



LIMPOPO

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE: HEAD OFFICE

TERMS OF REFERENCE NUMBER: DSAC 2023/24-B5

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUBSCRIBE FOR EXACT DIGITAL REPLICAS OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES TO LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.

CLOSING DATE: 2ND FEBRUARY 2024

CLOSING TIME: 11H00AM

BID VALIDITY PERIOD: 120 DAYS

TENDER BOX ADDRESS:

21 BICCARD STREET
OLYMPIC TOWERS
POLOKWANE
0699

1. INTRODUCTION

The Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is looking for suitably qualified and experienced service provider with an impeccable track record to subscribe for exact digital replica's of local and international electronic newspapers and electronic magazines.

2. BACKGROUND

The Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) is mandated to provide library and information services to the libraries within Limpopo Province. The geographical locations of the libraries are urban and rural.

3. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The purpose is to appoint a service provider to subscribe for exact digital replica's of local and international electronic newspapers and magazines to Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture for a period of twenty-four months.

4. DEFINITIONS

DSAC means the organ of state, Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture that is requiring the subscription of exact digital replica's of local and international electronic newspapers and magazines.

Service Level Agreement (SLA) is a contract between the service provider and DSAC that defines the level of service expected from the service provider.

VAT means Value Added Tax.

5. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THE BID

5.1. Tax Legislation

Bidder(s) must be compliant when submitting a proposal to DSAC 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).

5.2. Procurement Legislation

DSAC has a detailed evaluation methodology premised on Treasury Regulation 16A3 promulgated under Section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act, No. 1 of 1999), the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 (Act, No.5 of 2000).

5.3. Technical Legislation and/or Standards

Bidder(s) should be cognisant of the legislation and/or standards specifically applicable to the services. It is the service provider's responsibility to ensure that they always use updated National Treasury Prescripts when procuring services for DSAC.

6. BRIEFING SESSION

There will be compulsory briefing session for this tender.

7. TIMELINE OF THE BID PROCESS

The validity period of the tender is 120 days after the closing date and time. The project timeframes of this bid are set out below:

Advertisement of bid on tender portal / tender bulletin

12th January 2024

Bid closing date.

2nd February 2024 at 11:00am

Compulsory Briefing Session date

22nd January 2024 @ 10h00

21 Biccard Street, Olympic Towers building, Department of Sport, Arts and Culture

Notice to bidder(s) DSAC will endeavour to inform bidders of the progress until conclusion of the tender.

All dates and times in this bid are South African standard time.

Any time or date in this bid is subject to change at DSAC's discretion. The establishment of a time or date in this bid does not create an obligation on the part of DSAC to take any action or create any right in any way for any bidder to demand that any action be taken on the date established. The bidder accepts that, if DSAC extends the deadline for bid submission (the Closing Date) for any reason, the requirements of this bid otherwise apply equally to the extended deadline.

8. CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

8.1. A nominated official of the bidder(s) can make enquiries in writing, to the specified person, Manamela M email address manamelam@sac.limpopo.gov.za and/or and Mrs Modiba M.V N via email address modibav@sac.limpopo.gov.za. Bidder(s) must reduce all telephonic enquiries to writing and send to the above email address.

8.2. The delegated office of DSAC may communicate with Bidder(s) where clarity is sought in the bid proposal.

8.3. Any communication with an official or a person acting in an advisory capacity for DSAC in respect of the bid between the closing date and the award of the bid by the Bidder(s) is discouraged.

8.4. All communication between the Bidder(s) and DSAC must be done in writing.

8.5. Whilst all due care has been taken in the preparation of this bid, DSAC makes no representations or warranties that the content of the bid or any information communicated to or provided to Bidder(s) during the bidding process is, or will be, accurate, current, or complete. DSAC, and its employees and advisors will not be liable with respect to any information communicated which may not be accurate, current, or complete.

8.6. If Bidder(s) finds or reasonably believes it has found any discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in this bid or any other information provided by DSAC (other than minor clerical matters), the Bidder(s) must promptly notify DSAC in writing of such discrepancy, ambiguity, error, or inconsistency in order to afford DSAC an opportunity to consider what corrective action is necessary (if any).

8.7. Any actual discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in the bid or any other information provided by DSAC will, if possible, be corrected and provided to all Bidder(s) without attribution to the Bidder(s) who provided the written notice.

8.8. All persons (including Bidder(s)) obtaining or receiving the bid and any other information in connection with the Bid or the Tendering process must keep the contents of the Bid and other such information confidential, and not disclose or use the information except as required for the purpose of developing a proposal in response to this Bid.

