

# NATIONAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION SOC LTD (NHFC)

**BID NUMBER: RL02/12/2025**

BID DESCRIPTION: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPUTABLE SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT SOLUTION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS



Issued by:
NHFC 90 Grayston Drive 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 90 Grayston Sandton

**Full Name of Bidding/Tendering Entity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advert Date:** 05 December 2025

**Non-Compulsory Briefing Session:** 13 January 2026 11:00 (Via MS Teams)

**Meeting ID: 329 802 198 760 8**

**Passcode: z3h4Rn2Q**

**Closing Date and Time:** 29 January 2026 at 11:00  
**(No late submissions will be considered)**

**Bid enquiries:** [Tenders01@nhfc.co.za](mailto:Tenders01@nhfc.co.za)

**Bidder's Authorised Signatory:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Initials and Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

## BID DOCUMENTS CHECK LIST:

The contents of the BID document must be as follows, and numbered as per the numbering below, with each schedule punched, placed in a file and separated from the next schedule with a file divider. Please complete the checklist below to verify your submission of the relevant documents:

Schedules	Description	Submitted – Indicate YES or NO
Annexure 1	Tax Compliance Status Pin	
Annexure 2	Copies of Company Registration Documents	
Annexure 3	Copy of Valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn Affidavit.	
Annexure 4	Current Central Supplier Database Report Copy	
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Annexure 10	Resolution to Sign	
Annexure 11	Signed or Initialized General Conditions of Contract (GCC)	
Annexure 12	One (1) original hard copy and a soft copy of the RFP (USB) must be submitted in a sealed envelope, appropriately addressed.	
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## 1. Overview of the Bidding Process

The bidding process shall comprise of 4 main stages:

- **Stage 1: Administrative Requirements** - which involves completing and submitting certain documents/information which will be considered when evaluating the proposal.
- **Stage 2: Mandatory Requirements** – Bidders who fail to meet the mandatory requirements will be disqualified
- **Stage 3: Functionality Evaluation phase** – Bidders are required to score a **minimum of 70 points** to qualify for the next evaluation phase.
- **Stage 4: Evaluation based on the Price and Preference Points** - Bidder will be subjected to Preferential Procurement Framework Act.

**NB: All submission (bid documents) must be in the name of the service provider.**

## 2. Tender Conditions

- This bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000, the general conditions of contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other legislation or special conditions of contract.
- The lowest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted.
- NHFC reserves the right to reject submitted proposal if deemed necessary. Should it be discovered by the NHFC that the bidder did not act in good faith and/or has declared incorrectly/falsely, NHFC reserves the right to disqualify or reject the bid.
- The NHFC reserves the right to disqualify a bid proposal if the bidders' proposal is not compliant with the scope of work/terms of reference.
- The bidder is subjected to due-diligence process which includes, screening, vetting, and/or any best practice necessary for the NHFC to comply with legislation and its Policies and Procedures. Due diligence and PEP checks will also be conducted on the successful bidder.
- The NHFC reserves the right to disqualify a bid if the bidder fails to provide reasonable request (s) for documentation/information which the NHFC deems necessary for the purpose of evaluation within reasonable timelines this includes the set deadline per request,
- Bid rigging/collusive behaviour by the bidder will result in disqualification. A bidder is not permitted to submit proposal from more than one registered company with a common director/shareholder.
- The NHFC deems the Bidder has read and accepted the General Conditions of Contract.
- Bidders must submit the bid in a hard copy format and a soft copy of the RFP (USB). The soft copy of these original sets of bid documents serves as the legal bid contract document and the master record between the bidder and the NHFC.
- In the event of any discrepancy between the evaluation copies and the master (original Soft copy) record, the master record will supersede the hard copy. Any discrepancy between the original sets deposited to the NHFC and that kept by the bidder, the original set deposited with the NHFC is the master contract for both parties.

- The NHFC undertakes to pay out within 30 days from issuance of substantiated invoices issued in terms of this appointment (Payment schedule as defined in the service level agreement). No payment will be made on outstanding information not submitted by the service provider. Service provider must maintain an updated tax compliant status for the duration of the contract.
- The cost of compiling a Proposal is and remains the prospective service provider's own cost and will not be paid for by NHFC.
- The successful bidder (s) will be required to sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA), in terms of which the service provider's performance will be measured and managed.
- NHFC has zero tolerance for reputational harm. The bidder hereby gives consent to the NHFC to conduct background checks on the bidding entity and any of its directors / partners / trustees / shareholders /members/employees. The NHFC reserves the right to consider the information arising from such background check as part of the tender evaluation process.
- The NHFC reserves the right to reject submitted proposal(s) if it discovers that the bidder (or its directors/members) has any serious adverse reports, whether confirmed by a court or not, such as:
  - Being cited as aiding and abetting state capture,
  - Involvement in fraud and / or corrupt activities;
  - Misrepresenting audit outcomes of an organisation;
  - Listed on the National Treasury restricted database;
  - Being under investigation or facing allegations that may result in criminal charges; or
  - Any report as a result of which the NHFC may suffer reputational harm in any way by doing business with the bidder.

## SBD 1 INVITATION TO BID – PART A

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE NHFC SOC LTD.					
BID NUMBER:	RL02/12/2025	CLOSING DATE:	29 January 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPUTABLE SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT VULNERABILITY MANAGEMENT SOLUTION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
<b>90 Grayston Drive, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor 90 Grayston Building, Sandton</b>					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Khensani Zungu		CONTACT PERSON		
TELEPHONE NUMBER			TELEPHONE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:Tenders01@nhfc.co.za">Tenders01@nhfc.co.za</a>		E-MAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:Tenders01@nhfc.co.za">Tenders01@nhfc.co.za</a>	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]	
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					

☐

IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?

YES      NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?

YES ☐ NO ☐

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?

☐ YES ☐ NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?

☐ YES ☐ NO

IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?

YES ☐ NO ☐

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

### 1. BID SUBMISSION:

- 1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
- 1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED– (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
- 1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
- 1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).

### 2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE [WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA](http://WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA).
- 2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
- 2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: .....

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED: .....

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:.....

## TENDER CONDITIONS

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### **3. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) The word “Bidder” in these conditions shall mean and include any firm of Contractors, Suppliers, Service Providers or any company or body incorporated or unincorporated.
- (b) The word “Employer” in these conditions shall mean the NHFC.

### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- a) Submission of the following Signed and Completed Standard Bid Documents (SBD) Forms
  - SBD 1: Bidders Information
  - SBD 3.3: Pricing Schedule
  - SBD 4: Bidders Disclosure
  - SBD 6.1: Preference Points Claim Form in terms of preferential procurement
  - SBD 7.2: Contract form - Rendering of Services
- b) Tax Compliance Status Pin (TCS Pin);
- c) Copy of Valid B-BBEE Certificate/ Sworn Affidavit (B-BBEE certificate issued by a SANAS accredited agency and the Sworn Affidavit signed by a commissioner of oaths and deponents);
- d) Proof of Company Registration;
- e) Identity Documents for Directors;
- f) Current Copy of Central Supplier Database (CSD) Report;
- g) Signed or initial General Conditions of Contract (GCC);
- h) Protection of personal information Consent form
- i) Consent For Credit and World Checks (form 1,2,3,4)
- j) Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement

**NB:** if the bidder failed to comply with any of the Administrative Compliance Requirements, or if the NHFC is unable to verify whether the Administrative Compliance Requirements are met, then the NHFC reserves the right to:

- Accept the bid for evaluation on condition that the bidder submits within 7 working days from date of correspondence any supplementary information to achieve full compliance on Administrative Compliance Requirements. Please ensure that the submitted information is clear, concise, and directly addresses the specified criteria. Failure to provide the requested information by the deadline will result in your bid not being evaluated further.

All forms, annexures and addendums shall be signed and completed and returned with the Bid Document as a whole. The lowest or any Bid will not necessarily be accepted.



## 5. BID DOCUMENT

- (a) The bid document must be completed in all respects in non-erasable ink.
- (b) Bids must be submitted on original bid documents.
- (c) Bid documents must remain intact and no portion may be detached.

## 6. PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR BIDS AND WITHDRAWAL OF BID AFTER CLOSING DATE

All Bids must remain valid for a period of **120** days from the closing date as stipulated in the Bid document.

## 7. VALUE ADDED TAX

In calculating the cost of the supply and delivery of services and / or materials, the supplier will issue a "Tax Invoice" for all services rendered and / or materials supplied, which will reflect the exclusive cost of such services, goods or materials with the relevant Value Added Tax being added to the total. VAT must be included in the Bid price but must be shown separately.

## 8. AUTHORITY TO SIGN BID DOCUMENTS

In the case of a Bid being submitted on behalf of a company, close corporation, or partnership, evidence must be submitted to the Employer at the time of submission of the Bid that the Bid has been signed by persons properly authorised thereto by resolution of the directors or under the articles of the entity.

## 9. SUBMITTING OF BIDS

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked **"Request for Proposals for the appointment of a reputable service provider to provide vulnerability management solution to implement, support, and maintenance for a period of three (3) years"**

" The Bid must be deposited in the bid box during normal office hours viz. 08:30 – 16:30 Mondays to Fridays at the below address:

National Housing Finance Corporation  
90 Grayston Drive  
5<sup>TH</sup> Floor Reception  
Sandton Johannesburg

## 10. CLOSING DATE AND TIME

Bid should reach the above address for submission by no later than 29 January 2026 at 11:00

**No late bids will be accepted or considered**

## 11. BID ENQUIRIES

Please refer all enquiries to the below mentioned persons for assistance during normal office hours viz. 08:30 – 16:30 Mondays to Fridays.

Bidding Procedure Enquires

Name: Khensani Zungu

Email address: [Tenders01@nhfc.co.za](mailto:Tenders01@nhfc.co.za)

## 12. JOINT VENTURE REQUIREMENTS

**DEFINITION:-** “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.

Should a group of companies/firms and/or interested parties wish to enter into a joint venture/consortium agreement, the following minimum requirements must be met:-

- (a) a properly signed copy of the joint venture/consortium agreement must be attached.
- (b) each member of the joint venture/consortium must provide a Tax Clearance Certificate.
- (c) after the award of a contract to a joint venture/consortium, the successful joint venture group or consortium must provide a combined joint venture/consortium Tax Clearance Certificate.
- (d) after the award of a contract to a joint venture/consortium, the successful joint venture group or consortium must provide the details of the joint venture / consortium banking details.
- (e) a trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for preference points as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits the required proof for claiming preference points.
- (f) a trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for preference points as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits the required proof for claiming preference points as if they were a group structure.

## 13. THE JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING: -

- (a) Who the managing member will be.
- (b) Who the signatory of authority will be.
- (c) How the joint venture/consortium share of profit will be split.
- (d) The bank account details where payments will be deposited into.
- (e) The agreement must be signed by all parties.
- (f) The agreement must be certified by a Commissioner of Oaths.
- (g) The postal and physical address where all correspondence will be sent to.

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The NHFC is a public entity listed as Schedule 3A of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) of 1999 (as amended). The entity was established by the National Department of Human Settlements (NDOHS) as a development finance institution (DFI) in 1996, with the mandate of broadening access to affordable housing for the low- and middle-income households. NHFC as a national public entity adheres to the regulatory framework of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) of 1999.

The NHFC operates largely as a wholesale funder providing funding in the affordable housing market through a network of clients that include social housing institutions, property developers and investors, contractors as well as non-banking financial retail intermediaries. In addition, it facilitates national implementation of a housing subsidy programme on behalf of the Department of Human Settlements which is focused on providing a subsidy for aspiring first-time homeowners, known as the First Home Finance Programme. The entity also provides programme management services to augment capacity of provincial and local government in the implementation of various housing programmes. The company operates nationally mostly through intermediaries operating in the four (4) main financing channels, namely, the residential developer financing channel, the Social Housing institution /Other Delivery Agents (ODAs) financing channel, the contractor financing channel as well as the incremental housing intermediary financing channel. In addition to providing loans to its intermediary partners, the company also provides other forms of funding in the form of strategic investments such as equity and quasi equity to certain niche businesses in the affordable housing value chain.

