

RFP Number: T36/09/25

RFP description: PROJECT PREPARATION OF WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS REGIONALIZATION PROGRAMME FOR CITY OF EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

Question and Answers Version 1

No.	Question	Type	Answer
1	Please note that Supplier A has establish a consortium with Supplier B. Kindly advise if Supplier B is allowed to bring another sub-contractor that will fall under them.	Admin	Yes, a partner in a consortium is generally allowed to bring in a subcontractor, but this must be approached carefully and in accordance with the consortium agreement and the Lead contractor. A key difference is that the individual partner remains accountable for the work, not the subcontractor.
2	During the Briefing session held on 1 October, it was mentioned that ERWAT engineers will be part of this project. Clarification question: Will the bidder be required to include technical engineers as part of this bid?	Technical	This is addressed in the bid document under technical feasibility and the resources are specified in the evaluation criteria Section 5 - 5.1.4.
3	We would like to request for extension of time for the following reasons: •The tender requires multidisciplinary key players and experts. •Considerable time is needed to identify the partners. •Each company has various internal company processes including quality and risk assessment and management requirements. •Setting up and signing binding JV or similar agreements. •Actual commitment between team tend to start after the tender briefing meeting when information is known. In the case of this tender, it is currently about two weeks for the preparation of the proposals. •Considering that the project is for the entire Ekurhuleni Region and all the WWTP run by ERWAT, the magnitude and importance of the project call for thorough thought processes for correct technical and financial proposals. We therefore request that you consider giving no less than 2 weeks of extension of the submission deadline from 14 October to 28 October 2025.	Admin	1. Extension granted new closing date - 24 October 2025 at 11h00
4	I am writing to formally request an extension for the submission of RFQ No. T36/09/25, titled "Appointment of a Service Provider for Project Preparation of Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment Systems Regionalization Programme for the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality." Atana is committed to submitting a comprehensive and competitive proposal; however, the current timelines present significant constraints. We would greatly appreciate your consideration of an extension to allow us to deliver our best possible submission. Additionally, we kindly request access to the presentation shared during the briefing session. To date, we have not received a link or email containing the presentation, and our attempts to locate it on the eTenders portal have been unsuccessful.	Technical	1. Extension granted new closing date - 24 October 2025 at 11h00 2. The Presentation was shared via email.
5	I trust you are well. Kindly assist us with sharing the following documents: 1.Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment Systems Regionalization and 50-year Master Plan 2.Waterval WCW - Concept & Viability (Preliminary Design) 3.Olifantsfontein WCW - Concept & Viability (Preliminary Design) 4.Vlakplaats WCW - Concept & Viability (Preliminary Design) 5.Ancor WCW - Concept & Viability (Preliminary Design) in progress 6.Welgedacht WCW - Concept & Viability (Preliminary Design) Completed, Design Development (Detail Design) in progress	Technical	The client can only share info for the plan see link below. The rest of the documents will be shared with the preferred bidder. 1. Master Plan for all plants - <u>Annexure A on Addendum</u> <u>The rest of the documents will be shared with the preferred bidder at contracting phase.</u>
6	Please be advised that we are in the process of completing the above-mentioned Bid submission therefore, we kindly request that the IDC grants bidders an extension as it will ensure we have sufficient time to compile relevant inputs required thus having precise information to mitigate risk and to ensure we meet the functionality requirements.	Admin	Extension granted new closing date - 24 October 2025 at 11h00
7	Please find below our queries in respect of the above mentioned Tender: 1.Geotech Studies: It was indicated at the Briefing Session that eKhuruleni would share a list indicating which projects require Geotech investigations (and which have completed Geotech investigations), please provide us with the said list. 2.Request for Extension of Submission Date We hereby request an extension of the tender submission date to 21 October at 11H00, to enable the service providers to partner with other firms to submit respond to the tender meaningfully. The current submission date of 13 October is not adequate given the extent of the tender.	Technical / Admin	1. <u>Is included in the link</u> 2. Extension granted new closing date - 24 October 2025 at 11h00
8	I would like to request an extension for Bid Number T36/09/25. We are still in the process of responding to the bid, and we see there wont be enough time to do the bid response.	Admin	Extension granted new closing date - 22 October 2025 at 11h00