9. LATE BIDS

Bids received after the closing date and time, at the address indicated in the bid documents, will not be accepted.

10. COUNTER CONDITIONS

Bidders' attention is drawn to the fact that amendments to any of the Bid Conditions or setting of counter conditions by Bidders or qualifying any Bid Conditions will result in the invalidation of such bids.

11. FRONTING

11.1. Government supports the spirit of broad based black economic empowerment and recognizes that real empowerment can only be achieved through individuals and businesses conducting themselves in accordance with the Constitution and in an honest, fair, equitable, transparent, and legally compliant manner. Against this background the Government condemn any form of fronting.

11.2. The Government, in ensuring that Bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the bid evaluation processes, conduct, or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations to

determine the accuracy of the representation made in bid documents. Should any of the fronting indicators as contained in the Guidelines on Complex Structures and Transactions and Fronting, issued by the Department of Trade and Industry, be established during such enquiry / investigation, the onus will be on the Bidder / contractor to prove that fronting does not exist. Failure to do so within a period of 14 days from date of notification may invalidate the bid / contract and may also result in the restriction of the Bidder /contractor to conduct business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten years, in addition to any other remedies DSAC may have against the Bidder / contractor concerned.

12. SUPPLIER DUE DILIGENCE

12.1 DSAC reserves the right to conduct supplier due diligence prior to final award or at any time during the contract to assess company documents to verify if the successful bidder is not in the process of insolvency, liquidation, or deregistration.

12.2 The Department reserves the right to report any bidder who submits fraudulent documents to National Treasury for listing on the register of list of restricted supplier and tender defaulters.

13. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

13.1. Bid documents must be placed in the tender box on the aforesaid address on or before the closing date and time.

13.2. Bid documents will only be considered if received by DSAC before the closing date and time, regardless of the method used to send or deliver such documents to DSAC.

13.3. The bidder(s) are required to submit one (1) original copy marked correctly and sealed.

13.4 Bidder(s) are requested to initial each page of the tender document and the attachments.

14. DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

a) The successful bidder will be appointed for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

15. SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

The successful bidder will be required to:

- a. Subscribe for exact digital replica's of local and international electronic newspapers and magazines.
- b. Provide unlimited access to local and international electronic newspapers and magazines.
- c. Access to publications must be available before 06h00 daily.
- d. Users must be able to download Newspapers and Magazines.
- e. Online notification when logging in must be provided, free of charge.

- f. Must be accessible through any smart device, example laptop, desktop, smart phone, or tablet.
- g. Online access and download reports must be available to analyse monthly.
- h. Subscriptions must be for a period of twenty-four (24) months.
- i. The changes or amendments of user access must be done within 24 hours of reporting.
- j. Resolution of access problems must be resolved within 24 hours.
- k. Newly constructed and operational libraries should be catered for by the same terms and conditions of the contract at no additional cost.

17. SCOPE OF WORK

ITEM NO.	SPECIFICATIONS	QUANTITY
1	THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUBSCRIBE FOR EXACT DIGITAL REPLICAS OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES TO LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY- FOUR MONTHS. THE SUBSCRIPTION SHOULD INCLUDE THE BELOW-MENTIONED AND NOT LIMITED TO THE LIST AS SUCH.	121 LIBRARIES (BASELINE)

ITEM NO.	LOCAL NEWSPAPERS - RSA	LOCAL MAGAZINES - RSA
1	Biz Bulletin	African Farming
2	Business Day	Baba & Kleuter
3	Motor News	Bicycling (South Africa)
4	Cape Times	Car (South Africa)
5	City Press Careers	Drum Food
6	Daily News	Fairlady
7	Financial Mail	Farmer's Weekly (South Africa)
8	Investors Monthly	Getaway (South Africa)
9	Mail & Guardian	Glamour (South Africa)
10	Polokwane Observer	Home (South Africa)
11	Pretoria News	Huisgenoot
12	Public Eye (South Africa)	Kick Off
13	Saturday Star	Landbouweekblad
14	Soccer Laduma	Sarie
15	Sowetan	True Love
16	Sunday Times	Tuis
17	Sunday World	TV Plus (South Africa)
18	The Citizen (Gauteng)	YOU (South Africa)
19	The Herald (South Africa)	Your Baby & Toddler
20	The Sunday Independent	Your Pregnancy

