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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the technical requirements for the establishment of an Enabling Contract to provide Firebreaks Services on various Eskom-owned land properties across South Africa.

## 2. SUPPORTING CLAUSES

### 2.1 Scope

A Contractor is required to prepare firebreaks on the identified properties, within a specific province, in order to comply with the National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 of 1998, as amended. Irrespective of the firebreaks methodology used (prescribed burning, grading, ploughing or tilling, mowing, or brush cutting), the general scope of work is as follows:

- Prepare firebreaks in accordance with the map provided. The width of each firebreak will be as specified by the Fire Protection Association (FPA) responsible for that area.
- The width of the firebreaks must be reasonable and consistent with the requirements of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 of 1998, as amended.
- Liaise with the relevant Eskom representative in the area before work begins.
- The total length of firebreaks, in kilometres, will be indicated on the attached map.
- Produce a Post Fire Season Report giving a full account of the work carried out.
- Have suitable vehicles, compatible with the terrain, to transport tools, equipment and personnel to and from site.
- Have sufficient qualified, experienced and appointed key personnel to carry out the work.
- Submit a method statement describing how the work will be carried out. The method statement must be submitted to Eskom for review and approval, and the Contractor may not begin any task before it is approved.

### 2.1.1 Applicability

Firebreaks Services on various Eskom land properties managed by ERE (Land Management), as and when required, for a period of five (5) years.

### 2.2 NORMATIVE/INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

Parties using this document shall apply the most recent edition of the documents listed in the following paragraphs.

### 2.2.1 Normative

[1] 32-1034: Eskom Procurement Policy

### 2.2.2 Informative

### 2.3 DEFINITIONS

N/A

### 2.3.1 Classification

**Controlled Disclosure:** Controlled Disclosure to external parties (either enforced by law, or discretionary).

## 2.4. ABBREVIATIONS

**Table 2: The following abbreviations are used in this Service Information:**

| **Abbreviation** | **Meaning given to the abbreviation** |
|---|---|
| QM | Quality Management |
| ERE | Eskom Real Estate |
| SDL&I | Supplier Development Location and Industrialisation |
| SHE | SAFETY, Health, and Environment |
| TSC | Term Service Contract |
| PPE | Personal Protective Equipment |
| Abbreviation | Meaning given to the abbreviation |
| FPA | Fire Protection Association |
| SD&L | Supplier Development and Localisation |

## 3. PURPOSE

Eskom has acquired land properties in various provinces of South Africa for the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity infrastructure, and for other related purposes. Eskom Real Estate (Land Management) is responsible for managing a number of these land properties.

As the landowner, Eskom must comply with the National Veld and Forest Fire Act 101 of 1998. Chapters 4 and 5 of the Act place a duty on every landowner, on whose land a veld fire may start, burn, or spread from, to prepare and maintain a firebreak, and to have the equipment, protective clothing and trained personnel needed to extinguish fires.

The Act further requires that, where the owner is absent, a responsible person must be present on or near the land to:

- extinguish a fire that has broken out, or assist others to do so; and
- take all reasonable steps to alert neighbours and the local Fire Protection Association (FPA), where one exists.

In accordance with the Act, property owners may appoint agents to perform these legislated responsibilities on their behalf.

The following methods may be used to establish firebreaks:

- Prescribed burning
- Grading
- Ploughing or tilling
- Mowing
- Brush cutting

This five-year Enabling Contract is intended to ensure that Firebreaks Services are in place on all land properties when required, at least annually. Currently, contractors are appointed annually, per property and per site, for each Firebreaks Service a practice that is inefficient and is what this Enabling Contract is intended to address.

## 4. FIREBREAKS SERVICES METHODOLOGY

This section describes each firebreaks methodology that may be used, together with the method of execution and the tools, equipment and vehicles required. Each methodology is treated separately in the mandatory (gatekeeper) evaluation criteria in Section 5.1, and in the qualitative evaluation criteria in Section 5.3.

### A. Prescribed Burning

Prescribed burning is the deliberate, controlled burning of vegetation to reduce fuel loads and establish a firebreak. It must be carried out safely, under the right weather conditions, and with the knowledge of neighbouring landowners.

