

MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT

BID NUMBER: DHS/150/24/MP

**APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS INTO
A PANEL OF CREDIBLE FIRMS/LEGAL
PRACTITIONERS FOR THE PROVISION OF
LEGAL SERVICES IN CONTRACT LAW ,
PROPERTY LAW, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LAW,
ETC. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (03)
YEARS IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE**

ISSUED BY:

Department of Human Settlement
Private Bag X11246
Mbombela
1200

NAME OF BIDDER:
TOTAL BID PRICE (all inclusive) :
(Also in words):
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PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENT					
BID NUMBER:	DHS/150/24/MP	CLOSING DATE:	04 DECEMBER 2024	CLOSING TIME:	12H00
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS INTO A PANEL OF CREDIBLE FIRMS/LEGAL PRACTITIONERS FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES IN CONTRACT LAW, PROPERTY LAW, CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LAW, ETC. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (03) YEARS IN MPUMALANGA PROVINCE				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
MBOMBELA , Riverside Government Complex, Building No 9, Government Boulevard, Mbombela, 1200, PIET RETIEF , No. 11 Measroch Street, Piet Retief Office, KWAMHLANGA , KwaMhlanga Government Complex, Department of Finance, Building No. 12, Computer Centre EVANDER , 10 Cornell Road (previously occupied by Evander Home Affairs Offices), Evander, 2280, BUSHBUCKRIDGE , Bushbuckridge Advice Centre, Department of Finance, Protea building (old Telkom building), MIDDELBURG , Department of Public Works, Cnr. Lillian Ngoyi and Dr Beyers Naudé Streets – Old TPA Building, Upper ground floor, Office numbers A20, 21 and 25, MALELANE , 24 Air Street, Malelane, ELUKWATINI , Elukwatini Sub Regional offices, Office numbers A49 and A50 (opposite Elukwatini Community Hall) Stand number 12 Extension A, Elukwatini and SIYABUSWA Old Parliament Building, Building No1, Job Skhosana Street, Siyabuswa, 0472.					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Adv PP Mabaso		CONTACT PERSON	Ms. RS Motsilanyana	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	013 766 6303		TELEPHONE NUMBER	013 766 6426	
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	advocatemabaso@mpg.gov.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	rs Motsilanyana@mpg.gov.za	
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
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:

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CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

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

DATE:

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** The Department requires a suitable, qualified and competent expert with adequate capacity and relevant experience to be appointed into a Panel of Credible Firms/ Legal Practitioners for The Provision of Legal Services in Contract Law, Property Law, Civil and Criminal Law, Etc. for the Department of Human Settlements for a period of Three (3) years in Mpumalanga Province.
- 1.2** The purpose of this bid is to appoint a panel of legal services providers that can provide appropriate, timely and value adding legal services to the Department. This document intends to provide the prospective service providers with adequate information to understand and respond to Department's requirements for the provision of legal services. It serves to ensure uniformity in responses and to provide a structured framework for the evaluation of proposals. The appointment will be for a period of three (3) years commencing on the date as prescribed in the letter of award and signed contract documents.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICE

- 2.1.** The appointed panel of legal service providers will be required to provide legal services, and will be expected to render services for Department when called upon to do so on an ad-hoc basis.
- 2.2.** Advice on regulatory matters

3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND DELIVERIES

- 3.1.** The appointed panel of legal service providers will be expected to provide legal and regulatory support, including legal advice or opinion relating to the Department's mandate, including, but not limited to: in accordance with all applicable legislation including: -
- 3.1.1. Public Law (Constitutional and administrative law - inter alia the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996)
 - 3.1.2. The Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000,
 - 3.1.3. The Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013
 - 3.1.4. Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000
 - 3.1.8 Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999, Treasury Regulations and Directives)
 - 3.1.9. Corporate and Commercial Law;
 - 3.1.10. Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995:
 - 3.1.11. Basic Conditions of the Employment Act 75 of 1997,

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3.1.12. Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998

- 3.2.** The appointed panel of legal services providers will be expected to provide legal opinion on the interpretation of high-risk and complex contracts that the Department intends to enter, considering all respective legislation. In addition, drafting, vetting and review of Service Level Agreements and any other related contract matter(s);
- 3.3.** Litigation – Magistrates Court, High Court, CCMA, Labour Court, Supreme Court and Constitutional Court, etc.
- 3.4.** Bidders are expected to perform duties as per the below but not limited to;
- 3.4.1. To provide legal advice to the Department on Government policies
- 3.4.2. To represent or act on behalf of the Department at appropriate forum.
- 3.4.3. To negotiate settlements with other parties on behalf of the Department.
- 3.4.4. Contribute fully to team planning sessions, retrospectives and training sessions.

