

Request Details

PR No: 10248859

Type: ZDER - Deviation RQ

Cost Centre: 1737 - IT Systems Software (TECHNOLOGY: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

Vendor: -

Description: DEVIATION PR for SAG suite of software

Practitioner: 930 - LORNA MARTINS

Amount: 9,137,529.29 ZAR

BACKGROUND

The SABC procured a new z15 server mid 2022 with a projected ROI based

on at least 5 years of use (should last 7 years). It is dependent on a

specific mix of IBM and 3rd party software. This business case is for

licensing and support of one such a 3rd part Software being the SAG

ADABAS Natural suite of software which is currently perpetually owned.

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renew the required software for 3 years entitling the SABC to upgrades

to latest versions and support.

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designed to handle critical workloads and transactions at scale. Its

reliability and scalability ensure uninterrupted support for the

essential TV License debtor system, which forms the backbone of our

operations.

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middleware to the web front ends used by retailers for payment

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Avoiding Disruption in Service Delivery Replacing or redeveloping this application would not only be financially burdensome but could disrupt our ability to fulfil legal and operational obligations. The ADABAS Natural database and application software remains the most reliable and cost-effective choice for ensuring seamless service delivery to our stakeholders.

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REASON

A deviation approach is more applicable for this transaction for the following reasons:

The supplier, Software AG South Africa is the sole owner(s) authorized licensee of the software AG's Adabas < (> &<)> Natural and other products as indicated in annexure H of the supporting documents.

Software is reliable and consistent 100% availability per annum is achieved.

Backups are reliable and a DR contract is in place with 100% successful tests since inception of DR contract.

Backups and recovery make use of a Virtual tape library replicating to DR site and boasts improved recovery times in last 2 tests.

Software is regularly improved and updated, with new versions available at no additional costs.

No issues with current vendor and support are effective with regular briefings on enhancements and trends.

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work includes the lincensing and support for the currently used ADABAS Natural suite of software,

Support must be available 24 X 7 X 365, and a support logging procedure should be provided.

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Description of goods/services: SAG ADABAS/Natural Software licensing and support (3 Years)

Estimated Cost R 7 911 318 (Excl. VAT) or R 9 137 529.29 (Incl. VAT)

Funds available R 7 911 318 (Excl. VAT) or R 9 137 529.29 (Incl. VAT)

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal Implications

RISK & MITIGATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the motivation provided, it is therefore recommended that:

The BAC approves the deviation from the normal procurement process to appoint Software AG South Africa for the provision of licensing and support for the currently used ADABAS Natural suite of software for three (3) year period, starting from the 26th of April 2026 until 25th of April 2029, at a maximum estimated value of R9,137,529.29 including VAT

The Head of SCM Governanceduly sign the award letter.

The Legal department will draft the contract for this effect.

NATURE OF DEVIATION

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VENDOR SELECTION

Software AG South Africa

PERIOD

3 years - 26th of April 2026 and terminates on the 25th of April 2029

PURPOSE

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APPROVERS AND REVIEWERS

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