**Method of execution - the Contractor is required to carry out the following activities, which are not limited to:**

- Prepare tracer lines or tracer cuts along the exact footprint of the firebreak, to reduce the fuel load and associated risk before the fire season starts.
- Obtain the daily Fire Danger Index (FDI) from the local Fire Protection Association (FPA) and monitor wind speed and direction before and after burning.
- Engage and liaise with the local FPA and request an up-to-date list of neighbouring landowners.
- Inform and mobilise neighbouring and adjacent landowners before and during the burn.
- Start the burn in a controlled, regulated manner and monitor fire behaviour throughout.
- Monitor the burnt area until the fire is fully extinguished.
- Produce a Post Fire Season Report giving a full account of the work done.

**Tools and equipment required:**

- Fire Fighting Skip (500 litre tank) with 200 cc motor and pump
- Backpack water pumps
- Drip torches
- Flame Block
- Water Trailer (2 000 litre tank) with 250 cc motor and pump
- Blower
- Communication devices
- Drone (for firefighting)-Not compulsory
- Fire beaters
- Tractor-mounted slasher mower (Field Master)
- Knapsack
- Flame thrower (ignitor)
- Diesel tank (1 000 litre trailer)
- Jerry can (paraffin)
- Personal Protective Equipment (fire-resistant clothing, helmets, gloves, masks)

**Vehicles required: the Contractor must have suitable vehicles, compatible with the terrain, to transport tools, equipment and personnel to and from site:**

- 4x4 tractor
- 4x4 bakkie / SUV
- Staff transport (compliant with Eskom requirements)

**Note: at tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed tools, equipment and vehicles; proof of this is not required at tender stage. The successful tenderer must submit proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, serial or registration numbers, and valid licence discs for licensable items, before the contract is awarded.**

**B. Grading**

Grading uses machinery to strip vegetation and organic material down to bare mineral soil, so there is nothing left along the firebreak that can carry a fire.

**Method of execution- the Contractor is required to carry out the following activities, which are not limited to:**

- Determine and mark the alignment of the firebreak.
- Level and scrape the surface down to mineral soil using a grader or bulldozer.
- Remove combustible material, including grass, shrubs and roots.
- Grade material away from the fence line.
- Provide run-offs on steep terrain to manage water flow and prevent erosion.
- Prune or cut trees growing within the firebreak area (the Contractor may not cut or prune protected species without a valid permit).
- Confirm that no flammable material remains and that the firebreak is continuous along its full length.

Tools and equipment required*:*

- Motorised grader (not a tractor-mounted grader blade)
- Front-end loader
- Hand tools (shovels, rakes, axes)

**Vehicles required the Contractor must have suitable vehicles, compatible with the terrain, to transport tools, equipment and personnel to and from site:**

- Support vehicle (4x4 bakkie) suitable for the terrain, to transport tools, equipment and personnel

**Note: at tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed tools, equipment and vehicles; proof of this is not required at tender stage. The successful tenderer must submit proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, serial or registration numbers, and valid licence discs for licensable items, before the contract is awarded.**

**C. Ploughing or Tilling**

Ploughing or tilling turns over the soil and buries combustible vegetation, exposing bare mineral soil so the firebreak stops a fire from spreading.

**Method of execution the Contractor is required to carry out the following activities, which are not limited to:**

- Align the firebreak according to the approved layout.
- Plough or till the soil to a depth sufficient to break fuel continuity.
- Ensure vegetation is fully buried and the soil is evenly turned.
- Provide run-offs on steep terrain.
- Prune or cut trees growing within the firebreak area (the Contractor may not cut or prune protected species without a valid permit).

**Tools and equipment required:**

- 8-disc plough (minimum)
- Brush cutter
- Hand tools for finishing the work
- Tiller or ripper attachment

Vehicles required the Contractor must have suitable vehicles, compatible with the terrain, to transport tools, equipment and personnel to and from site:

- Agricultural tractor
- 4x4 tractor
- 4x4 bakkie / SUV
- Staff transport (compliant with Eskom requirements)

**Note: at tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed tools, equipment and vehicles; proof of this is not required at tender stage. The successful tenderer must submit proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, serial or registration numbers, and valid licence discs for licensable items, before the contract is awarded.**

**D. Mowing**

Mowing reduces fire risk by cutting grass and light vegetation to a low, even height, without disturbing the soil.

