

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NATIONAL TREASURY)					
BID NUMBER:	RFQ566-2024	CLOSING DATE:	13 DECEMBER 2024	CLOSING TIME:	11:00 AM
DESCRIPTION	THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER/S TO ASSSIT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERSONNEL SUITABILITY CHECKS AND ONLINE PROFILLING FOR PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE EMAILED TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW					
National Treasury					
240 Madiba Street, PRETORIA,0001					
4th Floor Supply Chain Management, Att: Vambisa Shingange					
Or scmleadresponse4@treasury.gov.za					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Rachel Sehabetla Vambisa Shingange		CONTACT PERSON	Lesetja Masekana	
TELEPHONE NUMBER			TELEPHONE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
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<u>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</u>					
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:		O R	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES 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, 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:

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

DATE:



Special Conditions of Contract

RFQ566-2024

**THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER/S TO ASSSIT WITH THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERSONNEL SUITABILITY CHECKS AND
ONLINE PROFILLING FOR PERIOD OF 3 YEARS**

CLOSING DATE: 13 DECEMBER 2024 AT 11:00 AM

VALIDITY PERIOD: 60 DAYS

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

A LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

This bid and all contracts emanating there from will be subject to the General Conditions of Contract issued in accordance with the Treasury Regulations 16A published in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999). The Special Conditions of Contract are supplementary to that of the General Conditions of Contract. Where, however, the Special Conditions of Contract are in conflict with the General Conditions of Contract, the Special Conditions of Contract takes precedence.

1. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

- 1.1 All bids will be evaluated in terms of functionality and preference point system which comprises of the following:

1.1.1 Phase I: Initial screening process

In terms of National Treasury Instruction No. 4A of 2016/2017 regarding the National Central Supplier Database (CD), all bidders must register on the CSD to provide the following information to be verified through the CSD:

- a) Business registration, including details of directorship and membership;
- b) Bank Account holder information;
- c) In the service of the State status;
- d) Tax compliance status;
- e) Identity number;
- f) Tender default and restriction status; and
- g) Any additional and supplementary verification and information communicated by National Treasury.

1.1.2 Phase II: Functionality evaluation as per attached Terms of Reference

- a) Bids will be evaluated strictly according to the bid evaluation criteria stipulated in the terms of reference.
- b) Bidders must, as part of their bid documents, submit supportive documentation for all technical requirements as indicated hereunder. The panel responsible for scoring the respective bids will evaluate and score all bids based on their submissions and the information provided.
- c) Bidders will not rate themselves but need to ensure that all information is supplied as required. The Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) will evaluate and score all responsive bids and will verify all documents submitted by the bidders.
- d) The panel members will individually evaluate the responses received against the following criteria as set out below:

Individual value scores will be multiplied with the specified weighting for the criterion to obtain the marks scored for all elements. These marks will be added and expressed as a fraction of the best possible score for all criteria.

Evaluation Criteria

The evaluation criteria stipulated in the terms of reference will be utilized to assess the bidder for technical expertise.

- e) Any proposal not meeting a minimum score of 65% functionality proposal will be disqualified and the financial proposal will remain unopened.
- f) The value scored for each criterion will be multiplied with the specified weighting for the relevant criterion to obtain the marks scored for each criterion. These marks will be added and expressed as a fraction of the best possible score for all criteria.
- g) This score will be converted to a percentage and only bidders that have met or exceeded the minimum threshold of 65% for functionality will be evaluated and scored in terms of pricing and socio-economic goals as indicated hereunder.

1.1.3 Phase III: Price/Financial stage and specific goals

Price/ Financial proposals must be submitted in South African Rand.

NT reserves the right to negotiate rates submitted by bidders.

National Treasury reserves the right to accept or not to accept the lowest or any Bid or not to appoint at all. The invitation of bids will be rotated for promotion of suppliers.

