



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

BID NUMBER: ZNB: DSAC002/2324

APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO RENDER DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR VARIOUS KZN PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR 36 MONTHS

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

CENTRAL SUPPLIERS DATABASE No:

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 29 FEBRUARY 2024	CLOSING TIME: 12H00 [NOON]
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

- Bids received later than the above-stated closing date and time will not be accepted.
- Bid Validity Period is 120 Days

NB: PROPOSALS RECEIVED LATER THAN THE STATED CLOSING DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. E-MAIL AND FACSIMILE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PROPOSALS MUST BE DELIVERED AND DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX WHICH IS SITUATED AT THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE KZN DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: HERITAGE HOUSE, 222 JABU NDLOVU STREET [FORMERLY, LOOP STREET] PIETERMARITZBURG, 3201 WITH THE BID NUMBER, DESCRIPTION; CLOSING DATE OF THE BID AND ADDRESSED TO THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDING COMPANY MUST BE ENDORSED AT THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE.

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PART A

INVITATION TO BID AND FORM OF OFFER

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE KWAZULU NATAL DEPARTMENT OF SPORT ARTS AND CULTURE					
BID NUMBER:	ZNB:DSAC002/2324	CLOSING DATE:	29 FEBRUARY 2024	CLOSING TIME:	12H00
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO RENDER DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR VARIOUS KZN PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR 36 MONTHS				
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT (SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT)					

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					
	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	☐ Yes ☐ No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	☐ Yes ☐ No	
IF YES, WHO WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY?					
AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA) AND NAME THE APPLICABLE IN THE TICK BOX	☐ ☐ ☐	AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA) A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS) A REGISTERED AUDITOR NAME:			
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMEs & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE And/ or ELIGIBILITY] ONLY AN ORIGINAL OR CERTIFIED COPY IS ACCEPTABLE					
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 PART B:3 BELOW]	
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER			DATE:		
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED (Attach proof of authority to sign this bid; e.g. resolution of directors, etc.)					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	MR S SHANGASE		CONTACT PERSON	MS B MJWARA	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	083 393 2255		TELEPHONE NUMBER	083 307 8810	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	SENZO.SHANGASE@KZNDISAC.GOV.ZA		E-MAIL ADDRESS	MJWARAB@KZNDISAC.GOV.ZA	

PART B

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:	
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.	
1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR ONLINE	
1.3. BIDDERS MUST REGISTER ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) TO UPLOAD MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS; AND BANKING INFORMATION FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES). B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.	
1.4. WHERE A BIDDER IS NOT REGISTERED ON THE CSD, MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID DOCUMENTATION. B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.	
1.5. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER LEGISLATION OR SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.	
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 VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS OR CSD REGISTRATION NUMBER.	
2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.	
2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS TOGETHER WITH THE BID/ CSD REPORT.	
2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE PROOF OF TCS / PIN / CSD NUMBER.	
2.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.	
3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS	
3.1. IS THE BIDDER A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?	☐ YES ☐ NO
3.2. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?	☐ YES ☐ NO
3.3. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?	☐ YES ☐ NO
3.4. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?	☐ YES ☐ NO
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN, IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS / TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.	

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

PART C

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF BIDDING FORMS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO TREASURY REGULATIONS 16A ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 1999, PPPFA REGULATIONS, 2022 AND THE GENERAL & SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