**Method of execution the Contractor is required to carry out the following activities, which are not limited to:**

- Align the firebreak according to the approved layout.
- Cut grass and light vegetation evenly across the full width of the firebreak.
- Ensure cut material does not accumulate in a way that recreates a fuel load.
- Prune or cut trees growing within the firebreak area (the Contractor may not cut or prune protected species without a valid permit).
- Provide run-offs on steep terrain.

**Tools and equipment required:**

- Fire Fighting Skip (500 litre tank) with 200 cc motor and pump
- Flame Block
- Tractor-mounted slasher mower (Field Master)
- Brush cutters
- Mulcher blades (for slasher)
- Hay rake (tractor-mounted)
- Tiller or ripper attachment

**Vehicles required: the Contractor must have suitable vehicles, compatible with the terrain, to transport tools, equipment and personnel to and from site:**

- Agricultural tractor
- 4x4 bakkie

**Note: at tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed tools, equipment and vehicles; proof of this is not required at tender stage. The successful tenderer must submit proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, serial or registration numbers, and valid licence discs for licensable items, before the contract is awarded.**

**E. Brush Cutting**

Brush cutting is a mechanical and manual method that cuts grass, weeds and light woody vegetation to a low, even height, reducing fuel loads and preventing fire from spreading.

**Method of execution - the Contractor is required to carry out the following activities, which are not limited to:**

- Designate and clearly define the firebreak alignment before work begins.
- Trim all grass, weeds and light brush within the specified firebreak width to a consistent low height, so that no continuous combustible material is left.
- Work systematically to ensure full coverage of the firebreak area.
- Remove cut vegetation from the firebreak area, or compact and spread it evenly to reduce the combustible load.
- Rework any areas that are missed or inadequately cut until the firebreak fully complies with the standard.

**Tools and equipment required:**

- Brush cutters (petrol-powered)
- Line trimmers (heavy-duty)
- Metal blades (3-tooth or circular)
- Nylon cutting heads (for grass and light vegetation)
- Pangas, slashers, rakes and forks (hand tools)
- Personal Protective Equipment (safety helmets, eye and face protection, ear protection, gloves, safety boots)

**Vehicles required- the Contractor must have suitable vehicles, compatible with the terrain, to transport tools, equipment and personnel to and from site:**

- 4x4 bakkies, for the transport of personnel and equipment
- Utility trailers (where required)

**Note: at tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed tools, equipment and vehicles; proof of this is not required at tender stage. The successful tenderer must submit proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, serial or registration numbers, and valid licence discs for licensable items, before the contract is awarded.**

### 4.6 Sites Requiring Firebreaks Services

Table 1 below indicates the total number of land properties, and the total length of firebreaks in kilometres, required annually per Eskom portfolio.

***Table 1: Land properties and firebreaks required, per portfolio***

| Portfolio | Nuclear / Sere | Wires | Renewables | Coal 2 | Coal 3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total number of land properties** | 0 | 34 | 58 | 191 | 178 |
| **Firebreaks required (kilometres)** | 0 | 156 | 301 | 440 | 444 |

| | |
|---|---|
| **TOTAL number of land properties** | **461** |
| **TOTAL firebreaks required (kilometres)** | **1 341** |

Table 2 below indicates the same information per region and province, listing the Eskom sites in each area, and the number of Enabling Contracts to be awarded per region.

