Prescribed bid document
- b. Completed and signed SBD documents (SBD1, 4, 6.1, 6.2; 8 and 9)
- c. General conditions of contract
- d. Any information required in this bid

### **3.2 Amendment of documents by MEGA**

MEGA may, at any time prior to the deadline for lodging the bid, amend the documents or extend the time for lodging documents by notice in writing to the prospective Interested parties. (Any amendments under this clause will become part of the request for information).

#### **4. PREPARATION OF THE BID**

##### **4.1 Language of document**

The bid and all correspondence and documents related to the bid exchanged by the interested parties and MEGA shall be written in English.

#### **5. SUBMISSION OF THE BID**

##### **5.1 Address and marking of bid**

All bids must be:

- a) Enclosed in a plain envelope or wrapping and clearly marked with the bid number specified on the document.
- b) Lodged so as to ensure that they are received not later than the closing time and date specified for their receipt in accordance with directives issued with the document.

##### **5.2 Number of copies required**

The interested parties must submit 1 original copy and 1 soft copy (CD / memory stick).

##### **5.3 Closing date**

All bids close on the date and the time indicated in the document.

##### **5.4 Late submissions**

Bids are late if they are received at the address indicated in the document after closing time and date. MEGA will not consider any late bid(s).

## PART A INVITATION TO BID

<b>YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR THE BELOW MENTIONED TENDER OF THE MPUMALANGA ECONOMIC GROWTH AGENCY</b>					
<b>BID NUMBER:</b>	MEGA/ 2022 / 08	<b>CLOSING DATE:</b>	08 SEPTEMBER 2022	<b>CLOSING TIME:</b>	12:00 PM
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BID FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE ICT INFRASTRUCTURE HOSTING SOLUTION WITH MULTIPROTOCOL LABEL SWITCHING (MPLS) SOLUTION FOR THREE (3) YEARS.</b>				
<b>THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT.</b>					
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
<b>FORTH (4) FLOOR</b>					
<b>ABSA SQUARE BUILDING</b>					
<b>20 PAUL KRUGER STREET</b>					
<b>MBOMBELA</b>					
<b>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</b>					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
		TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input type="checkbox"/> No			<input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, WHO WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY?					
AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA) AND NAME THE APPLICABLE IN THE TICK BOX		<input type="checkbox"/>	AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA)		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS)		
		<input type="checkbox"/>	A REGISTERED AUDITOR		
		NAME:			
<b>[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMEs &amp; QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]</b>					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  [IF YES ANSWER PART B:3 BELOW ]	
<b>SIGNATURE OF BIDDER</b>			<b>DATE</b>		
<b>CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS          BID IS SIGNED (Attach proof of          authority to sign this bid; e.g.          resolution of directors, etc.)</b>					
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED</b>			<b>TOTAL BID PRICE (ALL INCLUSIVE)</b>		
<b>BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:</b>			<b>TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:</b>		
DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY	MEGA		CONTACT PERSON		
CONTACT PERSON	Mrs Bridgette Mahlalela		TELEPHONE NUMBER		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	013 755 6328 Ext 1077		FACSIMILE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER	013 755 6328		E-MAIL ADDRESS		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Bridgette.mahlalela@mega.gov.za				

## PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

<b>1.</b>	<b>BID SUBMISSION:</b>	
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.	
1.2.	ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR ONLINE	
1.3.	BIDDERS MUST REGISTER ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) TO UPLOAD MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS; AND BANKING INFORMATION FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES). B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.	
1.4.	WHERE A BIDDER IS NOT REGISTERED ON THE CSD, MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID DOCUMENTATION. B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.	
1.5.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER LEGISLATION OR SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.	
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.	
2.3	APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.	
2.4	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS TOGETHER WITH THE BID.	
2.5	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE PROOF OF TCS / PIN / CSD NUMBER.	
2.6	WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS</b>	
3.1.	IS THE BIDDER A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.2.	DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.3.	DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.4.	DOES THE BIDDER HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN, IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS / TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.</p>		

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.**

## BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

### 2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest<sup>1</sup> in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship

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<sup>1</sup> the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....  
 ...  
 .....

2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....  
 .....

