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CLOSING DATE	19 MAY 2026
CLOSING TIME	12:00
BRIEFING SESSION	NON- COMPULSORY BRIEFING
	23 APRIL 2026
	TIME: 10:00
BID DOCUMENTS DELIVERY ADDRESS	PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA Umjantshi House 30 Wolmarans Street Braamfontein
BIDDER NAME

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

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

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

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

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

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- Award a contract in connection with this Proposal at any time after the RFP's closing date;
- Make no award at all;
- Validate any information submitted by Respondents in response to this bid. This would include, but is not limited to, requesting the Respondents to provide supporting evidence. By submitting a bid, Respondents hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to PRASA to do so;
- Request annual financial statements prepared and signed off by a professional accountant or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise; and/or
- Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing date and/or after the award of the business, unless the contract specifically provided for it.

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

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

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

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


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

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

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TENDER FORM (PRICING SCHEDULE)	Form C
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1 LIST OF ANNEXURES TO THE RFP

PRASA Returnable Forms	Annexure A
Pricing Schedule	Annexure B
Tender Form C	Annexure C
Draft Contract	Annexure D
Questions and Answers Tracker	Annexure E (Clarification form)

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2 ACRONYMS

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

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3 INTERPRETATION

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

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

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4 DEFINITIONS

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

- 4.1 “Accounting Authority” means the Board of PRASA;
- 4.2 “Contract” means the Contract to be entered between PRASA and the successful Bidder for the provision of the *services* procured in this RFP.
- 4.3 “Bid” means the Bid to the RFP submitted by Bidders;
- 4.4 “Bidders Briefing Session” means the compulsory briefing session to be held at the offices of PRASA, in order to brief the Bidders about this tender;
- 4.5 “Black Enterprise” means an enterprise that is at least 51% beneficially owned by Black People and in which Black People have substantial Management Control. Such beneficial ownership may be held directly or through other Black Enterprises;
- 4.6 “Black Equity” means the voting equity held by Black People from time to time;
- 4.7 “Black People” has the same meaning as ascribed to the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003, as amended .
- 4.8 “Black Woman” means African, Coloured and Indian South Africa Female citizen;
- 4.9 “Briefing Note” means any correspondence to Bidders issued by the PRASA;
- 4.10 “Business Day” means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in South Africa;
- 4.11 “Bidders” means individuals, organisations or consortia that have been submitted responses to the RFP in respect of the tender;
- 4.12 “Consortium” means any group of persons or firms jointly submitting a Bid as Bid to this RFP and “Consortia” means more than one Consortium;
- 4.13 “Contractor” the successful Bidders who has signed a Contract with PRASA in terms of this RFP.
- 4.14 “Closing Date” means the closing date for submission of bids/ Proposals by Bidders which is **19 May 2026**.
- 4.15 “Project” means this project for the “REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUITABLE SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF INTER-CITY BUSES ON AN OUTRIGHT PURCHASE WITH FULL BOLT-ON MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS OVER A 72-MONTH PERIOD
- 4.16 “RFP” means the Request for Proposals issued by PRASA for this tender; and

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

SECTION 1
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1 INVITATION TO BID

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

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BID ADVERT	This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury’s e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge. With effect from 15 April 2026.
ISSUE DATE	15 April 2026
NON-COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	<p>23 April 2026 at 10h00</p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/384933630976170?p=9MN3oZrxuoi70X9530 Meeting ID: 384 933 630 976 170 Passcode: jV26zK2i</p> <hr/> <p>Need help? System reference Dial in by phone +27 21 832 5574,,284791477# South Africa, Cape Town Find a local number Phone conference ID: 284 791 477# For organizers: Meeting options Reset dial-in PIN</p> <hr/>

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CLOSING DATE	19 May 2026 at 12:00 Midday Bidders must ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address. As a general rule, if a bid is late or delivered to the incorrect address, it will not be accepted for consideration.
VALIDITY PERIOD	180 Working/Business Days from Closing Date Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, at the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period.
CLOSING DATE FOR QUESTIONS BY BIDDERS	30 April 2026
CLOSING DATE FOR RESPONSES BY PRASA	06 May 2026
CONTACT PERSON	Zoliswa.yangairo@prasa.com

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

2 FORMAL BRIEFING

A non-compulsory pre-proposal RFP briefing will be conducted on Microsoft Teams on the 23 of April at 10:00. The briefing session will start punctually, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents joining late.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/384933630976170?p=9MN3oZrxuoi70X953O>

Meeting ID: 384 933 630 976 170

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2.1 Respondents who did not attend the non- compulsory RFP briefing will not be disqualified.

3 BRIEFING SESSION MINUTES AND NOTES

3.1 PRASA will issue briefing session minutes or notes together with the response to the clarification questions on the **06 May 2026**.

3.2 Clarifications will be issued to all Respondents to this RFP utilizing the contact details provided at receipt of the responses to the RFP documentation, after submission to the authorised representative.

3.3 Bidders / Respondents are requested to promptly confirm receipt of any clarifications sent to them.

3.4 Bidders / Respondents must ensure responses to the clarifications are received on or before the deadline date stated.

4 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION OF RFP RESPONSE

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

The Secretariat / Tender Office

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5 DELIVERY INSTRUCTION FOR RFP

Delivery of Bid

The Bid envelopes should be deposited in the PRASA tender box which is located at the main entrance of the UMJANTSHI HOUSE and should be addressed as follows:

THE SECRETARIAT / TENDER OFFICE
30 WOLMARANS STREET
UMJANTSHI HOUSE
BRAAMFONTEIN

5.1 B-BBEE Joint Ventures or Consortiums

Respondents who would wish to respond to this RFP as a Joint Venture [**JV**] or consortium with B-BBEE entities, should state their intention to do so in their RFP submission. Such Respondents should also submit a signed JV or consortium agreement between the parties clearly stating the percentage [%] split of business and the associated responsibilities of each party.

6 COMMUNICATION

6.1 For specific queries relating to this RFP during the RFP process, bidders are required to adhere strictly to the communication structure requirements. An RFP Clarification Form should be submitted to zoliswa.yangairo@prasa.com **not later than 30 April 2026**, substantially in the form set out in Annexure E hereto.

6.2 In the interest of fairness and transparency PRASA's response to such a query will be made available to all the other Respondents who have attended a non- compulsory briefing session. For this purpose PRASA will communicate with Respondents using National Treasury e-tender portal.

6.3 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate in writing with the Bid Secretariat, at telephone number **(012) 748 7338**, email: zoliswa.yangairo@prasa.com on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal.

6.4 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.

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6.5 Respondents are warned that a response will be liable for disqualification should any attempt be made by a Respondent either directly or indirectly to canvass any officer(s) or employee of PRASA in respect of this RFP between the closing date and the date of the award of the business. Furthermore, Respondents found to be in collusion with one another will automatically be disqualified and restricted from doing business with PRASA in future.

