

INVITATION TO BID



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Department:
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs
PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

DESCRIPTION: APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS TO RENDER FORENSIC INVESTIGATION SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

Bid No: ZNT2017/2020LG

COMPANY NAME : _____

Type of Bidder (Tick One Box)

One-person Business/Sole Trader	
Close corporation	
PTY (Ltd)	
Private Company	
Partnership	
Consortium/Joint Venture	
COOPERATIVE	

Participation Capacity (Tick One Box)

Prime Contractor	
Supplier/Sub-Contractor	

RETURN OF PROPOSAL

Proposal must be deposited in the **Bid box** situated at **Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Lift Area, 13th floor, North Tower, Natalia Building.**

CLOSING TIME: 11:00 AM

CLOSING DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	ZNT2017/2020LG	CLOSING DATE:	30 SEPTEMBER 2021	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS TO RENDER FORENSIC INVESTIGATION SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
Lift Area, 13th floor, North Tower, Natalia Building					
330 Langalibalele Street					
Pietermaritzburg, 3201					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON			CONTACT PERSON		
TELEPHONE NUMBER			TELEPHONE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS			E-MAIL ADDRESS		
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:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ 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

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, 2017, 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.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

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CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

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

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DATE:

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SECTION C (SBD 3)

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, THE KWAZULU-NATAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK AND THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

1. Unless inconsistent with or expressly indicated otherwise by the context, the singular shall include the plural and vice 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 initialled.
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 document.

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Department: Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

Contact Person: Ms Lindiwe Madlala

Tel: 033 260 8194

Email: lindiwe.madlala@kzncogta.gov.za

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING SPECIFICATION INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Contact Person: Mrs. Sheetal Govender

TEL: 0826830549

Unit: Municipal Investigations

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

2. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:

2.2 Identity Number:

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²):

2.4 Company Registration Number:

2.5 Tax Reference Number:

2.6 VAT Registration Number:

- 2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / persal numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

¹"State" means –

- (a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (b) any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) provincial legislature;
- (d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
- (e) Parliament.

²"Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

- 2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder
presently employed by the state? **YES / NO**

- 2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:

Name of state institution at which you or the person
connected to the bidder is employed :

Position occupied in the state institution:

Any other particulars:

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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain **YES / NO**
the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative
work outside employment in the public sector?

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attached proof of such authority to the bid **YES / NO**
document?

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where
applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / **YES / NO**
trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct
business with the state in the previous twelve months?

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have **YES / NO**
any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person
employed by the state and who may be involved with
the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, **YES/NO**
aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between
any other bidder and any person employed by the state
who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication
of this bid?

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members **YES/NO**
of the company have any interest in any other related companies

whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3 Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Reference Number	Tax	State Number	Employee / Persal Number

4 DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 23
OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

May 2011

SBD 6.1

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

1.2

- a) The value of this bid is estimated to **exceed/not exceed** R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the **80/20.....** preference point system shall be applicable; or
- b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

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

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

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

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

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

2. DEFINITIONS

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

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

80/20	or	90/10
$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$	or	$P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$

Where

- P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration
- P_t = Price of bid under consideration
- $P_{\min}$ = Price of lowest acceptable bid

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

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

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5. BID DECLARATION

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

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

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

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

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

(Tick applicable box)

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

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

Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

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

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
 - ☐ One person business/sole propriety
 - ☐ Close corporation
 - ☐ Company
 - ☐ (Pty) Limited
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Manufacturer
 - ☐ Supplier
 - ☐ Professional service provider
 - ☐ Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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