***Table 2: Land properties and firebreaks required, per region and province***

| Region / Province | Sites (Eskom power stations / properties) | Estimated Firebreaks (km) | No. of Land Properties | No. of Contracts per Region |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Mpumalanga and Limpopo** | Arnot, Kendal, Matla, Kriel, Komati, Tutuka, Majuba, Grootvlei, Camden, Duvha, Kusile, Stompiesfontein, Hendrina | 784 | 336 | 2 |
| | Tubatse, Medupi, Matimba, Paarl, Blinkwater, Looskop North, Ringer, Thabo, Wildebeestlaagte, Zandneck | 100 | 21 | |
| | **Subtotal: Mpumalanga and Limpopo** | **884** | **357** | |
| **KwaZulu-Natal, Free State and Eastern Cape** | Ingula (KwaZulu-Natal), Ingula (Free State), Ingagane, Pegasus, Ariadne, Hector, Impala, Eros, Athene, Neptune, Moddergat, Doornkom, Aberdeen, Waainek, Thyspunt | 217 | 72 | 1 |
| **Gauteng and Northwest** | Lethabo, Glockner, Tiegerpoort, Nietgedacht, Millgate, Kenleaf, Alberton, Dalpark, | 15 | 16 | 1 |

| Region / Province | Sites (Eskom power stations / properties) | Estimated Firebreaks (km) | No. of Land Properties | No. of Contracts per Region |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Luipaardvlei, Heilderwyk, Mooilande, Nooitgedacht, Kleinzonderhout, Kameeldrift, Scafel, Trident | | | |
| **Northern Cape and Western Cape** | Gamma, Hydra, Kiwano, Kleinsee, Klipheuwel, Proteas, Tulbagh, Grootolifantskop, Windmill, Blackheath, Oudtshoorn, Mitchell's Plain, Ysterplaat, Sere, Kappa, Milnerton | 225 | 16 | 1 |
| **NATIONAL TOTAL** | | **1 341** | **461** | **5** |

***NB: The total number of properties listed above may decrease or increase as Eskom disposes of existing properties and acquires new properties.***

## 5. TENDER TECHNICAL EVALUATION STRATEGY

### 5.1 MANDATORY TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA (GATEKEEPER)

The mandatory criteria below apply firebreaks methodology. A tenderer must **meet ALL of the gatekeeper's** requirements for every methodology it is tendering for, in order to proceed to the qualitative evaluation in Section 5.3. Gatekeeper criteria are assessed on a Yes/No basis only and are not weighted or point scored.

At tender stage, a tenderer meets each gatekeeper's requirement by declaring, in writing, that it has access through ownership or a lease to the listed tools, equipment and vehicles for that methodology. The tenderer does not need to submit proof of ownership or a lease agreement at tender stage; that proof, together with serial or registration numbers and valid licence discs for licensable items, is submitted only by the successful tenderer, before the contract is awarded (see Section 5.3, "Items required prior to contract award").

**Table 3: Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria (Gatekeepers), per methodology**

**A. Prescribed Burning -Gatekeeper Requirements**

| Mandatory Requirement (Gatekeeper) | Comment / Evaluation Basis |
|---|---|
| A. Tools, equipment and vehicles required for prescribed burning:<br>1. Fire Fighting Skip (500 litre tank) with 200 cc motor and pump<br>2. Backpack water pumps<br>3. Drip torches<br>4. Flame Block<br>5. Water Trailer (2 000 litre tank) with 250 cc motor and pump<br>6. Blower<br>7. Communication devices<br>8. Drone (for firefighting)<br>9. Fire beaters<br>10. Tractor-mounted slasher mower (Field Master)<br>11. Knapsack<br>12. Flame thrower (ignitor)<br>13. Diesel tank (1 000 litre trailer)<br>14. Jerry can (paraffin)<br>15. Personal Protective Equipment (fire-resistant clothing, helmets, gloves, masks) | To meet ALL of the above gatekeeper requirements to be evaluated further (Yes / No) basis to assessed on the tender's written declaration of access to the listed items; proof is verified before contract award, not at tender stage). |

| Mandatory Requirement (Gatekeeper) | Comment / Evaluation Basis |
|---|---|
| Note:<br>• At tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed items; proof of ownership or a lease agreement is not required at tender stage.<br>• Proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, and serial or registration numbers, must be submitted by the successful tenderer before contract award (the successful tenderer will be required to submit valid licence discs). | |

