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RESPONSE TO BIDDER QUERIES

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Terms of Reference indicated that SASSA would respond to the enquiries five working days after the briefing session.

Number	Bidder	Bidder Query	SASSA response
1.	Business Furniture (Vena Nel)	On the pricing schedule, the amount price over there, is that for the full 96 chairs there or is it a unit price excluding that?	According to this table, it is for the entire 96 chairs because we are having a quantity and the amount. So it simply means you give us a price according to the set quantity. You have to multiply your price using the quantity that is reflected here on the table.
2.	Sapusha Investment (Rodney)	Is it optional or a must to submit bid documents online and physically?	Bidders are encouraged to submit using the tender box as well as the e-tender portal. Our request to you is to submit on both platforms. But then should it happen that maybe you submit on one platform due to the reasons that are unknown to us, we will still consider your bid documents from either platform but our plea and our request to you is that you submit on both platforms
3.	Business Furniture (Vena Nel)	Do you want us to quote on the pictures of the items or on the description of the items because they differ?	The information on the right-hand side is talking to the picture on the left-hand side. So, what you see visually is what we want to see as the end product.
4.	Steve Tech Engineering (Demetrius)	To expand on Vena's question above, the actual description of the chair says it takes up to 180kg and not 120kg. So the one that is 180kg, may not look exactly like this one on the picture.	Remember it is saying that the chair can go up to 180 kg.
5.	Business Furniture (Vena Nel)	Are you aware that normal people that are not 180kg or overweight, will not find a heavy-duty chair very comfortable. I see you're asking for 96 heavy duty chairs, are these all for people that are over 120 kilograms?	We are aware that people differ in sizes and so on and we wanted to accommodate all our officials. So during the manufacturing it can be determined how many 130kg and how many 180kg will be required.
6.	X-Klusiv Furniture (Sam Gcaba)	Regarding confirmation from the manufacturer about the leather that it is locally manufactured, let us say you are buying a leather from a third party who is not a manufacturer, will their letter of confirmation be enough if it comes from them and not the manufacturer?	Based on our terms of reference, we need to see a certificate that is coming from the tannery. Then that certificate from the tannery will serve as proof that the leather was produced by them. We need to trace the origins of the leather used to determine if it is coming from South Africa or outside of South Africa. In South Africa we do have tanneries. It is advisable to use the

		If the leather you are buying is from someone who has imported it but your chair, all the components you got them locally and it still qualifies in terms of the DTI local content requirements, it is more than 65%, would that be acceptable?	South African tanneries because it will be easy to communicate with them rather than when we are using tanneries that are outside of South Africa, it becomes a bit difficult for everyone. Bidders will have to declare their local production and content on Annexure C, D and E as well as the declaration of local production and content form, previously known as SBD6.2 form. SASSA will then take such declarations to DTIC as specialists to assist with verifying the declarations and to confirm if bidders are indeed meeting the required local content threshold or not.
7.	Propc (Elsie Williams)	On certification and accreditation, a valid proof of registration with the Furniture Bargaining Council, we are resellers, and we buy from the manufacturers in South Africa that manufacture the chairs. We are not the actual manufacturer ourselves. So, will that letter come from our manufacturer and not from ourselves because we don't have a letter or prove that we are with the Furniture Bargaining Council?	SASSA will then have to look at your submission in case of sub-contracting or joint venture arrangements, if any. Alternatively, the company you are buying from should give you their certificate because if there is no certificate, then it means that you are not complying.
8.	Thondoni Seating (Pty) Ltd (Thembisile Tsobolo)	If we are not yet registered with VAT, what must we do on the price including VAT	If a bidder is not registered for VAT, it means they cannot give us a quotation that has VAT. So, one will just have to put your price excluding VAT.
9.	BI Office Furniture (Irma vd Walt)	The chairs in this tender you want in full grain leather (genuine leather) – but most of these chairs are imports and not made in genuine leather. So my question is – can we tender on something similar – but in genuine leather?	The information on the right-hand side is talking to the picture on the left-hand side. So, what you see visually is what we want to see as the end product in full grain leather i.e. genuine leather