



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM

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Dear Bidder

Subject Matter: Request for Quotation (RFQ) – For review, update and development of learning materials for SA Specialist programmes and accreditation of skills programmes with relevant SETAs

South African Tourism Board (SA Tourism) was established by section 2 of the Tourism Act, 1993 (Act No. 72 of 1993) and continues to exist in terms of section 9 of the Tourism Act, 2014 (Act No. 3 of 2014) as amended. SA Tourism is also Schedule 3 Part A public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999).

SA Tourism is mandated in terms of the Tourism Act to provide for, amongst others, the development and promotion of sustainable tourism for the benefit of the Republic, its residents and its visitors. It is common cause that tourism is a key strategic industry in terms of The National Development Plan and the National Tourism Sector Strategy as it supports governments' objectives to alleviate the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

Section 217 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, provides that goods and services must be contracted through a system that is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective and confers a constitutional right on every potential supplier to offer goods and services to the public sector when needed.

Having regard for the aforementioned SA Tourism is hereby extending an invitation to your firm, as part of an RFQ process, to submit a cost proposal for: **For review, update and development of learning materials for SA Specialist programmes and accreditation of skills programmes with relevant SETAs**

The SA Specialist programme is an interactive and free e-learning experience designed to improve learners knowledge of South Africa and equip them with the skills to sell South Africa as a tourist destination with the aims to educate advisors about the travel opportunities; in essence, learners become expert on South African travel, giving them the opportunity to market themselves as such and to improve the level of service you give to clients. The training content will talk to both trade who are part of the tourism value chain and travel channel.

The course offers 13 modules (they don't have to all be done by participants) and they are split into compulsory and elective modules. There are two courses:

- SA Specialist: Essentials (basic)
- SA Specialist: Experiences (advance)

When the participants completes the course, they receive a digitized certificate that is signed by the CEO of SAT

To this effect, SA Tourism wishes to procure the following:

Review, update content gaps needed for training and develop learner and facilitator guides including assessment tool for the skills programmes. The following are the proposed:

- Review the current content of SA Specialist online courses
- Update the content for the SA Specialist courses updating the identified content gaps
- Develop learner guides with assessments tools suitable for independent e-learning
- Provide a material suitable for utilization for online platform
- Benchmark the training material international Travel Specialist Program.

The Scope of the project are as follows:

1. Collaborate with SA Tourism to design and develop Learner, Assessment and assessment guides for independent learning
2. Align and accredit skills programmes with SETAs;
3. Suggest various online platform to host the programme
4. Provide on-site mentoring (site visits) to ensure transfer of skills.

1. Format of proposal

- 1.1 Bidders must complete and return all the necessary standard bidding documents (SBD's) attached to this request with technical and financial proposals.
- 1.2 Bidders are advised that their proposals should be concise, written in plain English and simply presented in the same order as indicated below:

- (a) Cover letter introducing your firm and credentials, capacity, capability and experience for this assignment;
- (b) National Treasury Centralized Supplier Database (CSD) registration summary report with a valid tax status;
- (c) Valid certified copy of B-BBEE certificate;
- (d) Bidders must have specific experience and submit at least three recent references (in a form of written proof(s) on their client's letterhead including relevant contact person(s), office telephone & fax number, website and email address) where similar work were undertaken.
- (e) Overview of the methodology your firm will apply for this assignment;
- (f) Project/assignment approach and plan which outlines the activities to be undertaken during the process;
- (g) Outline of the qualifications and related experience of the proposed resources that will be assigned to the matter;
- (h) Financial proposal to deliver the assignment including any other cost SA Tourism should be aware of for the successful completion of the assignment;
- (i) Declaration of Interest – SBD 4;
- (j) Preference Point Claim Form – SBD 6.1;

2 Cost structure and project plan:

- 2.1 Bidders must submit the total bid price for the assignment based on the skills, resources and time allocated in providing the services.

- 2.2 Bidders should also propose innovation in their technical proposals to keep the cost to a minimum where SA Tourism will still benefit from the best possible qualitative outcome. SA Tourism reserves the right to request additional information or clarity on cost proposals prior to the evaluation thereof.

3 Evaluation Method

- 3.1 The evaluation process of bids will comprise of the following phases:

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Administration and Mandatory bid requirements	Functionality	Price and B-BBEE
Compliance with administration and mandatory bid requirements.	Bids will be evaluated in terms of functionality.	(a) The bidders that have successfully progressed through to Phase 2 will be evaluated in accordance with the 80/20 preference point system contemplated in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (b) 80 points will be awarded for price while 20 points will be allocated for preference points for BBEE as prescribed in the regulations.

- 3.2 Points awarded for functionality:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	Rating					Weight
	1	2	3	4	5	
The Bids will be evaluated on a scale of 1 – 5 in accordance with the criteria below. The rating will be as follows: 1 = Very poor, 2 = Poor, 3 = Good, 4 = Very good, 5 = Excellent						
Bidders relevant experience to the assignment specifically demonstrating capacity and capability pertaining to develop e-learning materials for skills programmes in the tourism and hospitality sector. 2 years up to 3 = 2 3 years up to 5 = 3 + 5 years up to 7 = 4 more than 7 years = 5					40	
Company track record: The bidder is required to provide three (3) contactable client references where its services can be verified. References should be presented in a form of a written letter on an official letterhead from clients where similar services have been provided and should not be older than seven (3) years. No appointment letters from clients will be accepted as reference letters.					20	

Expertise and experience of proposed facilitator to be assigned to this project:	
Proven experience of proposed resources to be deployed to the project. Detailed CV of resources must be submitted.	40
Number of years' experience of developing learning materials:	
2 years up to 3 = 2	
3 years up to 5 = 3	
+ 5 years up to 7 = 4	100
more than 7 years = 5	
TOTAL POINTS FOR FUNCTIONALITY	
A threshold of 60% is applicable.	