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

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

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

WITNESSES

1.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

CONDITIONS OF BID

1. I/We hereby bid to supply all or any of the supplies and/or to render all or any of the services described in the attached documents to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Administration (hereinafter called the "Province") on the terms and conditions and be in accordance with the specifications stipulated in the bid documents (and which shall be taken as part of and be incorporated into this bid) at the prices and on the terms regarding time for delivery and/or execution inserted therein.
2. I/we agree that:
 - (a) the offer herein shall remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Province during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of the bid;
 - (b) this bid and its acceptance shall be subject to Treasury Regulations 16A issued in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999, the National Treasury General Conditions of Contract and Standard Bidding Documents, the KwaZulu-Natal Supply Chain Management Policy Framework, the Provincial Treasury issued Practice Notes, and the KwaZulu-Natal Conditions of Contract, with which I/we am fully acquainted;
 - (c) if I/we withdraw my bid within the period for which I/we have agreed that the bid shall remain open for acceptance, or fail to fulfil the contract when called upon to do so, the Province may, without prejudice to its other rights, agree to the withdrawal of my bid or cancel the contract that may have been entered into between me and the Province. I/we will then pay to the Province any additional expenses incurred by the Province having either to accept any less favourable bid or, if fresh bids have to be invited, the additional expenditure incurred by the invitation of fresh bids and by the subsequent acceptance of any less favourable bid. The Province shall have the right to recover such additional expenditure by set-off against monies which may be due to me under this or any other bid or contract or against any guarantee or deposit that may have been furnished by me or on my behalf for the due fulfilment of this or any other bid or contract and pending the ascertainment of the amount of such additional expenditure to retain such monies, guarantee or deposit as security for any loss the Province may sustain by reason of my default;
 - (d) if my bid is accepted, the acceptance may be communicated to me by registered post, and that the South African Post Office Limited shall be treated as delivery agent to me;
 - (e) the law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the contract created by the acceptance of my bid and I choose *domicilium citandi et executandi* in the Republic at (full physical address) :
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3. I/we furthermore confirm that I/we have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid: that the price(s), rate(s) and preference quoted cover all of the work/item(s) and my obligations under a resulting contract, and I accept that any mistakes regarding the price(s) and calculations will be at my risk.
4. I/we hereby accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement, as the Principal(s) liable for the due fulfilment of this contract.
5. I/we agree that any action arising from this contract may in all respects be instituted against me and I/we hereby undertake to satisfy fully any sentence or judgement which may be pronounced against me as a result of such action.
6. I/we confirm that I/we have declared all and any interest that I or any persons related to my business has with regard to this bid or any related bids by completion of the Declaration of Interest Section.

7.CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTNESS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THIS DOCUMENT

I/we, THE UNDERSIGNED, WHO WARRANT THAT I AM DULY AUTHORISED TO DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDER, CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN TERMS OF THIS DOCUMENT IS CORRECT AND TRUE, THAT THE SIGNATORY TO THIS DOCUMENT IS DULY AUTHORISED AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

- (1) The bidder will furnish documentary proof regarding any bidding issue to the satisfaction of the Province, if requested to do so.
- (2) If the information supplied is found to be incorrect and/or false then the Province, in addition to any remedies it may have, may:-
 - (a) Recover from the contractor all costs, losses or damages incurred or sustained by the Province as a result of the award of the contract, and/or
 - (b) Cancel the contract and claim any damages which the Province may suffer by having to make less favourable arrangements after such cancellation.

SIGNED ON THIS DAY OF 20 AT

..... SIGNATURE OF BIDDER OR DULY AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE	 NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS
ON BEHALF OF (BIDDER'S NAME)	
CAPACITY OF SIGNATORY	
NAME OF CONTACT PERSON (IN BLOCK LETTERS, PLEASE)	
.....	
POSTAL ADDRESS	
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TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
FAX NUMBER:	
CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	

SECTION I (SBD 7)
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 on20.....,

Mr/Mrs/Ms.....

(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: 1.....

2.....

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

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

.....

SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE
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DATE DATE DATE

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/Mrs/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.....

2.....

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/Mrs/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.....

2.....

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

Mr/Mrs/Ms.....and Mr/Mrs/Ms.....

(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:

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/Ms.....

(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:**

SECTION J (SBD 8)

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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

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

CERTIFICATION

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

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

.....
Signature

.....
Date

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Position

.....
Name of Bidder

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SECTION K (SBD 9)
CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

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

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

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

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;

- (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

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

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

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Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder

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**SECTION L
SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

SECTION 1: DEFINITION OF TERMS

1.1 SERVICE

The services to be rendered by professional service providers must be rendered in terms of this contract.

1.2 CONTRACTOR

The person or persons, partnership, close corporation, firm or company, whose bid for this service was accepted.

1.3 AGREEMENT

This comprises the agreement signed by parties, the conditions of bid, the bid and the specifications.

