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GAUTENG PROVINCE
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Request for Information (RFI) from potential suppliers for a conceptual design of smart mini-grid including energy technology development and demonstration for mixed use energy solutions at Industrial, Commercial and Residential Buildings in the Gauteng Province

RFI NO. GT/GDED/039/2022.

Gauteng Provincial Government's Provincial Action plan for the Rollout of Microgrids

Date of issue	27 May 2022
Briefing Session :	03 June 2022 Time: 11:00-13:00 Venue : Gauteng Gambling Board Address : 125 Corlette Drive Johannesburg , Gauteng
Closing Date	1 July 2022
Place where RFI documents to be submitted	Gauteng Provincial Treasury 75 Fox street Johannesburg Marshall town
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1. BACKGROUND

GPG continues to provide and promote the region's economic growth and development, via target-based commitment focused on its economic inclusivity and competitiveness, apart from commitment towards providing more job opportunities across 10 high-growth sectors. These objectives form the core behind GPG's Transformation, Modernization, and Re-industrialization program, initially under the 5th Gauteng Provincial government. This program has now got embedded into the GGT2030 action plan, as the guiding vision of the 6th administration.

The GGT2030 action plan has specific commitments towards empowering Women; Youth; SMMEs; and Black businesses; The plan further talks about the government's key role in supporting efforts across spheres and through private and non-profit sectors for achieving key goals. These initiatives include leading spatial and economic transformation, mainly related to townships; providing and facilitating employment opportunities as an empowerment pathway across all under privileged classes; and driving industrialization initiatives across 10 high growth sectors to make them financially sustainable.

The Gauteng Provincial Government's Provincial (GPG) Action plan for the Rollout of Microgrids is part of this reindustrializing Gauteng for the 21st century initiative via the Multi-tier SEZ & High Growth programmes Programme. The program has energy as the core focus plans to apply new technologies and a diverse energy mix, including microgrid rollout to key industrial sectors via green H2 and other core technologies. Therefore GPG, taking a leading and guidance role to solution finding to Energy supply challenges under the Energy Priority Sector, wishes to request for Information from:

- MicroGrid(s) Project Developers who have systems adaptable to different facilities across the different sectors
- Technology Innovators with advanced ready to implement technologies
- Municipalities who are intent on using the roll out of MicroGrids solutions as part of their solution to the Energy supply challenges
- Other Private Sector consumers who are intent on using the roll out of MicroGrids solutions as part of their solution to the Energy supply challenges.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE RFI

The purpose of this RFI is to allow GDED to assess the supplier responses and use the resultant assessments in future decision-making in regard to the supply/commissioning/installation of microgrids for Gauteng Provincial Government and the microgrid programmes plan and programme. The proposed action plan will help build a formidable alliance between large power users, private companies spread across the overall energy value, chain, and large power users for supporting microgrids as the most reliable form of green industrial baseload in Gauteng, particularly, aimed at

- Deployment via partners, of large-scale embedded generation (LSEG) within the new 100 MW cap, for servicing industrial sites and industrial clusters, behind the meter power systems. Initial Green H2 generation from Sasolburg to be made available from mid-2023, wherein, energy to be provided via renewable energy mix stackable stationary fuel cells
- Earlier deployment of Microgrids that use grey H2 as a bridge
- Better facilitation, operation, control, and management of all energy sources
- Provide customers with greater information and supply choice
- Huge reduction of the environmental impact of the overall electricity supply system.
- Generate more efficient power transmission lines which mitigate transformer losses.
- High-performance scalable system for easy and quick installation even under challenging environments
- Mobilising the first unit of industrial power users for participation
- Linking financing of the project to the Just Energy Transition financing mechanism under Presidency leadership
- Embedding of strategic localization/ enterprise and supplier development initiatives for components manufacturing, installation/ servicing of renewable energy systems, and more participation across the energy value chain management

3. INVITATION FOR REQUEST OF INFORMATION

3.1 Information is hereby requested from suitably-qualified suppliers or consultants in developing a conceptual microgrid design with smart capabilities for Gauteng Province mixed use and cross cutting consumers.

3.2 Information is hereby requested from:

- MicroGrid(s) Project Developers who have systems adaptable to different facilities across the different sectors
- Technology Innovators with advanced ready to implement technologies

Municipalities who are intent on using the roll out of MicroGrids solutions as part of their solution to the

- Energy supply challenges
- Other Private Sector consumers who are intent on using the roll out of MicroGrids solutions as part of their solution to the Energy supply challenges

3.3 The conceptual design should provide full or partial grid resilience against loss of mains supply from Gauteng Municipalities including capabilities such as supply and demand side management techniques, storage resources such batteries and hydrogen fuel cells, power-to-liquid and power-to-gas synthetic processes.