2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- a. In terms of regulation 4 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act 5 of 2000), responsive bids will be adjudicated by the State on the 80/20-preference point for specific goals in terms of which points are awarded to bidders on the basis of:
 - The bid price (maximum 80 points); and
 - specific goals (maximum 20 points)
- b. The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price in respect of bidders with a Rand value up to R50 000 000:

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

P_t = Comparative price of bid under consideration

$P_{\min}$ = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

A maximum of 20 points may be awarded to a bidder for specific goals stipulated in the bid document aligned with Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and programmes of the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) as published in Government Gazette No. 16085 dated 23 November 1994. For this bid, the maximum number of specific goals that could be allocated to a bidder is indicated in paragraph 2.2.

2.1 Points

The Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 were with effect from 16 January 2023. These regulations require organs of state, to determine their own preferential procurement policies in accordance with section 2 of the PPPFA and the thresholds and the formula prescribed in the 2022 Regulations. In this instance, the specific goals are as contemplated

in section 2(1)(d) of the Act which may include contracting with persons, historically disadvantaged by unfair discrimination on the basis of race, gender and disability including the implementation of programmes of the RDP as published in Government Gazette No. 6085 dated 23 November 1994.

2.2 Specific goals

The applicable preference point system as envisaged in the regulations; 80/20 preference points systems will be applied in accordance with the formula and applicable points provided for in the respective status level contributor tables in the Regulations.

Specific goal	Number of points (80/20 system)
1. EME & QSE	5
2. Youth	5
3. Woman	5
4. People with disabilities (PWDs)	5
5. Non-compliant contributor	0

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

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

- c. The points scored by a bidder in respect of points indicated above will be added to the points scored for price.
- d. Bidders are requested to complete the various preference claim forms in order to claim preference points.
- e. Only a bidder who has completed and signed the declaration part of the preference claim form will be considered for specific goals.
- f. National Treasury may, before a bid is adjudicated or at any time, require a bidder to substantiate claims made with regard to their specific goals.
- g. Points scored will be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimals.
- h. In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the contract will be awarded to the bidder scoring the highest number of points for the bid. Should two or more bids be equal in all respects, the award shall be decided by drawing of lots.
- i. A contract may, on reasonable and justifiable grounds, be awarded to a bid that did not score the highest number of points.
- j. **Subcontracting after award of tender**
 - (i) A person awarded a contract may only enter into a subcontracting arrangement with the approval of the organ of state.

3. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR BIDDERS TO COMPLY WITH FOR BID CONSIDERATION, FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS BELOW WILL DISQUALIFY THE BIDDER.

- 3.1 Bidders must be registered on Central Supplier Database (CSD) by the closing date of the tender.
- 3.2 In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust or Partnership, a signed teaming agreement is required.
- 3.3 In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust or Partnership, a consolidated B-BBEE certificate is required.

4. TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS

Bids received from bidders with a non-compliant tax status may be disqualified with failure to update the Tax Status within 7 days.

5. VALUE ADDED TAX

All bid prices must be inclusive of 15% Value-Added Tax where applicable.

6. CLIENT BASE

- 6.1 National Treasury reserves the right to contact references during the evaluation and adjudication process to obtain information.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Successful service providers will enter into a service level agreement with National Treasury.

8. COMMUNICATION

National Treasury may communicate with bidders for, among others, where bid clarity is sought, to obtain information or to extend the validity period. Any communication either by facsimile, letter or electronic mail or any other form of correspondence to any government official, department or representative of a testing institution or a person acting in an advisory capacity for the National Treasury in respect of this bid between the closing date and the award of the bid by the bidder is prohibited.

9. LATE BIDS

Bids received at the address indicated in the bid documents, after the closing date and time will not be accepted for consideration, and where applicable, be returned unopened to the bidder.

10. COUNTER CONDITIONS

Bidders' attention is drawn to the fact that amendments to any of the Special Conditions by bidders will result in such bids being disqualified.