1. Unless inconsistent with or expressly indicated otherwise by the context, the singular shall include the plural and visa versa and with words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the neuter.
2. Under no circumstances whatsoever may the bid forms be retyped or redrafted. Photocopies of the original bid documentation may be used, but an original signature must appear on such photocopies.
3. The bidder is advised to check the number of pages and to satisfy himself that none are missing or duplicated.
4. Bids submitted must be complete in all respects.
5. Bids shall be lodged at the address indicated not later than the closing time specified for their receipt, and in accordance with the directives in the bid documents.
6. Each bid shall be addressed in accordance with the directives in the bid documents and shall be lodged in a separate sealed envelope, with the name and address of the bidder, the bid number and closing date indicated on the envelope. The envelope shall not contain documents relating to any bid other than that shown on the envelope. If this provision is not complied with, such bids may be rejected as being invalid.
7. All bids received in sealed envelopes with the relevant bid numbers on the envelopes are kept unopened in safe custody until the closing time of the bids. Where, however, a bid is received open, it shall be sealed. If it is received without a bid number on the envelope, it shall be opened, the bid number ascertained, the envelope sealed and the bid number written on the envelope.
8. A specific box is provided for the receipt of bids, and no bid found in any other box or elsewhere subsequent to the closing date and time of bid will be considered.
9. No bid sent through the post will be considered if it is received after the closing date and time stipulated in the bid documentation, and proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
10. No bid submitted by telefax, telegraphic or other electronic means will be considered.
11. Bidding documents must not be included in packages containing samples. Such bids may be rejected as being invalid.
12. Any alteration made by the bidder must be initialed.
13. Use of correcting fluid is prohibited.
14. Bids will be opened in public as soon as practicable after the closing time of bid.
15. Where practical, prices are made public at the time of opening bids.
16. If it is desired to make more than one offer against any individual item, such offers should be given on a photocopy of the page in question. Clear indication thereof must be stated on the schedules attached.
17. The bidder must initial each and every page of the bid document.
18. Part A of the bid document **must** be completed and failure to do so shall lead to Disqualification, including transferring the exact pricing as attached price schedule.
19. Bids submitted must be complete in all respects, spaces requiring information must be filled in, shown as "not applicable" and not left blank.
20. Official briefing and attendance, bidders to ensure that the form is fully completed and bears original departmental stamp.

**ANNEXURE A:
SPECIFICATIONS OR TERMS OF REFERENCE**

ENQUIRIES	Ms Bongeka Mjwara	CONTACT No.	083 307 8810
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DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

SPECIFICATION

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture requires provision of a subscription service to a digital lending library, offering digital newspapers and magazines to all registered users of public libraries in the KZN province.

Services required include.

- 1) Application services,
- 2) digital collection,
- 3) provision of statistics and reports,
- 4) maintenance, hosting as well as staff training and support.

Application service requirements

- The digital lending library must be accessible through a virtual library, set up at the KZN Provincial Library Services Head Office.
- The digital lending library must be available to registered library users, who have a compatible device and connectivity, with online password access through their user membership.
- The collection of digital newspapers and magazines must be able to be downloaded onto connected compatible desktop computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers and smart phones, as well as through remote access from a web-based browser for online/offline reading.
- The magazines and newspapers in the digital lending library must be in easily accessible formats and offer “responsive design” that allows for optimized viewing on any sized screen and able to be adjusted for reader preferences (font size, type face, justification on the page and contrast as well as search facilities for a word or phrase and bookmarks.)
- The website should be branded with the Departmental logo's and colours.

Collection requirements

- The catalogue offered by the service provider for customized selection by the Department must be comprehensive and suitable to the educational, informative and recreational needs of public library users both adults and children.
- The catalogue must provide materials from a wide range of South African and International publications.
- The service must provide regular updates of new publications.
- The service must be able to provide access to digital newspapers and magazines.

Technology

- Support all major mobile devices (e-Readers, smartphones, tablets and other smart devices).
- Digital rights management (copyright protection).
- Required bandwidth for all downloads.
- Relevant applications for digital newspapers and magazines.
- Application should be able to support use by visually impaired users.

Support services requirements

- Provide training to Library Service staff.
- Provide Secondary level user support.
- Provide maintenance and hosting services.

- Provide customizable marketing resources to promote the service.

Management

- Administrator function
- Reporting module which includes comprehensive statistics

Costing:

Please include annual subscription rates for a three-year (36 months) period with detailed costing information in your submission, including the costing of content.

- This should be an attachment with company letter head.
- The total cost of the 36month period (inclusive of VAT) must be transferred to the below pricing schedule of the bid document as offer.