### 3 DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ undersigned,  
 (name)..... in  
 submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following  
 statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>2</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

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<sup>2</sup> Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....  
Signature

.....  
Date

.....  
Position

.....  
Name of bidder



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

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

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

### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2

- a) The value of this bid is estimated not to exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80 / 20 preference point system shall be applicable; or
- b) The 80/20 preference point system will be applicable to this tender

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

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

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

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

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

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

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) "B-BBEE" means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section

1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

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

### 3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

**80/20**

**or**

**90/10**

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

Where

$P_s$  = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

$P_t$  = Price of bid under consideration

$P_{\min}$  = Price of lowest acceptable bid

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

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

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20

2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

## 5. BID DECLARATION

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

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

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

## 7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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- 7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

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

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017:

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

**8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM**

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

8.2 VAT \_\_\_\_\_ registration  
number:.....

8.3 Company \_\_\_\_\_ registration  
number:.....

**8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM**

Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium

One person business/sole propriety

Close corporation

Company

(Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

**8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

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.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

**8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION**

Manufacturer

Supplier

Professional service provider

Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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

8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;

- (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
- (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
- (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
- (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

## WITNESSES

1. ....

2. ....

.....  
SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDER(S)

DATE: .....

ADDRESS .....

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## DECLARATION CERTIFICATE FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT FOR DESIGNATED SECTORS

This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a declaration form for local content (local production and local content are used interchangeably).

Before completing this declaration, bidders must study the General Conditions, Definitions, Directives applicable in respect of Local Content as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 (Edition 1) and the Guidance on the Calculation of Local Content together with the Local Content Declaration Templates [Annex C (Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule), D (Imported Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annex C) and E (Local Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annex C)].

### 1. General Conditions

- 1.1. Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 (Regulation 8) make provision for the promotion of local production and content.
- 1.2. Regulation 8.(2) prescribes that in the case of designated sectors, organs of state must advertise such tenders with the specific bidding condition that only locally produced or manufactured goods, with a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content will be considered.
- 1.3. Where necessary, for tenders referred to in paragraph 1.2 above, a two stage bidding process may be followed, where the first stage involves a minimum threshold for local production and content and the second stage price and B-BBEE.
- 1.4. A person awarded a contract in relation to a designated sector, may not sub-contract in such a manner that the local production and content of the overall value of the contract is reduced to below the stipulated minimum threshold.
- 1.5. The local content (LC) expressed as a percentage of the bid price must be calculated in accordance with the SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286: 2011 as follows:

$$LC = [1 - x / y] * 100$$

Where

x is the imported content in Rand

y is the bid price in Rand excluding value added tax (VAT)

Prices referred to in the determination of x must be converted to Rand (ZAR) by using the exchange rate published by South African Reserve Bank (SARB) on the date of advertisement of the bid as indicated in paragraph 3.1 below.

**The SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 is accessible on [http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial development/ip.jsp](http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial%20development/ip.jsp) at no cost.**

1.6. A bid may be disqualified if this Declaration Certificate and the Annex C (Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule) are not submitted as part of the bid documentation;

2. The stipulated minimum threshold(s) for local production and content (refer to Annex A of SATS 1286:2011) for this bid is/are as follows:

<u>Description of services, works or goods</u>	<u>Stipulated minimum threshold</u>
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %

3. Does any portion of the goods or services offered have any imported content?

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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3.1 If yes, the rate(s) of exchange to be used in this bid to calculate the local content as prescribed in paragraph 1.5 of the general conditions must be the rate(s) published by SARB for the specific currency on the date of advertisement of the bid.

The relevant rates of exchange information is accessible on [www.resbank.co.za](http://www.resbank.co.za)

Indicate the rate(s) of exchange against the appropriate currency in the table below (refer to Annex A of SATS 1286:2011):

<b>Currency</b>	<b>Rates of exchange</b>
US Dollar	
Pound Sterling	
Euro	
Yen	
Other	

NB: Bidders must submit proof of the SARB rate (s) of exchange used.

4. Where, after the award of a bid, challenges are experienced in meeting the stipulated minimum threshold for local content the dti must be informed accordingly in order for the dti to verify and in consultation with the AO/AA provide directives in this regard.

**LOCAL CONTENT DECLARATION**  
**(REFER TO ANNEX B OF SATS 1286:2011)**

**LOCAL CONTENT DECLARATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR OTHER LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE PERSON NOMINATED IN WRITING BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR SENIOR MEMBER/PERSON WITH MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY (CLOSE CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR INDIVIDUAL)**

**IN RESPECT OF BID NO. ....**

**ISSUED BY: (Procurement Authority / Name of Institution):**

NB

- 1 The obligation to complete, duly sign and submit this declaration cannot be transferred to an external authorized representative, auditor or any other third party acting on behalf of the bidder.
- 2 Guidance on the Calculation of Local Content together with Local Content Declaration Templates (Annex C, D and E) is accessible on [http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial\\_development/ip.jsp](http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial_development/ip.jsp). Bidders should first complete Declaration D. After completing Declaration D, bidders should complete Declaration E and then consolidate the information on Declaration C. **Declaration C should be submitted with the bid documentation at the closing date and time of the bid in order to substantiate the declaration made in paragraph (c) below.** Declarations D and E should be kept by the bidders for verification purposes for a period of at least 5 years. The successful bidder is required to continuously update Declarations C, D and E with the actual values for the duration of the contract.

