

Request Details

PR No: 10246605

Type: ZDER - Deviation RQ

Cost Centre: 1125 - RBF Facilities Free State (TECHNOLOGY: RADIO & REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Vendor: 112844 - CONCILIUM TECHNOLOGIES (PTY) LTD

Description: Contract Deviation

Practitioner: 930 - LORNA MARTINS

Amount: 1.00 ZAR

BACKGROUND

Since all projects were halted in June 2023 due to the SABC's financial constraints, the current project was already 80% complete when it was halted, and the contract has since expired. The project was recently re-instated. Concilium Technologies was originally appointed for the installation of equipment and technical furniture, which they have already procured. However, they cannot proceed with the installation until the building works are fully completed. Envision Growth must collaborate with the architect, SRSQS, to finalize the building works, enabling Concilium to begin the installation. Therefore, it is essential to appoint all three suppliers, as their roles are interdependent for the successful completion of the project.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) office in Bloemfontein, Free State (FS) broadcast center house among others Lesedi FM. Bloemfontein is also Free State's capital city and the province's administration hub. Among other offices, Bloemfontein houses the Free State Legislature. The Bloemfontein Broadcast Centre comprises two prime buildings in the upmarket part of the city in the suburb called West Dene. The two buildings are the administration block and the radio sales block. The administration block houses radio studios, TV studios, news, current affairs offices, production team offices, technicians offices, workshops, and the main control area. The building's list of features includes air conditioning, a reception area, ablution facilities, and a vehicle parking area. The critical challenges we are faced with at the broadcast

center are the following:

- a. The old Lesedi FM live and backup studio, which was last upgraded in 2002, and its green room.
- b. The stand-alone analog news-reading booth, which is connected remotely to the main studio.

The replacement of the aging, equipment with new technology will assist the station to improve on their income generation going into the future. The business is presently walking on very thin ice faced with a high risk of the studio packing up while we are still on air. The final in/output patching of the main and backup studio plus the news-reading booth is in our main control on old systems and if one studio is packed up all are affected and there will be downtime such will affect income. Lesedi FM, one of the top three ALS stations behind Ukhozi FM and Umhlobo We Nene FM with three million listeners, cannot afford such. The improvements should be committed to ensuring that this platform continues to provide relevant compelling content whilst ensuring growth in audiences and revenue.

REASON

A deviation approach is more applicable for this transaction for the following reasons:

Concilium Technologies Pty Ltd has already procured the equipment and technical furniture needs to complete the project, as soon as the building works is complete, Concilium will need to begin with the installation.

The RB103 project began in August 2021, in June 2023 the project was on hold. Therefore, it would be "business" impractical to appoint a new contractor complete the outstanding work.

All three suppliers, Envision Growth (Building Contractor), SRSQS (Principal Contractor), and Concilium Technologies depended on each

other to complete the project successfully.

SCOPE OF WORK

The detailed scope of work is as follows:

Broadcast Equipment Annexure B on the expired contract attached

Supply and Installation of the Broadcast Equipment

i. Main On Air Studio

ii. News Reading Booth

iii. Main Control Room

iv. Backup Studios

v. Edit Booths

Technical Furniture Installation

i. Main On Air Studio

ii. News Reading Booth

iii. Main Control Room

iv. Backup Studios

v. Edit Booths

COST EFFECTIVENESS

R1,401 383.57 inclusive of VAT

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RISK & MITIGATIONS

The risks are as follows:

1. Appointing a different contractor to complete the works may expose the projects to defective workmanship and cost implications as a result.
2. If the appointment is not made, the project will not be in a position to hold the current contractor accountable for any prior defective work. this may have an adverse financial impact on the project to correct defective work with a different contractor. additionally the appointed Architect's fees will be impacted as new designs with a new contractor would need to be developed and signed off

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the motivation above, the Radio broadcasting (LESEDI FM)

department in Bloemfontein requests that:

The Head of SCM Governance, Compliance and Support approves the deviation request to appoint Concilium Technologies Pty Ltd to do equipment installation for the upgrades at Lesedi Fm live < (> &<)> backup studios, green room, and news reading booth in Bloemfontein, for a period of twelve (12) months from the August 2025 to 31 July 2026, at the total cost of R1,401 383.57 including VAT.

The Head of SCM Governance, Compliance and Support to duly sign the award letter.

The Legal department and the Radio broadcasting (LESEDI FM) department in Bloemfontein to duly sign the contract.

NATURE OF DEVIATION

Urgency and Impracticality

VENDOR SELECTION

CONCILIUM TECHNOLOGIES PROPRIETARY LIMITED Vendor Number 112844

PERIOD

August 2025 to 31 July 2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of this submission is to request approval to deviate from normal procurement processes and appoint Concilium Technologies Pty Ltd to do equipment installation for the upgrades at Lesedi Fm live < (> &<)> backup studios, green room, and news reading booth in Bloemfontein, for a period of twelve (12) months from the August 2025 to 31 July 2026, at the total cost of R1,401 383.57 including VAT.

APPROVERS AND REVIEWERS

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