PRICING SCHEDULE

(A) E-NEWSPAPERS

YEARS	PRICE - PLATFORM & HOSTING (EXCL VAT)	PRICE E-CONTENT (EXCL VAT)	TOTAL (EXC. VAT)	TOTAL (INCL. VAT)
Year 1				
Year 2				
Year 3				
TOTAL (3 YEARS)				

(B) E-MAGAZINES

YEARS	PRICE - PLATFORM & HOSTING (EXCL VAT)	PRICE E-CONTENT (EXCL VAT)	TOTAL (EXC. VAT)	TOTAL (INCL. VAT)
Year 1				
Year 2				
Year 3				
TOTAL (3 YEARS)				

PART D - ASSESSMENT / EVALUATION CRITERIA

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Relevant Experience & Past Performance	40%
Resources	40%
Methodology	20%

Breakdown of functionality:

Relevant Experience:

Provide details of digital newspapers and magazines subscription services provided to public libraries.

Past Performance:

Provide evidence of scope of experience in the field of digital newspapers and magazines subscription provision to public libraries over the last 2 years.

Resources:

Provide CV's of key staff.

Provide evidence of ICT capacity to deliver according to specifications.

Provide scale of subscriptions available to access.

Methodology:

Programme of works. How the service will be implemented with time frames.

EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONALITY

Threshold for Evaluation: A bidder who scores less than 60% for functionality will be eliminated and will not progress for further evaluation on price and preference.

- Threshold for Evaluation: The bidder must obtain a minimum overall score of 60 out of 100 points for functionality to qualify for the next phase of evaluation; those Bidders who fail to meet the minimum qualifying score will be disqualified from the process.

Functionality Criteria will be as follows:

NO.	ELEMENT	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING	INFORMATION FORMAT
1	Relevant Experience and Past Performance	Previous experience of a bidder in managing this kind of projects in the past years. Projects must be of similar type, size and complexity to the current bid It is important to attach copies of reference letters from project sponsors or clients. Points allocation: 20 < 2 years = 0 2 to 3 years =5 > 3 to 4 years=10 > 4 to 5 years=15 >5 years =20	40%	A list of projects undertaken by the bidder. For each project provide the following: • Description of service provided. • Role of the bidder • Project cost and duration • Copies of reference letters from project sponsors or clients
		Points allocation: No of projects = 20 points < 2 = 0 2 = 5 3 =10 4 =15 5 and above =20		
2	Company Profile and Resources (Key Experts)	Provide evidence of capacity to deliver according to specifications: organogram and CV of technical and support Key Personnel - CV (technical) = 20 points Experience and qualifications Support staff = 10 points Scale of subscription = 10 points	40%	• Organogram • CV's • resources

3	Methodology	How the project will be implemented. Time frames must be clearly indicated.	20% (10) (5) (5)	• Execution plan and Reporting Strategy • Innovation • Maintenance and support plan
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EVALUATION OF PRICE AND HDI GOALS

The bidder that passes administrative compliance and functionality will be evaluated on price (80) and HDI points (20). The bidder who scores the highest points may be awarded the contract as prescribed by PPPFA.

20 points			
HDI	100%	≥51%	<51%
RACE	4	2	0
GENDER (women)	8	4	0
PLD	4	2	0
YOUTH	4	2	0

**PWD– Persons with disabilities*

Submit – valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn affidavit to score 20 points



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ANNEXURE B

SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS/ PREVIOUS CONTRACTS

Description or nature of project/ assignment	PROJECT PERIOD		PROJECT/ CONTRACT VALUE (R)	EXPERIENCE/ REFERENCES			
	Start date	End Date		CLIENT ORGANIZATION/ DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL PURCHASE ORDER NO	CONTACT PERSON	AND TELEPHONE DETAILS

SBD 2

TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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

1

In order to meet this requirement bidders are required to complete in full the attached form TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate Requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit bids.

2

SARS will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of approval.

3

The original Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted together with the bid. Failure to submit the original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate will result in the invalidation of the bid. Certified copies of the Tax Clearance Certificate will not be acceptable.