As the human settlements DFI, NHFC supports the NDOHS in its objective to achieve its constitutional mandate of human settlements delivery throughout the country. The National Department of Human Settlements has committed itself to the establishment of a Human Settlements Development Bank ("HSDB") in support of the entire human settlements' delivery value-chain. In this regard, NHFC is in transition phase to becoming the HSDB. The process of establishing the HSDB entails approval by the relevant authorities of the HSDB Policy, HSDB Business Case and the draft HSDB Bill. After this step, the HSDB Enabling Legislation will be considered by Parliament and once passed by Parliament and signed into law by the President, NHFC will become the HSDB. The timeframe for full establishment of HSDB is yet to be determined.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

The National Housing Finance Corporation (NHFC) is inviting proposals from bidders for the provision, implementation, and support of a cloud-native vulnerability management solution for a period of three years. This initiative aims to enhance the organization's cybersecurity posture across its cloud environments and integrated digital platforms. NHFC had a service provider to scan the environment for vulnerabilities on a regular basis, and the contract has recently ended. This Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks to align with our strategic objectives by implementing a dedicated vulnerability management solution for the NHFC IT environment. This solution should also include the capability to deploy patches to vulnerable devices.

The NHFC has also adopted a hybrid working model, combining remote work and physical work from the office. The dynamic environment in which NHFC operates requires flexibility in relation to growth, and the preferred bidder will be required to accommodate movements, additions, and changes on a national scale.

## **3. OBJECTIVE**

**The objective of the service is as follows.**

- ❖ Scan internal and external NHFC assets, including endpoints, servers, cloud workloads, and web applications.
- ❖ Maintain a central repository for all vulnerabilities and exposures.
- ❖ Establish continuous visibility into vulnerabilities across public and private cloud environments.
- ❖ Enable automated patch management and secure configuration monitoring.
- ❖ Provide threat intelligence feeds.
- ❖ Deliver prioritized, actionable intelligence for remediation.
- ❖ Support modern architecture and distributed environments.
- ❖ The vulnerability management solution must leverage artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities.
- ❖ Equip NHFC ICT staff with the skills and resources to operate and maintain the solution independently.

## **4. SCOPE OF WORK**

National Housing Finance Corporation SOC seeks to appoint a reputable bidder to implement the vulnerability management solution and provide the support for the implemented solution for period of three (3) years. NHFC has three sites with a total of up to 250 endpoints. This is inclusive of servers and workstations.

**NB:** The solution must not be based on open-source tools.

### **4.1 Vulnerability scanning requirement**

- ❖ Supports agent-based and agentless scans
- ❖ The solution must update the vulnerability database on regular basis.
- ❖ The solution shall support both authenticated and unauthenticated scanning capabilities.
- ❖ Scan the internal and external assets.
- ❖ The solution must be able to automatically discover assets across all the environments.
- ❖ Multi-factor authentication (MFA) and role-based access control (RBAC) are mandatory.
- ❖ The solution must be enterprise-grade and commercially supported.

### **4.2 Vulnerability Coverage**

- ❖ Scan solution must be able to scan for missing patches, misconfigurations, open ports and open network shares.

### **4.3 Vulnerability Prioritization**

- ❖ The solution must priorities the vulnerabilities through Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) scores.
- ❖ Vulnerability Age – older vulnerabilities have patches available and exploits are known.
- ❖ Asset Criticality - internet facing and critical systems vulnerabilities must be highly prioritized.
- ❖ Threat context – the vulnerabilities that are currently being exploited have higher priority.

### **4.4 Agent Deployment**

- ❖ Ensuring the seamless deployment of agents to the systems.
- ❖ Third party deployment solution can be utilized.
- ❖ Agents upgrades must be performed using the vulnerability management portal.

#### **4.5 Assets Discovery**

- ❖ The solution must assist with discovering the assets connected to our network.
- ❖ Maintain asset inventory.

#### **4.6 Dashboards and reporting**

- ❖ The solution must be able to integrate with commonly used platforms i.e Microsoft Sentinel SIEM, Microsoft Entra.
- ❖ Export capabilities in PDF, CSV, and JSON formats.
- ❖ Must be able to generate customizable dashboards and reports.

#### **4.7 Systems Compatability**

- ❖ NHFC utilizes windows server 2016 and higher.
- ❖ Windows users utilize windows eleven (11).
- ❖ MacBook users from MacOS14 (Sonoma) and higher

#### **4.8 Cloud Security**

- ❖ The solution must be able to scan the cloud environment to detect misconfigurations and vulnerabilities in cloud infrastructure environments. MS cloud environment, private cloud.

#### **4.9 Patch Deployment**

- ❖ The solution proposed must be able to offer a risk-based patch deployment to remediate the vulnerabilities.
- ❖ The solution must be able to roll back the patches should there be a requirement.

#### **4.10 AI- Driven Capabilities**

- ❖ The solution must use AI/ML models to detect anomalies, zero-day vulnerabilities, and behavioral deviations.
- ❖ The solution must demonstrate capability to identify threats in real-time across endpoints, servers, and cloud assets.
- ❖ Reduce false positives and suggest remediation actions.
- ❖ Predict future threats based on threat intelligence feeds.

#### 4.11 Support and Deliverables

During the three years with the service provider, the service provider will be required to implement the proposed vulnerability management solution. Once the solution is fully operational, service provider will provide full support for six (6) months and conduct training for NHFC staff. Subsequently, the service provider will be responsible for tasks assigned to service provider as indicated in the table below.

Task list	Internal ICT Support	Service Provider
Maintain asset inventory	R/A	I
Classify assets by criticality	R/A	C
Schedule automated scan jobs	C	R/A
Run ad hoc scan tasks	C	R
Install and configure VM solution	C	R/A
Monitor scans and vulnerabilities	C	R/A
Analyze scan results	C	R
Assess and prioritize vulnerabilities	R/A	C
Liaise with internal team to remediate vulnerabilities	R	C
Escalate unresolved vulnerabilities	R	C
Patch or mitigate vulnerabilities	R/A	C
Confirm remediation via re-scans	R	R/A
Generate and review reports	A	R
Develop remediation strategies	R/A	C
Monitor and integrate threat feeds	C	R/A
Review and enhance VM processes	R/A	C
Ensure operational continuity of VM solution	R/A	C
Log support cases with vendor	R	R
Participate in monthly SLA meetings	R/A	R/A

**R = Responsible (does the work)**

**A = Accountable (owns the outcome)**

**C = Consulted (provides input)**

**I = Informed (kept up to date)**

#### 4.12 Additional Services

- ❖ Comply with the NHFC ICT policies and procedures.
- ❖ Performance reports to be provided to the NHFC monthly and discussed during SLA meetings.
- ❖ Reports should be published on the portal accessible to the NHFC as and when they are required.
- ❖ The solution must have the support with the OEM for the duration of the contract.
- ❖ Transfer of related skills to the six (6) NHFC technical team.