11. PROHIBITION OF RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES

- a. In terms of section 4(1) 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:
 - directly or indirectly fixing a purchase or selling price or any other trading condition;
 - dividing markets by allocating customers, suppliers, territories or specific types of goods or services; or
 - collusive bidding.
- b. If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), in the judgment of the purchaser, has/have engaged in any of the restrictive practices referred to above, the purchaser may, without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered or terminate the contract in whole or in part and 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.

12. FRONTING

- a. The National Treasury supports the spirit of empowerment and recognizes that real empowerment can only be achieved through individuals and businesses conducting themselves in accordance with the Constitution and in an honest, fair, equitable, transparent, and legally compliant manner. Against this background the National Treasury condemns any form of fronting.
- b. The National Treasury, in ensuring that bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the bid evaluation processes, conduct, or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations to determine the accuracy of the representation made in bid documents. Should any of the fronting indicators as contained in the Guidelines on Complex Structures and Transactions and Fronting issued by the Department of Trade and Industry, established during such enquiry/investigation, the onus will be on the bidder contractor to prove that fronting does not exist. Failure to do so within a period of 14 days from date of notification may invalidate the bid/contract and may also result in the restriction of the bidder/contractor to conduct business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten years, in addition to any other remedies the National Treasury may have against the bidder/contractor concerned.

13. PRESENTATION

National Treasury may require presentations/interviews from short-listed bidders as part of the bid process.

14. TIMEFRAMES AND FORMAL CONTRACT

Successful bidder(s) will enter into a formal contract with the National Treasury.

15. PACKAGING OF BID

The bidder shall send the responses to the RFQ by means of electronic method to the SCM contacts indicated below or by mean of physical submission to the National Treasury address, sealed and clearly marked as below outlines Technical Proposal and Price/

Financial Proposal envelopes into an outer sealed envelope or package, and must be clearly marked.

15.1 TECHNICAL AND PRICE/FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

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16. CONTACT DETAILS

Supply Chain Management, 4th floor, National Treasury

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Physical address: 240 Madiba Street, Pretoria

For General enquiries

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For Technical enquiries

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**NATIONAL TREASURY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

CORPORATE SERVICES

TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERSONNEL SUITABILITY CHECKS AND ONLINE PROFILLING FOR PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

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Confidential

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TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERSONNEL SUITABILITY CHECKS

1. PURPOSE

To obtain services of a provider who will provide access to information of the Credit Bureau, Institutions of Higher Learning, Department of Home Affairs, Criminal Record Centre, Company Registration Information, Property/Deeds Search, and Vehicle Registration Information for the purposes of conducting Personnel Suitability Checks and Forensic Audit services in the National Treasury.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On 6 December 2006, Cabinet approved a vetting strategy for South Africa. The strategy included, inter alia, that Vetting Fieldwork Units be established in government departments hence the establishment by NT in April 2011.

In line with the approved strategy, the Minister for the Public Service and Administration has in terms of section 3(3) (e) of the Public Service Act of 1994 issued the directive at Annexure A to supplement the Public Service Regulations 2001, Chapter 1, Part VII D.8 (a), as replaced by Chapter 4-part 4, 57 (1) (c) and 57 3 (a) of the Public Service Regulations 2016 which deals with the screening and verification of a candidate's information prior to appointment or the filling of a post. The said directive mandates government departments to conduct their own Personnel Suitability Checks and has been effective since January 2008 (**Annexure A**).

In addition to the above, with effective from 1 April 2024, the Department of Public Service and Administration issued a directive on Human Resources Management and Development for Public Service Professionalisation Volume 1. Clause 1.37 to 1.38 of the directive mandates the departments to conduct Personnel Suitability Checks to determine the applicant's suitability prior appointment (**Annexure B**).

Furthermore, Section 6 (2) (e) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and Section 5 (2)(d) of the Municipal Finance Management Act mandates the National Treasury to investigate any system of financial management and internal control.