4

In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.

5

Copies of the TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" form are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website www.sars.gov.za.

6

Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website www.sars.gov.za.

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,

YES	NO
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 employed by the state?

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 Names	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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.

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:

.....

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.

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.

- 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
.....	
Position	Name of bidder

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- 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 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \\ \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)} \end{array}$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

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

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\
 \\
 \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)}
 \end{array}$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

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

4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—

- (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
- (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,

then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

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

(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.)

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 (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
RACE		4		
GENDER		8		
PLD		4		
YOUTH		4		

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name _____ of
company/firm.....

4.4. Company _____ registration _____ number:
.....

4.5. 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]

4.6. 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.

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

PART E- SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. INTRODUCTION AND RELEVANT INFORMATION

This bid is invited and will be awarded and administered in terms of the following prescripts and conditions which is applicable to this contract: -

- 1.1 Section 217 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa,
- 1.2 The Public Finance Management Act No 1 of 1999 as amended by Act No 29 of 1999 and its Regulations in general,
- 1.3 The Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act No, 5 of 2000 and its regulations as amended 2022,
- 1.4 National Treasury Supply Chain Management Practice/ Instruction notes and other guidelines.
- 1.5 The Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act No 53 of 2003
- 1.6 Other SCM prescripts and laws.

2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS/ INFORMATION

If any of the documents or conditions is not met, then the Department reserves the right to disqualify the bid.

The bidder shall ensure that all the required information is furnished

The Department reserves the right not to evaluate any bids if any of the prescribed documents are not furnished with the bid.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

- a. This bid has been invited, and will be adjudicated in terms of the PPPFA, the National Treasury Practice Notes and other legislative requirements as stipulated above. The Department is under no obligation to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to accept any bid either in whole, or part thereof.
- b. Site inspections may be conducted as part of the evaluation process.
- c. The financial standing of bidders and their ability to supply goods/ works or render services may be examined before their bids are considered for acceptance.
- d. In considering or awarding of tender and where 80/20 preference points has been applied, the Department shall allocate contract based on the following criteria: (i) Award to the bidder who scores the highest points (ii) The Bidder who scores the highest points on more than one bid/ contract will be allocated one contract and of

which they shall be afforded the opportunity to choose preferable region. (iii) Award to the bidder who is the second highest scorer.

4. AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT

Any amendment to or renunciation of the provisions of the contract shall at all times be done in writing and shall be signed by both parties subject to the Department Legal Services, SCM and relevant end user directorate/ project manager screening the amendment before it is signed.

5. CESSION OF A CONTRACT

Any cession of a contract will only be accepted after the relevant approval has been obtained from the Department

6. REMEDIES IN THE CASE OF INCORRECT PREFERENCES

- a. Should a bidder be awarded a contract on the basis of a misrepresentation of Information which he/she supplied regarding the preference which he/she claimed, or any other information and it is shown later that the information is incorrect, in addition to any legal impact which it may have, the DEPARTMENT will:-
- b. Recover any costs or damages which the DEPARTMENT may have suffered as a result of the inclusion in the contract, and/or
- c. Cancel the contract and recover any loss which the DEPARTMENT may have suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements.

7. BID PRICE

All quoted prices/offers must be firm, in South African currency (ZAR) and must include VAT. It must be noted that bidders who are non-VAT vendors must not include VAT in the bid price, but this must be clearly indicated on the price page. Each item/ service as indicated in the fees structure/ service fees must be priced separately.

8. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Bidders must advise the DEPARTMENT should their address details change from the time of bid to the expiry of the contract.

9. COMMUNICATION

All correspondence with regard to this bid must be addressed or hand delivered to the:
Supply Chain Practitioner: Supply Chain Management Senzo.Shangase@kzndsac.gov.za
Tel. 083 393 2255

All technical enquiries must be directed to the following: Director – Library Services

Ms. B. Mjwara Tel: 083 307 8810 or email at mjwarab@kzndac.gov.za

10. COMPLETION OF SPECIFICATION

Where specifications are designed in such a way that responses would be required from the bidders, these forms **must** be completed and submitted as part of the bid document.