6.6 Bidders are advised utilize this email address (SCM.Complaints@prasa.com) for lodging of complaints to PRASA in relation to this bid process. The following minimum information about the bidder must be included in the complaint:

6.6.1 Bid/Tender Description

6.6.2 Bid/Tender Reference Number

6.6.3 Closing date of Bid/Tender

6.6.4 Supplier Name;

6.6.5 Supplier Contact details

6.6.6 The detailed compliant

7 CONFIDENTIALITY

7.1 PRASA shall ensure all information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidence. In this regard Respondents / Bidders are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure Agreement All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information gleaned from provision of the Services , which is either directly or indirectly related to PRASA's business, written approval to divulge such information should be obtained from PRASA.

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

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8 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE RFP

8.1 All responses to the RFP should be submitted in two sealed envelopes/boxes; the first envelop/box shall have the compliance response, the second envelop/box shall only have the financial response and Specific goals response.

8.2 Bidders are required to package their response/Bid as follows:

Volume 1 (Envelop 1/Package 1)

- **Part A:** Mandatory and Other Mandatory Requirements Response

Volume 2 (Envelop 2/ Package 2)

- **Part C:** Financial Proposal and Specific Goals

Volume 2 should be submitted in a separate sealed envelope. Bidders should make their pricing offer in envelop 2/package 2.

8.3 Bidders must submit 1 original response and may submit copies and an electronic version which must be contained in a Memory Card/External hard drive etc clearly marked in the Bidders name. PRASA reserves the right to consider information provided in all formats irrespective the format i.e original/copy/electronic.

8.4 Bidders should ensure that their response to the RFP is in accordance with the structure of this document.

8.5 Where Bidders are required to sign forms they are required to do so using preferably black ink pen.

8.6 Each response to RFP must be in English and submitted in A4 format, except other graphic illustrations, which may not exceed A3 format, unless the contrary is specifically allowed for in this RFP. Responses to RFP should be neatly and functionally bound, preferably according to their different sections.

8.7 The original responses to RFP must be signed by a person duly authorized by each consortium member and Subcontractor to sign on their behalf, which authorization must form part of the responses to RFP as proof of authorization. By signing the responses to


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RFP the signatory warrants that all information supplied by it in its responses to RFP is true and correct and that the responses to RFP and each party whom the responses to RFP signatory represents, considers themselves subject to and bound by the terms and conditions of this RFP.

- 8.8 The responses to RFP formulation should be clear and concise and follow a clear methodology which responses to RFP should explain upfront in a concise Executive Summary and follow throughout the responses to RFP.
- 8.9 Responses to RFP must provide sufficient information and detail in order to enable PRASA to evaluate the responses to RFP, but should not provide unnecessary detail which does not add value and detracts from the ability of PRASA to effectively evaluate and understand the responses to RFP. The use of numbered headings, bullet points, sections, appendices and schedules are encouraged.
- 8.10 Information submitted as part of a responses to RFP should as far as possible, be orderly according to the order of the required information requested by PRASA. All pages should be consecutively numbered.
- 8.11 Responses to RFP should ensure that each requirement contained in the RFP is succinctly addressed. Responses to RFP should as far as possible use the terms and definitions applied in this RFP and should clearly indicate its interpretation of any differing terminology applied.
- 8.12 Response to RFP documents are to be submitted to the address specified in this RFP, and Bidders should ensure that the original and copies (where applicable) are identical in all respects as PRASA will not accept any liability for having disqualified a bidder for failing to provide a mandatory returnable document.
- 8.13 Unless otherwise expressly stated, all Proposals furnished pursuant to this RFP shall be deemed to be offers. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.
- 8.14 Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter. Subject only to clause 16 [Alterations made by the Respondent to Bid Prices] of the General Bid Conditions, alterations, additions or deletions must not be made by the Respondent to the actual RFP documents.

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8.15 Bidders are required to review the Contract. Bidders may further amend and or delete any part of the Draft Contract where they deem fit to do so. Where Bidders have amended and or deleted any part of the Contract, it must be clearly visible by using track changes and must ensure that the disc copy of their bid submission for the Draft Contract is in word version and not password protected. **It must be noted that the marked up Contract will form part of contract negotiations processes with the preferred bidder.**

9 RFP TIMETABLE


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

RFP PROCESS	MILESTONE DATES
Bid issue date	15 April 2026
Non-Compulsory Briefing Session for Bidders	23 April @ 10am
Closing date for Questions	30 April 2026
Closing date for Responses	06 May 2026
Closing Date for Submission of final Bid	19 May 2026 @ 12h00
Evaluation of Proposals (Bidders note that PRASA may call for Presentation of bidders offers at any stage of the evaluation process)	TBA
Appointment of the successful Bidder	TBA
Contract Negotiations	TBA
Signing of Contract	TBA
Contract Commencement	TBA

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

10 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

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

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

11 NATIONAL TREASURY’S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

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

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

12 TAX COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

Respondents are required to be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) as indicated in paragraph 11 and the National Treasury shall verify the Respondent’s tax compliance status through the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

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

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

New Tax Compliance Status (TCS) System

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

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

Tax Compliance Status (TCS) Pin:_____.

13 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA


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

14 VALIDITY PERIOD

This RFP shall be valid for **180 Working/Business days** calculated from Bid closing date.

15 POST TENDER NEGOTIATION (IF APPLICABLE)

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

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16 FINAL CONTRACT AWARD

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

17 FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

SECTION 2

BACKGROUND OVERVIEW AND SCOPE REQUIREMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The LDPT road-based transportation operation Strategic Plan is focused on turning it around and is aligned to the PRASA Get on Track strategy which refers to the financial self-sustainability of the LDPT road-based transport operation. The strategy includes a detailed turnaround plan, which identify key structural and policy interventions to ensure that the LDPT road-based transport operation becomes financially self-sustainable in the medium term.
- 1.2 The LDPT road-based transport operation Strategic Turnaround Plan was developed to improve reliability, availability, predictability, and safety (RAPS) of the services with a view of ensuring consistent, efficient, and effective operations leading to financial sustainability and improved customer centricity.
- 1.3 In line with the strategy, the New Business Operating Model, and the Financial Budget for 2025-26 encompasses the acquisition of 95 new buses (revenue generating assets) with bolt-on maintenance contracts.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 SELLING OF BUSES BY AUTOPAX TO PRASA

Autopax had been under business rescue since November 2021 and the revised business rescue plan approving the sale of the operating assets from Autopax and transfer identified employees to PRASA, required to continue with the bus operations was approved by creditors on 22 May 2024. The sale agreement between Autopax and PRASA was signed on 25 June 2024 with the closing date for the transaction 31 July 2024. All buses were transferred to the PRASA long distance passenger transport division with effect 1 August 2024 as per the approved sale agreement, to render road- based passenger transport services as

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mandated by the Legal Succession Act. The aim of the establishment of the long-distance transport division within PRASA is to integrate long-distance rail and road passenger transport services.

