

NIPP requires that a contractor/supplier must contact the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) for contracts with any FGN component or content of USD 5 million or more to arrange for support and development of local businesses. Considering the estimated contract value, (the product being procured being subject to local content and production minimum threshold of 90% and the outcome of awarding to multiple manufacturers / suppliers, this requirement may not be applicable. Nonetheless, Eskom is required to inform the tenderers of this requirement.

The following narrative must be captured in all tenders that have import/foreign content equal to or in excess of USD 5 million:

“NIPP is a programme that seeks to leverage economic benefits and support the development of South African industry by effectively utilising the instrument of government procurement. The NIPP programme is mandatory for all government and parastatal purchases or lease contracts (goods and services) with an imported content equal to or exceeding USD 5 million.

“The programme targets South African and foreign industries, enterprises, and suppliers of goods and services to government/parastatals, where the imported content of such goods and services equals to or exceeds USD 5 million. The first customer of NIPP is the South African industry that benefits through the NIPP business plans, which, when implemented, generate new or additional business activities through one or more of the following: investment, export opportunities, job creation, increased local sales, SMME and BEE promotion, R&D, and technology transfer.

“Companies with an NIPP obligation must sign this obligation agreement with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (dtic) before the contract with Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd, as a purchasing entity, is signed. The obligation agreement governs the relationship between the dtic and the supplier. It defines the NIPP obligation value(s), requirements to fulfil the NIPP obligation, performance milestones, performance monitoring processes, and the NIPP credit allocation criteria.

“All tenders with an import content that is equal to or exceeds the threshold of USD 5 million compels the winning bidder to negotiate and enter into a NIPP obligation agreement with (the dtic) before signing the contract with Eskom.”.