



SARAO

South African Radio
Astronomy Observatory

BID REFERENCE: NRF/SARAO SNET/07/2021-22

**APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR TO DESIGN AND INCREASE CAPACITY OF
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BID INVITATION NOTICE

The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory ('SARAO') hereby invites submissions for the following tender -

Bid Number	Bid Description	CIDB Grading	Bid Closing Date and Time
NRF/SARAO SNET/07/2021-22	APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR TO DESIGN AND INCREASE CAPACITY OF THE LONG-HAUL FIBRE FROM THE EXISTING FIBRE LINK IN CARNARVON POINT OF PRESENT (POP) TO SKA SITE IN NORTHERN CAPE AND PROVIDE FIBRE DROP-OFFS TO NEW SITES	It is estimated that contractors must have a CIDB contractor grading designation of 4EP or higher ¹	6 September 2021 at 11.00AM

A compulsory virtual bid clarification meeting (using the Zoom Application), will be held as detailed below:

Bid Clarification Meeting

Date: Monday, 23 August 2021

Time: 10.00 AM

¹Potentially emerging contractors who satisfy criteria stated in the Tender Data may submit tender offers

Details: To register in advance for the briefing session, click on the following link: <https://ska.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vcu2orTlHd3MIYQGKNSURPN0o0EgcsZs>
After registering, bidders will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Persons attending the clarification meeting must be duly authorised to represent the bidder. Persons arriving more than 15 minutes after the commencement of the meeting will not be admitted into the meeting room and will be deemed to have not attended the meeting and as such, will be precluded from submitting a bid. Any bid submitted by a bidder not represented at the clarification meeting will be rejected.

BID SUBMISSION

Electronic submissions must be sent to tenders@ska.ac.za on the closing date, **Monday, 6 September 2021 at 11.00AM.**

Bids must be submitted in two separate electronic folders, one with the compliance and technical response, and the second with the financial response. Technical submissions must be in searchable PDF format.

The financial response must be password protected. Folders must be titled with the bidder's company name and folder title. Attachments are limited to 25 MB per email.

Bidders are to send an email to tenders@ska.ac.za post submission, with their passwords and to confirm that their bids have been received, and this will be confirmed by SARAo by return of email.

The bid documentation may be accessed on the SARAo website: <http://www.sarao.ac.za/tenders/>, or the National Treasury E-tenders portal: <http://www.etenders.gov.za>

Late submissions will not be accepted.

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