2.2 STATUS QUO – BUS FLEET

- 2.2.1 During 2009 - 2010, Autopax acquired 570 buses (520 outright and 50 initially leased) after being nominated by the Department of Transport to provide bus passenger transport services during the FIFA World Cup Soccer event that was hosted by South Africa. The buses comprised of MAN Lions Explore buses and Mercedes Benz chassis fitted with Paradiso and Andare type bodies, manufactured by Marco Polo.
- 2.2.2 To cater for the soccer world cup spectator, demand, 570 new buses were introduced into the existing Autopax fleet at the time. The FIFA Soccer World Cup event was successfully hosted utilizing 570 buses whilst Autopax continued to serve its normal operational footprint with its old bus fleet. During 2010 the actual LDPT customer demand for scheduled services was 214 buses.
- 2.2.3 As a result of the reduced demand, excess buses were available. In the following years buses with major component failures, such as engines, gearboxes, and rear axles as well as major accidents, were merely parked off, and not repaired, to save on expenses. Most of these parked buses were cannibalized from usable components to keep the remaining fleet operational.
- 2.2.4 During the 2021-22 financial year the Autopax Board of Directors and the PRASA Board of Control approved the disposal of some of the dilapidated buses, to reduce the fleet to be more in line with the operational requirements. The PRASA Board of Control approved the disposal of a further 57 buses on public auction. Once this disposal has been finalized, the available fleet will be 90 buses.

2.3 ECONOMIC LIFE EXPECTANCY OF A LONG-DISTANCE BUS

- 2.3.1 The economic life span of a long-distance bus, according to the major and reputable bus operators in Southern Africa is approximately 1.4 million kilometers which translate to average kilometers travelled within LDPT in an operational life of

approximately six years.

2.3.2 The life span assumes a preventative maintenance policy is adhered to and buses are maintained and operated as prescribed by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

2.3.3 All the buses in the LDPT fleet are more than 14 years old, most of the buses had operated more than one and a half million kilometers and were not maintained to OEM specifications.

2.4 FACTORS THAT IMPACTED ON THE CURRENT FLEET LIFE EXPECTANCY

2.4.1 Commuter Contracts

Autopax was contracted by the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport, to render commuter services during 2015. These contracts were constantly extended on short notice that eventually lasted for approximately two years. These 8 subsidized commuter contracts which Autopax operated were handed back to the Gauteng Department of Transport by Putco as they were not profitable. The services required 178 buses to service the routes.

The Luxury and Semi-Luxury buses used by Autopax to render the services were not suitable to operate these contracts due to it being a stop-start operation, with some routes on dirt roads, whilst the Autopax buses were designed for long distance mainly operating on paved roads, impacting negatively on the life expectancy of the buses.

The life of a component is negatively impacted (shortened) if it is not operated within its design capabilities and this is accelerated if it is not maintained properly, which is exactly what happened to the Autopax fleet over an extended period.

2.4.2 Lack of Maintenance

Planned preventive maintenance stopped shortly after the maintenance contracts came to an end in the 2015/16 financial year.

Any component on a bus has a “mean-life-before-failure”. Due to a lack of

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maintenance, a component will fail prematurely and usually with added consequential damage to other components.

The major units, predominantly engines, failed over time due to lack of maintenance and adverse operating conditions mentioned. These buses were parked, not repaired, and the cannibalization or stripping of usable parts and components took place over the next couple of years.

2.5 PROBLEM STATEMENT

- 2.5.1 The LDPT road-based transport operation requires reliable, cost-effective revenue generating, assets meeting the ever-increasing passenger demand and being competitive in the long-distance market, to fulfill its mandate and to ensure its long-term survival of it. The revenue generating assets are no longer reliable and cost-effective to operate. The road-based transport urgently needs economical and reliable buses, constantly available to Operations, which are safe, environmentally friendly and reliable, to generate the necessary income.
- 2.5.2 An essential Bus-Replacement Program has been non-existent over the past fourteen years, and the current Inter City Fleet is technologically obsolete, and do not meet passenger requirements. These vehicles are not fit to be refurbished, mainly due to their high fuel consumption, lack of maintenance on the vehicles in previous years, high maintenance and associated personnel costs, lack of driver assist safety features as well as being no longer competitive in the market segment that the LDPT road-based transport operation operates in.
- 2.5.3 The current bus fleet is 85 buses (old and obsolete) whilst the total operational requirement is 95 Inter City buses. The road-based long distance passenger transport operation currently on average only manages to keep 52 buses operational due to constant breakdowns and major unit failures.
- 2.5.4 In summary, all the buses in the fleet are more than fourteen years old, poorly maintained for an extended period, technologically obsolete, uneconomical to operate and subsequently not cost effective to refurbish.

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2.5.5 The operational demand based on passenger projections as well as ensuring economic services to economically deprived communities, to and from major cities and towns dictates the acquisition of 95 new Inter City Buses.

2.5.6 The LDPT road-based transport operation had already procured 17 of the 95 new Inter City Buses through outright purchase, leaving a shortfall of 78, to be procured by means of outright purchase and financial leases.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The objectives of the proposed project are outlined in the following sections:

3.1 DESIRED OUTCOMES FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The LDPT road-based transport operation needs to be self-sustainable financially, in other words it will generate enough revenue to cover all its expenses. The LDPT road-based transport operation does have nonsubsidized mandate and need to fulfill the primary mandate of PRASA to “provide in consultation with the Department of Transport, for long haul passenger rail and bus services within, to and from the Republic in terms of the principles set out in Section 23 of the Legal Succession Act.”

For the abovementioned to be achieved, the entity needs sufficient reliable buses to meet passenger expectations in respect of specifications, being constantly available to Operations, which are safe and reliable.

The aim is to generate additional cash funds that can be used within PRASA to lessen PRASA’s dependence on subsidies for its rail operations.

3.2 PROJECT BENEFITS TO PRASA

The LDPT road-based transport operation will be more financially self-sustainable, thereby ensuring that PRASA meets its primary mandate and generates cash which can be used within PRASA. The long-distance operation will also integrate with the long-distance rail services thereby offering a seamless passenger experience whilst also giving expression to the National policy of integration and optimization of passenger transport services.

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3.3 CURRENT MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM

- 3.3.1 The LDPT road-based transport operation was established on 01 August 2024 with the purchase of the income generating assets from Autopax by PRASA.
- 3.3.2 Mechanical refurbishments, with 4-year bolt-on mechanical maintenance agreements were done on 20 MAN buses, in the 2021-2022 financial year, to optimize fleet availability.
- 3.3.3 Capital was made available to start the replacement of the LDPT road-based transport operation bus fleet in the 2025 MTEF period.
- 3.3.4 Submissions were made to the PRASA shareholder, being the National Department of Transport and the minister of Transport who recommended to National Treasury and the Minister of Finance to approve PRASA as required by S 66(3) of the Public Finance Management Act to enter into financial lease agreements for the procurement of the 78 Inter City buses.
- 3.3.5 Approval was granted by the National Treasury to PRASA to continue publishing and evaluating the tenders but only to award these once the necessary approvals have been obtained from the relevant Ministers or funding has been secured. It is anticipated that the required S66(3) approval will be in place before the closing date of the Inter-City bus tender. This will ensure that there are no unnecessary delays as the tender process will already be in progress and will not only commence once the required approvals have been finalized.
- 3.3.6 When the optimal planned number of buses are procured it is projected that the LDPT road-based transport operation will operate on a breakeven and generate enough cash to sustain its own operations. This will also reduce the risk of intimidation by other operators and allow the division to organically grow.

