

**PART A
INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS					
BID NUMBER:	DHA08-2021	CLOSING DATE:	02 JULY 2021	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS / LEGAL FIRMS TO RENDER INVESTIGATIVE, REPRESENTATION SERVICES AND LABOUR RELATIONS ISSUES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
Department of Home Affairs,					
230 Johannes Ramokhoase Street,					
Cnr. Thabo Sehume and Johannes Ramokhoase Streets					
Hallmark Building, Pretoria					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Nico Masango/Lunga Njwabule		CONTACT PERSON	Sello Malaka / Tsietsi Sebelemetja	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	(012) 406 2789/012 406 4027		TELEPHONE NUMBER	(012) 402 4128 / 012 406 4271	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Nico.masango@dha.gov.za Lunga.njwabule@dha.gov.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	Sello.malaka@dha.gov.za tsietsi.sebelemetja@dha.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
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] ☐ Yes ☐ No

[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]			
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS 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, 2017, 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:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

I INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

A THE TENDER DOCUMENTS

Rules for Bidding

- The Department is not bound to accept any of the proposals submitted and reserves the right to call for presentations from short-listed bidders before final selection.
- The Department reserves the right to terminate this appointment or temporarily defer the work, or any part thereof, at any stage of completion should the Department decide not to proceed with the tender.
- The Department also reserves the right to appoint any other person to undertake any part of the tasks.
- The service provider must be a single legal entity with all other necessary expertise secured via sub-contract, or under a joint venture arrangement. The Department will enter into a single contract with a single entity for the delivery of the work set out in these tender documents.
- The bidding entity shall be the same entity that will execute the bid. Any bid found to be fronting for another entity or entities shall be disqualified immediately.
- All South African firms submitting bids as part of a consortium or joint venture must submit a valid original tax clearance certificates.
- Foreign firms providing proposals must become familiar with local conditions and laws and take them into account in preparing their proposals.
- The service provider and its affiliates are disqualified from providing goods, works and services to any private party to this Agreement, or any eventual project that may result, directly or indirectly from these services.
- Firms may ask for clarification on these tender documents or any part thereof up to close of business 1 week before the deadline for the submission of the bids.
- The Department reserves the right to return late bid submission unopened.
- Firms may not contact the Department on any matter pertaining to their bid from the time when the bids are submitted to the time the contract is awarded. Any effort by a bidder to influence bid evaluation, bid comparisons or bid award decisions in any manner, may result in rejection of the bid concerned.
- Should the contract between the Department and the service provider be terminated by either party due to reasons not attributable to the service provider, the service provider will be remunerated for the appropriate portion of work completed up to a maximum amount of not more than the total fee bid by the service provider for the appropriate phase of the project during which the appointment was terminated.

Conditions of the Tender

- The General Conditions of contract, as attached will apply.
- The Department will become the owner of all information, documents, programmes, advice and reports collected and compiled by the service provider in the execution of this tender.

- The copyright of all documents, programmes, and reports compiled by the service provider will vest in the Department and may not be reproduced or distributed or made available in any other way without the written consent of the Department.
- All information, documents, programmes and reports must be regarded as confidential and may not be made available to any unauthorised person or institution without the written consent of the Department.
- Bidders shall undertake to limit the number of copies of this document and destroy them in the event of their failure to secure the contract.
- The service provider is entitled to general knowledge acquired in the execution of this agreement and may use it, provided that it shall not be to the detriment of the Department.

Cost of Bidding

- The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid and the Department, will in no case be held responsible or liable for these costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the tender process.

Content of Tender Documents

- The services required, tender procedures and contract terms are prescribed in the tender documents, which include:
 - i. Instruction to Bidders;
 - ii. Technical Bid;
 - iii. Terms of Reference;
 - iv. Evaluation Criterion;
 - v. Financial Bid;
- The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms and specifications in the tender documents. Failure to furnish all information required by the tender documents or submission of a bid not responsive to the tender documents in every respect will be at the Bidder's risk and may result in rejection of the bid.