#### 5. CONFIRMATION OF THE COMPLIANCE TO TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The bidder's proposal must cover the following aspects to address the NHFC' requirements.

***Note: This table below will be used as part of Technical Proposal scoring for functionality in Section 9. Bidders must clearly indicate the corresponding page number or section reference in their proposal where each response can be found. This is to facilitate accurate and efficient evaluation. Failure to cross-reference appropriately may negatively impact the evaluation outcome.***

Sub-Criteria	Description	Bidder's Response Yes / No	Reference Page/Section in the Bid
Scanning Capabilities	Supports agent-based and agentless scans, authenticated and unauthenticated scans, and internal and external asset scanning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ All scanning capabilities are met.</li></ul>		
Vulnerability Coverage	Detects missing patches, misconfigurations, open ports, and network shares. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ All the vulnerability coverage requirements are met</li></ul>		
Vulnerability Prioritization	Leverages latest technology to prioritize vulnerabilities based on exploitability, asset criticality, and threat context. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ The vulnerability must be given different priorities based on the Vulnerabilities on internet-facing systems, critical infrastructure, known exploits, threat type, and with the help of common vulnerability scoring system (CVSS)</li></ul>		
Agent Deployment	Enables seamless agent installation and management across distributed environments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ The agents must be deployed through third party software deployment solution.</li></ul>		



	❖ Agent upgrades must be deployed through the vulnerability management portal.		
Patch Deployment	<p>The solution proposed must offer risk-based patch deployment to remediate the identified vulnerabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Solution must allow pilot the patch on test systems.</li> <li>❖ The solution must offer progressive rollout/phased deployment of patched to the environment.</li> <li>❖ The solution must be able to roll back the patches</li> </ul>		
Asset Discovery	<p>Automatically discovers and inventories network-connected assets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Discover all the assets connected to the network</li> </ul>		
Infrastructure Requirements	<p>Provides clear architecture diagrams and specifications for deployment and scalability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The diagram should be based on the NHFC requirement i.e. Vulnerability management console, managed systems, scanner engine, cryptography and integration with NHFC's applications.</li> </ul>		
Dashboards & Reporting	<p>Offers customizable dashboards, alerting, and mitigation recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Solution must offer customizable dashboards.</li> <li>❖ Automated alerting</li> <li>❖ The solution must offer the mitigation recommendation -</li> </ul>		
System Compatibility	<p>Supports major OS platforms (windows and MacBook) and scans cloud environments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Solution is compatible with windows server 2016 – windows server 2025.</li> <li>❖ Solution is compatible with windows 11.</li> <li>❖ Solution is compatible with macOS 14(Sonoma) - macOS 26 (Tahoe)</li> </ul>		
Patch Deployment	<p>The solution proposed must offer risk-based patch deployment to remediate the identified vulnerabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Solution must allow pilot the patch on test systems.</li> <li>❖ The solution must offer progressive rollout/phased deployment of patched to the environment.</li> <li>❖ The solution must be able to roll back the patches</li> </ul>		
AI-Driven capability	<p>The solution must use AI to focus on critical risks, reduce false alerts, suggest fixes, and predict future threats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The solution must use AI/ML models to detect anomalies, zero-day vulnerabilities, and behavioral deviations.</li> </ul>		

## 6. DURATION OF PROJECT

The service provider will be contracted for a duration of three (3) years from the date of appointment.

## 7. TECHNICAL DATA TO BE SUBMITTED BY BIDDER

### 7.1 Requisites of the Service Provider:

#### 7.1.1 A detailed proposal:

- Understanding of terms of reference.
- Team Composition Competencies (please attach CVs and indicate roles of individuals and certified qualifications).
- Detailed Pricing Schedule (Refer to Annexure A for the pricing schedule as attached to this document)

### 7.2 Summary of projects executed and completed. Documents to be submitted.

7.2.1 The bidder must have completed vulnerability scanning solution service projects. The bidder must submit a summary of the projects in the format presented below: (Input below MUST correspond with reference letters submitted from their clients.)

Name of Project	Project Description	Contract Duration	Client Name	Client Contact Tel

7.2.2 The successful service provider will be required to provide the expertise, qualifications, and experience to successfully deliver the Vulnerability management solution and vulnerability related services and training to the NHFC technical team.

7.2.3 Suitably qualified and experienced project personnel must be assigned to this project. Please complete a summary detail of the main Project Team in the format shown below:

NO	Full Name	Role in Project	Academic Qualifications	Key Area of Specialization	Years of Experience in the industry
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

\*Please attach recently (last 6 months) certified copies of academic qualifications.

**Note**, in addition, please provide the following:

- CV for each of the project team members highlighting specific and relevant qualifications and experience.
- Key personnel may only be replaced by personnel with similar expertise over the life of the contract and written permission must be obtained from the NHFC.
- Provide project details of projects that were successfully completed in the last five (5) years in the format above. For each of these projects, a reference letter of successful completion of the project must be provided by the client, on the client's letterheads, and signed off by an authorized delegated employee of the client.

Name of project:

Name of Client:

Client Contact Details

Contact person:

Role in Project:

Contact Tel No:

Contact Cell:

Project Start Date:

Project Completion Date:

Summary of Project (maximum 200 words).

**Note: Please attach a letter on company letterhead from the client indicating the success of the project as per the client's brief.**

### 7.3 Project Proposal

- The bidder is required to submit a comprehensive proposal. The proposal must clearly outline the bidder's proposed approach to executing the project.
- The approach and methodology should specifically address the minimum requirements outlined in the scope of work above.
- A detailed project plan must be provided, including proposed milestones and timelines. This plan should identify key tasks, activities, and deliverables aligned with the scope of work.

## 8. TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The bid evaluation process shall be carried out in four (4) stages namely:

**Stage 1: Administrative Compliance Requirements** - Bidders will be evaluated according to **section 4** on page 8 of this document and Bidders that fail to meet the administrative requirements of the bid will not to be evaluated further.