ITEM NO.	COUNTRY	NEWSPAPER
1	Botswana	Botswana Guardian
2	Botswana	The Midweek Sun
3	Botswana	The Monitor (Botswana)
4	Botswana	The Voice (Botswana)
5	Lesotho	Metro (Lesotho)
6	Lesotho	The Reporter (Lesotho)
7	USA	Express (USA)

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8	USA	Morning Sun
9	USA	Observer News Enterprise
10	USA	Readers' Choice
11	USA	Sunday Star
12	USA	The Citizens' Voice
13	USA	The Daily Press
14	USA	The Guardian (USA)
15	USA	The Herald Sun
16	USA	The Independent (USA)
17	USA	The News & Observer
18	Zimbabwe	Business Weekly (Zimbabwe)
19	Zimbabwe	The Sunday Mail (Zimbabwe)
20	Zimbabwe	The Zimbabwe Independent

ITEM NO.	COUNTRY	MAGAZINES
1	Ghana	Lifestyle
2	Ghana	The Motivational Magazine
3	Ghana	The Style Finest
4	Kenya	SWARA
5	Kenya	THE CONSULATE
6	Mozambique	Revista Biografia
7	Namibia	Nam Wheels
8	Namibia	RDJ Briefing
9	Nigeria	Boundless Magazine
10	Nigeria	Castles Lifestyle
11	Nigeria	Financial Nigeria Magazine
12	Nigeria	Highbrow Living
13	Nigeria	Today's Woman
14	Nigeria	Urban Woman Magazine
15	Zambia	Travel & Leisure Zambia & Zimbabwe
16	USA	Animal Tales
17	USA	Beautiful Kitchens & Baths
18	USA	Better Homes & Gardens
19	USA	Business Traveler (USA)
20	USA	Diabetic Living (USA)

18. EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

DSAC has set minimum standards that a bidder(s) needs to meet to be evaluated and selected as a successful bidder. The minimum standards consist of the following:

- Administrative Compliance (Phase 1)
- Functionality Compliance (Phase 2)
- Price and Specific Goals (Phase 3)

Bidders must submit all documents as outlined in Table1 below. Only bidder(s) that comply with ALL these criteria will proceed to Phase 2.

18.1. PHASE 1: ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE.

Bidder(s) must submit the documents listed in Table 1 below. All documents must be completed, initialled, and signed by the duly authorised representative of the prospective bidder(s). During

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this phase Bidders' response will be evaluated based on compliance with the listed administrative and mandatory requirements. The bidder(s) proposal will be disqualified for non-submission of any of the documents.

Phase 1: Table 1: DOCUMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND SUBMITTED

TABLE 1.1: ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Document that must be submitted	Non-submission and non-compliance will result in disqualification
Invitation to Bid – SBD 1	Complete, sign and initial each page of the document
Pricing Schedule Firm Prices – SBD 3.1	Complete, sign and initial each page of the document
Declaration of Interest – SBD 4	Complete, sign and initial NB: DECLARE ALL BUSINESS INTERESTS
Preference Point Claim Form – SBD 6.1	Complete, sign and initial
Quotation	Quotation on the company letterhead and signed; and it must have the following: - quotation number, quotation date, quotation validity period of 120 days.

TABLE 1.2: MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

Document that must be submitted	Non-submission and non-compliance will result in disqualification
Registration on Central Supplier Database (CSD).	Bidder(s) must be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD). Attach CSD report.
Tax compliant	To be verified on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database. Attach SARS pin.
Financial capability	- An undertaking by a bank as recognized by the Banks Act 94 of 1990 to provide a minimum value of one million and three hundred thousand rands (R1,300 000.00) revolving credit or bank overdraft facility to the prospective bidder. - In case of a self-funding company, a stamped bank statement reflecting a minimum value of one million and three hundred thousand rands (R1,300 000.00) not older than one month from the date the bid was advertised must be provided.

PHASE 2: FUNCTIONALITY COMPLIANCE CRITERIA.

Bids must meet the minimum eligibility criteria in respect of functionality of **70 points out of 100** points that will be awarded for functionality before they can be evaluated further to Phase 3.

Any bid that does not meet the minimum eligibility threshold will be automatically disqualified.