Clarification of Tender Documents

- The Department will respond in email to any request for clarification of the tender documents which it receives no later than 1 week prior to the deadline for submission of bids prescribed by the Department.
- **No briefing session will be held.**

Amendment of Tender Documents

- At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Department may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective bidder, modify the tender document by amendment.
- All prospective bidders who have received the tender document will be notified of the amendment in writing or by fax, and same will be binding on them.

- In order to allow prospective bidders reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their bids, the Department, at their discretion, may extend the deadline for the submission of bids.

B. PREPARATION OF BIDS

Language of Bid

- The bid prepared by the Bidder, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the bid exchanged by the Bidder and the Department shall be written in English.

Documents Constituting the Bid

- The bid prepared by the Bidder shall comprise the following components:
 - 1. Technical Bid, including:**
 - i. Invitation to Bid (SBD 1)
 - ii. Declaration of Interests(SBD4)
 - iii. Preferential Points Claim Forms (SBD 6.1)
 - iv. Declaration of past Supply Chain Management practices (SBD8)
 - v. Certificate of independent bid determination (SBD9)
 - vi. General Conditions of contract
 - vii. Completed Technical Specification Document
 - 2. Financial Bid, comprising:**
 - i. Price Schedule – Professional services (SBD 3.3)

Bid Prices

- Prices indicated on the Price Schedule shall be the total price of services including, where applicable:
 3. All duties and other taxes;
 4. The price of transportation, insurance and other costs incidental to delivery of the services to their final destination;
 5. The price of any other incidental services required in terms of the tender deliverables;
- Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the Contract and not subject to variation on any account.
- A bid submitted with a variable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and rejected.
- Prices shall be quoted in South African Rands.
- The Department has limited resources and bids must be competitive, with market related pricing, as this will be one of the deciding factors in the final award of the contract.

Period of Validity of Bids

- Bids shall remain valid for 90 days after the closing date of bid prescribed by the Department. A bid valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by the Department as non-responsive.

- In exceptional circumstances, the Department may solicit the Bidder's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the response thereto shall be made in writing. A Bidder may refuse the request. A Bidder granting the request will not be required nor permitted to modify its bid.

Format and Signing of Bid

- The Bidder shall prepare the Technical Bid and Financial Bid separately, clearly marking each "Original Technical Bid" and "Original Financial Bid", as appropriate. **Apart from the original bid, a copy should also be provided on CD or USB.** In the event of any discrepancy between them, the original shall govern.
- The original and all copies of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Bidder to the Contract. All pages of the bid, except for un-amended printed literature, shall be initialled by the person or persons signing the bid.
- Any interlineations, erasures or overwriting shall be valid only if they are initialled by the person or persons signing the bid.

Sealing and Marking of Bids

- The original of the Technical Bid shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked Technical Bid and original of the Financial Bid shall be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked Financial Bid and warning "Do not open with Technical Bid". All the inner envelopes shall then be placed into an outer envelope. The inner and outer envelopes shall be addressed to the following address:

Department of Home Affairs
Private Bag X114
PRETORIA
0001
- The inner envelopes shall also indicate the name and address of the Bidder to enable the bid to be returned unopened in case it is declared late.
- If the outer envelope is not sealed and marked as required by the clause, the Department will assume no responsibility for the bid's misplacement or premature opening.
- **Faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted.**

Closing Date of Bids

- Bids (Technical and Financial) must be received by the Department at the address specified under clause 1.13 above. In the event of the specified date for the submission of Bids being declared a holiday for the Department, the Bids will be received up to the appointed time on the next working day.
- The Department may, at its discretion, extend this deadline for submission of bids by amending the bid documents in which case all rights and obligations of the Department and Bidders previously subject to the deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

Late Bids

- Any bid received by the Department after the deadline for submission of bids prescribed by the Department, will be rejected and/or returned unopened to the Bidder.