**Stage 2: Mandatory Requirement** – Bidders must provide OEM Partner accreditation or official letter of accreditation from the OEM for the Vulnerability Management Solution they are proposing. Failure to submit this requirement will lead to disqualification. The NHFC will verify the authenticity of the partnership with the OEMs.

**Stage 3: Functionality Evaluation** - This stage is divided into five (5) sections. Bidders will be evaluated out of 100 points. Only bidders who achieve a minimum of 70 points to proceed to Stage 3 of Price and Preference Points Evaluation.

- ❖ **The bidder is required to obtain a minimum of 40 out of 43 points in Section 1: Technical Capability in order to progress to Section 2: Client Reference.**
- ❖ **A bidder with an open-source vulnerability management solution will be scored zero points.**

Sub-Criteria	Description		Maximum Points
Section 1: Technical Capability		Bidders Response	43 Points
NB!! Minimum of 40 out of 43 points to be scored in section 1: Technical Capability to progress to the rest of the sections in this functionality.			
Scanning Capabilities	The solution must support agent-based and agentless scans, authenticated and unauthenticated scans, and internal and external asset scanning.  ❖ All scanning capabilities are met – <b>6 points.</b> ❖ Not all scanning capabilities requirement are met – <b>0 points.</b>	Information	6 Points
Vulnerability Coverage	The solution must detect missing patches, misconfigurations, open ports, and network shares.  ❖ All the vulnerability coverage requirement are met – <b>4 points.</b> ❖ Not all the vulnerability coverage requirements are met – <b>0 points.</b>	Information	4 Points

Vulnerability Prioritization	<p>Leverages latest technology to prioritize vulnerabilities based on exploitability, asset criticality, and threat context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The vulnerability must be given different priorities based on the Vulnerabilities on internet-facing systems, critical infrastructure, known exploits, threat type, and with the help of common vulnerability scoring system (CVSS) – <b>5 points</b>.</li> <li>❖ Vulnerability prioritization does not cover all the NHFC requirement– <b>0 points</b>.</li> </ul>	Information	5 Points
Agent Deployment	<p>Enables seamless agent installation and management across distributed environments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The agents must be deployed through third party software deployment solution – <b>2 points</b>.</li> <li>❖ The upgrades of the solution must be done via the Vulnerability management portal – <b>1 Point</b>.</li> <li>❖ The agent cannot be deployed via the software deployment solution – <b>0 points</b>.</li> </ul>	Information	3 points
Patch Deployment	<p>The solution proposed must offer risk-based patch deployment to remediate the identified vulnerabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Solution must allow pilot the patch on test systems – <b>3 Points</b>.</li> <li>❖ The solution must offer progressive rollout/phased deployment of patched to the environment – <b>2 Points</b>.</li> <li>❖ The solution must be able to roll back the patches - <b>2 points</b></li> <li>❖ The solution cannot deploy the Patches - <b>0 Points</b>.</li> </ul>	Information	7 points
Assets Discovery	<p>Automatically discovers and inventories network-connected assets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The vulnerability management solution must discover all the assets connected to the network and maintain the inventory – <b>4 points</b>.</li> <li>❖ If the proposed solution does not meet assets discovery requirement – <b>0 Points</b></li> </ul>	Information	4 points
Infrastructure Requirements	<p>Provides a clear architectural diagram and detailed specifications for deployment of vulnerability management solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The diagram should be based on the NHFC requirement i.e. <b>Vulnerability management console, managed systems, scanner engine, cryptography and integration with NHFC's applications – 4 points</b>.</li> <li>❖ The bidder did not provide address the infrastructure requirement – <b>0 points</b>.</li> </ul>	Diagram and information	4 points
Dashboards & Reporting	<p>Offers customizable dashboards, alerting, and mitigation recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Solution must offer customizable dashboards and automated alerting– <b>1 point</b>.</li> <li>❖ The solution must offer the mitigation recommendation - <b>1 point</b>.</li> <li>❖ The solution cannot deploy the Patches - <b>0 Points</b>.</li> </ul>	Information	2 points
System Compatibility	<p>Supports major OS platforms (windows and MacBook) and scans cloud environments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Solution is compatible with windows server 2016 – windows server 2025 – <b>1 Point</b>.</li> <li>❖ Solution is compatible with windows 11 – <b>1 Point</b>.</li> </ul>	Confirmation	3 points

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Solution is compatible with macOS 14(Sonoma) - macOS 26 (Tahoe) - <b>1 point.</b></li> <li>❖ The Solution is not compatible with the NHFC systems - <b>0 Points.</b></li> </ul>		
AI-Driven capability	<p>The solution must use AI capabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The solution must use AI/ML models to detect anomalies, zero-day vulnerabilities, reduce the false detections and behavioral deviations - <b>5 points.</b></li> <li>❖ The solution does not utilize the AI technology – <b>0 points.</b></li> </ul>	Information	5 Points
<b>Section 2: Client References</b>			<b>15 points</b>
Client References	<p>The Service Provider <b>MUST</b> provide verifiable written reference letters from clients, confirming the successful delivery of vulnerability management solution, Support and Maintenance. These references <b>MUST</b> specifically relate to projects where such services were fully implemented and completed.</p> <p><b>The reference letters provided by the Service Provider’s clients must include the following details:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Name</li> <li>• Company Letterhead</li> <li>• Contact Person and contact information</li> <li>• Project Start Date</li> <li>• Project Completion Date</li> <li>• The reference letter must be dated from 2019 to date</li> <li>• The letter must be signed by a duly authorized person.</li> </ul> <p>Bidders Reference Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 3 Reference letters = <b>15 Points</b></li> <li>❖ 2 Reference letters = <b>10 Point</b></li> <li>❖ 1 Reference letter = <b>5 Points</b></li> <li>❖ 0 Reference letter = <b>0 Points</b></li> </ul> <p><b>NB:</b> The NHFC will contact the reference as part of the due diligence process. No response by the referee within 7 working days from the date of request of confirmation by the NHFC, will deem the reference letter invalid.</p>		
<b>Section 3: Implementation &amp; Support</b>			<b>10 Points</b>
Implementation Plan	<p>The bidder must provide a comprehensive implementation plan that includes the timeframes, the plan must include the key milestone of the project. <b>The key milestones are pre-implementation assessment, installation and configurations, agent deployment, scan job scheduling and reporting.</b></p> <p>Score Allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Implementation plan with very detailed information which covers all the NHFC key milestones and timeframes are provided – <b>5 points.</b></li> <li>❖ Implementation plan provided which does not cover all the NHFC key milestones or timeframes – <b>2 points.</b></li> <li>❖ No implementation plan – <b>0 point.</b></li> </ul>		5 points