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9	The above-mentioned RFP refers - we would like to request an extension to the submission date in order to ensure that the obligations requested in the RFP are appropriately addressed given the multi-disciplinary nature of the scope of work and consideration of responses to the technical queries. I hope that our request can be considered.	Admin	Extension granted new closing date - 24 October 2025 at 11h00
10	Subconsultant Experience: Will the experience of subconsultants be considered in the evaluation, or will only the experience of the main bidder or consortium/JV members be accepted?	Admin	Joint Venture (JV) or Consortium: In a formal JV or consortium, all members are considered partners and their experience and qualifications are combined for the evaluation. We will enter into a contract with the JV/consortium, all the members will be party to the contract. It is crucial to have a signed JV or consortium agreement in order to for the submission to be treated as such. Without this, the procurement will assume them to be subcontractors, and the experience of the prime contractor will be considered for evaluation. Subcontractor: A subcontractor is hired by the main bidder to perform a specific part of the project. The main bidder retains all the risk and responsibility for the project's execution. The experience of the subcontractor will not be factored into the evaluation of the bid. We will not be entering into an agreement with the subcontractor and as such we cannot use their experience to award a tender to a contractor.
11	Ongoing Projects: Can ongoing projects be submitted as part of the company's experience, or are only completed projects eligible?	Admin / Technical	Ongoing company experience can be submitted, but preference will be given to completed projects. Completed projects provide a clearer indication of the bidder's capacity and ability, as they show the project has been successfully concluded and reached financial closure.
12	JV/Consortium Scoring of Specific Goals: In the case of a joint venture or consortium, how will the scoring of specific goals be evaluated? Will it be done proportionally based on each member's contribution to the scope of work?	Admin	Yes, for a joint venture (JV) or consortium, the scoring of specific goals is typically done proportionally, based on each member's percentage of contribution as defined in their joint agreement. This approach is used to ensure a fair and equitable allocation of preference points and to reflect each partner's commitment.
13	Gap Analysis: Since full project documents will only be available post-award, can we include a clause allowing revision of pricing and scope once we access these documents to manage unforeseen workload?	Technical	The list of WWTW that requires EIA's and Geotechnical Investigations will be provided via addendum and a link for masterplan has been provided above in Q5. Therefore this deliverable is estimated at 4 weeks top for pricing purposes.
14	Funding Support: Will the successful bidder be required to support with the funding application post the bankable feasibility studies?	Technical	Yes, the preferred bidder will have to support the project sponsor in submission of the bankable feasibility to potential investors and attend to comments and input raised thereof.
15	Participation Duration: Will the successful bidder be part of the process up to Stage 6 of the project?	Technical	The participation of the preferred bidder for this process will only be limited to the SOW as issued by ISA. However any further participation will be outside ISA's mandate.
16	Participation Extent: Will the successful bidder be allowed to participate in the project implementation?	Technical	The participation of the preferred bidder for this process will only be limited to the SOW as issued by ISA. However any further participation will be outside ISA's mandate.
17	Gap Analysis: In terms of section 3.2.1 of the RFP, it is indicated that the information required to conduct the Gap Analysis will only be made available to the preferred bidder. However, we are required to provide pricing for the Gap Analysis at this stage, without having sight of the relevant documentation. Please confirm the number of hours that should be assumed for the purpose of preparing our pricing, as it is challenging to accurately cost the Gap Analysis without access to the documents to be reviewed and analysed	Technical	The list of WWTW that requires EIA's and Geotechnical Investigations will be provided via addendum and a link for masterplan has been provided above in Q5. Therefore this deliverable is estimated at 4 weeks top for pricing purposes.
18	Please provide clarification if bidders are involved in this phase, would we be excluded from any downstream work on detailed design, construction supervision, etc.?	Technical	No, that is not the case.
19	To what extent is the PSP anticipated to be involved in the implementation of the remediation plan emanating from the gap analysis - will there be external service providers who will be called upon to perform the work?	Technical	Preliminary Designs are already completed, the PSP will be required to review preliminary designs for purposes of completeness and to assess if the technology used in the designs is the most feasible.
20	The remediation plan and the further studies required will possibly impact the timeline prepared - how is it proposed that the PSP reflect this in the timeline	Technical	The estimated timelines are fixed, and further studies (to complete the technical gap) should not have an effect on the overall timeline for producing a bankable feasibility study because the works can be carried out in parallel.
21	Will the PSP be required to do the preliminary designs required as part of the technical feasibility or will these be performed by an external contractor	Technical	There will not be external service providers and the work should be completed in parallel with the TA work because the resources would be different and should not impact the timeline.