Area of Work	Scope of Work	Skills Required
Labour and Employment Law	• Provide legal opinions on labour employment benefits and employment law related matters • Assist in disciplinary hearings, arbitration and other dispute resolution fora. • Provide advice on contracts of employment and related matters	• Experience in labour and employment law litigation • Understand the regulatory framework governing public service employment • Understanding of labour law and employment law jurisprudence for the purpose of providing legal opinions • Knowledge of bargaining council and other dispute resolution fora.
Corporate and Contract Law.	• Advice on projects / transactions of a corporate law nature. • Review and advice on a broad range of complex	• Experience in working in transactions of a corporate law nature • Excellent research and drafting skills, for purposes of preparing legal opinions of a corporate law nature

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	DG and Special project contracts and • Provide opinion on any contract related matters.	• Understanding the legal and contractual framework governing public entities
General Litigation	• Conduct litigation on behalf of the Department and develop and review appropriate litigation strategy in each matter • Ensure effective and efficient litigation process is followed. • Provide custody of all pleadings and documents in litigation matters. • Provide oral and written legal advice throughout the litigation process. • Litigation • Providing Legal advice and opinions • Briefing advocates • Settlement of cases	• Knowledge of litigation processes and procedures in various forums including but not limited to the High court, Labour court, Equality and Magistrate court. • Comprehensive and coherent understanding of all laws and regulations that determine and shape the role and responsibility of the Accounting Officer or entity Authority in the government entities
Constitutional and Administrative Law.	• Provide legal opinion in respect of constitutional, administrative, and international law matters. • Assist in drafting of public or private international law agreements • Ensure technical quality, adherence to best practice and consistency with the constitution and other Acts of Parliament.	• Experience in providing opinions in constitutional, administrative, and international law matters. • Extensive knowledge of South African constitutional and administrative law, including international law. • Extensive experience in the drafting, vetting and interpretation of public and private international law.

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Opinion on legislations and legal topics.	• Provide legal opinion on prescript relating to department as public entity and • Provide legal opinion to the Accounting Officer and/or Accounting Authority as and when required.	• Extensive experience in provision of legal opinion in public sector, to the Accounting Officer and executive authority.
Legal advice on general legal matters and/or topics.	Provide legal expertise in matters of a general nature and conduct due diligence exercises; • Conduct fraud investigations	• Investigation skills and Knowledge of administrative and criminal law

4. CONDITIONS OF A PANEL

- 4.1** As and when services are required by the Department panel members will be requested to submit proposals including quotation on specific cases.
- 4.2** In requesting quotations and adjudicating the proposals on specific cases and projects, due consideration may be given to some or all of the following factors: Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI), Specific Goals, price, level of relevant experience in the sector or section of the Act particular to a case, conflicts of interest, and specific expertise and skills.

5. TIMEFRAMES

- 5.1.** The panel is for a fixed period of three (3) years from the date of appointment.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Responses will be evaluated using a predetermined set of evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria are designed to reflect the Department's requirements in terms of identifying a suitable service provider and ensure the selection process is transparent and affords all the bidders a fair opportunity for evaluation and selection.

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE CRITERIA (Phase 1)

- 7.1.1.** Proof of registration on CSD (**Central Supplier Database**)
- 7.1.2.** Proof of company Registration

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- 7.1.3. A valid tax clearance certificate or SARS issued status pin
- 7.1.4. Locality
- 7.1.5. ID Copy of Directors and associates (certified not older than 3 months.)
- 7.1.6. Bank rating
- 7.1.7. A maximum of 20 service providers will be considered on this panel

7.2. MANDATORY CRITERIA (Phase 2)

- 7.2.1. Bidders must be law firms and the Lead Legal Practitioner (Director / Partner) must be registered with the Legal Practice Council. Bidders must submit proof of a valid Fidelity Fund Certificate issued to the relevant Lead Legal Practitioner (Partner/Director) by the Legal Practice Council.
- 7.2.2. Bidders must submit a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Legal Practice Council or relevant Law Society issued to the relevant Lead Legal Practitioner (Partner/Director) or to the law firm by the Legal Practice Council.
- 7.2.3. Attending of compulsory briefings
- 7.2.4. In case of Joint Ventures, a signed JV agreement
- 7.2.5. Complete and sign all Standard bid documents (SBD 1, 4 and 6.1) and initial all pages on the documents

Note: All bidders who do not comply with the item listed above (7.2) will be disqualified.