Modification and Withdrawal of Bids

- The Bidder may modify or withdraw its bid after the bid's submission, provided that written notice of the modification or withdrawal is received by the Department prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids.
- The Bidder's modification or withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked and dispatched in accordance with the provisions of clause 6. A withdrawal notice may also be sent by fax, followed by a signed confirmation copy, post marked not later than the deadline for submission of bids.
- No bid may be modified subsequent to the deadline for submission of bids.
- No bid may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Invitation to Bid form.

C. EVALUATION OF BIDS

Clarification of Bids

- During evaluation of bids, the Department may, at its discretion, ask the Bidder for a clarification of its bid. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing.

Preliminary Examination

- The Department will examine the bids to determine whether they are complete, whether they meet all the conditions of the Contract and Technical Specifications and whether any computational errors have been made, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the bids are generally in order.
- Arithmetical errors will be rectified on the following basis. If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the total price shall be corrected. If there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail. If the supplier does not accept the correction of errors, its bid may be rejected.
- If a bid is not responsive and not fulfilling all the conditions of the Contract and not meeting Technical Specifications, it will be rejected by the Department and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the non-conformity.

Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- The Department will evaluate and compare the financial bids only of those Bidders whose Technical Bid has been accepted by the Department.
- The Department's evaluation of a financial bid will take into account information to be provided on the SBD 3.3.

Contacting the Department

- Subject to clause 1.1 above, no Bidder shall contact the Department on any matter relating to its bid, from the time of the bid opening to the time the Contract is awarded. If the bidder wishes to bring additional information to the notice of the Department, it should do so in writing.
- Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Department in its decisions on bid evaluation, bid comparison or contract award may result in rejection of the Bidder's bid.

D. AWARD OF CONTRACT

Post qualification

- The Department will determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the highest evaluated responsive bid meets the criteria specified in these documents, and is qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily.
- The determination will take into account the Bidder's financial, technical and production capabilities. It will be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the bidder, as well as such other information as the Department deems necessary and appropriate.
- An affirmative determination will be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination will result in rejection of the Bidder's bid, in which event the Department will proceed to the next highest evaluated bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform the contract satisfactorily.

Department's right to vary Quantities at Time of Award

- The Department reserves the right at the time of Contract award to increase or decrease the quantity of the services originally specified in the Terms of Reference without any change in unit price or other terms and conditions.

Department's right to accept or reject any or all Bids

- The Department reserves the right to:
 - Accept or reject all or individual items of this bid;
 - Accept one or more bids submissions reject individual items;
 - Request clarification or further information regarding any item in the Proposal;
 - Request further information from any bidder after the closing date;
 - Accept a bid that may not reflect the lowest pricing;
 - Consider any bid that may not conform to any aspect of this bid;
 - Annul the tender process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award;
 - Consider such alternate services, terms or conditions that may be offered, whether such offer is contained in a Proposal or otherwise;

- Award the contract or any part thereof to one or more bidders; without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or bidders.

Notification of Award

- Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Department will notify the successful bidder in writing by registered letter or by fax, to be confirmed in writing by registered letter, that its bid has been accepted.
- The notification of award will constitute the formation of the Contract.

Signing of Contract

- At the same time as the Department notifies the successful bidder that its bid has been accepted, the Department will send the bidder the Contract Form provided in the tender documents, incorporating all agreements between the parties.
- Within 2 days of receipt of the Contract Form, the successful bidder shall sign and date the Contract Form and return it to the Department.

Termination of Service

- 1.10. In case of any failure to comply with any of the conditions of the contract or unsatisfactory rendering of service, the stipulation of the General Conditions of Contract and the Special Conditions of Contract, shall be applicable.
- 1.11. Should the Department, after a reasonable period of notice, of not less than seven days, in writing, depending upon the circumstances, call upon the service provider to comply with any of the conditions and should he/she fail to do so, the Department shall, without prejudice to any of its rights be entitled to cancel the contract, and to claim from the service provider any damage or loss that might have been suffered, including any additional expense incurred by it having either to invite fresh bids or to accept any less favourable bid.