1.4 AGREEMENT PERIOD

The period during which the service is to be rendered and originally determined in the agreement, or as amended, extended or renewed in accordance with stipulations of the agreement.

1.5 PARTIES

The parties to this contract are The Head of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Administration and Contractor.

1.8 DEPARTMENT

KwaZulu-Natal department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

1.9 CURTAILMENT OF SERVICE

The Department reserves the right to withdraw from the service any part/s of the contract as a whole, with one month's written notification to the contractor. In a case such as this, the contract sum will be adjusted *pro rata* from the date of withdrawal.

SECTION 2: IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE

2.1 This bid is invited and will be awarded and administered in terms of the following:-

- 2.1 KwaZulu-Natal Supply Chain Management Policy Framework,
- 2.2 Section 217 of the Constitution,
- 2.3 The PFMA and its Regulations in general,
- 2.4 The Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act,
- 2.5 National Treasury guidelines, and
- 2.6 Provincial Treasury's Supply Chain Management Practice Notes and guidelines

2.2 REQUIRED COMPULSORY INFORMATION

2.2.1 The bidder shall ensure that all the required information is furnished; viz:-

2.2.1 Declaration of interest (SECTION E)

- 2.2.2 Tax Compliance Status Requirements,
- 2.2.3 Declaration for Local content (SECTION N)
- 2.2.4 Authority to sign a bid (SECTION I),
- 2.2.5 Conditions of Bid (SECTION G)
- 2.2.6 Tax Compliance Status.
- 2.2.7 Each party to a Consortium/Group of sub-contractors must obtain separate Tax Clearance Certificate(s) and also be registered on the Suppliers Database.
- 2.2.8 A valid certified copy of B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate/ Letter from Sworn Affidavit must be submitted with the proposal.

NOTE: Failure to submit the required information may invalidate the entire proposal.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

3.1 ACCEPTANCE OF BID

- 3.1.1 This bid has been invited, and will be adjudicated in terms of the KwaZulu-Natal Supply Chain Management Policy Framework and the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Treasury's Practice Notes. Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs' Bid Adjudication Committee is under no obligation to accept the lowest or any bid.
- 3.1.2 The financial standing of bidders and their ability to manufacture or to supply goods or render services may be examined before their bids are considered for acceptance.

3.2 APPEALS

- 3.2.1 Entities aggrieved by a decision of a departmental Bid Adjudication Committee or a delegate of an accounting officer, may appeal to the Bid Appeals Tribunal in the prescribed manner by the Supply Chain Management Policy Framework

3.3 AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT

- 3.3.1 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 Legal Services screening the amendment before it is signed.

3.4 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 3.4.1 Bidders must advise the Department should their address (*domicilium citandi et executandi*) details change from the time of bidding to the expiry of the contract.

3.5 COMMUNICATION

- 3.5.1 All correspondence with regard to this bid must be addressed or hand delivered to the:

The Head SCM Unit,
 Department Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs,
 Private Bag X9078,
 Pietermaritzburg
 3200

ENQUIRIES: **Ms Lindiwe Madlala TEL.: 033-260 8194**

3.6 COMPLETENESS OF BID

- 3.6.1 Bids will only be considered if correctly completed and accompanied by all relevant certificates and other necessary applicable information.

3.7 COMPLETION OF SPECIFICATION

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

3.8 CONDITIONS OF BID

- 3.8.1 The successful Contractor must be in a position to assume duty on the date stipulated in the letter of acceptance.
- 3.8.2 No bid received by telegram, telex, or facsimile will be considered.
- 3.8.3 It shall be noted that the Department is under no obligation to accept the lowest or any bid.
- 3.8.4 The offer shall be made strictly according to the specification. No alternative offers will be considered.
- 3.8.5 Bidders must provide the following particulars about themselves as part of the bid:
- 3.8.5.1 Where they have their Headquarters
 - 3.8.5.2 Where they have their Regional Office.
 - 3.8.5.3 Name, address and telephone number of bankers together with their bank account number.
 - 3.8.5.4 The names, identity numbers and street addresses of all partners in cases where persons, a partnership, or a firm consists of a partnership.