The functionality criteria together with the maximum points to be awarded are set out below:
The weight that will be allocated to each functionality criteria is as follows:

1 = poor, 2 = average, 3 = good, 4 = very good, and 5 = excellent (0 = non-compliance)

NO	EVALUATION CRITERIA	GUIDELINES FOR CRITERIA APPLICATION	WEIGHT	BIDDER SCORE
1	Capacity and Capability of the service team (minimum of 5 resources with at least 2 years' experience)	<i>Experience in subscription to local and international electronic newspapers and magazines.</i> <i>Attach CV's and certified copy of Identity Documents of at least 5 resources with at least 2 years' experience providing the required services</i>	(50)	
		• Excellent: 5 CV's with 2 years' experience	5 = 50	
		• Very good: 4 CV's with 2 years' experience	4 = 40	
		• Good: 3 CV's with 2 years' experience	3 = 30	
		• Average: 2 CV's with 2 years' experience	2 = 20	
		• Poor: 1 CV with 2 years' experience	1 = 10	
		• Nothing provided	0	
2	Company Experience and Track Record Attach contactable reference letters with your client's letterhead and signed by authorized persons, from government entities or departments or municipalities or private institutions (not older than 24 months).	<i>Service provider must indicate – Value, duration, and number of beneficiaries serviced.</i> • Excellent: 5 References • Very good: 4 References • Good: 3 References • Average: 2 References • Poor: 1 Reference • Nothing provided	(50) 5 = 50 4 = 40 3 = 30 2 = 20 1 = 10 0	

TOTAL

100%

PHASE 3: 80/20 PREFERENCE POINTS SCORING SYSTEM IN TERMS OF PPR 2022.

Points for this tender shall be awarded for:

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

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender.	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
Black People	10	
Women	02	
Youth	02	
People living with Disabilities	02	
Black Military Veterans	02	
Rural / Township Business	02	

19. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

19.1 Any award made to a bidder(s) under this bid is conditional, amongst others, upon –

- The bidder(s) accepting the terms and conditions contained in the General Conditions of Contract as the minimum terms and conditions upon which DSAC is prepared to enter a contract with the successful Bidder.
- The bidder submitting the General Conditions of Contract to DSAC together with its bid, duly initialled by an authorised representative of the bidder.
- The Department reserves the right to negotiate a fair market price with the successful bidder.

19.2 SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

- Payment: Payment will be made after service rendered (subscription) within a period of thirty days upon the receipt of invoice.

20. CONTRACT PRICE

- All prices must be VAT inclusive and must be quoted in South African Rand (ZAR).
- Bid price will be valid for a period of 120 days from the closing date of the bid.

21. DSAC REQUIRES BIDDER(S) TO DECLARE

In the Bidder's Technical response, bidder(s) are required to declare the following:

Confirm that the bidder(s) is to: –

- a. Act honestly, fairly, and with due skill, care and diligence, in the interests of DSAC;
- b. Have and employ effectively the resources, procedures and appropriate technological systems for the proper performance of the services;
- c. Act with circumspection and treat DSAC fairly in a situation of conflicting interests;
- d. Comply with all applicable statutory or common law requirements applicable to the conduct of business;
- e. Make adequate disclosures of relevant material information including disclosures of actual or potential own interests, in relation to dealings with DSAC;
- f. Avoidance of fraudulent and misleading advertising, canvassing and marketing;
- g. To conduct their business activities with transparency and consistently uphold the interests and needs of DSAC as a client before any other consideration; and
- h. To ensure that any information acquired by the bidder(s) from DSAC will not be used or disclosed unless the written consent of the client has been obtained to do so.

22. CONFLICT OF INTEREST, CORRUPTION AND FRAUD

DSAC reserves its right to disqualify any bidder who either itself or any of whose members:

- a. engages in any collusive tendering, anti-competitive conduct, or any other similar conduct, including but not limited to any collusion with any other bidder in respect of the subject matter of this bid;
- b. seeks any assistance, other than assistance officially provided by a Government Entity, from any employee, advisor or other representative of a Government Entity in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
- c. makes or offers any gift, gratuity, anything of value or other inducement, whether lawful or unlawful, to any of DSAC's officers, directors, employees, advisors or other representatives;
- d. makes or offers any gift, gratuity, anything of any value or other inducement, to any Government Entity's officers, directors, employees, advisors or other representatives in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
- e. accepts anything of value or an inducement that would or may provide financial gain, advantage or benefit in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
- f. pays or agrees to pay to any person any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or any other consideration, that is contingent upon or results from, the award of any tender, contract, right or entitlement which is in any way related to procurement or the rendering of any services to a Government Entity;
- g. has in the past engaged in any matter referred to above; or
- h. has been found guilty in a court of law on charges of fraud and/or forgery, regardless of whether or not a prison term was imposed and despite such bidder, member or director's name not specifically appearing on the List of Tender Defaulters kept at National Treasury.