Unsatisfactory Performance

- 1.12. Failure to comply with the conditions of the contract, the Department shall be entitled, without prejudice to its other rights, to cancel the contract in terms of the General Conditions of Contract. Delays beyond time limits and timeframes agreed upon between the parties. Failure to meet the performance standards indicated in the contract

Assignment

- 1.13. The contractor shall not, without prior written authority of the Department, cede, assign or transfer its rights or obligations in respect of this contract or any part thereof or any share of interests herein, directly or indirectly, to any person, firm or organization whatsoever.



home affairs

Department:
Home Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

TERMS OF REFERENCE

DHA08-2021

APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS / LEGAL FIRMS TO RENDER INVESTIGATIVE, REPRESENTATION SERVICES AND LABOUR RELATIONS ISSUES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

CLOSING DATE AND TIME OF BID:

02 July 2021 at 11h00

No briefing session will be held

BID VALIDITY PERIOD: 90 DAYS

**Department of Home Affairs
Supply Chain Management**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

OBJECTIVE

1. The objective (aim) of this tender is:
 - To invite bids from appropriately qualified service provider/s with suitable experience to render such investigative, representation services and labour relations advice, on an “as-and-when required” basis, over a period of three (3) years.

BACKGROUND

2. In terms of paragraph 2.7 (3) (e) and 2.7 (5) (c) of the SMS Handbook as issued by the Public Service and Administration, and paragraph 7.3 (f) (i) & (ii) of the PSCBC Resolution 1 of 2003 (also known as the Disciplinary Code and Procedures for the Public Service), the Department is permitted to procure the services of a legal practitioner for the purposes of investigating a matter involving possible misconduct / disciplinary hearing of employees of the Department that are legal practitioners themselves.
3. In addition, as and when required basis, provision of general labour related advice, legal opinions or related services including but not limited to:
 - Represent the employer at arbitrations, mediations, the Labour Courts and other administrative hearings;
 - Handling grievance and, disciplinary and arbitration hearings

SCOPE AND EXTENT OF THE TENDER

4. The successful bidder(s) will be expected to execute and conduct the following tasks for / provide the following services / items to the Department:
 - **Area 1:**
 - To conduct investigations in the DHA environment (to be specified per case) in order to determine whether or not there has been any dereliction of duty, negligence, fraudulent activities, misconduct or similar acts or omissions which have negatively impacted the interest of the Department.
The investigation will include but not limited to the following activities:
 - Investigation of irregularities that could be presented in the disciplinary hearing;
 - Gathering of evidence in support of the allegations;
 - Testifying with regard to investigation.
 - **Area 2:**
 - Investigation assignments to be performed using the successful bidder's investigative strategies/methodologies which should be in line with the Code of Conduct for Public Servants; the professional standards set by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)/Institute of Commercial Forensic Practitioners (ICFP) and other related legislation, regulations and best practice applicable to forensic/fraud investigations.
 - Drafting of charge sheets;
 - Testify and/or lead evidence during the disciplinary hearing; and

- Act as an initiator in the event that any disciplinary, incapacity and or incompatibility proceedings are to be instituted as a result of the investigation as a separate quotation.
- The above includes investigation reports (cases as per the allegations registers and include amongst others irregular awarding of tenders, conflict of interest, misuse of vehicles, fronting, cover quoting, financial misconduct, abuse and misuse of state assets and resources, procurement fraud; fraud through misrepresentation, etc.)
- The investigation scope should, amongst others, cover the following:
 - Determine whether irregularities occurred with regard to the allegations reported.
 - Recommend appropriate action to be instituted by the Department where irregularities have been confirmed.
 - Utilise the latest available technology or specialised systems to image relevant computers, interrogate DHA systems, download, and analyse the relevant electronic data.
 - Quantify any possible/actual losses and recommend actions against parties responsible for the irregularities.
 - Assist with the investigation emanating from on-going transactional data analytics with suspicions of fraud.
- **Area 3:**
 - Any other labour law related matters.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER(S)