7.3. FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION CRITERIA (Phase 3)

- 7.3.1. Responses will be evaluated using a predetermined set of evaluation criteria. The evaluation criteria are designed to reflect the Department's requirements in terms of identifying a suitable service provider and ensure the selection process is transparent and affords all the bidders a fair opportunity for evaluation and selection.
- 7.3.2. The tender submission will be functionally evaluated out of a **minimum of 70 points – any bidder who scores less than 70** will not be considered for further evaluation. **The maximum score is 100.** The evaluation is based on functionality, which will be evaluated using the following criteria and points:

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No	Evaluation Criteria	Description	Maximum Points
1	Reference/ Appointment letters	The bidder to provide a minimum of four (4) signed reference letters related to the bidder's experience in legal services. The reference letters must be on the client's letterhead, duly signed by the authorized person, reflecting the nature of the service provided, level of satisfaction for the service and performance of the bidder. • Four (4) signed reference letters with contactable references from different clients, for legal services provided = 20 points Reference/appointment letter constitute 5 points <i>The Department reserves the right to validate the above information as part of due diligence.</i>	20
2	Experience of the leading Partner/ Director/ Practitioner	The bidder must provide a comprehensive CV of the Lead legal practitioner outlining work experience. Bidders must attach Certified copies (not older than 6 months) of LLB Degree or equivalent qualification and ID copy. Points will be allocated as follows: • Submission of a comprehensive CV, certified copies of LLB Degree or equivalent for team lead plus 10 and above years' of post admission experience = 20 points	20

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		• Submission of a comprehensive CV, certified copies of LLB Degree or equivalent for the team lead plus 04 to 09 years' of post admission experience = (15 points) • Submission of a comprehensive CV, certified copies of LLB Degree of equivalent for the team lead plus 1-3 years' of post admission experience = (10 points)	
3	Experience of the team member(s)	Bidders team must comprise of at least one team member other than the Lead legal practitioner who is an admitted attorney with more than 10 years of post-admission experience. Bidder must submit a comprehensive CV(s) of team member(s) outlining work experience, certified copies (not older than 6 months) of LLB Degree or equivalent qualifications and certified ID copies. Points will be allocated as follows: • Submission of a comprehensive CV(s), of admitted attorney(s), certified copies of qualifications with 10 and above years of post-admission experience = 25 Points • Submission of a comprehensive CV(s), of admitted attorney(s), certified copies of qualifications with 5-9 years of post-admission experience = 15 Points • Submission of a comprehensive CV(s), of admitted attorney(s), certified copies of qualifications with 1-4 years of post-admission experience = 5 Points	25
4	Litigation Strategy/ methodology	The bidder must provide a step-by-step guide to effective litigation case management strategy. Points will be allocated as follows: • Identified stages in litigation, demonstrated a litigation strategy for Competition Department, demonstrated how such an approach will assist department and provided practical examples from previous or current litigation cases = 20 Points	20

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		Identified stages in litigation, demonstrated a litigation strategy for Competition Commission and further demonstrated how such an approach will assist Competition Commission but did not provide examples from previous or current clients = 10 Points	
5	Locality	Mpumalanga -5 points RSA – 3 Points	5
6	Bank rating	Code A-B – 10 Points Code C- 8 Points Code D – 5 Points Code E >- 0	10

7.3.3. Bidders who obtained less than the minimum threshold of **70 points** will be declared non-responsive and therefore will not be eligible for the next stage of evaluation.

7.4. HDI, Specific Goals and Price – to be as and when services are required, against award.

7.4.1. The 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

7.4.2. Points for Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI)

POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

80/20

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

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Where

- P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration
 P_t = Price of bid under consideration
 P_{max} = Price of highest acceptable bid

POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

In terms of Regulation 3 (1) an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate the specific goal in the invitation to submit the tender for which a point may be awarded, and the number of points that will be awarded to each goal, and proof of the claim for such goal.