- 3.9 In cases where a person or persons, a partnership, close corporation, firm or company enters business for the very first time, the following particulars shall be provided:

- 3.9.1 By whom, or with whose assistance, was the business plan drafted?
- 3.9.2 By whom, or with whose assistance, were the bid prices calculated?
- 3.9.3 Whose advice is relied on?
- 3.9.4 Who will provide financial support?

- 3.10 A list of references must accompany this bid. Particulars shall be submitted regarding similar agreements completed successfully or of projects which the bidder is engaged in.

3.11 CONFIDENTIALITY

The contractor's staff that comes into contact with the Department's confidential information and documents may be required to sign confidentiality agreements so as to protect the Department's information.

3.12 CONTRACT PERIOD

3.12.1 The contract period shall remain in force for a period of 36 months from date of signing of official contracts.

3.12.2 The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs reserves the right to terminate the contract with any contractor should the contractor fail to fulfil his/her contractual obligations in terms of the contract.

3.13 DETAILS OF CURRENT CONTRACTS HELD BY THE BIDDER

3.13.1 The bidder must furnish the following details of all current contracts:

- (i) Date of commencement of contract/s;
- (ii) Expiry date/s;
- (iii) Value per contract; and
- (iv) Contract details. That is, with whom held, phone number and address/s of the company.

3.14 EQUAL BIDS

- 3.14.1 In the event that two or more bids have equal total points, the successful bid will be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for specified goals. Should two or more bids be equal in all respects, the Adjudication shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

3.15 EXECUTION CAPACITY

- 3.15.1 The bidder will be required to provide an efficient and effective service. Therefore, the bidder is required to submit proof that he/she has 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.

3.16 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

- 3.16.1 An extension of contract may be considered. It is the normal policy that contracts are not extended. However, circumstances may arise whereby a contract cannot be renewed in time. If this is found to be the case, the right is reserved to approach existing contractor(s) to extend the contract for such period agreed to.

3.17 GENERAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Bid Evaluation Committee will assess offers and adhere to the following basic guidelines when evaluating.

- a. Whether all the required information called for in the bid document has been submitted by the bidder.
- b. Has the bidder supplied references or stated his/her experience as a Company to undertake the contract. References of past experience must accompany the bid document.
- c. The financial standing of the bidder and ability to render a service may be examined before an award of bid take place.
- d. Preferences will be taken into consideration by the Department in terms of the B-BBEE Scorecard.
- e. Documented reports received from an institution/s pertaining to past bad performance by a company who is tendering, may be taken into consideration.
- f. Did the bidder attend the site inspection?
- g. Will the bidder be in a position to successfully execute the contract?
- h. The 80/20 Point System will apply in the evaluation of this bid.

3.18 IRREGULARITIES

- 2.18.1 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.

3.19 JOINT VENTURES

- 3.19.1 In terms of the Supply Chain Management Policy Framework, a consortium or joint venture may, based on the percentage of the contract value managed or executed by respective members.

- 3.19.2 Should this bid be submitted by a joint venture, a certified copy of the joint venture agreement **must** accompany the bid document before the closing date and time of bid. The joint venture agreement must clearly specify the percentage of the contract to be undertaken by each company participating therein.

- 3.19.3 A trust, consortium or joint-venture must obtain and submit a **consolidated B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate**. The non-submission of a consolidated B-BBEE Certificate by a company will result in preference points not being allocated to such company. Failure to submit the joint venture Agreement will result in preference points not being allocated to all companies participating in the joint venture.

3.20 LATE BIDS

- 3.20.1 Bids are late if they are received at the address indicated in the bid documents after the closing date and time.
- 3.20.2 A late bid shall not be considered and, where practicable, shall be returned unopened to the Bidder, accompanied by an explanation.

3.21 NOTIFICATION OF ADJUDICATION OF BIDDER & ADVERTISING OF RESULTS

- 3.21.1 Notification of the Adjudication of bid shall be in writing by a duly authorized official of Cooperative Governance and Tradition Affairs' Supply Chain Management unit.

3.22 PRO RATA DECREASE OF COMPENSATION

- 3.22.1 Should the services not be rendered to the satisfaction of the Department and unsatisfactory items/ aspects/ events have already, in writing, been brought to the attention of the Contractor, the Department reserves the right in terms of paragraph **3.27** hereunder, to retain payment to the Contractor for as long as the unsatisfactory service continues.