Post-Implementation Support	<p>The bidder must provide a comprehensive post implementation plan, which includes the following operational activities: <b>issue handling and support of the solution, review of scan jobs, reporting, patch deployment, agents upgrade, and threat monitoring and reporting.</b></p> <p><b>Score Allocation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Detailed post-implementation plan which covers all the operational activities of the vulnerability management solution – <b>5 points.</b></li> <li>❖ Post-implementation plan provided does not cover all the operational activities– <b>2 points.</b></li> <li>❖ No post-implementation plan provided – <b>0 points.</b></li> </ul>	5 points
<b>Section 4: Team Experience &amp; Qualifications</b>		<b>22 Points</b>
Team Experience and Qualification	<p>The Service Provider MUST submit detailed CVs, qualifications and certifications of the two engineers that will be involved in the project. Each engineer must have at least three (3) years of experience or more in the implementation of vulnerability scanning solution, Support and Maintenance.</p> <p><b>*NHFC reserves the right to verify qualifications and certifications.</b></p> <p>For international qualifications, direct contact details (including the contact person's name, email address, phone number, and physical address) enable the NHFC to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Verify authenticity</b> of the certificates and qualifications.</li> <li>• <b>Confirm the scope and relevance</b> of the qualification to the services required in the bid.</li> <li>• <b>Ensure the institution itself is accredited</b> by the relevant authorities in its home country.</li> </ul> <p>Failure to provide these complete and accurate contact details may lead to the bid being marked as incomplete or rejected, as it prevents the necessary due diligence by the NHFC.</p> <p><b><u>The bidder MUST attach the CVs, qualifications, and related certificates.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Comprehensive CV with related experience.</li> <li>❖ Minimum of NQF level 6 – National Diploma in information technology or above.</li> <li>❖ Cyber Security Certificate.</li> <li>❖ OEM Technical Specialist Certificate.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note that the cyber security certificate must be issued by one of the following bodies: CompTIA, EC Council, ISACA, or ISC2.</b></p> <p><b>NB!! Comprehensive CV and qualification must be supplied for evaluators to score points.</b></p>	

**Score Allocation: Experience**

- ❖ More than eight (8) years of average experience – **10 points**
- ❖ More than 5 but ≤ 8 years of average experience – **8 points**
- ❖ More than 3 but ≤ 5 years of average experience – **6 points**
- ❖ Less than three (3) years of average experience – **0 points**

**Score Allocation: Certification**

Project Engineer	Cyber Security Certificate	OEM Technical Specialist Certificate
Engineer 1	3 points	3 Points
Engineer 2	3 Points	3 Points

**Section 5: Skills Transfer****10 Points**

Skill Transfer

The bidder must provide a comprehensive plan to demonstrate how they will transfer skills to NHFC resources. This plan should include the following elements: As-Is documentation and hands-on labs/solution covering the topics of asset inventory maintenance, vulnerability classification and prioritization, scan scheduling and monitoring, patch deployment and remediation, and threat feed integration and reporting.

**Scoring Allocation**

- ❖ No Skills Transfer Plan Provided – 0 point.
- ❖ Skills Transfer Plan provided but only covers As-Is documentation – **2 points**.
- ❖ Skills Transfer Plan provided with As-Is Documentation and hands on labs with some topics covered – **6 points**.
- ❖ A detailed Skills Transfer Plan provided with As-Is documentation and hands on labs with all topics covered – **10 points**.

**Points Scored****TOTAL****100 Points**



#### Stage 4 - Price and Preference Evaluation

Bidders who score a minimum of **70** points on Functionality will be further evaluated in terms of Price and Preference points. As per the table below, price is evaluated over 80 points and preference points over 20:

1	<b>Price</b>		<b>80 points</b>
2	<b>Specific Goals</b>		<b>20 points</b>
#	<b>Specific Goals</b>	<b>Proof</b>	<b>Points Allocation</b>
1	South African citizen who had no franchise in national elections prior to the introduction of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1983 (Act 200 of 1983) or the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. (Minimum >50% ownership or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> </ul>	<b>7</b>
2	Woman Ownership >50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> </ul>	<b>8</b>
3	Disabled Ownership >50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> <li>• Certified medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
4	Military veteran Ownership >50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> <li>• A verifiable letter from an authorised body/entity certifying the military status of the claimant (bidder).</li> </ul>	<b>1</b>
5	Youth Ownership >50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>

		documentation of company director/s • CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)	
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## 9. TERMINOLOGY DEFINITIONS

The following terms are defined:

- ❖ **Bidder means** a prospective service provider who submits a proposal in relation to this Bid Document.
- ❖ **Bid Document means** the document as prepared and compiled by the NHFC.
- ❖ **Business hours mean** – 8H30 to 17H00
- ❖ **NHFC** means National Housing Finance Corporation SOC.
- ❖ **Production environment** is a term used mostly by developers to describe the setting where software and other products are put into operation for their intended uses by end users.
- ❖ **VPN** means Virtual Private Network.
- ❖ **SBD Forms** means standard bidding compliance documents as prescribed by the National Treasury.
- ❖ **SIEM** means Security Information and Event Management system.
- ❖ **Services** mean the Vulnerability and related services.

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**PRICING SCHEDULE**  
**(Professional Services)**

NAME OF BIDDER:.....BID NO.: RL02/12/2025

CLOSING TIME 11:00 am

CLOSING DATE: 29 January 2026

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION

BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY

NO\*\*(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.
2. Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project. R.....

ITEM DESCRIPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	TOTAL EXCL VAT
Vulnerability scanning tool (250 Licenses – 3 years)				
Pre-implementation Assessment				
Implementation/Installation				
Support (including OEM Software assurance) for 3 years				
Training (6 NHFC Resources)				
Other(specify)				
SUB TOTAL				R
VAT				R
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>R</b>

- 3. PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)
- 4. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid  
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- 5. Estimated man-days for completion of project.....
- 6. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract? \*YES/NO
- 7. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, forexample consumer price index.