11. COMPLETENESS OF BID

Bid offers will be considered if correctly completed and accompanied by all relevant certificates and other necessary applicable information.

12. CONDITIONS OF BID

- a. The successful service provider must be in a position to assume duty on the date stipulated in the letter of acceptance and/ or as agreed with Department.
- b. No offers received by telegram, telefax, or facsimile will be considered.
- c. It shall be noted that the Department is under no obligation to accept the lowest or any bid.
- d. The offer shall be made strictly according to the specification.
- e. By the submission of the bid, the successful bidder undertakes to appoint a supervisor for the purpose of receiving instructions relating to the provision of the service and accepting responsibility for the execution of such instructions.
- f. Bidders must provide the following particulars about themselves as part of the bid:
 - (i) Name, address and contact details of bankers together with their bank account number
 - (ii) The names, identity numbers and physical addresses of all partners in cases where persons, a partnership, of a firm consists of a partnership.
 - (iii) Proof and references where works of similar nature was performed.

13. CONTRACT PERIOD

- a. The contract period shall remain in force as determined by the contractual agreement.
- b. The commencement date shall be from the date and as per contractual agreement .
- c. The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract with any contractor should the contractor fail for fulfil his/ her contractual obligation in terms of the contract.

14. EQUAL BIDS

In the event that two or more bid offers have equal total points, the highest-ranking bidder will be the one scoring the highest number of points in terms of B-BBEE level of contribution.

Should two or more bid offers be equal in all respects, the adjudication shall be decided by selecting a bidder with the highest points on functionality, should the bidders have equal points on functionality, the adjudication shall be decided by drawing of lots.

15. JOINT VENTURE

15.1 Any bid submitted by a Joint Venture / Consortium must be accompanied by a certified copy of the Joint Venture Agreement. Such agreement must specify the percentage of the bid/ contract to be undertaken by each participating entity.

15.2 Project execution plan signed by both parties must be submitted and the following should be considered:

- magnitude of the contract to be executed
- nature of service to be rendered

15.3 Any joint venture/ consortium wishing to claim for preference points must submit a B-BBEE level of contribution certificate issued by Verification entity accredited by SANAS or relevant body.

16. EXECUTION CAPACITY

The bidder will be required to provide an efficient and effective service. Therefore, the bidder is required to submit proof that s/he had the required capacity to execute the contract tendered for successfully. The bidder must supply references or state his/ her experience as a company to undertake the contract. References of past experience of owners/ employees of new entities must accompany the bid document. The bidder will be required to provide security services in the regions/ sites as stated; however the provided list/ quantities is not exhaustive, the Department may during the contract term request the appointed service provider to provide security services for other projects/ events/ sites at the rates stipulated on your bid offer.

17. GENERAL APPROACH

A service provider may not recruit or shall not attempt to recruit an employee of the principal for purposes of preparation of the bid or for the duration of the execution of this contract or any part thereof. Such attempt will lead to a contract being terminated or may result in the rejection of the bid.

18. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Bidders are requested to provide professional, objective and impartial advice/ service and at all times hold the client's interest paramount, without any consideration for future work and strictly avoid conflicts with other assignments or their own corporate interests. Bidders should not perform any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of not being able to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Agency. Without limitation on the generality of this rule, bidders would not be hired under the following circumstances.

19. ELIGIBILITY OF BIDDER

The bidder must possess and submit the required documents - Level 1 EME or QSE (B-BBEE), qualifications, certificates, etc. and as stipulated on the specifications or Terms of Reference in order to be eligible to bid.

20. IRREGULARITIES

Companies are encouraged to advise the Department timeously of any possible irregularities which might come to their notice in connection with this or other contracts.

21. LATE SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bid offers are late if they are received at the address indicated in the bid document after the stipulated closing date and time.

A late bid document will not be considered.

22. NOTIFICATION OF ADJUDICATION OF BID

Notification of the outcome of adjudication of bid shall be published in the media where the invitation to bid was advertised and Department's website.