5. Be an Attorney as contemplated in terms of section 24 of the Legal Practice Act, 2014 (Act No.28 of 2014 ("Legal Practice Act")).
6. Be a Labour Practitioner and must be accredited with CCMA have completed a law degree contemplated in Section 26 (1) of the Legal Practice Act.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

7. The successful service provider(s) will have to meet the following requirements:
 - The service provider(s) must demonstrate their current technical and logistical capacity to undertake such projects.
 - Copyright and intellectual Property rights to all documentation, reports etc. that emanate from this assignment will vest in the Department.
 - Compliance with the required knowledge experience and skills as required in paragraph 5 and 6 above.
 - The successful service provider(s) will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement which will survive the termination of the Service Level Agreement.
 - The General Conditions of Contract (GCC's) will form part of this bid. Service provider(s) are therefore required to initial every page of the GCC's as well as the proposal's submitted.

- A service provider(s) may not recruit or shall not attempt to recruit an employee of the Department of Home Affairs for purposes of preparation of the bid or for the duration of the execution of this contract or any part thereof.

UTILISATION OF LABOUR PRACTITIONERS / ATTORNEYS

8. Utilisation of the approved list will be on a CASE BASIS as and when there is a requirement for services.
9. There might be instances where all service provider(s) will be required to perform services at the same time which will be dependent on volumes received.
10. Note that appointment of labour practitioner(s) / legal firm(s) does not guarantee that work will be allocated to any service provider.
11. Generally, work that arises is of an urgent nature and requires specific skills. Work will be allocated to the service provider that has the required level of skills and experience in the relevant field as and when the need arises. In respect of urgent matters, the choice of allocating work to a service provider will depend on the service provider locality, availability, skill set, expertise, and capacity.

CONFIDENTIALITY, NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

12. The service provider(s) will be expected to sign non-disclosure agreements with the Department. No information about the Department, projects undertaken, evidence obtained and general scope of the contracts should be discussed or shared with any party without the written consent of the Department.
13. Service provider(s) should maintain confidentiality of all work at all times.
14. The panel should act in a professional and ethical manner at all times. Service provider(s) should manage and ensure that they maintain their independence in fact and in appearance. Any breach to the professional standard shall be reported to the relevant professional body in addition to any other action taken by the Department regarding the breach.

PRICE

15. These should be rates per hour / per day for the resource(s) to be used. The rate for the incidental costs (e.g. telephone, emails and traveling) should be indicated in the quotation even though this will be an estimate only. The actual payment will be based on the actual calls, copies made and some items may need to be supported by vouchers.

The following pricing schedule to be used and the total bid price to be indicated in the SBD 3.3 form as well.

Attorney Professional Fees	Quantity/hour	Rate in Rands
Consultation and interviews	1	
Perusal of documents	1	
Drafting of letters, emails and formal notices	1	
Analysis of evidence	1	
Research / preparation and presentation of report	1	
Sub-total (1)	5	

Labour Practitioner Professional Fees	Quantity/hour	Rate in Rands
Consultation and interviews	1	
Perusal of documents	1	
Drafting of letters, emails and formal notices	1	
Analysis of evidence	1	
Research / preparation and presentation of report	1	
Sub-total (2)	5	

Disbursements (based on actual costs)	Quantity/hour	Rate in Rands
Telephone calls	1	
Faxes	1	
Photocopies	1	
Travelling costs	1	
Subsistence allowance	1	
SMS, WhatsApp messages	1	
Other (specify)	1	
Sub-total 3	7	

Summary (sub-totals 1, 2 and 3	Fees in Rands
Attorney professional fees (sub-total 1)	
Labour practitioner professional fees (sub-total 2)	
Disbursements (sub-total 3)	
Total (to be indicated in the SBD 3.3)	