23. MISREPRESENTATION DURING THE LIFECYCLE OF THE CONTRACT

23.1. The bidder should note that the terms of its Tender will be incorporated in the proposed contract by reference and that DSAC relies upon the bidder's Tender as a material representation in making an award to a successful bidder and in concluding an agreement with the bidder.

23.2. It follows therefore that misrepresentations in a Tender may give rise to service termination and a claim by DSAC against the bidder notwithstanding the conclusion of the Service Level Agreement between DSAC and the bidder for the provision of the Service in question. In the event of a conflict between the bidder's proposal and the Service Level Agreement concluded between the parties, the Service Level Agreement will prevail.

24. PREPARATION COSTS

The Bidder will bear all its costs in preparing, submitting and presenting any response or Tender to this bid and all other costs incurred by it throughout the bid process. Furthermore, no statement in this bid will be construed as placing DSAC, its employees or agents under any obligation whatsoever, including in respect of costs, expenses or losses incurred by the bidder(s) in the preparation of their response to this bid.

25. INDEMNITY

If a bidder breaches the conditions of this bid and, as a result of that breach, DSAC incurs costs or damages (including, without limitation, the cost of any investigations, procedural impairment, repetition of all or part of the bid process and/or enforcement of intellectual property rights or confidentiality obligations), then the bidder indemnifies and holds DSAC harmless from any and all such costs which DSAC may incur and for any damages or losses DSAC may suffer.

26. PRECEDENCE

This document will prevail over any information provided during any briefing session whether oral or written, unless such written information provided, expressly amends this document by reference.

27. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

A bidder participates in this bid process entirely at its own risk and cost. DSAC shall not be liable to compensate a bidder on any grounds whatsoever for any costs incurred or any damages suffered as a result of the Bidder's participation in this Bid process.

28. TAX COMPLIANCE

No tender shall be awarded to a bidder who is not tax compliant. DSAC reserves the right to withdraw an award made, or cancel a contract concluded with a successful bidder in the event that it is established that such bidder was in fact not tax compliant at the time of the award, or has submitted a fraudulent Tax Clearance Certificate to DSAC, or whose verification against the Central Supplier Database (CSD) proves non-compliant. DSAC further reserves the right to cancel a contract with a successful bidder in the event that such bidder does not remain tax compliant for the full term of the contract.

29. NATIONAL TREASURY'S REGISTER OF TENDER DEFAULTERS

No tender shall be awarded to a bidder whose name (or any of its members, directors, partners or trustees) appear on the Register of Tender Defaulters kept by National Treasury, or who have been placed on National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers. DSAC reserves the right to withdraw an award, or cancel a contract concluded with a Bidder should it be established, at any time, that a bidder has been blacklisted with National Treasury by another government institution.

30. GOVERNING LAW

South African law governs this bid and the bid response process. The bidder agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the South African courts in any dispute of any kind that may arise out of or in connection with the subject matter of this bid, the bid itself and all processes associated with the bid.

31. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUB-CONTRACTORS AND BIDDER'S PERSONNEL

A bidder is responsible for ensuring that its personnel (including agents, officers, directors, employees, advisors and other representatives), its sub-contractors (if any) and personnel of its sub-contractors comply with all terms and conditions of this bid. In the event that DSAC allows a bidder to make use of sub-contractors, such sub-contractors will at all times remain the responsibility of the bidder and DSAC will not under any circumstances be liable for any losses or damages incurred by or caused by such sub-contractors.

32. CONFIDENTIALITY

Except as may be required by operation of law, by a court or by a regulatory authority having appropriate jurisdiction, no information contained in or relating to this bid or a bidder's tender(s) will be disclosed by any bidder or other person not officially involved with DSAC's examination and evaluation of a Tender.

No part of the bid may be distributed, reproduced, stored or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, photocopying, recording or otherwise, in whole or in part except for the purpose of preparing a Tender. This bid and any other documents supplied by DSAC remain proprietary to DSAC and must be promptly returned to DSAC upon request together with all copies, electronic versions, excerpts or summaries thereof or work derived there from.

Throughout this bid process and thereafter, bidder(s) must secure DSAC's written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to (i) the potential work or activities to which this bid relates; or (ii) the process which follows this bid. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification from the bid process and civil action.

No confidential information relating to the process of evaluating or adjudicating tenders or appointing a bidder will be disclosed to a bidder or any other person not officially involved with such process.