3.23 CENTRAL SUPPLIERS DATABASE

- 2.23.1 A bidder submitting an offer must be registered on the Central Suppliers Database. A bidder who has submitted an offer and is not registered on the Central Suppliers Database will not be considered.
- 3.23.2 Each party to a Joint Venture/Consortium must be registered on the Central Suppliers Database at the time of submitting the bid.

3.24 SUBMISSIONS AND COMPLETION OF SBD 6.1

- 3.24.1 Bidders are to complete SBD 6.1 document where applicable. Failure by the bidder to submit a valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate will result in the bidder not being considered for preference points allocation. If the information required is not applicable to the business, clearly insert the symbols "N/A" in the appropriate space. If the space provided is left blank, it will be regarded as information that is still outstanding and the SBD 6.1 will not be processed further.

3.25 TERMINATION OF SERVICES

- 3.25.1 Should the Contractor fail to meet the conditions of this contract, or continue rendering unsatisfactory service, the Employer reserves the right to terminate the contract, after written notification has been served on the Contractor, with retention of the right to recover from the Contractor any losses which the Employer may suffer/ incur as a result of the failure, without prejudicing any other rights it may have.

3.26 TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

- 3.26.1 The central supplier database and the tax compliance status pin are the approved methods that will be utilised to verify Tax Clearance compliance.
- 3.26.2 Each party to a Joint Venture/Consortium must submit the tax compliance status pin/ printed copies of tax compliance certificates together with the bid before the closing date and time of bid.

3.27 UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE

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

- (i) Before any action is taken, the Department shall warn the contractor by registered/certified mail that action will be taken in accordance with the contract conditions unless the contractor complies with the contract conditions and delivers satisfactory supplies or services within a specified reasonable time (7 days minimum). If the contractor does not perform satisfactorily despite the warning the Department will:
 - (a) take action in terms of its delegated powers
 - (b) make a recommendation for cancellation of the contract concerned.

3.28 VALIDITY PERIOD AND EXTENSION THEREOF

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

3.29 VAT

2.29.1 Bid prices must be inclusive of VAT.

2.29.2 A tax invoice shall be in the currency of the Republic of South Africa and shall contain the following particulars:

- (a) The name, address and registration number of the supplier;
- (b) the name and address of the recipient;
- (c) an individual serialized number and the date upon which the tax invoice is issued;
- (d) a description of the goods or services supplied;
- (e) the quantity or volume of the goods or services supplied;
- (f) either :–
 - (i) the value of the supply, the amount of tax charged and the consideration for the supply; **or**
 - (ii) where the amount of tax charged is calculated by applying the tax fraction to the consideration, the consideration for the supply and either the amount of the tax charged, or a statement that it includes a charge in respect of the tax and the rate at which the tax was charged.

3.30 REGISTERED ADDRESS

The Department provides the following:

Street address as it's *domicillium citandi et executandi* in respect of any lawsuit which might result from or bears relevance to this contract, as well as for purposes of notice to :

The Head SCM Unit, KwaZulu-Natal Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

14 th floor, South Tower, Natalia Building. 330 Langalibalele Street PIETERMARITZBURG 3200	Private Bag X9078, PIETERMARITZBURG 3200
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REGISTRATION ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIERS DATABASE

1. In terms of the KwaZulu-Natal Supply Chain Management Policy Framework, all suppliers of goods and services are required to register on the Central Suppliers Database.
2. If you wish to apply for Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration, suppliers may go to www.csd.gov.za to register or call 033 897 4223/4676/4509 for assistance.
3. If a business is registered on the Database and it is found subsequently that false or incorrect information has been supplied, then the Department may, without prejudice to any other legal rights or remedies it may;
 - 3.1 de-register the supplier from the Database,
 - 3.2 cancel a bid or a contract awarded to such supplier, and the supplier would become liable for any damages if a less favourable bid is accepted or less favourable arrangements are made.
4. **The same principles as set out in paragraph 3 above are applicable should the supplier fail to updates its information on the Central Suppliers Database, relating to changed particulars or circumstances.**

**DECLARATION THAT INFORMATION ON CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) IS CORRECT
AND UP TO DATE**

(To be completed by bidder)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I (name of bidder/authorised representative)

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WHO REPRESENTS (state name of bidder)

.....