4. RFI SPECIFICATIONS

Depending on the information and responses received, the Gauteng Department Economic Development would like to acquire expert consultancy services for the development of a conceptual microgrid design with smart capabilities for critical economic sectors in Gauteng Province. The conceptual design should provide full or partial grid resilience against loss of mains supply from nearby Gauteng municipalities. The design should further incorporate capabilities such as supply and demand side management techniques, storage resources such as batteries and hydrogen fuel cells, power-to-liquid and power-to-gas synthetic processes.

This microgrid design needs to be backed by a high-level market analysis to justify the investment, with the consultant considering market requirements for such a design. The conceptual design can follow one of the architectural examples given below But, it must be stressed however, that this illustration below only serves as an example and any architectural design that differs from the latter, but satisfies the stipulated requirements, will be considered.

4.1 DESIGN CAPABILITIES

The conceptual design of the microgrid must be able to exhibit the following properties and capabilities:

4.1.1. Must be capable to be used as a demonstration of future energy system and collaborative RDI platform for technology development and localisation.

4.1. 2. The design must include supply and demand side management techniques, storage resources such batteries and hydrogen fuel cells, power-to-liquid and power-to-gas synthetic processes.

4.1.3. The design must be cost-effective and be able to supplement the current Gauteng Provinces resources and technologies with minimal integration of new resources and technologies.

4.1.4. The design must exhibit smart control and visualisation capabilities.

4.1.5. The design must demonstrate flexibility to integrate new technologies such as battery banks, hydrogen fuel cells, and biogas plants etc. this can be done in a phased approach while still maintaining cost-effectiveness of the solution.

4.1.6. If grid tied must maintain synchronism with existing network under normal operating conditions.

4.1.7. Must be able to successfully island following separation from installed network infeed.

4.1.8. Must provide a level of reliability to all load centres (service points) under normal and abnormal operating conditions.

4.1.9. The islanded microgrid must be able to provide continuity of supply to all critical customer loads at the least.

4.1.10. The islanded microgrid's capability to provide further continuity of supply to all connected customers essential loads or comfort loads or both must be demonstrated.

5. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PROCESS

The microgrids rollout proposal's overall objective is the green industrialization of the province by making use of clean energy, through decarbonizing the local industry and segments of the local electrical grid using all forms of clean energy, including green H2 where feasible as a power source. This will lead to increased availability factor of energy in South Africa, and especially for Gauteng will create scale opportunity on green energy as a cheap source of energy incentive. The RFI process is aimed at getting information on the project pathway through different networks, including

- Outlining potential institutional and market routes to deploy microgrids
- Scope of participation in existing value chains of participants in the micro-grids program in Gauteng for providing technology, expertise, financing, and institutional support
- Securing terms of participation based on their participation appetite
- Securing deployment via partners, of large-scale embedded generation (LSEG)

- Special Economic Zone network integration into green energy
- Green H2 Industrialization with Green H2 as a power source

5.1 PRIMARY FOCUS

The primary focus of the RFI is to support the rollout of microgrids as a form of reliable, green industrial baseload in Gauteng. Microgrid systems, entail cleaner energy solutions including Liquefied Natural Gas, renewable energy, and energy storage, providing optimal energy mix without any downtime for industries to continue producing at full capacity. Microgrids when in used optimally will result in increased energy efficiency without relying on the national grid resulting in optimal cost utilization, innovative and self-healing technologies.

Consideration will be given to partners who support the decarbonization of the local industry and segments of the local electrical grid using cleaner energy as a power source, through a focus on new technologies and a diverse energy mix, to ensure increased availability of green energy. Microgrids deploying grey hydrogen, as a transition route towards green H2 can be deployed.

5.2 NON-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Projects or investments (and their “Associated Facilities”) that are part of The Gauteng Provincial Government's Provincial (GPG) Action plan for the Rollout of Microgrids exclusion list will not be considered. The program is not expected to extend support for research and development. Only participants who utilize commercially proven or near-proven technology are eligible for support. Current Industry Standards and Regulations Applicable.

5.3 PROJECT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The project assessment criteria will be based on the below broad randomly listed criteria

5.3.1. Technical Risk: the extent to which technology to be applied is commercially viable with the project technical risks meeting its forecasted results

5.3.2. Financial Viability: the extent to which the project is financially feasible

5.3.3. Environmental Impact: the extent of reduction in potential CO2 emission through the project, both in absolute terms and funding in ZAR, coupled with the additional positive or negative impacts on the environment.

5.3.4. Development Status: degree of development stage/project planning process.

5.3.5. Execution Risk: the competency of project sponsors, partners, advisors, contractors, and operators towards project execution

5.3.6. Market risk: The extent of the potential targeted market viability encompassing demand drivers, competitor analysis, customer needs perception, and gaining a sustainable competitive edge

5.3.7. Social economic Impact: the extent to which the positives of project viability impact on alleviation of unemployment , empowerment of disadvantaged section in society, , including the empowerment model for SMME's and local content production , addressing of gender imbalances and related socio-economic issues. The bidder has to declare and inform us of all other project-related risks and provide as much information as possible to support the microgrids rollout plan objectives.