33. DSAC PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Bidder will on their bid cover letter make declaration that they did not have access to any DSAC proprietary information or any other matter that may have unfairly placed that bidder in a preferential position in relation to any of the other bidder(s).

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PART A **INVITATION TO BID**

SBD1

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	DSAC2023/24-B5	CLOSING DATE: 2ND FEBRUARY 2024		CLOSING TIME:	11H00AM
DESCRIPTION	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUBSCRIBE FOR EXACT DIGITAL REPLICAS OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES TO LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
21 BICCARD STREET, OLYMPIC TOWERS BUIDLING					
DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE					
POLOKWANE, 0699					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	MABASA L / MODIBA V		CONTACT PERSON	MANAMELA M	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	015 284 4093 / 4108		TELEPHONE NUMBER	015 284 4000	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	mabasal@sac.limpopo.gov.za / modibav@sac.limpopo.gov.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	manamelam@sac.limpopo.gov.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?		☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?				☐ YES ☐ NO	
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.					

PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

SBD1

1. BID SUBMISSION:
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED– (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

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

TOTAL PRICE

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

**PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES
(PURCHASES)**

SBD3.1

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

Name of bidder.....	Bid number.....
Closing Time 11:00AM	Closing date.....

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

ITEM NO.	QTY	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY ** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED) YEAR 1	TOTAL BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY ** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED) YEAR 2
1	1	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUBSCRIBE FOR EXACT DIGITAL REPLICAS OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPERS AND ELECTRONIC MAGAZINES TO LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.	R	R
SUB-TOTALS			R	R
TOTAL BID PRICE (YEAR 1 + YEAR 2)				R

- Required by:

- At:

- Brand and model

- Country of origin

- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? *YES/NO

- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s)

- Period required for delivery

*Delivery: Firm/not firm

- Delivery basis

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

** "all applicable taxes" includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

*Delete if not applicable

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

3 DECLARATION

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

- 3.1 I have read, and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement, or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements, or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements, or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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

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

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Signature

.....
Date

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Position

.....
Name of bidder

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

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

1.2 **To be completed by the organ of state**

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

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

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

1.4 **To be completed by the organ of state:**

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

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

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

2. DEFINITIONS

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

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

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

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
- Pt = Price of tender under consideration
- Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

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

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
Black People	10	
Women	02	
Youth	02	
People living with Disabilities	02	
Black Military Veterans	02	
Rural / Township Business	02	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.2. Name of company/firm.....

4.3. Company registration number:

4.4. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

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

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)	
SURNAME AND NAME:	
DATE:	
ADDRESS:	
	
	
	



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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE: HEAD OFFICE

LIST OF LIBRARIES WITH GPS COORDINATES

Tzaneen District Libraries		
Item No.	Library	GPS Coordinates
1	Tzaneen District	23°49'59.0"S 30°09'06.4"E
2	Tzaneen Public	23°49'39.26"S 30°9'31.79"E
3	Drakensig	24°20'39.0"S 30°56'01.6 "E
4	Haenertsburg	23°56'24.94"S 29°56'28.26"E
5	Hoedspruit	24°21'07.0"S 30°56'49.1"E
6	Kgapane	23°38'44.6"S 30°16'43.7"E
7	Letsitele Public	23°53'25.7"S 30°23'05.7"E
8	Metz Public	24°14'37.86"S 30°28'23.54"E
9	Modjadjiskloof	23°41'45.1"S 30°08'11.1"E
10	Mulati	23°56'36.1"S 30°24'20.4"E
11	Shiluvane	24°02'14.6"S 30°16'28.9"E
12	Soetfontein Public	23°22'03.2"S 30°09'46.8"E
13	Maphalle	23°38'71.20"S 30°36'13.85 "E
14	Mokwawkwaila	23°31'21.7"S 30°25'28.9"E
15	Sekgopo	23°36'22.1"S 30°00'02.2"E
16	Timamogolo	24°13'15.2"S 30°26'21.9"E
17	Shotong	23°41'45.1"S 30°08'11.1"E
18	Senwamokgope	23°24'20.4"S 30°09'24.4"E
19	Motupa	23°28'41.6"S 24°16'43.8"E
Mopani District Libraries		
	Library	GPS Coordinates
20	Giyani District	23°19'06.1"S 30°43'13.6"E
21	Giyani Public	23°18'37.2"S 30°41'30.8"E
22	Gravellote	23°57'06.5"S 30°36'45.0"E
23	Leboneng	23°55'57.1"S 31°02'00.8"E
24	Makhuva	23°34'55.6"S 30°58'04.1"E
25	Muyexe	23°11'21.8"S 30°55'06.4"E