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## PART 2: RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

### 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

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**

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

Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

If so, furnish particulars:

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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**

If so, furnish particulars:

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### 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.
- 3.5 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.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

## PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

**NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022**

### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

1.2 the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and

### 1.3 To be completed by the organ of state

*(delete whichever is not applicable for this tender).*

a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** preference point system.

1.4 The **80/20 preference point system** will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/ highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

1.5 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

### 1.6 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
<b>Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS</b>	<b>100</b>

1.7 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

1.8 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is



adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

## **2. DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 **“tender”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- 2.2 **“price”** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- 2.3 **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- 2.4 **“tender for income-generating contracts”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (a) **“the Act”** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

## **3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

### **3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE**

#### **3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS**

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

**80/20**

$$Ps = 80 \left( 1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

### **3.2. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT**

#### **3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE**

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

80/10

$$P_s = 80 \left( 1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

Where

- $P_s$  = Points scored for price of tender under consideration  
 $P_t$  = Price of tender under consideration  
 $P_{max}$  = Price of highest acceptable tender

#### 4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1 In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:
- 4.2 In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
- a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
  - b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,
- then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system.

**Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.**

**Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)**

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Supporting evidence for meeting preferential procurement targets (bidder to provide the below supporting evidence to claim allocated points for each specific goal)	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
South African citizen who had no franchise in national elections prior to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Company Registration</li></ul>	7	

the introduction of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1983 (Act 200 of 1983) or the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.  (Minimum >50% ownership or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> </ul>		
Woman Ownership >50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> </ul>	8	
Disabled Ownership >50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> <li>• Certified medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner</li> </ul>	1	
Military veteran Ownership >50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> <li>• A verifiable letter from an</li> </ul>	1	

	authorised body/entity certifying the military status of the claimant (bidder).		
Youth Ownership >50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification (CIPC)</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>	

#### DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.1. Name of company/firm.....

4.2. Company registration number: .....

4.3. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One-person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Public Company
- ☐ Personal Liability Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited
- ☐ Non-Profit Company
- ☐ State Owned Company

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.4. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

i) The information furnished is true and correct;

4.5. The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;

4.6. In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;

4.7. If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

- (a) disqualify the person from the tendering 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 tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted 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, if deemed necessary.

.....	
<b>SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)</b>	
<b>SURNAME AND NAME:</b>	.....
<b>DATE:</b>	.....
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	.....
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## **1. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- 1.1. The Service Provider shall ensure that its employees, representatives and officers, comply with the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (“POPIA”) and all other applicable data protection laws and, without limitation to the foregoing, shall ensure the security and confidentiality of all Personal Information processed by that Party is in accordance with POPIA and all other applicable data protection laws.
- 1.2. The Service Provider must only process personal information of the NHFC and third parties on behalf of the NHFC, with the NHFC’s knowledge or authorisation, treat such information which comes to their knowledge as confidential and must not disclose it unless required by law or in the course of the proper performance of the Service Provider’s duties. The Service Provider must comply with the responsible party’s obligations in clause section 19 of POPIA.
- 1.3. Where the Service Provider, its agents, subcontractors, officers, directors, shareholders, representatives, or employees has/have access to any Personal Information held by the NHFC for any reason in connection with this Agreement or is/are supplied with or otherwise provided with Personal Information by the NHFC or on behalf of the NHFC for any purpose, or are supplied with or otherwise provided with Personal Information relating to the Services, the Service Provider shall:
  - 1.3.1. process such Personal Information only for purposes of performing its/their obligations under this Agreement and shall not otherwise modify, amend or alter the contents of such Personal Information or disclose or permit the disclosure of such Personal Information to any third party, unless specifically authorised to do so by the NHFC or as required by law or any regulatory authority, and shall take all such steps as may be necessary to protect and safeguard such Personal Information;
  - 1.3.2. without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, ensure that appropriate ,reasonable technical and organisational measures shall be taken by it/them to prevent
    - 1.3.2.1. the unauthorised or unlawful processing of such Personal Information; and
    - 1.3.2.2. the accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, such Personal Information; and
    - 1.3.2.3. promptly notify the NHFC when it becomes aware of any unauthorised, unlawful or dishonest conduct or activities, or any breach of the terms of this Agreement relating to Personal Information.

- 1.4. Both Parties will comply with their obligations under POPIA in relation to personal information for which they are the responsible party.
- 1.5. The Service Provider must notify the NHFC immediately where there are reasonable grounds to believe that personal information has been accessed or acquired by any unauthorised person (Data Breach) and must assist the NHFC, at its own cost:
  - 1.5.1. with any investigation or notice to the Regulator or data subjects that the NHFC may Make in relation to a Data Breach; and
  - 1.5.2. in responding to any directions by the Regulator to publicise the Data Breach, including assisting the NHFC to make public announcements if required.
  - 1.5.3 The Service Provider indemnifies the NHFC against any civil or criminal action or administrative fine or other penalty or loss as a result of the Service Provider's breach of this clause.

## 2. POPIA CONSENT

- 2.1. The Service Provider, by submitting its proposal/ quotation, consents to the use of his/her personal information contained therein and confirms that:
  - 2.1.1. The information is voluntarily supplied, without undue influence from any party; and
  - 2.1.2. The information is necessary for the purposes of the engagement with NHFC.
- 2.2. The tenderer acknowledges that he /she is aware of his/her right to:
  - 2.2.1. Access the information at any reasonable time for the purposes of rectification thereof;
  - 2.2.2. Object to the processing of the information;
  - 2.2.3. Lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator.

### CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)  
 CERTIFY THAT WE CONSENT TO THE ABOVE AS PER REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT.

.....  
 Signature

.....  
 Date

.....  
 Position

.....  
 Name of Bid

## **RESOLUTION TO SIGN**

Signatory for companies shall confirm their authority thereto by either signing the below or attaching a duly signed and dated copy of the relevant resolution of the boards of directors to this form.

An example is given below:

By resolution of the board of directors passed at a meeting held on .....

Mr/Mrs ..... , whose signature appears below, has been duly authorised

to sign all documents in connection with the Bid for Contract No. .... and any  
Contract that may arise there from on behalf of (name of Bidder in block capitals) .....

.....

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY:**

**IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:** .....

**DATE:** .....

**SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY:** .....

**WITNESSES:** 1. ....

2. ....