4. SCOPE OF WORK AND AREAS OF FOCUS

4.1 DETAILS ON THE PREFERRED SOLUTION

Procurement of 30. Inter-City buses as per the tender specification, from one supplier.

The same supplier offers bolt-on, full maintenance contracts, which are charged and payable per kilometer operated, monthly, for the period of 72 months or 1.4 million kilometers whichever comes first. Tyre management and tyre breakdowns are excluded.

The supplier provides driver and technical staff training on the new buses, which is specified in the tender documents.

4.2 TARGETED AREA BY THIS PROJECT

A supplier of Inter City buses that can provide financing for the 30 Inter-City buses and deliver the buses as specified with full bolt on body and chassis maintenance contracts. The supplier must have a national after-sales support footprint.

4.3 EXTENT AND COVERAGE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The allocated bus capital will be utilized to procure 30 buses on an outright purchase.

The bolt-on, full maintenance contracts are charged and payable per kilometer operated, monthly, for the period of 72 months or 1.4 million kilometers (inclusive of roadside assistance and tow-in, as well as full bus-body maintenance) whichever comes first.

Tyre management and tyre breakdowns are excluded.

The composition of the 30 new Inter City Buses with 6-year, Bolt-On Maintenance Contracts are as follows:

- 30 buses with toilets (at the back) 2 x 2 seating configuration, minimum of 60 seating with an underfloor driver sleeping compartment.
- Training for three of our assessor drivers, who are to be trained in the

driving techniques required for the new vehicles.

- Training twenty-five technical staff on tasks to be performed outside of the bolt on maintenance contracts, on a once-off basis (5 Supervisors, 12 mechanical technicians, 4 auto electrician technicians and 8 bus body builders).

4.4 DELIVERY SCHEDULE

PRASA's prefer that all buses must be delivered within 12 months from the date of signature of the Supply Agreement.

4.5 INSURANCE

PRASA will be responsible for the insurance only after the bus is delivered to the LDPT Depot and the Delivery Note is duly signed as proof by the PRASA Project Manager.

5. SPECIFICATION OF THE WORK AND PRODUCTS AND SERVICES REQUIRED

5.1 PREFERRED CHASSIS RELATED BUS SPECIFICATIONS

5.1.1 Chassis

Rear Engine Mounted Bus Chassis – a rear engine bus chassis lends itself to a bus design where low entrance passenger access is possible, and luggage space can be maximized.

6x2 Bus Chassis – this implies 2 steering wheels in front, 4 wheels on the drive axle and 2 wheels on the bogey axle, which is required to maximize passenger's comfort.

5.1.2 Engine

Euro 6 Compliant – Minimum 330 kW output. It is an obligation to operate the

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most environmentally friendly buses available, and suitable for South African conditions (fuel quality availability), ensuring the least toxic exhaust gas emissions.

- ❖ Euro 6 diesel fuel “compliant vehicles require fuel that meets the EN 590 standard (Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel or ULSD – emission levels 0.08 g/km for nitrogen oxides [Nox] and 0.005 g/km for particulate matter [PM]). Diesel fuel with a maximum sulfur content of 10 parts per million will thus still ensure that the Euro 6 engine meets its optimal “soot-free” emission control performance.
- ❖ **With a diesel fuel tank capacity of minimum 700 liters** and our own diesel fuel bowsers at strategic points internal refueling is possible for improved control purposes to ensure Euro 5 and/or Euro 6 powered buses are refueled with 10 ppm diesel, which is also available from accredited fuel service stations in general.

5.1.3 Front Axle Carrying Capacity

The permitted front axle load capacity must not be less than 7 500kg. It is important to have the maximum available front axle loading capacity to ensure safety, furthermore, to maximize the Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) so that provision for luggage weight is maximized.

5.1.4 Preferred General Requirements

- Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) is standard.
- Wheels and Tyres – 9.00 x 22.5 aluminum rims, with 315/80R22.5 tyres.

5.2 PREFERRED BUS BODY RELATED SPECIFICATIONS

- Bus Body length – 15-meters.
- Windscreen – a two-piece windscreen.
- Bus Body – to be painted in colors and livery, to be finalized. The supplier must make provision for the use of four main colors in the LDPT, Paint Layout Specification.
- Passenger Seats – Minimum 60 passenger seating, semi reclining, cloth trimmed seats, fitted with retractable lap type seat belts, cup holders, magazine net and

individual arm rests.

- USB Charging – charging port for each seat.

5.3 PREFERRED BUS SUPPORT

5.3.1 Maintenance Contract

The supplier must provide a bolt-on maintenance contract for a period of 72 months or 1.4 million kilometers whichever comes first.

The maintenance contract must be for the complete bus (chassis and body, as supplied), inclusive of roadside assistance and tow-in services.

It is intended that the LDPT road-based transport operation will only perform minor inspections and small body damage repairs itself, such as:

- Pre-trip inspections.
- Fire extinguisher replacements.
- Minor accident repairs

5.3.2 Accident Repair Facility

In case of a major accident, the supplier will be responsible for providing the details of their accredited accident repair suppliers who offer the supplier a repair warranty.

Accidents repairs will remain the responsibility of the LDPT road-based transport operation through PRASA Insurance.

5.4 PREFERRED SAFETY FEATURES

LDPT is obliged to ensure the safety of our employees, our valued passengers, and the public at large. The following safety features were identified and must be quoted as additional extras, if not a standard feature on the bus already. Fitment as standard will be an advantage. When abbreviations are used, the description **Emergency Braking Assistance (EBA)**, must be stated, for example, and the description what the product entails then follows.

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- **Adaptive Cruise Control** – Adaptive Cruise Control monitors and continuously maintains the distance to the moving vehicle ahead. It assists the driver in ensuring that a safe following distance is maintained, and passenger comfort is assured as harsh braking is eliminated, furthermore it assists in fuel consumption improvement due to acceleration and deceleration being controlled electronically.
- **Emergency Braking Assistance** – Should the driver fail to recognize a hazardous situation, for example a stationary vehicle on the road surface, in due time, the Emergency Braking Assistance automatically initiates emergency braking to prevent an accident.
- **Lane Guard Assistance and driver monitoring** – The Lane Guard Assistance and driver monitoring, monitors the road markings on both sides of the vehicle. If the driver crosses the markings without indicating (putting the indicator on with the intention to overtake, or pull off the road), it issues a warning to the driver.
- **Electronic Stability Program** – The Electronic Stability Program intervenes the moment the vehicle threatens to skid, on a wet road or when one side is on the tar and the other on the gravel side of the road and applies the brakes to individual wheels as needed to ensure stability and assisting to avoid an accident and for rollover protection.