26	Rixile	23°51'59.6"S 31°05'01.5"E
27	Selwane	23°29'51.5"S 31°00'51.1"E
28	Xihlovo	23°28'59.2"S 30°52'29.2"E
29	Zamani Nkuri	23°15'11.2"S 30°32'22.9"E
30	Phalaborwa	23°57'02.2"S 31°08'10.9"E
31	Mavalani	23°12'52.3"S 30°42'34.9"E
32	Runnymede	23°39'38.5"S 30°26'42.5"E
33	Makhuva	23°49'50.5"S 24°26'30.2"E
	Capricorn District Libraries	
	Library	GPS Coordinates
34	DSAC Library	23°28'14.3"S 29°49'00.3"E
35	Capricorn District	23°53' 55.36"S 29° 28'7.18" E
36	Polokwane City	23°54'28.0"S 29°27'15.1"E
37	Aganang	23°44' 6.00" S 29° 3'4.79" E
38	Alldays	22°40' 57.68"S 29° 6'8.94" E
39	Ga-Molepo	24°01'59.1"S 29°44'33.7"E
40	Lebowakgomo	24°15'04.0"S 29°38'08.9"E
41	Mankweng	23°52'48.94"S 29°42'2.20"E
42	Mogwadi	23°22'0.16"S 29°19' 28.34"E
43	Moletjle	23° 44' 9.96" E 29° 18' 10.8"
44	Morebeng	23°29'43.29" S 29° 55' 44.55" E
45	Siloe	24°11'00.0"S 29°27'46.6"E
45	Nirvana	23°54'54.2"S 29°26'23.5"E
46	Seleteng	24°17'17.9"S 29°38'33.8"E
47	Seshego	23°51'29.44"S 29°23'53.77"E
48	Fedile	24°02'33.7"S 30°16'27.7"E
49	Ramokgopa	23°28'14.3"S 29°49'00.3"E
50	Westernburg	23°54'17.0"S 29°25'48.6"E
51	Eldorado	22°58'46.6"S 28°55'48.0"E
52	Senwabarwana	23°17'12.66"S 29°07'55.70"E
	Sekhukhune District Libraries	
	Library	GPS Coordinates
53	Sekhukhune District	24°18'26.0"S 29°28'51.6"E
54	Burgersfort Tubatse	24°40'26.6"S 30°19'44.4"E
55	Fetakgomo	24° 25' 6.03" S 29° 46' 59.29" E
56	Ga-Mapodile	24°43'51.3"S 30°08'02.2"E
57	Ga-Phaahla	24°41'22.3"S 29°44'07.8"E
58	Groblerdal	25°09'55.1"S 29°23'47.0"E
59	Jane Furse	24°44'17.8"S 29°50'18.8"E

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60	Marble Hall	24° 58' 02.8" S 29° 17' 17.35" E
61	Orighstad	24° 44' 45.56" S 30° 34' 44.36" E
62	Phatanswane	24° 55' 18.90" S 29° 52' 58.68" E
63	Rossenekal Library	25° 11' 32.3" S 29° 52' 58.68" E
64	Vlakfontein	25° 00' 46.9" S 29° 39' 21.9" E
65	Phokwane Library	24°51'56.45"S 29°45'10.44"E
66	Sekhukhune Public Library	24°02'33.7"S 30°16'27.7"E
67	Matlerekeng Public Library	24.77165,29.98280 E
68	Tokkinhan	24.98064,29.04755 "E
69	Practiser	24.53907,30.32062 "E
70	Ga-Makua	24.73227,29.99197 "E
71	Thusong Centre	24.72982,30.13309 "E
72	Sefateng	24.28065,29.86176 "E
73	Atok	24.30107,29.89011 "E
74	Leboneng	24.74419,30.13837"E
	Library	GPS Coordinates
75	Waterberg District	24°42'13.9"S 28°24'14.9"E
76	Modimolle Public	24°42'12.52"S 28°24'21.49
77	Mookgophong Town	24°30'55.83"S 28°42'43.99
78	Mogalakwena	24° 11' 5.46" S 29° 0' 32.08" E
79	Thabazimbi	24° 35' 50.17" S 27° 24' 27.32" E
80	Babirwa	24° 10' 58.72" S 29° 0' 35.21" E
81	Bakgoma	23°32'38.9"S 28°49'13.7"E
82	Bela-Bela Town	24°53'05.7"S 28°17'27.8"E
83	Lephalale Public	23°41'12.2"S 27°41'48.5"E
84	Mahwelereng Public	24°08'42.4"S 28°58'44.3"E
85	Marapong	23° 39' 22.52" S 27° 37' 27.89" E
86	Northam	24° 57' 5.18" S 27° 16' 11.56" E
87	Rapotokwane	25°07'26.9"S 28°38'58.2"E
88	Roedtan	24° 36' 4.28" S 29° 4' 50.92" E
89	Shongoane	23°33'04.3"S 28°05'49.6"E
90	Thabo Mbeki/Witpoort	23°20'39.2"S 28°00'56.6"E
91	Vaalwater	24° 17' 34.87" S 28° 7' 13.69" E
92	Mahlabathini	23°49'36.3"S 28°48'26.5"E
93	Phagameng	24°41'53.6"S 28°26'05.0"E
94	Regorogile	24°35'28.7"S 27°23'28.2"E
95	Bekenberg	23.86447,28.75597"E
96	Bela Bela Township	24.85130,28.29218"E