## CONSENT FORMS

***Please ensure that Form 1, Form 2; Form 3 and Form 4 are fully completed.***

### FORM 1- CONSENT FOR CREDIT AND WORLD CHECKS

#### Consent for Credit and World Checks Form

I																(Name)
																Surname
ID																
Company you are representing																
With																
CIPC number																

Hereby voluntarily provide consent for a credit and world checks to be carried out on me or the company I represent.

I accept that such checks do not infringe any of my fundamental rights and I accept that the checks are part of the application process in terms of the NHFC policies.

Signed	
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Dated	D	D	M	M	2	0	2	5
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**FORM 2- POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING DECLARATION FORM**

**Political Party Funding Declaration Form**

The Political Party Funding Act 6 of 2018 introduces a strict regulatory framework for the private funding of political parties. This includes setting limits for the source, size and use of donated funds by political parties.

Having read and understood the requirements of the above legislation I confirm that:

I comply with the requirements of Political Party Funding Act 6 of 2018

Yes	No

**Name** (in blocks): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM 3- PEP SELF CERTIFICATION FORM

### Politically Exposed Person (PEP) Self-Certification Form

NHFC is obliged to establish an appropriate risk management system when establishing a business relationship or conducting transactions, including risk assessment procedures to determine whether a party, legal representative, proxy or real owner of a party is politically exposed person.

In accordance with South African Anti-Money Laundering (AML) legislation NHFC has an obligation to undertake Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) on those clients who are classified as a Politically Exposed Person (PEP).

Please read the definition below carefully, select the relevant box, confirming you are/are not a PEP, sign the declaration at the bottom of the form and return this Form to our offices. It is your obligation to inform us of a change to your status as a PEP or Non-PEP should it change at any time in the future.

*The Financial Intelligence Centre Act 1 of 2017 (FICA) defines a PEP as a person who holds, A politically exposed person or PEP is the term used for an individual who is or has in the past been entrusted with prominent public functions in a particular country. The principles issued by the Wolfsberg Group of leading international financial institutions give an indication of best banking practice guidance on these issues. These principles are applicable to both domestic and international PEPs.*

The following examples serve as aids in defining PEPs:

- Heads of State, Heads of Government and cabinet ministers;
- Influential functionaries in nationalised industries and government administration;
- Senior judges;
- Senior political party functionaries;
- Senior and/or influential officials, functionaries and military leaders and people with similar functions in international or supranational organisations;
- Members of ruling or royal families;
- Senior and/or influential representatives of religious organisations (if these functions are connected to political, judicial, military or administrative responsibilities).
- Families of PEPs.
- The term "families" includes close family members such as spouses, children, parents and siblings and may also include other blood relatives and relatives by marriage;
- Closely associated persons.

The category of "closely associated persons" includes close business colleagues and personal advisers/consultants to the PEP as well as persons, who obviously benefit significantly from being close to such a person.

Having read and understood the above definition I confirm that: (select only one of the following options)

I am not a Politically Exposed Person (PEP) as defined above (DEFAULT)

☐

I am a Politically Exposed Person (PEP) as defined above

☐

**Name** (in blocks): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM 4: PEP ULTIMATE BENEFICIARY OWNER FORM

### Politically Exposed Person (PEP) Ultimate Beneficiary Owner Form

The law on the prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorism requires banks to fulfil a number of client identification obligations. One such obligation consists in identifying the Ultimate Beneficial Owners (UBO) of their clients.

Within the meaning of the law, the Ultimate Beneficial Owners of a legal entity are the private individuals who directly or indirectly hold or control a stake of at least 25% in the capital or of at least 25% of the voting rights of the company, or who undertake the de jure or de facto management of the legal entity.

a) \_\_\_\_\_ certifies, that on \_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_, the Shareholder Ultimate Beneficial Owners are the following private individuals who hold or control at least 25% in the capital or at least 25% of the voting rights in the company.

Please remember to enclose a copy of the identity document of each Shareholder or Decision-Making Ultimate Beneficial Owner and to validly sign behind your name above this text.

Surname and First Name	Address	% of shares	Position (in the company, where appropriate)	Tick as appropriate
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SERVICE PROVIDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.

### PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER)

I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached bidding documents to NHFC in accordance with the requirements and task directives/proposals specifications stipulated in Bid Number ..... at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the bid.

The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:

Bidding documents, viz

Invitation to bid;

Tax clearance certificate;

Pricing schedule(s);

Filled in task directive/proposal;

Preference claims for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Status Level of Contribution in terms of the

Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011;

Declaration of interest;

Declaration of bidder's past SCM practices;

Certificate of Independent Bid Determination;

Special Conditions of Contract;

General Conditions of Contract; and

Other (specify)

I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the services specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.

I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.

I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.

I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

NAME (PRINT) .....

CAPACITY .....

SIGNATURE .....

NAME OF FIRM .....

DATE .....

#### WITNESSES

1 .....

2 .....

DATE: .....

.....

**CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES**

**PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)**

I..... in my capacity  
as.....

accept your bid under reference number..... dated.....for the  
rendering of services indicated hereunder and/or further specified in the annexure(s).

An official order indicating service delivery instructions is forthcoming.

I undertake to make payment for the services rendered in accordance with the terms and conditions of  
the contract, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of an invoice.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	PRICE (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	COMPLETION DATE	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL PRODUCTIO N AND CONTENT (if applicable)

4. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

SIGNED AT .....ON.....

NAME (PRINT) .....

SIGNATURE .....

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

1 .....

2 .....

DATE: .....



# **GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT**

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

### **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.

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| <b>2. Application</b>  | <p>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.</p> <p>2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.</p> <p>2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.</p>   |
| <b>3. General</b>  | <p>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.</p> <p>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 <a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a></p>  |
| <b>4. Standards</b>  | <p>4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.</p>  |
| <b>5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.</b> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| <b>6. Patent rights</b>  | <p>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.</p>   |
| <b>7. Performance security</b>                                   | <p>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.</p>   |

- 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.



<b>16. Payment</b>	<p>16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.</p>
<b>17. Prices</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>18. Contract amendments</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>19. Assignment</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>20. Subcontracts</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>21. Delays in the supplier's performance</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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) 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>33.1 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>33.2 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>33.3 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 (NIP) Programme</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.