23. TAX CLEARANCE COMPLIANCE

The bidder must ensure that the company is tax compliant and should submit to the Department a Valid Tax Compliance Status Pin Document obtainable from SARS or CSD registration number with the bid before the closing date and time of the bid.

Each party in the Joint Venture/ Consortium must submit Valid Tax Compliance Status Pin or CSD registration number with the bid before the closing date and time of the bid.

24. UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE

Unsatisfactory performance occurs when performance is not in accordance with the contract conditions.

Before any action is taken, the Department shall warn the contractor that action will be taken in accordance with the contract conditions unless the contractor complies with the contract conditions and delivers satisfactory service within the specified reasonable time (7 days minimum). If the service provider/ contractor does not perform satisfactorily despite the warning the Department will:

- (i) Take action in terms of its delegated powers
- (ii) Make a recommendation for cancellation of the contract.

As part of contract conditions, and of managing the service provider's performance the Department reserves the right to inspect and interview security personnel in ensuring compliance with regards to payment of salaries/ wages.

25. VALIDITY PERIOD AND EXTENSION THEREOF

The validity period for the offer / quotation must be 120 days from close of bid. However, circumstances may arise whereby the Department may request the bidders to extend the validity period. Should this occur, the Department will request bidders to extend the validity period under the same terms and conditions as originally tendered by the bidders. This request will be done before the expiry of the original validity period.

26. VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

Bid prices must be inclusive of VAT.

27. PAYMENT AND INVOICING

- a) Only upon receipt and verification of the invoice by an appropriately authorized official, will payment be effected. The invoice shall be original.
- b) Payment shall be made to the contracted bidder/ service provider **only**. Any deviations (e.g. a cession of contract) will only be accepted after relevant approval has been granted.
- c) Each order must be invoiced separately, clearly quoting the relevant order number. Supporting documents with details of such as accommodation, car hire expenses must accompany the invoice. Full details of the service rendered and reimbursable costs must be presented in the invoice or as an annexure thereto.
- d) Payment terms are thirty (30) days on receipt of an original invoice.
- e) **No upfront deposits or payments will be made.**

28. RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS/ INFORMATION

Compliance with the scope of works/ services.

Failure to submit the documents/ information required will result in automatic disqualification.

29. CURRENT AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Bidders are required to complete Annexure C for all current and previous related contracts.

30. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The bidders' eligibility, capability in rendering the required services and compliance with the specification will be assessed prior to application of **80/20** preference points system.

30.2 EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONALITY

The total score for functionality is 100 and the minimum passing score is 60 points. The bidder/s who had attained the minimum passing score will further be assessed on price and B-BBEE i.e. 80/20.

30.3 EVALUATION OF PRICE AND B-BBEE LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION

The bidder who obtains the minimum points and above will be evaluated on price (80) and B-BBEE (20). The bidder who scores the highest points may be awarded the contract as prescribed by PPPFA.

30.4 The Bidder who scores the highest points on more than one bid/ contract will be allocated one contract and of which they shall be afforded the opportunity to choose preferable region. Thereafter, the award shall be to the bidder who is the second highest scorer.

31. RISK ASSESSMENT

Department reserves the right to assess the bidder's capability prior to contracting the services in order to mitigate risks.

32. SUPPLIER REGISTRATION

The service provider/ supplier must be registered on Central Suppliers' Database (CSD) system; www.csd.gov.za. Department will not award or appoint a bidder who is not registered on the CSD as a prospective supplier.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN A BID

A. COMPANIES

If a Bidder is a company, a certified copy of the resolution by the board of directors, personally signed by the chairperson of the board, authorising the person who signs this bid to do so, as well as to sign any contract resulting from this bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and/or contract on behalf of the company must be submitted with this bid, that is before the closing time and date of the bid

AUTHORITY BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By resolution passed by the Board of Directors

on.....20.....,

Mr/Mrs.....
.....

(whose signature appears below) has been duly authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of

(Name of Company)

.....
.

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:

.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF COMPANY:

.....