THE DEPARTMENT'S OBLIGATIONS

16. The Departmental Project Management team will be led by a Project Leader who will supervise all projects pertaining to this panel.
17. The Departmental Project Leader will serve as the contact person on all matters relating to the project.
18. The Departmental Project Leader will review, evaluate and approve the services provided by the service provider(s) against the terms of reference on an on-going basis.
19. The Department will supply all reasonable, relevant, available data and information required by the terms of reference for the proper execution of the services, and such assistance as shall reasonably be required in carrying out their duties under this contract.
20. The Department undertakes to ensure that security measures are in place which may include, amongst other things, the control, safeguarding of and dealing with sensitive information (whether such information is in the possession and control, on computers etc.), vetting of those persons dealing with the project and close monitoring of communication and information.

SERVICE PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

21. The successful team undertakes to act as an independent contractor in respect of the work; and should be one service provider and shall bear full responsibility for any sub-contractors.
22. Attend meetings with the Department whenever required to do so for the purposes of obtaining information or advice with regard to the work and assignments or any matters arising from or in connection thereof.
23. Responsible for its own computers and its own technical literature to adequately perform its functions.
24. Shall exercise all reasonable skill, care and diligence in the execution of the work and shall carry out its obligations in accordance with the relevant professional standards. The technical expert shall in all professional matters act as a faithful advisor to the Department as well as respect the laws and customs of the country and provinces in which any business in relation to the project is conducted.

25. The technical expert shall be deemed to have satisfied itself as to the correctness and sufficiency of the rates and prices set out in the contract for the work to be rendered.
26. The technical experts must plan and provide for all possible risks that may affect the delivery of the project on time and indicate what mechanisms are in place to manage such risks
27. Engage meaningfully with the Departmental staff throughout the project.
28. Be ready to assume work immediately after receiving an official order number.
29. The service provider shall perform the services and carry out their obligations under the terms of reference with all due diligence, efficiency and economy, in accordance with generally accepted techniques and practices and shall observe sound management practices.
30. The service provider shall be under a duty of care and always act in good faith/respect of any matter relating to this terms of reference, and shall at all times support and safeguard the Department's legitimate and proper interests in any dealings with personnel or third parties.
31. Confidentiality – The service provider shall not, during the term of agreement, disclose any propriety or confidential information relating to the project, the services in these terms of reference or the business or operations without the prior written consent of the Department, unless such disclosure is required by applicable law or legislation. The service provider will be required to sign confidentiality documents between the Department and each member of the quality assurance team.

TENDER DELIVERABLES AND TIMEFRAMES

32. The primary deliverables to be achieved are the following:
 - Report covering the investigation.
 - Outcome of the investigations.
 - Recommendations on actions to be taken by management.
 - On conclusion of the investigation, a written report with recommendations must be submitted.

LOGISTICS AND TIMING

33. **Project location(s):**
 - Anchored at DHA Head Office – Hallmark
34. **Expected commencement date:**
 - On award of the bid as and when required.
35. **Project period:**
 - Three (3) years

EVALUATION STAGES

36. The bid evaluation process consists of several stages that are applicable as defined in the table below:

Stage	Description	Applicable for this bid
Stage 1A	Initial screening process / compliance with bid requirements	Yes
Stage 1B	Non-compulsory virtual briefing session	No
Stage 1C	Pre-qualification criteria	Yes
Stage 2	Mandatory requirement evaluation	Yes
Stage 3	Functionality requirement evaluation	Yes
Stage 4	Site Visits	No
Stage 5	Price / B-BBEE evaluation	Yes

Stage 1A:

- Verification of service provider(s) compliance with bid requirements / initial screening process.