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The Personnel Suitability Checks (PSC) and online profiling covers at least the following areas:

- Criminal record checks;
- Identity, Citizenship, Naturalization, Permanent Resident Permit verification and Work Visa/Permit;
- Financial / asset record checks (Listings and judgments in the persons' name) globally;
- Social media;
- Qualification verification (All Qualifications minimum of 3 years incl. Senior Certificate and foreign qualifications).
- Registration with Professional Bodies where applicable;
- Verification of dismissal/misconduct / Disciplinary records
- Company registration Information
- • Directorship or company membership records verification
- • Property/Deed search
- • Vehicle registration.
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3. OBJECTIVE

3.1 To implement the Personnel Suitability Checks (PSC) within the National Treasury with the aim of mitigating the risk of employing officials who are not security competent and may pose threat to the functionality of the NT.

3.2 To implement an online live profiling system to capacitate the Office of the Accountant-General in fulfilling the National Treasury's forensic investigative mandate in all spheres of government on a broad range of financial management and internal control systems in the supply chain management in public procurement processes.

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4. SCOPE OF WORK

The National Treasury will make use of the data provided by the service provider to conduct PSC and online profiling as indicated above.

In line with the above, the successful service provider will be required to provide training as well as refresher training to NT users when required. In addition, other additional requirements/ resources e.g. fingerprint machine scanners and software/ licensing applications should also be made available when required.

Provide Access service Offsite services/Satellite

This therefore means that NT should bring on board a service provider with offsite /satellite offices throughout the Country that will be able to provide the required services.

Kindly note that a pricing schedule guide with details pertaining to our minimum requirements has been prepared and should be utilised when responding to the ToR (**Annexure C**).

It is anticipated that requests will be submitted for verification as per business requirements therefore demand will vary.

5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The service provider should have the following experiences, qualities and skills set:

- The service Provider should have experience in rendering comprehensive Personnel Suitability Checks.
- Provide electronic online system for the electronic capturing and submission of verification requests. The system should also be able to provide detailed reports for management purposes, etc.
- The service provider should have knowledge and utilize the AFISWITCH system to obtain criminal records.
- Provide electronic online booking system and capturing of fingerprints offsite.
- Service provider must be the custodian of the system (live system).
- The service provider should provide Company profile, methodology/ implementation plan including the turnaround times to be used for the project.

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- A minimum of 5 years overall experience in rendering comprehensive Personnel Suitability Checks and online profiling.
- Demonstrated minimum experience of 5 years of relevant comprehensive Personnel Suitability Checks in the Public Service environment.
- Provide written references from previous clients detailing the level of service received and the size of the company (headcount) similar to that of NT.
- The successful bidder will be subjected to company screening with the State Security Agency.

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria			
	Experience	Scoring criteria	Max points 30%
1	• Demonstrated minimum experience of 5 years of relevant comprehensive Personnel Suitability Checks and online profiling in the Public Service environment.	5= more than 10 years; 4 = 8 - 10 years; 3 = 5 - 7 years; 2 = 2– 4 years; 1 = 1 year and below	30%
2	Technical Skills on Functionality	Scoring criteria	Max Points 50%
2.1	• Demonstrated experience and capacity in processing suitability checks for organization at least a minimum of 500 headcount or similar capacity as NT in terms of size.	5= more than 1000 4 = 701 - 1000 3 = 500 - 700 2 = 400-499 1 = Below 400	25%
2.2	• Provide the inclusive implementation plan demonstrating: • understanding of scope of work and the deliverables. • Appropriate electronic online system for capturing and verifications and accessing data.	5=Excellent detailed plan covering full scope and excellent turnaround times. 4=Very good plan covering full scope, very good turnaround times. 3=Acceptable plan covering full scope, acceptable turnaround times.	25%

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		2=Inadequate plan, limited scope, inadequate turnaround times. 1=poor plan, poor scope and poor turnaround times.	
3	References	Scoring Criteria	Max Points 20%
	Provide written reference letters from previous clients detailing the level of service provided.. (Attach letters)	5 = 6-8 references supplied 4 = 5 references supplied 3 = 3 to 4 references supplied 2 = 1 to 2 references supplied 1= no references supplied	
	Total technical score		100%
	Threshold:		65%

6. DURATION OF THE PROJECT

The successful service provider will be expected to sign a contract (pay as you use basis) with the National Treasury for the period of three (3) years subject to performance review.