SPECIFIC GOAL	NUMBER OF POINTS FOR (80/20 PREFERENCE SYSTEM)
1. Enterprise owned by Black people	5
2. Enterprise owned by Women	8
3. Enterprise owned by Youth	5
4. Enterprise owned by People living with Disabilities	2

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8. CONSORTIUM

- a. A consortium is an association of two or more individuals, companies, organizations or governments (or any combination of these entities) with the objective of participating in a common activity or pooling their resources for achieving a common goal.
- b. A consortium requires that each participant retains its separate legal status and the consortium's control over each participant is generally limited to activities involving the joint endeavor, particularly the division of profits. A consortium is formed by contract, which designates the rights and obligations of each member.
- c. In a consortium, only the lead bidder's credentials both in terms of financial and technical qualifications are considered. Therefore, the interpretation and application to a RFQ/Bid process is such that the lead partner is identified and the following requirements are required as follows:

i. Lead Partner

- 1. All administrative documents (consortium agreement between the lead partner and the partner)
- 2. Technical requirements (which will show in the proposal and other requirements why the need for the consortium, which for all intent and purpose fulfills the requirements of the bid through combination of skills)

ii. Partner

- 1. Proof of CSD registration.
 - 2. Tax Pin.
 - 3. SBD 4
- d. It should be taken into cognizance that although the lead partner is the qualifying entity, the partner should prove that it can do business with state-owned entities, through CSD registration, proof that the taxes are compliant, its level of HDI status in order to align with the HDI status required by the BID, declare interest and answer questions that it is not a disqualified entity with the National Treasury. The foregoing ensures compliance from an SCM process perspective that the consortium is in order.
 - e. Of importance is that in a consortium, each individual team members retain their identities.

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9. A JOINT VENTURE

A joint venture is a business entity created by two or more parties, generally characterized by shared ownership, returns and risks and shared governance.

10.1 Unincorporated joint venture:

All SCM documents are filled in by the joint venture in the name of the joint venture, although the submission of administrative documents (partnership agreement between parties) will be completed in the name of the joint venture, and the following will be required from both parties, amongst others

- a) SBD 4
- b) SBD 6.1
- c) Tax pin
- d) CSD registration.
- e) The JV agreement will direct which bank account of the two entities will be used.

Incorporated joint venture

This aligned to a registered entity or company. A registered entity/ company with a consolidated BBBEE certificate and a bank account in the name of the Joint venture. The required compliance documents must be complete by the entity/ company the name of the joint venture, and the following will be required amongst others

- f) SBD 4
- g) SBD 6.1
- h) Tax pin
- i) CSD registration.
- j) The JV agreement will direct which bank account of the two entities will be used.

A person will not be awarded points for HDI status if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended Sub-contractor is an EME that has the capacity and the ability to execute the sub-contract.

10. CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED WHEN BIDDING

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any BID, nor shall it be responsible for or pay any expenses or losses which may be incurred by the bidder in the preparation and delivery of his BID submission. The Department also reserves the right to withdraw or cancel the BID at any stage. No BID shall be

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deemed to have been accepted unless and until a formal contract / Contract Form and letter of award or Purchase Order is prepared and executed. The competitive shall remain open valid by the department for a period of **120 days** from the closing date of the BID Enquiry.

Department reserves the right to:

- a. Not evaluate and award a bid that do not comply strictly with this BID document.
- b. Make a selection solely on the information received in the Bid Document and Enter into negotiations with any one or more of preferred bidder(s) based on the criteria specified in the terms of reference.
- c. Contact any bidder during the evaluation process, in order to clarify any information, without informing any other bidders. During the evaluation process, no change in the content of the BID shall be sought, offered or permitted.
- d. Cancel this BID at any time.
- e. Should bidder(s) be selected for further negotiations, they will be chosen on the basis of the of cost effectiveness and the principal of value for money not necessarily on the basis of the lowest costs.

11. COST OF BIDDING

- a. The bidder shall bear all costs and expenses associated with preparation and submission of its BID submission and the department shall under no circumstances be responsible or liable for any such costs, regardless of, without limitation, the conduct or outcome of the bidding, evaluation, and selection process.

12. NOTE TO BIDDERS:

- a. Due diligence to be conducted by department prior to the award of the contract.