Stage 1B:

- Not applicable to this bid

Stage 1C:

- Service provider(s) must indicate their compliance with the following pre-qualification requirements in terms of Regulation 4 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017 and provide proof.
- Proof includes a valid SANAS B-BBEE Status Level Verification certificate or a B-BBEE certificate issued by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, with the exception of EME's and QSE's who are required to submit sworn affidavit in terms of Code of Good Practice. The sworn affidavit must be signed by the EME representative and attested by a Commissioner of oath.
- If a service provider is bidding as a consortium or joint venture (including unincorporated consortia and joint ventures) they must submit a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate.
- Bidders who fail to meet the pre-qualification requirement will be disqualified.
- Only the following tenderers may respond to this request:

Pre-qualification criteria	Comply	Do not comply
A tenderer having a minimum level one (1) B-BBEE status		
EVIDENCE: Bidders must submit a valid SANAS B-BBEE certificate or a valid B-BBEE certificate issued by the DTI & Companies and Intellectual Property Commission or a valid Sworn Affidavit signed by the representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oath		

Stage 2:

- Service provider(s) must indicate their compliance with the following mandatory requirements as required by the Department.
- Failure to submit proof requested will invalidate the bid.

Mandatory requirement 1	Comply	Do not comply
Be an attorney as provided for in terms of the Legal Practice Act		
EVIDENCE: Valid legal practitioner fidelity fund certificate.		

Mandatory requirement 2	Comply	Do not comply
Must be enrolled with the Legal Practice Council / Law Society		
EVIDENCE: Proof of registration and good standing (i.e. letter from the Legal Practice Council / Law Society with the relevant Legal Practice Council / Law Society must be provided.		

Mandatory requirement 3	Comply	Do not comply
Must have at least three (3) years' experience in labour relations matters or similar		
EVIDENCE: Signed and dated list with the names of client/s, type of service provided, duration and contact details. The Department reserves the right to contact the clients indicated to verify the information provided.		

Stage 3:

- The Technical proposal will be evaluated out of 100 points with a threshold of 70 points. Bidders that score less than a minimum of 70 points for technical evaluation will be disqualified. Bidders must score a minimum of 70 points on functionality to qualify for further evaluation on price and preference points.
- Each panel member will rate each individual criterion on the score sheet using the following scales:

Evaluation Criteria	Evidence	Weight and measuring criteria	Total points
Demonstrate experience in labour relations matters or similar	Reference letter/s indicating acceptable level of performance – Previous experience where the Legal Practitioner / firm has investigated, presided over labour related case	No reference letter (No points) 1 Reference letter = (10 points) 2 Reference letters = (20 points) 3 Reference letters = (30 points) 4 Reference letters = (40 points) 5 Reference letters = (50 points)	50
Bidders must demonstrate experience of attorney(s) / legal practitioner(s) in its current employ that are competent in labour relations matters or similar	The bidders must submit, as part of its proposal, the following: - List(s) of Attorney(s) / Legal practitioner(s) - CV(s) of the Attorney(s) / Legal practitioner(s) indicating experience /competence relevant to labour relations matters or similar. - Signed and dated declaration confirming the ability of the Bidder to perform the required scope of work.	Poor = 5 points Below Average = 10 points Good = 15 points Very Good = 20 points Excellent = 25 points	25
Relevant qualification/s of the team members	- Law degree / NQF level 7 - Law Honours Degree / NQF level 8 - Law Master's Degree / NQF level 9	- No Law Degree = no points) - Law degree / NQF level 7 points = 15 points - Law Honours Degree / NQF level 8 = 20 points - Law Master's Degree / NQF level 9 = 25 points	25
TOTAL POINTS ON FUNCTIONALITY			100
MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR FUNCTIONALITY			70

Stage 4: Site Visit: Not applicable

Stage 5: Price / B-BBEE evaluation

- Bids will then be evaluated in accordance with the prescripts of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) and the associated Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2017, which stipulate a 80/20 preference point system is applicable and will be calculated with a rand value up to R50 million (all applicable taxes included).