**B. Grading - Gatekeeper Requirements**

| Mandatory Requirement (Gatekeeper) | Comment / Evaluation Basis |
|---|---|
| B. Tools, equipment and vehicles required for grading:<br>1. Motorised grader (not a tractor-mounted grader blade)<br>2. Front-end loader<br>3. Hand tools (shovels, rakes, axes)<br><br>Note:<br>• At tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed items; proof of ownership or a lease agreement is not required at tender stage.<br>• Proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, and serial or registration numbers, must be submitted by the successful tenderer before contract award (the successful tenderer will be required to submit valid licence discs). | To meet ALL of the above gatekeeper requirements to be evaluated further (Yes / No) basis to assessed on the tenderer's written declaration of access to the listed items; proof is verified before contract award, not at tender stage). |

**C. Ploughing or Tilling -Gatekeeper Requirements**

| Mandatory Requirement (Gatekeeper) | Comment / Evaluation Basis |
|---|---|
| C. Tools, equipment and vehicles required for ploughing or tilling:<br>1. 8-disc plough (minimum)<br>2. Brush cutter<br>3. Hand tools for finishing the work<br>4. Tiller or ripper attachment<br><br>Note:<br>• At tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed items; proof of ownership or a lease agreement is not required at tender stage.<br>• Proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, and serial or registration numbers, must be submitted by the successful tenderer before contract award (the successful tenderer will be required to submit valid licence discs | To meet ALL of the above gatekeeper requirements to be evaluated further (Yes / No) basis to assessed on the tenderer's written declaration of access to the listed items; proof is verified before contract award, not at tender stage)). |

### D. Mowing -Gatekeeper Requirements

| Mandatory Requirement (Gatekeeper) | Comment / Evaluation Basis |
|---|---|
| D. Tools, equipment and vehicles required for mowing:<br>1. Fire Fighting Skip (500 litre tank) with 200 cc motor and pump<br>2. Flame Block<br>3. Tractor-mounted slasher mower (Field Master)<br>4. Brush cutters<br>5. Mulcher blades (for slasher)<br>6. Hay rake (tractor-mounted)<br>7. Tiller or ripper attachment<br><br>Note:<br>• At tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed items; proof of ownership or a lease agreement is not required at tender stage.<br>• Proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, and serial or registration numbers, must be submitted by the successful tenderer before contract award (the successful tenderer will be required to submit valid licence discs). | To meet ALL of the above gatekeeper requirements to be evaluated further (Yes / No) basis to assessed on the tenderer's written declaration of access to the listed items; proof is verified before contract award, not at tender stage). |

### E. Brush Cutting - Gatekeeper Requirements

| Mandatory Requirement (Gatekeeper) | Comment / Evaluation Basis |
|---|---|
| E. Tools, equipment and vehicles required for brush cutting:<br>1. Brush cutters (petrol-powered)<br>2. Line trimmers (heavy-duty)<br>3. Metal blades (3-tooth or circular)<br>4. Nylon cutting heads (for grass and light vegetation)<br>5. Pangas, slashers, rakes and forks (hand tools)<br>6. Personal Protective Equipment (safety helmets, eye and face protection, ear protection, gloves, safety boots)<br><br>Note:<br>• At tender stage, the tenderer must declare that it has access through ownership or a lease to all listed items; proof of ownership or a lease agreement is not required at tender stage.<br>• Proof of ownership or a lease agreement/letter, and serial or registration numbers, must be submitted by the successful tenderer before contract award (the successful tenderer will be required to submit valid licence discs). | To meet ALL of the above gatekeeper requirements to be evaluated further (Yes / No) basis to assessed on the tenderer's written declaration of access to the listed items; proof is verified before contract award, not at tender stage). |

## 5.2 TECHNICAL EVALUATION THRESHOLD

Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria (gatekeepers) are 'must meet' criteria. These criteria are not weighted or point-scored but are assessed on a Yes/No basis as to whether each criterion is met. An assessment of 'No' against any gatekeeper criterion will technically disqualify the tenderer for that methodology, and the tender will not be evaluated further against the Qualitative Criteria for that methodology.