5.4 INFORMATION REQUESTED

Bidders are required to submit information for this RFI -

The basic information requested is outlined below:

5.4.1 Project Description

5.4.1.1 Description of the bidder(s) tendering the proposal

5.4.1.2 Description of proposed project solution, including:

- Technology and Capacity that the microgrids can manage
- Potential markets
- Technology to be applied
- Processes and technologies to be deployed for supplying energy, products, including the origin of power and key aspects of the supply value chain

5.4.1.3 Description of the proposed microgrids site/s in Gauteng

5.4.2 Technical Description

5.4.2.1 The techniques and strategies that would be applied to build the microgrids station and related processes

5.4.2.2 The technology to be deployed and its extent of commercial implementation including Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) guarantees, Technology Readiness Level assessments, and related facts

5.4.2.3 Important technical forecast presumptions relating to production or consumption) forecasts including conversion efficiency, capacity, and the like

5.4.2.4 Provide details about

- Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractors
- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) providers
- OEMs
- Technology providers or advisors

5.4.2.5 Provide IP protection details and applied technique for the microgrids. The detailed technology and process change required, along with timeframes and mile stones during the transition period.

5.4.3 Financial Viability

5.4.3.1 Estimated overall project investment and expected funding requested under the GPG Action Plan

5.4.3.2 Financing Forecast, including sources and uses of funds

5.4.3.3 Financial viability of proposed partners, including providing sponsor equity to the project

5.4.3.4 Indicative project business and financial model

5.4.3.5 Details of access to funding, if any, including other grant term sheets, debt or equity financing, and so on. For public sector projects, forecast sources of capital and operating costs.

5.4.3.6 Details of project off-takers or suppliers, supply chain development activities, or related activities

5.4.3.7 Details of existing financial issues relating to project implementation

5.4.4 Environmental impact

Note: Provide evidence for greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction estimates where available or else, provide the extent of renewable energy to be used by the project.

5.4.4.1 Brown fields projects with estimates of avoidable CO₂-equivalent (CO₂e) emissions achieved against the current operational baseline

5.4.4.2 Greenfields projects with avoidable CO₂-equivalent (CO₂e) emissions achieved through the use of mainstream technologies

5.4.4.3 Layout of potential expansion strategy towards building Green H₂ efficient energy ecosystem in South Africa.

5.4.4.4 Comprehensive details of additional positive or negative environmental and social impacts of the project, including impact on livelihoods, biodiversity, stakeholders, etc.

5.4.4.5 Details of your competencies to develop the project with a suitable climate-controlled indoor/outdoor display space

5.4.5 Development Status

5.4.5.1 The degree of completion of scoping and/or pre-feasibility studies, including the provision of appendices

5.4.5.2 Proposed phases for project development and implementation, including timelines

5.4.5.3 Details of relevant permits and licenses obtained and to be obtained

5.4.6 Social economic impact

5.4.6.1 Details of jobs created during project construction and operation, including details of women and disadvantaged individuals employed, SMME's empowerment model and local content production .

5.4.6.2 BB-BEE scorecard for project sponsor or key consortium members

5.4.6.3 Other key details including

-Key skills

- Details of consolation with local stakeholders
- Project localization potential
- Sponsor similar funding track record

5.5 RESPONDENT INFORMATION

- Name of the responsible contact person
- Entity/Representative academic and business profile
- Entity affiliation
- Entity Mission statement and Organizational Chart
- Entity/Representative - Email address and Telephones number/s
- Identity of other RFI response collaboration members
- Submissions open for intended public/private institutions/consortiums of such institutions for implementing the proposed project

5.6 FUNDING INFORMATION SOURCED BY RESPONDENT

Apart from RFI, other key funding access and disbursing mechanisms are in the development stage and will be communicated to all the interested parties on finalization

- What is the anticipated time required for raising funds for project capitalization?
- Consideration also given for funds to be directly provided by GPG and its partners

5.7 GENERAL

- Details of Project Submission Process to be provided
- Agreement to Confidentiality Clause.1
- Agreement to Reservation of Rights
- Contact Information and Clarifications
- Special Considerations

Potential consultant or service provider responding to this RFI is also required to respond with answers and explanations to the following requirements:. Profile Information

-COMPANY PROFILE

1. Company or Consultant Name
2. Company Profile or Consultant profile
3. List current offices and locations.
4. List relevant experience of resources that will be assigned to this project.
5. Support Option

5.1 Please provide details of your track record of previous microgrid alternative energy solution designs and implementations, highlighting approach, methodology and client management processes used. (Please append supporting case studies).