- The following criteria will be used in particular as the criteria for appointment, apart from those laid down in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000.
- Where B-BBEE points are claimed, a valid SANAS B-BBEE Status Level Verification certificate or a B-BBEE certificate issued by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, with the exception of EME's and QSE's who are required to submit sworn affidavit in terms of Code of Good Practice. The sworn affidavit must be signed by the EME representative and attested by a Commissioner of oath.
- Bidders must score a minimum of 70 points on functionality to qualify for further evaluation on price and preference points. **The bidders must complete the pricing schedule and also indicate the total bid price in the SBD 3.3. form.**
- A list of legal practitioners (s) / legal firm (s) will be appointed on a usage basis.
- The points for this bid are allocated as follows:

No.	Components	Points
1.	Price	80
2.	Preferential points: B-BBEE	20
	Total	100

NAME OF BIDDER: BID NO: DHA08-2021

CLOSING TIME 11:00

CLOSING DATE: 02 JULY 2021

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 90 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION **(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY
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1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.
2. Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project.
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3. PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND
RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE
RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)

- | 4. | PERSON AND POSITION | HOURLY RATE | DAILY RATE |
|----|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| | ----- | R----- | R----- |
| | ----- | R----- | R----- |
| | ----- | R----- | R----- |
| | ----- | R----- | R----- |

5. PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT

----- R----- days

----- R----- days

----- R----- days

----- R----- days

- 5.1 Travel expenses (specify, for example rate/km and total km, class of air travel, etc). Only actual costs are recoverable. Proof of the expenses incurred must accompany certified invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
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		R.....
		R.....
		R.....
		R.....

* "all applicable taxes" includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

- 5.2 Other expenses, for example accommodation (specify, eg. Three star hotel, bed and breakfast, telephone cost, reproduction cost, etc.). On basis of these particulars, certified invoices will be checked for correctness. Proof of the expenses must accompany invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED AMOUNT	RATE	QUANTITY
		R.....
		R.....
		R.....
		R.....

TOTAL: R.....

6. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid
7. Estimated man-days for completion of project
8. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract? *YES/NO
9. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.

***[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-
- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
 - the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

2. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:

2.2 Identity Number:

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²):

2.4 Company Registration Number:

2.5 Tax Reference Number:.....

2.6 VAT Registration Number:

2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / persal numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

¹"State" means –

- (a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (b) any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) provincial legislature;
- (d) National Assembly or the National Council of Provinces; or
- (e) Parliament.

²"Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state? **YES / NO**

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:

Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed :

Position occupied in the state institution:

Any other particulars:
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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? **YES / NO**

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attached proof of such authority to the bid document? **YES / NO**

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months? **YES / NO**

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES/NO**

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract? YES/NO

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2. Full details of Directors / Trustees / Members / Shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Reference Number	Tax	State Number Number	Employee / Persal

3. DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
 I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....
 Signature

.....
 Date

.....
 Position

.....
 Name of bidder

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

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).

1.2

- a) The value of this bid is estimated to **not exceed** R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the **80/20** preference point system shall be applicable; or
- b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

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

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution 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 preferences, 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) **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity 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;

- (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. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

90/10

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Price of bid under consideration

P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

- 4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5. BID DECLARATION

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Manufacturer
- ☐ Supplier
- ☐ Professional service provider
- ☐ Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.8 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 B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, 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 6.1, 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.
- 2.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:
ADDRESS
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DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
 - a. abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - c. failed to perform on any previous contract.
- 4 **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Item	Item	Item
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, www.treasury.gov.za, click on the icon "Register for Tender Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 3265445.	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. 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 consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid;or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. 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.

³ **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.**

10. 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.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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.

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| 16. Payment | <p>16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.</p> |
| 17. Prices | <p>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.</p> |
| 18. Contract amendments | <p>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.</p> |
| 19. Assignment | <p>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.</p> |
| 20. Subcontracts | <p>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.</p> |
| 21. Delays in the supplier's performance | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> |

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.