Qualitative Technical Evaluation Criteria are weighted evaluation criteria, used to identify the highest-ranked tenderer once it has been confirmed that all Mandatory Evaluation Criteria have been met. The Qualitative Evaluation Criteria are weighed to reflect the relative importance of each criterion. **The minimum weighted**

**final score (threshold) required for a tender to be considered further, from a technical perspective, is 75%.**

### 5.3 TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

Table 4 below sets out the Technical Evaluation Criteria and how each will be scored, across three weighted categories: Company Work Experience (30%), Training Requirements and Qualifications of Key Staff (54%), and Execution of Services (16%). Company Experience and the Method Statement component of Execution of Services are both assessed by methodology (Prescribed Burning, Grading, Ploughing or Tilling, Mowing, and Brush Cutting).

**Table 4: Technical Evaluation Criteria**

| Category | Key Staff / Role | Requirement | Weight | Scoring Guide |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1. Company Work Related Experience (min. 3 years, per Methodology)** **NB:** ***The tenderers attach the Completion Certificates or letters for each completed task. (The completion certificate must include minimum requirements such as project name, high level scope of work, client name, contractor name, start date, end date, task/project value and signature). It must also stipulate the completion date.*** | **Prescribed Burning** | A. Verifiable reference letters with contactable details -Prescribed Burning | **6%** | Years of similar experience:<br>Above 3 years = 6%<br>Above 2 years and up to 3 years = 4%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 2%<br>Less than 1 year = 0% |
| | **Grading** | B. Verifiable reference letters with contactable details - Grading | **6%** | Years of similar experience:<br>Above 3 years = 6%<br>Above 2 years and up to 3 years = 4%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 2%<br>Less than 1 year = 0% |
| | **Ploughing / Tilling** | C. Verifiable reference letters with contactable details -Ploughing or Tilling | **6%** | Years of similar experience:<br>Above 3 years = 6%<br>Above 2 years and up to 3 years = 4%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 2%<br>Less than 1 year = 0% |
| | **Mowing** | D. Verifiable reference letters with contactable details -Mowing | **6%** | Years of similar experience:<br>Above 3 years = 6%<br>Above 2 years and up to 3 years = 4%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 2%<br>Less than 1 year = 0% |
| | **Brush Cutting** | E. Verifiable reference letters with contactable details -Brush Cutting | **6%** | Years of similar experience:<br>Above 3 years = 6%<br>Above 2 years and up to 3 years = 4%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 2%<br>Less than 1 year = 0% |
| **SUB-TOTAL: Company Work Experience** | | | **30%** | |
| **2. Training Requirements and Qualifications** | **Project Manager** | National Diploma or higher in Fire Management / Conservation / Horticulture / | **4%** | Qualification:<br>Higher than National Diploma = 4%<br>National Diploma = 2%<br>Less than National Diploma = 0% |

| Category | Key Staff / Role | Requirement | Weight | Scoring Guide |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NB:** ***All certificates should be of the same name as the employee working for the applicant company.*** ***The applicants are required to submit all listed certificates to score full points.*** ***All certificates must be certified.*** ***All certificates are to be valid at the time of submission.*** | | Agriculture, or equivalent (certificate to be provided) | | |
| | | Minimum of 3 years' fire breaks management experience (provided on CV) | **2%** | Years of experience:<br>Above 3 years = 2%<br>Above 2 years and up to 3 years = 1%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 0.5%<br>Less than 1 year = 0% |
| | | Valid driver's licence with a minimum of 3 years' driving experience (certified copy to be provided) | **2%** | Years of driving experience:<br>3 years (and more) = 2%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 1 %<br>Less than 1 year= 0 % |
| | **Supervisor** | Prescribed Burning: Valid Veld Fire Fighting (Prescribed Burning) Certificate or equivalent (certified copy to be provided) | **3%** | Qualification:<br>Higher than Certificate = 3%<br>Certificate = 2%<br>Less than Certificate = 0% |
| | | Prescribed Burning: Minimum of 3 years' fire breaks management experience working with teams, organising, planning and controlling skills (provided on CV) | **1%** | Years of experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |
| | | Prescribed Burning: Valid driver's licence with a minimum of 3 years' driving experience (certified copy to be provided) | **1%** | Years of driving experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |
| | | Grading: Valid operator licence and certificate SAQA 262735: Operate a motor grader, or SAQA 117011: Occupational Certificate: Surface Grader Operator (certified copies to be provided) | **3%** | Qualification:<br>All listed requirements met = 3%<br>Any requirement missing = 0% |
| | | Grading: Minimum of 3 years' fire breaks management experience working with teams, organising, planning and controlling skills (provided on CV) | **1%** | Years of experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |

