

**ANNEXURE A: RT37-2024 BID BRIEFING SESSION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS****BRIEFING SESSION DATE: 03 APRIL 2024****TIME: 10H00 – 12H00****VENUE: MICROSOFT TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING**

#	Questions	Answer
1.	Is a purchase order acceptable as contract letter for bidders to score points on functionality (Previous work experience)?	Yes
2.	Is there provision made for bidders to quote for travel costs?	No. Travel cost must be at the expense of the bidder or built into the bid pricing as it is always difficult to monitor and control travel costs if the expense is borne by the state institution.
3.	How many stations are there and what is their geographic locations?	Currently there are over 135 government owned Air Quality Monitoring stations.
4.	Is the bid for procurement of new instruments, repairs and maintenance?	Yes
5.	What is the communication network between the station and SAAQIS?	Most of the data uploading to SAAQIS is a file transfer via SFTP. Another way is communication by API like the new Low Cost Sensors that are developed on special demand. It is recommended that dedicated connectivity (GPRS, 3G, 4G and ADSL) graduating to Long Term Evolution (LTE) platforms are adopted as the preferred connectivity between the stations and SAAQIS.

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