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97	Mookgophong modular	24.51530.,28.71255"E
98	Mookgopong township	23.49166.28.65966."E
99	Botshabelo	24.46529.28.862531"E
	Library	GPS Coordinates
100	Vhembe District	22°56'45.9"S 30°29'11.1"E
101	Thulamela	22°59'02.5"S 30°27'34.3"E
102	Mukondeni	23° 15' 21.37" S 30° 6' 14.66" E
103	Musina Nancefiled	22°19'51.7"S 30°02'09.2"E
104	Musina Public	22°21'5.62"S 30°2'22.88"E
105	Mutale	22°44'55.95"S 30°31'30.11"E
106	Nzhelele	22°53'52.8"S 30°01'36.4"E
107	Masisi	22°25'05.1"S 30°52'08.0"E
108	Ntsako	23°02'51.1"S 30°45'36.2"E
109	Makhado	23°02'36.0"S 29°54'32.1"E
110	Saseleman	22°49'47.2"S 30°51'27.7"E
111	Makahlule	22°55'31.3"S 30°54'59.9"E
112	Vuwani	23°07'45.7"S 30°25'17.2 "E
113	Khubvi	22°49'43.8"S 30°33'21.9"E
114	Litshovu	23°06'09.3"S 29°48'01.2 "E
115	Tshikonelo	22.87745,30.72093 "E
116	Masia	23.21692.30.32990 E
117	Oliphantshoek	23.34937,30.27854 E
118	Tshitale	23.35839.29.98870 E
119	Vleifontein	23.21374.29.99218 E
120	Tshaulu	22.80492,30.75301 E
121	Manendzhe	23.18432,30.16910"E

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GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

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

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
 - 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
 - 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable.

Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.

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

2. Application	2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents. 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works. 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.
3. General	3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged. 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za
4. Standards	4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.
5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.	5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance. 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract. 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser. 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.
6. Patent rights	6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.
7. Performance security	7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

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

**8. Inspections,
tests and
analyses**

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

supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

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

9. Packing

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

10. Delivery and documents

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

11. Insurance

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

12. Transportation

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

13. Incidental services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
 - (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and

- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

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

14. Spare parts

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

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

15. Warranty

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

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

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

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

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

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| 16. Payment | <p>16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.</p> <p>16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.</p> <p>16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.</p> <p>16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.</p> |
| 17. Prices | <p>17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.</p> |
| 18. Contract amendments | <p>18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.</p> |
| 19. Assignment | <p>19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.</p> |
| 20. Subcontracts | <p>20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.</p> |
| 21. Delays in the supplier's performance | <p>21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.</p> <p>21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.</p> <p>21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.</p> <p>21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.</p> |

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

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

22. Penalties

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

23. Termination for default

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

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

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

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

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard

the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

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

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

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

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

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

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

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

25. Force Majeure

25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security,

damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

**26. Termination
for insolvency**

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

**27. Settlement of
Disputes**

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

**28. Limitation of
liability**

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

		(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.
29. Governing language	29.1	The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.
30. Applicable law	30.1	The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
31. Notices	31.1	Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice
	31.2	The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.
32. Taxes and duties	32.1	A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.
	32.2	A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.
	32.3	No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.
33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)	33.1	The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.