| Category | Key Staff / Role | Requirement | Weight | Scoring Guide |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Grading: Valid Code 10 (C1) driver's licence with a minimum of 3 years' driving experience; PrDP if operating on a public road (certified copies to be provided) | **1%** | Years of driving experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |
| | | Ploughing / Tilling: SAQA 262804: Operate a tractor, and SAQA 14563: Operate a mowing tractor: boom and rotary slasher<br><br>(certified copies to be provided) | **3%** | Qualification:<br>All listed requirements met = 3%<br>Any requirement missing = 0% |
| | | Ploughing / Tilling: Minimum of 3 years' fire breaks management experience working with teams, organising, planning and controlling skills (provided on CV) | **1%** | Years of experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |
| | | Ploughing / Tilling: Valid Code 10 (C1) driver's licence with a minimum of 3 years' driving experience (certified copy to be provided) | **1%** | Years of driving experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |
| | | Mowing: SAQA 262804: Operate a tractor, and SAQA 14563: Operate a mowing tractor: boom and rotary slasher<br>(certified copies to be provided) | **3%** | Qualification:<br>All listed requirements met = 3%<br>Any requirement missing = 0% |
| | | Mowing: Minimum of 3 years' fire breaks management experience working with teams, organising, planning and controlling skills (provided on CV) | **1%** | Years of experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |
| | | Mowing: Valid Code 10 (C1) driver's licence with a minimum of 3 years' driving experience (certified copy to be provided) | **1%** | Years of driving experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |

| Category | Key Staff / Role | Requirement | Weight | Scoring Guide |
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| | | Brush Cutting: SAQA 123243: Operate a brush cutter<br><br>(certified copies to be provided) | **3%** | Qualification:<br>All listed requirements met = 3%<br>Any requirement missing = 0% |
| | | Brush Cutting: Minimum of 3 years' fire breaks management experience working with teams, organising, planning and controlling skills (provided on CV) | **1%** | Years of experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |
| | | Brush Cutting: Valid driver's licence with a minimum of 3 years' driving experience (certified copy to be provided) | **1%** | Years of driving experience:<br>3 years and more = 1%<br>Less than 3 years = 0% |
| | **SHEQ Officer** | National Diploma in Safety Management or equivalent (certificate to be provided) | **5%** | Qualification:<br>Higher than National Diploma = 5%<br>National Diploma = 3%<br>Less than National Diploma = 0% |
| | | 3 years' First Aid Level 2 experience (certified and valid copies to be provided) | **3%** | Years of First Aid experience:<br>3 years (and more) = 3%<br>Above 2 years but lower than 3 years = 2 %<br>Above 1 year but lower than 2 years = 1 %<br>Less than 1 year = 0% |
| | | Valid driver's licence with a minimum of 3 years' driving experience (certified copy to be provided) | **2%** | Years of driving experience:<br>3 years (and more) = 2%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 1 %<br>Less than 1 year= 0 % |
| | | 3 years' SHEQ and risk-management experience (provided on CV) | **5%** | Years of SHEQ and risk-management experience:<br>3 years and above = 5%<br>2 years and up to 3 years = 3%<br>Between 1 year and 2 years = 2%<br>Less than 1 year = 0% |
| | **Team Members** | At least 2 team members with valid First Aid Level 1 training (certified and valid copies to be provided) and valid veld fire training (certified and | **6%** | First Aid Level 1 training = 3%<br>(3 years minimum experience)<br><br>Veld fire training= 3%<br>(3 years minimum experience) |

