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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RT66-1-2025: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TACTICAL AND CRIME SCENE EQUIPMENT TO THE STATE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2028

No.		ANSWERS
1	Is it compulsory for bidders to quote on all items, or may bidders select which Group(s) they wish to quote on, provided that they quote on all items within the selected Group(s)?	It is not compulsory to bid for all items. However, where items are grouped into a series, bidders are required to submit bids for all items within that specific group. Bidders may choose which group series they wish to bid for, but once a group is selected, all items in that group must be included in the bid.
2.	Could you please advise whether a specific lead time will be provided for the submission of samples by shortlisted bidders?	As per section 6.4.8.2 “The request to submit samples may be immediately after the closing date and therefore bidders are required to be ready to submit the samples from the closing date of the bid “.
3.	What delivery lead time is required for orders placed under the tender?	Bidders are required to indicate the lead time for each item they are bidding for in the Pricing Schedule. Please note that Pricing Schedule is revised to include a dedicated column for bidders to specify the applicable lead time for each item.
4.	Clarification question on the technical specification	Bidders were requested to also send the questions to the email address: Demand.Acquisition3@treasury.gov.za
5.	Firstly: With regards to allocating raw materials to support this contract for the soft mill, which is the para-aramid, either Kevlar or Twaron. How do we go about ensuring the volumes or understanding the volumes and demand?	Raw material allocation: The National Treasury was not given the actual figures in terms of the estimates at this point in time of the briefing session. However, the question will be raised with the departments.

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	Secondly: to support the contract, obviously, with whoever's been awarded with regards to payments and the likes, has Treasury or the tender briefing committee understood that the modes will also be affected with either delays of payments to support the contract, or do we deal directly with the tender awardee?	With regards to the payments, right, after we have been awarded the contract, bidders can liaise directly with the Transversal Contracting: Contract Management team in the National Treasury, which can be able to assist with that regard. It is a dedicated team that deals with all the queries after post award and can be contacted via email on TCcontracts2@treasury.gov.za However, if the enquiry is being made on behalf of a party supplying goods or services to a bidder, the National Treasury will not be involved in any payment arrangements. Payment terms and arrangements are solely a matter between the bidder and the third-party supplier and do not involve the National Treasury.
6.	There are some products that require a minimum order for it. So, is there some way that we can put down the minimum order?	Yes, a column on the pricing schedule is inserted where bidders can indicate the minimum order quantity.
7.	Will group series be awarded to one bidder as a basket with a main bidder and alternative bidders?	The bid will be awarded to multiple bidders. Within a group series, there can be multiple bidders supplying items in that series. Therefore, all the bidders that will be awarded in that group series should have completed all items in that group series.
8.	Items in group series 3 and 4 are new items that has never been manufactured before therefore manufacturers must still develop these products and source all the newly specified raw materials which includes imported materials therefore, I would like to request if the committee will not consider allowing bidders to submit test certificates with samples submission. This will allow sufficient time to meet the mandatory requirement.	On or before the closing date and time of the bid, bidders might not have a test report at that time. Therefore, it is stated in clause 6.4.5.3 in the SCC that – “Where a bidder has submitted samples to a SANAS-accredited testing institution, and the test report is not yet available at the closing date and time of the bid, the bidder may submit a sample submission letter issued by the SANAS-accredited testing institution confirming receipt of the samples for testing.”



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9.	On page 14 paragraph 6.4.5.2 the bid states that test reports must be issued by a SANAS accredited testing lab or an equivalent nationally. Was it meant to say an international equivalent to SANAS? A usual way to test certificates from SANAS or ISO/IEC 17025 accredited labs or internationally accredited assessment bodies”	SANAS-accredited testing laboratory, such as SABS, will be accepted. International test reports or certifications will not be considered.
10.	On page 15 paragraph 6.4.6.3 the bid states the capability report must be issued by an organisation accredited or recognized by SANAS. Can you please clarify what is meant with recognized by SANAS and you have a list?	There is no prescribed list of institutions. However, the organisation issuing the capability report must be accredited by SANAS in order for the report to be considered acceptable
11.	In the bid it does state that samples must be size Medium on page 17 and paragraph 6.4.8.6	The idea that most people are medium-sized and that it would be simpler to get that size in terms of a sample led to the determination of a medium size. This means that any size is acceptable for that particular item.

Kind regards

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