I AM AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE WITH RESPECT TO THE BIDDER'S DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION, AND THAT THE SAID INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND UP TO DATE AS ON THE DATE OF SUBMITTING THIS BID.

AND I AM AWARE THAT INCORRECT OR OUTDATED INFORMATION MAY BE A CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF THIS BID FROM THE BIDDING PROCESS, AND/OR POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT THAT MAY BE AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF THIS BID.

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SIGNATURE OF BIDDER OR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE:.....

TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

It is a condition of a 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 form TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate/ Valid Tax Compliance Pin 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. Copies of 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.
3. The Tax Clearance Certificate / Valid Tax Compliance Status Pin 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. Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates / Valid Tax Compliance Status Pin 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.



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Department:
Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs
PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

BID NO: ZNT2017/2020LG

**APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE
PROVIDERS TO RENDER FORENSIC
INVESTIGATION SERVICES FOR A
PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMPILATION OF AN APPROVED LIST OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR RENDERING FORENSIC INVESTIGATION SERVICES IN KWAZULU NATAL

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the expression of interest is for the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to compile a comprehensive list of suitable service providers who can be called upon by the department, as and when required, to conduct forensic investigations at selected municipalities and the Department in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN).

2. BACKGROUND

As legislated, the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs has the mandate, in terms of Section 106 of the Municipal Systems Act No 32 of 2000 and in terms of section 85 of the PFMA, to designate a person or persons to conduct an investigation at any municipality within the Province of KZN and the Department where she believes that maladministration, fraud, corruption or any other serious malpractice has occurred or is occurring.

The Department is required to have mechanisms available to carry out its responsibilities in this regard, which is complemented by constitutional provisions requiring the Department to monitor the financial affairs of municipalities in the Province and of that of the Department.

The Department has identified the need to streamline procedures in order to act swiftly in following up allegations of fraud, corruption and maladministration. Allegations are received by the Department from various sources such as the Office of the Auditor-General, the National Anti-corruption hotline, the press, local ratepayer associations, Councillors, municipal officials or members of the public.

The Departments previous Panel of Forensic Investigators (ZNT1684) has expired and the Department deems it necessary to establish a new panel from which the Department can make appointments swiftly.

In this regard, procurement processes are put in place to achieve not only the best value for money but also to ensure, through the preferential awarding of contracts to persons disadvantaged by unfair discrimination, that the quality, coverage and development impact of the service to be provided is also not compromised. In undertaking forensic investigations, the Department is bound by tariffs charged for audits as undertaken, on behalf of the Auditor-General as amended from time to time. These costs are applicable to appointments made from this panel. The department has a duty to ensure that those service providers listed on the panel meet certain minimum requirements in as far as employment equity and affirmative action is concerned, in addition to the track record, proven reputation in the market and individual competencies of particular firms to be listed.

Appointments from this panel, of forensic investigators once established, will be made in a fair and equitable manner. Any decision that is made to appoint a particular service provider will be approved by the accounting officer and as designated by the MEC. The Department will also take into account the need to promote and empower small and emerging enterprises.

3. PRINCIPLES FOR FORENSIC INVESTIGATORS.

The need for the establishment of a panel of service providers with expertise in the field of forensic investigations is based on the following principles:

- (a) to promote greater responsiveness by the department in the investigation process;

- (b) to address the increase in the number of investigations as a result of the implementation of the municipal fraud hotline and the National Anti-corruption hotline;
- (c) To maintain confidentiality relating to the nature and magnitude of allegation/s received, individual service providers would be selected from the panel with a competitive quote process;
- (d) to ensure investigations are undertaken without delays, which are sometimes associated with normal procurement processes; and
- (e) to ensure fairness in the distribution of work only to experts in the field of forensic investigations.

Forensic Investigators shall only be appointed from the approved panel. All deliverables in terms of a specific forensic investigation shall be defined and monitored by the Department.

4. THE PROCESS OF FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS.

When the MEC deems it necessary to undertake a Forensic Investigation at a municipality in KZN and sufficient predication exists to warrant such action, a suitable resource from the panel shall be identified and appointed to undertake the investigation.