I, the undersigned, ..... (full names),  
do hereby declare, In my capacity as .....  
of ..... (name of bidder  
entity), the following:

- (a) The facts contained herein are within my own personal knowledge.
- (b) I have satisfied myself that:
  - (i) the goods/services/works to be delivered in terms of the above-specified bid comply with the minimum local content requirements as specified in the bid, and as measured in terms of SATS 1286:2011; and
- (c) The local content percentage (%) indicated below has been calculated using the formula given in clause 3 of SATS 1286:2011, the rates of exchange indicated in paragraph 3.1 above and the information contained in Declaration D and E which has been consolidated in Declaration C:

Bid price, excluding VAT (y)	R
Imported content (x), as calculated in terms of SATS 1286:2011	R
Stipulated minimum threshold for local content (paragraph 3 above)	
Local content %, as calculated in terms of SATS 1286:2011	

**If the bid is for more than one product, the local content percentages for each product contained in Declaration C shall be used instead of the table above.**

**The local content percentages for each product has been calculated using the formula given in clause 3 of SATS 1286:2011, the rates of exchange indicated in paragraph 3.1 above and the information contained in Declaration D and E.**

- (d) I accept that the Procurement Authority / Institution has the right to request that the local content be verified in terms of the requirements of SATS 1286:2011.
- (e) I understand that the awarding of the bid is dependent on the accuracy of the information furnished in this application. I also understand that the submission of incorrect data, or data that are not verifiable as described in SATS 1286:2011, may result in the Procurement Authority / Institution imposing any or all of the remedies as provided for in Regulation 14 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017



promulgated under the Preferential Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS No. 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS No. 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).  The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website( <a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a> ) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website ( <a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a> ) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:
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### CERTIFICATION

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

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

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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**Position**

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**Name of Bidder**

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**CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids<sup>1</sup> invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).<sup>2</sup> Collusive bidding is a *per se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
  - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
  - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

<sup>1</sup> Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

<sup>2</sup> Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

**CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

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(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

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(Name of Institution)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
  - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
  - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
  - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder

6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>3</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
  - (a) prices;
  - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
  - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
  - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
  - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
  - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

<sup>3</sup> Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

10 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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# **THE NATIONAL TREASURY**

**Republic of South Africa**



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## **GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

**July 2010**



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**NOTES**

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

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

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## **General Conditions of Contract**

### **1. Definitions**

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
  - 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
  - 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
  - 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
  - 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
  - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
  - 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
  - 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
  - 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
  - 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
  - 1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
  - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the

RSA.

- 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such

obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

- 1.25 “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

## **2. Application**

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

## **3. General**

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from [www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za)

## **4. Standards**

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

## **5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.**

- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier’s performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier’s records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

## **6. Patent rights**

- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

**7. Performance security**

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
- (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
  - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

**8. Inspections, tests and analyses**

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or

analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

## **9. Packing**

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

## **10. Delivery and documents**

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

## **11. Insurance**

- 11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

## **12. Transportation**

- 12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

## **13. Incidental services**

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
  - (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
  - (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

#### **14. Spare parts**

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

- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
  - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
  - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

#### **15. Warranty**

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take



such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

**16. Payment**

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

**17. Prices**

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

**18. Contract amendments**

- 18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

**19. Assignment**

- 19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

**20. Subcontracts**

- 20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

**21. Delays in the supplier's performance**

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the

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

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

## **22. Penalties**

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

## **23. Termination for default**

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- (a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any

person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:

- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
- (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
- (iii) the period of restriction; and
- (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

#### **24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights**

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which

may be due to him

**25. Force Majeure**

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

**26. Termination for insolvency**

- 26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

**27. Settlement of Disputes**

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
- (a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
  - (b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

**28. Limitation of liability**

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

	(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.
<b>29. Governing language</b>	29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.
<b>30. Applicable law</b>	30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
<b>31. Notices</b>	<p>31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice</p> <p>31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.</p>
<b>32. Taxes and duties</b>	<p>32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.</p> <p>32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.</p> <p>32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.</p>
<b>33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)</b>	33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
<b>34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices</b>	<p>34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).</p> <p>34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.</p>

- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

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