5.4 PREFERRED EXTRAS – Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

The Supplier must indicate which of the following information will be available to LDPT as standard information and if not standard what the cost will be and what reports are available from the Supplier. Availability as standard will be advantageous:

- Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)
- Vehicle Monitoring
 - excessive idling.
 - fuel consumption.
 - engine temperature monitoring.
- Driver Monitoring

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- harsh braking.
- speeding.
- cornering.
- following distance.
- speed-zone control.

6. FORM OF CONTRACT

The standard PRASA Agreement will be used and entered into between the parties.

7. OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

None

8. CONTRACT PERIOD

The contract is for a period of 72 months or 1.4 million kilometers whichever comes first.

9. PRICING

9.1 Bidders should provide their price proposal in envelope 2, which should include Form C (Financial Offer) and provide proof of Specific Goals.

9.2 BUS PRICE

The pricing schedule has been provided for the supply of Inter City Buses:

- Chassis Price, inclusive of VAT.
- Body Price, inclusive of VAT.

9.3 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT PRICE

The pricing schedule has been provided for the supply of Inter City Buses bolt-on Maintenance Contracts:

- Chassis Maintenance charge in cents per kilometer, inclusive of VAT.
- Body Maintenance charge in cents per kilometer, inclusive of VAT.

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10. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

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

11. EVALUATION AND SCORING METHODOLOGY

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

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
Verify completeness	The Bid is checked for completeness and whether all required documentation, certificates; verify completeness warranties and other Bid requirements and formalities have been complied with. Incomplete Bids will be disqualified.
Verify compliance	The Bids are checked to verify that the essential RFP requirements have been met. Non-compliant Bids will be disqualified.
Detailed Evaluation of Technical	Not Applicable
Specific Goals	Evaluate Specific Goals
Price Evaluation	Bidders will be evaluated on price/percentage offered.
Scoring	Scoring of Bids using the Evaluation Criteria.
Recommendation	Report formulation and recommendation of Preferred and Reserved Bidders
Approval	Approval and notification of the final Bidder.

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11.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Interested bidders for this project shall be evaluated in terms for their administrative responsiveness, substantive responsiveness and preference points. The evaluation committee shall use the following Evaluation Criteria depicted in Table 1 below for the selection of the preferred bidder that shall render / deliver the required works, goods and / or services.

EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHTING
Stage 1	Compliance
	Stage 1A - Mandatory Requirements
	Stage 1B – Technical Other Mandatory Requirements
	Stage 1C- Other Mandatory Requirements
Stage 2	Price and Specific Goals
Price	90
Specific Goals	10
TOTAL	100

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

11.2 STAGE 1: COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

a) Stage 1A – Mandatory Requirements

If you do not submit/meet the following mandatory documents/requirements, your bid will be automatically disqualified. Only bidders who comply with Stage 1 A will be evaluated further.

NO	DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT	COMPLIANCE: YES/NO
a)	Submit the MCR (4) (20023/10 – CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR MANUFACTURER / IMPORTER / BUILDER (National Road Traffic Act 1996), issued by the National Department of Trade and Industry as proof that the supplier of the	

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NO	DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT	COMPLIANCE: YES/NO
	vehicle is registered in the Republic of South Africa to Manufacturer, or Import or Build a vehicle.	

Table 2- Mandatory Requirements

b) Stage 1B – Technical Other Mandatory Requirements

If you do not submit/meet the following mandatory documents/requirements, PRASA may request the bidder to submit the information within five (5) working days. Should this information not be provided, your bid proposal will be disqualified


NO	DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT	COMPLIANCE: YES/NO
1	The bidder must submit a detailed production and delivery schedule for the project which shows the estimated start date, date of signature of the Supply Agreement and monthly deliveries thereafter as well as the final delivery date to LDPT.	
2	Provide a letter on the bidder Company Letterhead that confirms that the bidder will be able to provide support nationally.	
3	Statistics of the product supplied must be available from the Automotive Business Council (previously NAAMSA) and proof of registration submitted.	
4	Submit the specification for the 30 buses with toilets (at the back) 2 x 2 seating configuration, minimum of 60 seating with an underfloor driver sleeping compartment.	
5	Submit the Repair and Maintenance Agreements for the Chassis and Body bolt-on, full maintenance contracts in which specific reference is made that the bolt-on maintenance contract is for a period of 72 months or 1.4 million kilometers whichever comes first for the bus.	
6	Submit the chassis specification as proof of engine position – Rear Mounted.	
7	Submit the chassis specification as proof of 6x2 configuration front axle, drive axle and trailing axle.	
8	Submit the chassis specification as proof of engine being Euro 6 Compliant – Minimum 330 kW output.	

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9	Submit the body specification as proof that the diesel fuel tank capacity is minimum 700 liters	
10	Submit the chassis specification as proof of the permitted front axle load capacity not being less than 7 500kg.	
11	Submit the chassis specification as proof that Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) is fitted standard.	
12	Submit the chassis specification as proof for 9.00 x 22.5 aluminum rims, with 315/80R22.5 tyres are used as standard.	
13	Submit the body specification as proof that the Bus Body length is 15- meters.	
14	Submit the body specification as proof that the body is fitted with a two- piece windscreen.	
15	Submit the body specification as proof that a USB charging port for each seat is fitted as standard.	
16	Submit the bus specification as proof that Adaptive Cruise Control is fitted as standard.	
17	Submit the bus specification as proof that Emergency Braking Assistance is fitted as standard.	
18	Submit the bus specification as proof that it is fitted with Electronic Stability Program as standard.	


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c) Stage 1C – Other Mandatory Requirements

If you do not submit/meet the following mandatory documents/requirements, PRASA may request the bidder to submit the information within five (5) working days. Should this information not be provided, your bid proposal will be disqualified

NO	DESCRIPTION	COMPLIANCE: YES/NO
a	Completion of ALL RFP documentation (includes ALL declarations, ALL Standard Bidding Documents (SBD))	
b	In case of a Joint Venture, Consortium Agreement or Partnering Agreement, Franchise Agreement it must be signed by all parties. The agreement must indicate the leading bidder where applicable and a copy of the Joint Venture, Consortium Agreement or Partnering Agreement, Franchise Agreement (If applicable) must be submitted with the tender.	
c	Letter of Good Standing: COID	
d	Supply of valid SARS Pin	
e	Company Registration Documents	
f	Copies of Directors' ID documents	
g	CSD Supplier Registration Number	

Table 4: Technical Other Mandatory Requirement

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11.3. STAGE 2: PRICING AND SPECIFIC GOALS - (To be submitted in envelope 2)

Bidders should provide their price proposal in envelope 2, which should include Form C (Financial Offer) and also, provide proof of Specific Goals.