Before accepting an engagement, the Forensic Investigator would be required to report any conflict of interest that could impair his/her professional judgement or objectivity on a specific matter or in a specific municipality. The Department will prepare an agreement and include such in a letter of appointment.

The Forensic Investigator should review the assignment thoroughly. Planning consists of establishing specific objectives, determining the various steps to be taken, and defining the work in order to control the execution of the assignment with reference to the time and cost constraints and the information and other resources available.

The facts and circumstances of each forensic investigation engagement are unique and should be carefully reviewed to develop a suitable action plan that sets out the objectives of the assignment and the methods to be used to address them. Given the nature of forensic investigation assignments, an inductive approach to planning is usually adopted. This means that the planning is done on a continuous basis to accommodate changes in the circumstances of an assignment as new facts are brought to light through the work of the forensic investigator. Persons executing the assignment should therefore be continuously informed of any new facts that emerge and of changes in the nature and execution of the work.

The forensic investigator should gather the information and evidence required to substantiate his or her conclusion, such as analyses, interview notes, written statements, clues and supporting documents. In order to assess the adequacy and appropriateness of the evidence, the forensic investigator should understand all legal requirements and processes required to substantiate such evidence and should consider its quality and quantity as well as the chain of causation of evidence.

The forensic investigator should document and provide evidence of work done. The documentation usually includes working papers explaining the methods used, the analyses, basic facts, data collected, assumptions adopted, conclusion formed, and the evidence gathered in support of the conclusion.

The forensic investigator's report should adequately explain and support the conclusions expressed therein.

When expressing a conclusion, the report should be worded clearly and concisely and it should be understandable, well organised; consistent and the findings should be explicit.

When expressing a conclusion, the report of the investigation and forensic investigator should:

- describe the facts relating to the purpose of the assignment;

- describe the mandate;
- provide the information needed to understand the subject matter and environment specific to the assignment;
- specify the nature and scope of the work performed and the evidence gathered;
- set out the facts and where relevant, assumptions;
- describe the approaches taken and methods applied;
- explain the important factors considered in forming the conclusion; where relevant, present charts, schedules, and other useful information;
- communicate the results of the work and the forensic investigator's findings and/or opinion on the issues submitted;
- state date of the report;
- specify the restrictions on the use of the report and the limitations of the conclusion; and
- include recommendations pertaining to civil recovery, disciplinary or criminal actions and follow up procedures that may be required.

The forensic investigator shall hold an official file/s for each forensic investigation. The forensic investigator shall place on this file, all information and evidence required to substantiate the conclusion reached. In terms of the confidentiality the documents on the file should not be discussed or made available to any other parties without the Departments prior written approval. This file shall be the property of the Department.

5. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Each forensic investigation shall include the following phases:

5.1 ENGAGEMENT

Service providers are required to be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD). If successful, the forensic investigator is expected to sign an appointment letter with the Department of COOPERATIVE Governance and Traditional Affairs. An investigation report is expected within three months of commencement of the project.

5.2 PLANNING PHASE

During the planning phase a general strategy and a detailed approach should be developed regarding the expected nature, timing and extent of the investigation. The extent of planning will vary according to the magnitude of the allegation/s and the risks involved, the planning should focus the efforts of the team and should cover all aspects of the assignment.

5.3 EXECUTION PHASE

During the execution phase, appropriate audit and investigative procedures should be developed, documented and executed to ensure that the objectives of the forensic investigation are achieved timeously in accordance with the time allowed to complete the assignment. All objectives of the forensic investigation shall also be executed within the limitation of the budget.

Adequate, complete, relevant, appropriate and reasonable evidence should be obtained to substantiate findings and conclusions and should be comprehensively documented in working papers and working paper files.

The "Best Evidence Rule" should be applied to ensure that evidence obtained is admissible in any legal proceedings including that as required by a court of law.

All documents should be filed in the aforementioned "office file".

5.4 REPORTING PHASE

During the reporting phase, the forensic investigator communicates the results of his/her work in writing to the Department. It should also be ensured that the report complies with the following minimum requirements.