7. LOCATION

The PSC and profiling will be implemented at the National Treasury premises, 240 Madiba Street, 3rd, 7th, and 18th Floor, Security Management, Human Resources Management and Specialised Audit Service.

8. DETAILS FOR ENQUIRIES

For any inquiries please contact **Mr Lesetja Masekana**: Deputy Director – Vetting Investigations at tel; 012 315 5257, cell 078 458 7033 or e-mail: lesetja.masekana@treasury.gov.za; **Ms Sekgoilane Kgoputso**: Director -Talent Management at tell 012 315 6694, cell 072 624 3443 or e-mail sekgoilane.kgoputso@treasury.gov.za and **Mr Sipiwe Mahlangu**: Director -

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CHECKS**

Specialised Audit Services at tell 012 315 5379, or e-mail
Siphiwe.mahlangu@treasury.gov.za

PRICING SCHEDULE

NAME OF BIDDER

BID NO: RFQ566-2024**CLOSING TIME: 11:00 AM ON 13 DECEMBER 2024**

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 60 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID

ITEM DESCRIPTION
NOBID PRICE IN RSA
CURRENTLY INCLUSIVE
OF VALUE ADDED TAX**RFQ566-2024: THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER/S TO ASSSIT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERSONNEL SUITABILITY CHECKS AND ONLINE PROFILLING FOR PERIOD OF 3 YEARS**

1. Services must be quoted in accordance with the attached terms of reference

Total cost of the assignment (R inclusive VAT) R_____

NB: Bidders are also advised to indicate a total cost breakdown for this assignment

2. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid

3. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period?

YES

NO

4. If not, firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index

Any queries regarding the bid may be directed to:

Department: National Treasury

Contact person: Vambisa Shingange

Email address: Vambisa.shingange@treasury.gov.za**PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. BIDDER'S DECLARATION

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

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

Full name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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

- 2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

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

- 2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

3. DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name)

in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure.
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect.
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement, or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements, or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

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

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

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

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

Signature

Date

Position

Name of Bidder

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

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

1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:
- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- 1.2 To be completed by the organ of state
- 1.2.1 The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** preference point system.
- 1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:
- 1.3.1 Price; and
- 1.3.2 Specific Goals.
- 1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:
- 1.4.1 The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:
- | | POINTS |
|--|---------------|
| Price | 80 |
| Specific Goals | 20 |
| Total points for Price and Specific Goals | 100 |
- 1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2 DEFINITIONS

DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
Tender	means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other

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

3 FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 points is allocated for price on the following basis: **80/20**

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

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

4 POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

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

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

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

- 4.2.2 any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,

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

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

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

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
EME& QSE	5	
Youth	5	
Women	5	
People living with Disability (PWDs)	5	

5 DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

5.1 Name of company/firm.....

5.2 Company registration number:

5.3 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

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

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 “Closing time” means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 “Contract” means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 “Contract price” means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 “Country of origin” means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 “Day” means calendar day.
 - 1.8 “Delivery” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 “Delivery ex stock” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the

RSA.

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

obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

- 1.25 “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier’s performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier’s records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security

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

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

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

analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

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

9. Packing

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

10. Delivery and documents

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

11. Insurance

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

12. Transportation

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

13. Incidental services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

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

14. Spare parts

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

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

15. Warranty

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

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

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

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

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take

such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

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

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