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	90
SPECIFIC GOALS	10
TOTAL POINTS FOR PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS	100

FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES:

POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

THE 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM

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

$$PS = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration


Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

Where:

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Rand value of tender under consideration

Pmin = Rand value of lowest acceptable tender

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POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

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:

THE SPECIFIC GOALS ALLOCATED POINTS IN TERMS OF THIS TENDER	NUMBER OF POINTS ALLOCATED (90/10 SYSTEM) (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGAN OF STATE)	NUMBER OF POINTS CLAIMED. (90/10 SYSTEM) (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TENDERER)	SUPPORTING EVIDENCE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE TENDERER
Entities with a B-BBEE contributor status level of at least level 2	10		BEE Certificate not limited to SANAS approved/ Affidavit (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted)
TOTAL	10		

Table 5 Specific Goals and Points Claimed

Subject to section 2(1)(f) of the Act, the contract must be awarded to the tenderer scoring the highest points.

12. VALIDITY PERIOD

This RFP shall be valid for **180 Business/ working days** calculated from Bid closing date.

13. POST TENDER NEGOTIATION (IF APPLICABLE)

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

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14. FINAL CONTRACT AWARD

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

15. FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

SECTION 3

PRICING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

- **PRICING SCHEDULE / BOQ**

Respondents are required to complete Annexure B Pricing Schedule and Annexure C Form C (Volume 2 /Envelop 2)

16. PRICING

- 16.1. Prices must be quoted in South African Rand, inclusive of all applicable taxes.
- 16.2. Price offer is firm and clearly indicate the basis thereof.
- 16.3. Pricing Bill of Quantity is completed in line with schedule if applicable.
- 16.4. Cost breakdown must be indicated.
- 16.5. Price escalation basis and formula must be indicated.
- 16.6. To facilitate like-for like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this price schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule could result in a bid being declared non-responsive.
- 16.7. Please note that should you have offered a discounted price(s), PRASA will only consider such price discount(s) in the final evaluation stage on an unconditional basis.

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- 16.8. Respondents are to note that if price offered by the highest scoring bidder is not market related, PRASA may not award the contract to the Respondent. PRASA may:
- negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the highest points or cancel the RFP;
 - if that Respondent does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the second highest points or cancel the RFP; and
 - if the Respondent scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the third highest points or cancel the RFP.
- If a market-related price is not agreed with the Respondent scoring the third highest points, PRASA must cancel the RFP.

17. DISCLOSURE OF PRICES QUOTED

Respondents are to note that, on award of business, PRASA is required to publish the tendered prices and preferences claimed of the successful and unsuccessful Respondents inter alia on the National Treasury e-Tender Publication Portal, (www.etenders.gov.za) , [the other medium used to advertise the bid i.e CIDB if applicable](#) as required per National Treasury Instruction Note 09 of 2022/2023.

18. OWNERSHIP OF DESIGN

- 17.1 The plans and design developed and to be provided by PRASA shall at all times remain the property of PRASA,

19. SERVICE LEVELS

- 19.1 An experienced national account representative(s) is required to work with PRASA's procurement department. [No sales representatives are needed for individual department or locations]. Additionally, there shall be a minimal number of people, fully informed and accountable for this agreement.
- 19.2 PRASA will have quarterly reviews with the Service provider's account representative on an on-going basis.

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- 19.3 PRASA reserves the right to request that any member of the Service provider's team involved on the PRASA account be replaced if deemed not to be adding value for PRASA.
- 19.4 The Service provider guarantees that it will achieve a 100% [hundred per cent] service level on the following measures:
 - 19.4.1 Random checks on compliance with quality/quantity/specifications
 - 19.4.2 On time delivery.
- 19.5 The Service provider must provide a telephone number for customer service calls.
- 19.6 Failure of the Service provider to comply with stated service level requirements will give PRASA the right to cancel the contract in whole, without penalty to PRASA, giving 30 [thirty] calendar days' notice to the Service provider of its intention to do so.

Acceptance of Service Levels:

YES	
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20. TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP (TCO)

- 20.1 PRASA will strive to procure goods, services and works which contribute to its mission. In order to achieve this, PRASA must be committed to working with suppliers who share its goals of continuous improvement in service, quality and reduction of Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).
- 20.2 Respondents shall indicate whether they would be committed, for the duration of any contract which may be awarded through this RFP process, to participate with PRASA in its continuous improvement initiatives to reduce the total cost of ownership [TCO], which will reduce the overall cost of transportation services and related logistics provided by PRASA's operating divisions within South Africa to the ultimate benefit of all end-users.

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

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

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1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

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21. VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

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

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

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

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

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

1. PRASA's General Bid Conditions*

2. Standard RFP Terms and Conditions for the supply of Goods or Services or Works to PRASA

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

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

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

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

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ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

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23. GENERAL CONDITIONS

23.1 ALTERNATIVE BIDS- N/A

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

23.2 PRASA'S TENDER FORMS

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

23.3 PRECEDENT

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

23.4. RESPONSE TO RFP-CONFIDENTIALITY

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

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

- PRASA shall confirm with the Bidder whether the raising of confidentiality applies to the entire response to the RFP or only specific elements or sections of the response;

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

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

24. RESPONSE TO THE RFP – RFP DISQUALIFICATION

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

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

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25. CORRUPTION, GIFTS AND PAYMENTS

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

In the event that any of the prohibited practices contemplated under the above paragraph is committed, PRASA shall be entitled to terminate any Response to RFP's status and to prohibit such Response to RFP, its equity members, its SPV members, its Sub Contractors and their agents, lenders and advisors from participating in any further part of the procurement of the Project.

26. INSURANCE

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

26.1 NO CONTACT POLICY

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

26.2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No Bidder member, subcontractor or advisor of the response to RFP may be a member of or in any other way participate or be involved, either directly or indirectly in more than one response to RFP or response to RFP during any stage of the Project procurement process, but excluding specialist suppliers of systems and equipment, non-core service providers or financial or commercial institutions

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whose role is limited purely to lending money or advancing credit to the response to RFP. Bidders are to sign the declaration of interest form. In order to prevent the conflict or potential conflict of interest between Lenders and Bidders to RFP, no advisors or the Contractor/s or Consortium/s to any response to RFP, consortium member or subcontractor may fulfil the role of arranger, underwriter and/or lead bank to the response to RFP. PRASA may disqualify the response to RFP from further participation in the event of a failure to comply with this provision. PRASA views the potential conflict of interest so great as to warrant the reduction of competition for advisory services.

26.3 COLLUSION AND CORRUPTION

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

- communicates to a person other than persons nominated by PRASA a material part of its response to RFP; or
- Enters into any Contract or arrangement with any other person or entity that it shall refrain from submitting a response to RFP to this RFP or as to any material part of its Response to RFP to this RFP (refer the prohibition contained in Section 4(1)(b)(iii) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998).
The Bidders represents that the Bidder has not, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like for the purpose of, with the intention to, enter into collusive Biding or with reasonable appreciation that, collusive any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like may result in or have the effect of collusive Biding. The Bidder undertakes that in the process of the Bid but prior to PRASA awarding the Bid to a preferred bidder become involved in or be aware of or do or caused to be done any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like for the purpose of or which may result in or have the effect of a collusive Bid, the Bidder will notify PRASA of such any agreement, arrangement or understanding or any such like.; or
- offers or agrees to pay or give any sum of money, inducement or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done, or causing, or having caused to be done any act or omission in relation to the RFP Process or any proposed response to RFP (provided nothing contained in this paragraph shall prevent a response to RFP from paying any market-related commission or bonus to its employees or contractors within the agreed terms of their employment or contract).