- The factual correctness of the report and the interpretation of the facts must be cleared at the most appropriate level and proof of clarification must be filed on the official file. The latter should indicate why this level was regarded as the "most appropriate".
- It must be logical, clear, concise, complete, objective, timely, logically sequenced and structured, readable and accurate.
- It must contain specific and properly substantiated facts.
- It must contain clear and precise English language and terminology to obviate misunderstanding, ambiguity and perceptions being created.
- Correct typing, spelling, and use of English language are vital.
- Terms and phrases must be used consistently. General abbreviations must be avoided as far as possible.
- Graphs, charts and tabulations must be suitable and relevant and must only be used to visually illustrate and explain written information.
- Contents must be relevant to the scope and nature of the investigation.
- The report should identify possible areas for improvement in the internal control environment, which may serve as a guide for the avoidance of a recurrence of any irregularity that has occurred.
- The report must include specific recommendations pertaining to civil recovery, disciplinary or criminal action.
- The report should specify that the conclusion is based on the information available as at the date of the report and could change if new information were to invalidate the information obtained or the assumptions adopted up to that date.

6. CONTRACT PERIOD

The established panel shall remain in place for a period of three years from date of approval of such panel by the Department.

7. THRESHOLD FOR QUALIFICATION TO PANEL OF FORENSIC AUDITORS

a) Pre- Qualifying Criteria

PRE- QUALIFICATION CRITERIA			
Requirement	Yes	No	Required Document
A company must be a level 1 B-BBEE			B-BBEE status level verification certificate confirming B-BBEE Level 1 contributor/ Sworn in affidavit

b) Administrative Criteria

Only bidders who satisfy all the following eligibility criteria are eligible to submit bids.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT	YES/ NO	COMMENTS/PROOF TO BE PROVIDED
Membership of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. (ACFE)		Submit certified copy of membership certificate.
A readily available Business Intelligence Service (BIS) capability including the ability to do comprehensive background checks on juristic and natural persons.		Submit written proof of registration to conduct deed searches and company registration searches Example: CIPC/ Windeed or other equivalent bodies
A minimum of 5 years' experience in the forensic auditing/fraud investigation field undertaken for Government Entities/ Private Companies		Submit business registration and a minimum of three (3) reference letters from previous clients relating to forensic auditing/ fraud investigation

Please note that being placed on the panel will not necessarily mean that a consultant is guaranteed to obtain assignments in this regard from the Department. The Department will decide who should be appointed and when this will take place in respect of an investigation at a municipality or the Department. All candidates appointed to the panel shall be officially informed in writing.

DETAILS FOR COMPLETION OF AN ENVELOPE FOR A BID/QUOTATION

Section 1 paragraph 6 of this bid/quotation document indicates the requirements for addressing of an envelope when a bid/quotation is submitted to the Department. Kindly ensure the envelope is addressed correctly because if it is not properly addressed the bid/quotation may be rejected as being invalid and returned to the respective bidder. The correct manner in which it is to be addressed is detailed below:

EXAMPLE FORMAT

FRONT SIDE OF ENVELOPE	
Name and address of bidder:	XYZ Consultants, PO Box 1234, Durban 4000
Bid/Quotation Number:	ZNT 2017/2020 LG
Description:	APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS TO RENDER FORENSIC INVESTIGATION SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS)
Closing date:	30 September 2021
Closing time:	11:00

REVERSE SIDE OF ENVELOPE	
Department's details and address:	The Head: Supply Chain Management Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs 13 th Floor, North Tower Natalia Building 330 Langalibalele Street Pietermaritzburg 3201

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT TOGETHER WITH THEIR PROPOSAL ON THE CLOSING DATE OF THE BID:

CERTIFIED COPY OF B-BBEE STATUS VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE
VALID PIN STATUS FROM SARS VALID FOR A MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS
COMPANY PROFILE
PROOF OF REGISTRATION WITH CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD)
PDF COPY OF PROPOSAL ON A DISC (COMPULSORY)

ANNEXURE “B”

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT1

THE NATIONAL TREASURY
Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT July 2010

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1 A copy of the complete document set containing the General Conditions of Contract is available on www.kzncogta.gov.za/bids

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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</p> |

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

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

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

22. Penalties

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

23. Termination for default

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

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

may be due to him

25. Force Majeure

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

26. Termination for insolvency

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

27. Settlement of Disputes

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

28. Limitation of liability

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

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

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- 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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