END OF TERMS OF REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Annexed to this document for completion and return with the document:

- ANNEXURE SBD 1 and conditions to tender.
- ANNEXURE SBD 4
- ANNEXURE SBD 6.1
- ANNEXURE General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

Particulars of tender (If applicable)

Tender number

Estimated Tender
amount

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Expected duration
of the tender

year(s)

Particulars of the 3 largest contracts previously awarded

Date started

Date finalised

Principal

Contact person

Telephone number

Amount

Audit

Are you currently aware of any Audit investigation against you/the company?

YES

NO

If "YES" provide details

Appointment of representative/agent (Power of Attorney)I the undersigned confirm that I require a Tax Clearance Certificate in respect of Tenders or Goodstanding.

I hereby authorise and instruct

to apply to and receive from
SARS the applicable Tax Clearance Certificate on my/our behalf.

Signature of representative/agent

Date

Name of
representative/
agent**Declaration**

I declare that the information furnished in this application as well as any supporting documents is true and correct in every respect.

Signature of applicant/Public Officer

Date

Name of applicant/
Public Officer**Notes:**

1. It is a serious offence to make a false declaration.
2. Section 75 of the Income Tax Act, 1962, states: Any person who
 - (a) fails or neglects to furnish, file or submit any return or document as and when required by or under this Act; or
 - (b) without just cause shown by him, refuses or neglects to-
 - (i) furnish, produce or make available any information, documents or things;
 - (ii) reply to or answer truly and fully, any questions put to him ...

As and when required in terms of this Act ... shall be guilty of an offence ...
3. **SARS will, under no circumstances, issue a Tax Clearance Certificate unless this form is completed in full.**
4. Your Tax Clearance Certificate will only be issued on presentation of your South African Identity Document or Passport (Foreigners only) as applicable.

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

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.

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with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? YES/NO

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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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.
- 3.4 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.

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.

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- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

SPECIFIC GOALS

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS AND DEFINITIONS

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).

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

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific goals.

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

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and Specific goals must not exceed	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit the required documents to substantiate the points claimed with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that points for specific goals 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 specific goals 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) **“Specific goals”** means specific goals as contemplated in section 2(1)(d) of the Act which may include contracting with persons, or categories of persons, historically disadvantaged by unfair discrimination on the basis of race, gender and disability including the implementation of programmes of the Reconstruction and Development

Programme as published in *Government Gazette* No. 16085 dated 23 November 1994

- (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. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE (the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point systems)

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{80/20} & \text{or} & \text{90/10} \\
 P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) & \text{or} & P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)
 \end{array}$$

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

3.2 FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME-GENERATING PROCUREMENT.

3.2.1 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) \text{ or } P_s = 90 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

P_t = Price of bid under consideration

P_{max} = Price of highest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1 In terms of Regulation 3 (1) an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate the specific goal in the invitation to submit the tender for which a point may be awarded, and the number of points that will be awarded to each goal, and proof of the claim for such goal.

SPECIFIC GOAL	NUMBER OF POINTS FOR (80/20 PREFERENCE SYSTEM)	NUMBER OF POINTS (90/10 PREFERENCE SYSTEM)
1. Enterprise owned by Black people	5	2.5
2. Enterprise owned by Women	8	4
3. Enterprise owned by Youth	5	2.5
4. Enterprise owned by People living with Disabilities	2	1

5. BID DECLARATION

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of specific goals must complete the following:

SPECIFIC GOAL	NUMBER OF POINTS FOR (80/20 PREFERENCE SYSTEM)	NUMBER OF POINTS (90/10 PREFERENCE SYSTEM)
1. Enterprise owned by Black people		
2. Enterprise owned by Women		
3. Enterprise owned by Youth		
4. Enterprise owned by People living with Disabilities		

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 3.1

6.1 Specific goals: = (maximum of 10 or 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 6.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 3.1 and must be substantiated by submitting the required documents.

7. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

7.1 Name of
company/firm:.....

7.2 VAT registration
number:.....

7.3 Company registration
number:.....

7.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

7.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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7.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Y Manufacturer
 Y Supplier
 Y Professional service provider
 Y Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
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7.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

7.8 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 specific goals indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 5.1 of the foregoing certificates, 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 5.1, 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:

ADDRESS

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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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.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 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.
- 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.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

- 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.

18. Contract amendments

- 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.

19. Assignment

- 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.

20. Subcontracts

- 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.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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.

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