“functionality” means the measurement according to predetermined norms, as set out in the bid documents, of a service or commodity that is designed to be practical and useful, working or operating, considering, among other factors, the quality, reliability, viability and durability of a service and the technical capacity and ability of a bidder.

- I. Bids will be evaluated strictly according to the bid evaluation criteria stipulated in this section.
- II. Bidders must, as part of their bid documents, submit supportive documentation for all functional requirements. The official responsible for scoring the respective bids will evaluate and score all bids based on bid submissions and the information provided.
- III. The score for functionality will be calculated in terms of the 1 - 5 rating scale as shown in the functionality criteria matrix under paragraph 4.2.
- IV. The value scored for each criterion will be multiplied with the specified weighting for the relevant criterion to obtain the marks scored for each criterion. These scores will be added and expressed as a fraction of the best possible score for all criteria.
- V. The points for functionality and the points for B-BBEE level of contribution will be added together and the proposal from the bidder which meets the highest score will be deemed the preferred proposal.

4. **Awarding of Points for Price and Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment**

The bidders that have successfully progressed through to Phase 3 (bidders who meet the minimum threshold for the functionality of (60%) will be evaluated in accordance with the 80/20 preference point system contemplated in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2017.

80 points will be awarded for price while 20 points will be allocated for preference points for BBEE as prescribed in the regulations.

Points for B-BBEE level of contribution will be awarded in accordance with the below table: -

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6

7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

5. **Adjudication and Final Award of Bid**

The successful bidder will usually be the service provider scoring the highest number of points for comparative price and BBEE level of contribution or it may be a lower scoring bid on justifiable grounds or no award at all.

6. **National Treasury Centralized Supplier Registration and B-BBEE Certificates**

6.1 All bid submissions must include a copy of successful registration on National Treasury's Centralized Supplier Database (CSD) with a valid tax clearance status and an original or certified copy of a B-BBEE verification certificate (if you have been assessed).

6.2 Proposals which do not include these documents will not be considered.

7. **Deadline for submission**

All proposals must be e-mailed, in PDF format, to quotes@southafrica.net no later than **12H00 on Friday, 17 June 2022** and should remain valid for at least 45 days after the closing date.

8. **Confidentiality**

The request for a technical and cost proposal and all related information shall be held in strict confidence by bidders and usage of such information shall be limited to the preparation of the bid. All bidders are bound by a confidentiality agreement preventing the unauthorized disclosure of any information regarding SA Tourism or of its activities to any other organization or individual. The bidders may not disclose any information, documentation or products to other clients without written approval of SA Tourism.

9. **Terms of engagement**

Prior to commencing with the assignment, the successful bidder will be required to meet with the SA Tourism's Head of Risk to finalize the statement of work (SOW) and criteria for approval.

10. **Payments**

10.1 No advance payments will be made in respect of this assignment. Payments shall be made in terms of the deliverables as agreed upon and shall be made strictly in accordance with the prescripts of the PFMA (Public Finance Management Act, 1999. Act 1 of 1999).

10.2 The successful bidder shall after completion of the contract, invoice SA Tourism for the services rendered. No payment will be made to the successful bidder unless an invoice complying with section 20 of VAT Act No 89 of 1991 has been submitted to SA Tourism.

10.3 Payment shall be made into the bidder's bank account normally 30 days after receipt of an acceptable, valid Invoice.

11. **Non-compliance with delivery terms**

The successful bidder must ensure that the work is confined to the scope as defined and agreed to. As soon as it becomes known to the bidder that they will not be able to deliver the services within the delivery period and/or against the quoted price and/or as specified, SA Tourism's Head of Risk Management must be given immediate written notice to this effect.

12. Retention

Upon completion of the assignment and / or termination of the agreement, the successful bidder shall on demand hand over to SA Tourism's Head of Risk Management all documentation, information, etc... relevant to the assignment without the right of retention.

13. Cost

The bidder will bear all the costs associated with the preparation of the response and no costs or expenses incurred by the bidder will be borne by SA Tourism.

14. Cancellation of the request for a technical and cost proposal

SA Tourism may, prior to the award of the bid, have the right to cancel the bid if:

- (a) Due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the service; or
- (b) Funds are no longer available to cover the part and/or total envisaged expenditure; or
- (c) No acceptable bids are received.

SA Tourism reserves the right to withdraw this request for technical and cost proposals, to amend the term or to postpone this work by email notice to all parties who have received this request.

14. Clarification

Any clarification required by a bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of the Terms of Reference, or any other aspect concerning this request for technical and cost proposals, is to be requested in writing from the Sourcing Specialist

Thanking you and looking forward to your proposal in this regard.

Yours in Tourism