5.2 Please provide specific details of your plan and approach to integrate the proposed microgrid design into Gauteng's current energy network infrastructure

All information is to be submitted in a format specified in this enquiry (as applicable). However, service providers or consultants are welcome to submit additional or alternative information over and above the originally specified format (e.g. other capabilities that you may be deem to be relevant).

Briefing Session: There will be a compulsory briefing session at Gauteng Gambling Board, 125 Corlette Drive , Johannesburg, 03 June 2022.

SECTION B – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6. VENUE FOR RFI SUBMISSION

Responses must be submitted at:

GDED - Tender box at the following address: **Gauteng Provincial Treasury, 75 Fox Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg**. International service providers may submit electronically at witness.mokwana@gauteng.gov.za

7. RFI PROGRAMME

The RFI program, as currently envisaged, incorporates the following key dates:

- Issue of RFI documents: Friday, 27 May 2022
- Briefing Session Friday, 03 June 2022
- Last date for submission queries: Friday , 17 June 2022
- Closing / submission date: Friday, 1 July 2022

All service providers who submit or provide the information requested will be requested to register on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD). Respondents to this RFI may be invited to GDED to formally present their proposed solutions.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The Request for Information shall be submitted at the address mentioned above no later than the closing date of Friday, 1 July 2022 at end of business. The GDED business hours are between 08h00 and 16h30. Where an RFI is not received by the GDED by the due date and stipulated place, it will be regarded as a late RFI.

8. SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES

8.1 All responses submitted are to be sealed. No open responses will be accepted.

8.2 All information submitted is to be clearly marked with the RFI reference number and the name of the service provider on the outside of the main package.

8.3 Responses submitted by companies must be signed by a person or persons duly authorised.

9. VALIDITY PERIOD OF RESPONSES

Each Request for Information shall be valid for a minimum period of three (3) months calculated from the closing date.

10. ENQUIRIES AND CONTACT WITH THE GDED

Any enquiry regarding this RFI shall be submitted in writing to GPT at witness.mokwana@gauteng.gov.za with **RFI No. GT/GDED/039/2022**. Request for Information (RFI) from potential suppliers or consultants for a conceptual design of a microgrid including energy technology development and demonstration at Gauteng Province" as the subject.

11. MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION

All documentation submitted in response to this Request for Information must be in English.

12. COST OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Service providers are expected to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions, requirements and specifications of this RFI before submitting responses. Each service provider assumes all risks for resource commitment and expenses, direct or indirect, of RFI preparation and participation throughout the RFI process. The GDED is not responsible directly or indirectly for any costs incurred by service providers.

13. CORRECTNESS OF RESPONSES

13.1. The service provider must confirm satisfaction regarding the correctness and validity of their RFI.

14. VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

14.1 Service providers should check the numbers of the pages to satisfy themselves that none are missing or duplicated. No liability will be accepted by the GDED in regard to anything arising from the fact that pages are missing or duplicated.

14.2 One hard copy and one electronic copy (CD or USB memory key) of each RFI must be submitted. In the event of a contradiction between the submitted copies, the hard copy shall take precedence.

14.3 Emailed Request for Information submissions will not be accepted unless they are from international companies.

14.4 If a courier service company is used for delivery of the RFI document, the RFI description must be endorsed on the delivery note/courier packaging to ensure that documents are delivered to the tender box, by the due date as mentioned above.

15. NON DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT (NDA)

15.1 Service providers shall sign NDA with GDED so that they can have access to additional information pack accompanying this RFI. The representatives of companies signing the NDA shall have written permission from the companies concerned in the form of Resolution 7 of Directors / Power of Attorney.

16. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

16.1 Service providers shall not assume that information and/or documents supplied to GDED, at any time prior to this request, are still available to GDED, and shall consequently not make any reference to such information document in its response to this request.

16.2 Copies of any affiliations, memberships and/or accreditations that support your submission must be included in the response.

16.3 An omission to disclose material information, a factual inaccuracy, and/or a misrepresentation of fact may result in the disqualification of a response, or cancellation of any subsequent contract.

16.4 Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions as set out in this document will invalidate the response.

17. GDED RESERVES THE RIGHT TO

- 17.1 Extend the closing date;
- 17.2 Verify any information contained in a response;
- 17.3 Request documentary proof regarding any tendering issue;
- 17.4 Cancel or withdraw this RFI as a whole or in part;

18. DISCLAIMER

Whilst the intent of GDED is to compare supplier responses and conduct a market research on provision of microgrids, **GDED makes no obligation or undertakings in any way to:**

- 18.1 Go out on a tender; or
- 18.2 Accept any RFI information received from suppliers; or
- 18.3 include suppliers responding to this RFI in any future tender invitation; or
- 18.4 Any other commitment to suppliers whatsoever, including any intention to form contact with any supplier for provision of Microgrids.