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26.4 CONSORTIUM CHANGES


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

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

26.5 COSTS OF RESPONSE TO THE RFP SUBMISSION

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

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

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26.6 RESPONSE TO THE RFP WARRANTY

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

27. CONDITIONS OF TENDER

General

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| Actions | 1 | PRASA's <i>Representative</i> and each <i>tenderer</i> submitting a tender shall act as stated in these Conditions of Tender and in a manner which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective. |
| Interpretation | 2 | Terms shown in <i>italics</i> vary for each tender. The details of each term for this tender are identified in the Request for Tender / Scope of work/ specification. Terms shown in capital initials are defined terms in the appropriate conditions of contract. |
| | 3 | Any additional or amended requirements in the Scope of work/ specification, and additional requirements given in the Schedules in the <i>tender returnables</i> are deemed to be part of these Conditions of Tender. |
| | 4 | The Conditions of Tender and the Scope of work/ specification shall form part of any contract arising from this invitation to tender. |
| Communication | 5 | Each communication between PRASA and a <i>tenderer</i> shall be to or from PRASA's <i>Representative</i> only, and in a form that can be read, copied and recorded. Communication shall be in the English language. PRASA takes no responsibility for non-receipt of communications from or by a <i>tenderer</i> . |
| PRASA's rights to accept or reject any tender | 6 | PRASA may accept or reject any variation, deviation, tender, or alternative tender, and may cancel the tender process and reject all |

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tenders at any time prior to the formation of a contract. PRASA or PRASA's *Representative* will not accept or incur any liability to a *tenderer* for such cancellation and rejection, but will give reasons for the action. PRASA reserves the right to accept the whole or any part of any tender.

- 7 After the cancellation of the tender process or the rejection of all tenders PRASA may abandon the proposed work and services, have it performed in any other manner, or re-issue a similar invitation to tender at any time.

Tenderer's obligations

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

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| Eligibility | 1 | Submit a tender only if the <i>tenderer</i> complies with the criteria stated in the Scope of work/ specification. |
| Cost of tendering | 2 | Accept that PRASA will not compensate the <i>tenderer</i> for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a tender. |
| Check documents | 3 | Check the <i>tender documents</i> on receipt, including pages within them, and notify PRASA's <i>Representative</i> of any discrepancy or omissions in writing. |
| Copyright of documents | 4 | Use and copy the documents provided by PRASA only for the purpose of preparing and submitting a tender in response to this invitation. |
| Standardised specifications and other publications | 5 | Obtain, as necessary for submitting a tender, copies of the latest revision of standardised specifications and other publications, which are not attached but which are incorporated into the <i>tender documents</i> by reference. |
| Acknowledge receipt | 6 | Preferably complete the Receipt of invitation to submit a tender form attached to the Letter of Invitation and return it within five days of receipt of the invitation. |

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| | 7 | Acknowledge receipt of Addenda / Tender Briefing Notes to the <i>tender documents</i> , which PRASA's <i>Representative</i> may issue, and if necessary apply for an extension to the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> , in order to take the Addenda into account. |
| Site visit and / or clarification meeting | 8 | Attend a site visit and/or clarification meeting at which <i>tenderers</i> may familiarise themselves with the proposed work, services or supply, location, etc. and raise questions, if provided for in the Scope of work/ specification. Details of the meeting are stated in the RFP document, <i>i-tender</i> website and CIDB website. |
| Seek clarification | 9 | Request clarification of the <i>tender documents</i> , if necessary, by notifying PRASA's <i>Representative</i> earlier than the <i>closing time for clarification of queries</i> . |
| Insurance | 10 | Be informed of the risk that needs to be covered by insurance policy. The <i>tenderer</i> is advised to seek qualified advice regarding insurance. |
| Pricing the tender | 11 | Include in the rates, prices, and the tendered total of the prices (if any) all duties, taxes (except VAT), and other levies payable by the successful <i>tenderer</i> . Such duties, taxes and levies are those applicable 14 days prior to the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> . |
| | 12 | Show Value Added Tax (VAT) payable by PRASA separately as an addition to the tendered total of the prices. |
| | 13 | Provide rates and prices that are fixed for the duration of the contract and not subject to adjustment except as provided for in the <i>conditions of contract</i> . |
| | 14 | State the rates and Prices in South African Rand unless instructed otherwise as an additional condition in the Scope of work/ specification. The selected <i>conditions of contract</i> may provide for part payment in other currencies. |
| Alterations to documents | 15 | Not make any alterations or an addition to the tender documents, except to comply with instructions issued by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> or if necessary to correct errors made by the <i>tenderer</i> . All such alterations shall be initialled by all signatories to the tender. |

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Corrections may not be made using correction fluid, correction tape or the like.

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| Alternative tenders | <p>16 Submit alternative tenders only if a main tender, strictly in accordance with all the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i> is also submitted. The alternative tender is submitted with the main tender together with a schedule that compares the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i> with the alternative requirements the <i>tenderer</i> proposes.</p> <p>17 Accept that an alternative tender may be based only on the criteria stated in the Scope of work/ specification and as acceptable to PRASA.</p> |
| Submitting a tender | <p>18 Submit a tender for providing the whole of the works, services or supply identified in the Contract Data unless stated otherwise as an additional condition in the Scope of work/ specification.</p> |
| NOTE: | <p>19 Return the completed and signed <i>PRASA Tender Forms and SBD forms provided with the tender. <u>Failure to submit all the required documentation will lead to disqualification</u></i></p> <p>20 Submit the <u>tender as an original</u> and may submit 1 copy and an electronic version which should be contained in Memory Cards clearly marked in the Bidders name as stated in the RFP and provide an English translation for documentation submitted in a language other than English. Tenders may not be written in pencil but must be completed in ink.</p> <p>21 Sign and initial the original and all copies of the tender where indicated. PRASA will hold the signatory duly authorised and liable on behalf of the <i>tenderer</i>.</p> <p>22 Seal the original and each copy of the tender as separate packages marking the packages as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY". Each package shall state on the outside PRASA's address and invitation to tender number stated in the Scope of work/ specification, as well as the <i>tenderer's name and contact address</i>. Where the tender is based on a two envelop system tenderers should further indicate in the package whether the document is envelope / box 1 or 2.</p> |

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- 23 Seal original and copies together in an outer package that states on the outside only PRASA's address and invitation to tender number as stated in the Scope of work/ specification. The outer package should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL"
- 24 Accept that PRASA will not assume any responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the tender if the outer package is not sealed and marked as stated.