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| | | valid) or to be trained upon appointment<br>(Provide a minimum of 3 staff members) | | |
| **SUB-TOTAL: Training Requirements & Qualifications** | | | **54%** | |
| **3. Execution of Services** | **Organogram / Structure for Key Staff** | The organogram must include all key staff required for the applicable firebreaks methodology or methodologies. ***NB: A minimum of general employees must be indicated, a minimum of eight 8 general employees for prescribed burning and the other methodologies a minimum of five (5) subject to the methodology required.*** | **6%** | Structure / organogram for key staff:<br>All key resources covered, and more = 6%<br>Only the required key staff provided = 4%<br>More than 1 key staff member missing = 0% |
| | **Method Statement** | Provide a firebreaks method statement for: Prescribed Burning | **2%** | Method statement and structure:<br>All sequential items identified, including PPE = 2%<br>One item/activity missing, including PPE = 1%<br>More than one item/activity missing, including PPE = 0% |
| | | Provide a firebreaks method statement for: Ploughing | **2%** | Method statement and structure:<br>All sequential items identified, including PPE = 2%<br>One item/activity missing, including PPE = 1%<br>More than one item/activity missing, including PPE = 0% |
| | | Provide a firebreaks method statement for: Grading | **2%** | Method statement and structure:<br>All sequential items identified, including PPE = 2%<br>One item/activity missing, including PPE = 1%<br>More than one item/activity missing, including PPE = 0% |
| | | Provide a firebreaks method statement for: Mowing | **2%** | Method statement and structure:<br>All sequential items identified, including PPE = 2%<br>One item/activity missing, including PPE = 1%<br>More than one item/activity missing, including PPE = 0% |
| | | Provide a firebreaks method statement for: Brush Cutting | **2%** | Method statement and structure:<br>All sequential items identified, including PPE = 2%<br>One item/activity missing, including PPE = 1% |

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| | | | | More than one item/activity missing, including PPE = 0% |
| **SUB-TOTAL: Execution of Services** | | | **16%** | |
| **TOTAL** | | | **100%** | **Minimum threshold to pass the technical evaluation: 75%** |

The following items are required before contract award, as per the methodology, and are not required at tender stage. The tenderer is not required to own or lease the equipment during the tender phase; however, proof of ownership, a lease agreement, or a letter confirming access to the equipment must be submitted before the contract is awarded.

**Items required prior to contract award, per methodology**

| Methodology | Item(s) required prior to contract award |
|---|---|
| **A. Prescribed Burning** | 4x4 Bakkie / SUV<br>4x4 Tractor<br>Staff transport (compliant with Eskom requirements) |
| **B. Grading** | Motorised Grader |
| **C. Ploughing / Tilling** | 4x4 Bakkie / SUV<br>4x4 Tractor<br>Staff transport (compliant with Eskom requirements) |
| **D. Mowing** | Agricultural Tractor<br>4x4 Bakkie<br>Ride-On Lawn Mower |
| **E. Brush Cutting** | Brush cutters (petrol-powered)<br>4x4 Bakkie<br>Utility trailer (where required) |

### 5.4 TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA- GENERAL NOTES

- A tenderer must score at least 75% overall in Table 4 to pass the technical evaluation and proceed to the next stage of adjudication.
- Company Experience and Method Statement scores are assessed per methodology (Prescribed Burning, Grading, Ploughing or Tilling, Mowing, and Brush Cutting); a tenderer must submit reference letters and a method statement for every methodology it is bidding for.
- All supporting documents (reference letters, CVs, certificates, driver's licences, First Aid certificates, organograms) must be submitted with the technical proposal for the relevant criterion to be considered scored.
- Equipment and vehicles listed as required prior to contract award are not assessed at tender stage, but proof of ownership or a lease agreement must be submitted before contract award.

#### 5.4.1 Site Verification / Assessments

- Eskom will conduct Site Assessments of Vehicles with proof of ownership, tools and equipment requirements. This verification will take place at the tenderer’s premises or an Eskom suitable site. Tenderers will be contacted by Eskom officials in order to make arrangements for the site assessment. The outcome of this assessment may or may not change the overall initial desktop evaluation outcome. Eskom reserves the right to conduct site evaluations only with any contractor that has passed desktop evaluation stage.

- The site verification will be conducted to confirm resources required for this tender. Minimum threshold is still **SEVENTY-FIVE** (75%) percent. In case of unforeseen circumstances which results site verification not being conducted, then desktop scores will be used as final. Final score will be rounded up.

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