(PRINT NAME)

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY:DATE:

.....

WITNESSES:

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B. SOLE PROPRIETOR (ONE - PERSON BUSINESS)

I, the undersigned..... hereby confirm that I am the sole owner of the business trading as.....

SIGNATURE.....

DATE.....

C. PARTNERSHIP

The following particulars in respect of every partner must be furnished and signed by every partner:

Full name of partner	Residential address	Signature
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.....		
.....		
.....		

We, the undersigned partners in the business trading as

hereby authoriseto sign this bid as well as any contract resulting from the bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and /or contract on behalf of: (Name of Partnership)

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..... SIGNATURE	 SIGNATURE	 SIGNATURE
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..... DATE	 DATE	 DATE
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D. CLOSE CORPORATION

In the case of a close corporation submitting a bid, a certified copy of the Founding Statement of such corporation shall be included with the bid, together with the resolution by its members authorising a member or other official of the corporation to sign the documents on their behalf.

By resolution of members at a meeting on 20.....

at

Mr/Ms....., whose signature appears below,
has been authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of:

(Name of Close Corporation)

.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF CLOSE CORPORATION:

.....

(PRINT NAME)

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

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY:

WITNESSES: 1

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E. CO-OPERATIVE

A certified copy of the Constitution of the co-operative must be included with the bid, together with the resolution by its members authoring a member or other official of the co-operative to sign the bid documents on their behalf.

By resolution of members at a meeting on 20.....

at

Mr/Ms....., whose signature appears below,
has been authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of (Name of cooperative).....

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE/SIGNATORY:

.....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY

AS:.....

DATE:

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF CO-OPERATIVE:.....

NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS:.....

WITNESSES: 1

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F. JOINT VENTURE

If a bidder is a joint venture, a certified copy of the resolution/agreement passed/reached signed by the duly authorised representatives of the enterprises, authorising the representatives who sign this bid to do so, as well as to sign any contract resulting from this bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and/or contract on behalf of the joint venture must be submitted with this bid, before the closing time and date of the bid.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT VENTURE

By resolution/agreement passed/reached by the joint venture partners

on.....20.....

Mr/Mrs.....,Mr/Mrs.....

Mr/Mrs.....and

Mr/Mrs.....

(whose signatures appear below) have been duly authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of:

(Name of Joint
Venture).....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY

AS:.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF (COMPANY

NAME):.....

(PRINT NAME):

SIGNATURE :..... DATE:.....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY

AS:.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF (COMPANY

NAME):.....

(PRINT NAME):

SIGNATURE :..... DATE:.....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY

AS:.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF (COMPANY

NAME):.....

(PRINT NAME):

SIGNATURE :..... DATE:.....

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

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF (COMPANY NAME):.....

(PRINT NAME):

SIGNATURE:..... DATE:.....

G. CONSORTIUM

If a bidder is a consortium, a certified copy of the resolution/agreement passed/reached signed by the duly authorised representatives of concerned enterprises, authorising the representatives who sign this bid to do so, as well as to sign any contract resulting from this bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and/or contract on behalf of the consortium must be submitted with this bid, before the closing time and date of the bid.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CONSORTIUM

By resolution/agreement passed/reached by the consortium on.....20.....

Mr/Mrs.....

(whose signature appear below) have been duly authorised to sign all documents in connection

with this bid on behalf of:

(Name of Consortium).....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY

AS:.....

SIGNATURE:..... **DATE:**.....

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PART F

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT July 2010

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: 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.

- 4.4 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 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.

- 3.1 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

- 1.1 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.

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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 as of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:

- (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and

- (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

- 15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country,

whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

- 15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.
- 15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

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

17. Prices

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

18. Contract Amendments

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

19. Assignment

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

20. Subcontracts

- 20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already

specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time scheduled prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national Department, provincial Department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.
- 21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.
- 21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

- 22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered

price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

- 23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, 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 antidumping 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 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

28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case 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 (NIP) Programme

- 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.

34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices

- 34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).
- 34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.
- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

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