Note:


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

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

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

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

- Closing time**
- 25 Ensure that PRASA has received the tender at the stated address with the Scope of work / specification no later than the *deadline for tender submission*. Proof of posting will not be taken by PRASA as proof of delivery. PRASA will not accept a tender submitted telephonically, by Fax, E-mail or by telegraph unless stated otherwise in the Scope of work/ specification.
- 26 Accept that, if PRASA extends the *deadline for tender submission* for any reason, the requirements of these Conditions of Tender apply equally to the extended deadline.
- Tender validity**
- 27 Hold the tender(s) valid for acceptance by PRASA at any time within the *validity period* after the *deadline for tender submission*.

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| | <p>28 Extend the <i>validity period</i> for a specified additional period if PRASA requests the <i>tenderer</i> to extend it. A <i>tenderer</i> agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify a tender, except to the extent PRASA may allow for the effects of inflation over the additional period.</p> |
| <p>Clarification of tender after submission</p> | <p>29 Provide clarification of a tender in response to a request to do so from PRASA's <i>Representative</i> during the evaluation of tenders. This may include providing a breakdown of rates or Prices. No change in the total of the Prices or substance of the tender is sought, offered, or permitted except as required by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> to confirm the correction of arithmetical errors discovered in the evaluation of tenders. The total of the Prices stated by the <i>tenderer</i> as corrected by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> with the concurrence of the <i>tenderer</i>, shall be binding upon the <i>tenderer</i></p> |
| <p>Submit bonds, policies etc.</p> | <p>30 If instructed by PRASA's <i>Representative</i> (before the formation of a contract), submit for PRASA's acceptance, the bonds, guarantees, policies and certificates of insurance required to be provided by the successful <i>tenderer</i> in terms of the <i>conditions of contract</i>.</p> <p>31 Undertake to check the final draft of the contract provided by PRASA's <i>Representative</i>, and sign the Form of Agreement all within the time required.</p> <p>32 Where an agent on behalf of a principal submits a tender, an authenticated copy of the authority to act as an agent should be submitted with the tender.</p> |
| <p>Fulfil BEE requirements</p> | <p>33 Comply with PRASA's requirements regarding BBBEE Suppliers.</p> |

PRASA'S UNDERTAKINGS

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

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| <p>Respond to clarification</p> | <p>1 Respond to a request for clarification received earlier than the <i>closing time for clarification of queries</i>. The response is notified to all <i>tenderers</i>.</p> |
| <p>Issue Addenda</p> | <p>2 If necessary, issue to each <i>tenderer</i> from time to time during the period from the date of the Letter of Invitation until the <i>closing time for</i></p> |

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clarification of queries, Addenda that may amend, amplify, or add to the *tender documents*. If a *tenderer* applies for an extension to the *deadline for tender submission*, in order to take Addenda into account in preparing a tender, PRASA may grant such an extension and PRASA's *Representative* shall notify the extension to all *tenderers*.

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| Return late tenders | 3 | Return tenders received after the <i>deadline for tender submission</i> unopened to the <i>tenderer</i> submitting a late tender. Tenders will be deemed late if they are not in the designated tender box at the date and time stipulated as the deadline for tender submission. |
| Non-disclosure | 4 | Not disclose to <i>tenderers</i> , or to any other person not officially concerned with such processes, information relating to the evaluation and comparison of tenders and recommendations for the award of a contract. |
| Grounds for rejection | 5 | Consider rejecting a tender if there is any effort by a <i>tenderer</i> to influence the processing of tenders or contract award. |
| Disqualification | 6 | Instantly disqualify a <i>tenderer</i> (and his tender) if it is established that the <i>tenderer</i> offered an inducement to any person with a view to influencing the placing of a contract arising from this invitation to tender. |
| Test for responsiveness | 7 | Determine before detailed evaluation, whether each tender properly received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meets the requirements of these Conditions of Tender, • has been properly signed, and • is responsive to the requirements of the <i>tender documents</i>. |
| | 8 | Judge a responsive tender as one which conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the <i>tender documents</i> without material deviation or qualification. A material deviation or qualification is one which, in PRASA 's opinion would <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detrimentally affect the scope, quality, or performance of the works, services or supply identified in the Contract Data, • change PRASA's or the <i>tenderer's</i> risks and responsibilities under the contract, or • affect the competitive position of other <i>tenderers</i> presenting responsive tenders, if it were to be rectified. |

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Non-responsive tenders	10	Reject a non-responsive tender, and not allow it to be subsequently made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the non-conforming deviation or reservation.
Arithmetical errors	11	<p>Check responsive tenders for arithmetical errors, correcting them as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words shall govern. • If a bill of quantities applies and there is a discrepancy between the rate and the line item total, resulting from multiplying the rate by the quantity, the rate as quoted shall govern. Where there is an obviously gross misplacement of the decimal point in the rate, the line item total as quoted shall govern, and the rate will be corrected. • Where there is an error in the total of the Prices, either as a result of other corrections required by this checking process or in the <i>tenderer's</i> addition of prices, the total of the Prices, if any, will be corrected.
	12	Reject a tender if the <i>tenderer</i> does not accept the corrected total of the Prices (if any).
Evaluating the tender	13	Evaluate responsive tenders in accordance with the procedure stated in the RFP / Scope of work/ specification. The evaluated tender price will be disclosed only to the relevant PRASA tender committee and will not be disclosed to <i>tenderers</i> or any other person.
Clarification of a tender	14	Obtain from a <i>tenderer</i> clarification of any matter in the tender which may not be clear or could give rise to ambiguity in a contract arising from this tender if the matter were not to be clarified.
Acceptance of tender	15	Notify PRASA's acceptance to the successful <i>tenderer</i> before the expiry of the <i>validity period</i> , or agreed additional period. Providing the notice of acceptance does not contain any qualifying statements, it will constitute the formation of a contract between PRASA and the successful <i>tenderer</i> .
Notice to unsuccessful tenderers	16	After the successful <i>tenderer</i> has acknowledged PRASA's notice of acceptance, notify other <i>tenderers</i> that their tenders have not been accepted, following PRASA's current procedures.

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| Prepare contract documents | 17 | <p>Revise the contract documents issued by PRASA as part of the <i>tender documents</i> to take account of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addenda issued during the tender period, • inclusion of some of the <i>tender returnables</i>, and • other revisions agreed between PRASA and the successful <i>tenderer</i>, before the issue of PRASA's notice of acceptance (of the tender). |
| Issue final contract | 18 | <p>Issue the final contract documents to the successful <i>tenderer</i> for acceptance within one week of the date of PRASA's notice of acceptance.</p> |
| Sign Form of Agreement | 19 | <p>Arrange for authorised signatories of both parties to complete and sign the original and one copy of the Form of Agreement within two weeks of the date of PRASA's notice of acceptance of the tender. If either party requires the signatories to initial every page of the contract documents, the signatories for the other party shall comply with the request.</p> |
| Provide copies of the contracts | 20 | <p>Provide to the successful <i>tenderer</i> the number of copies stated in the Scope of work/ specification of the signed copy of the contracts within three weeks of the date of PRASA's acceptance of the tender.</p> |