

Request For Information (RFI)

RFI Name: Supply, Installation and Maintenance Support of a Solar Energy Solution for the PPECB Head Office

RFI Number: RFI/HC/SOLAR-E/2025/06

Date of Issue	24 June 2025
Closing Date & Time	09 July 2025 @16h00

Responses to be submitted to:
SiyasangaK@ppecb.com on or before 09 July 2025 at 16h00.



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1 INVITATION

Bidders are invited to submit responses to this request for information for the supply, installation and maintenance of a solar energy solution and the intended duration is for five (5) years with an option to renew for two (2) years.

This RFI is a stand-alone information gathering and market-testing exercise, intended only to inform and assist PPECB's further deliberation and development of a specification for the competitive tender process and/or Request for Quotation.

PPECB aims to obtain indicative prices, timelines as well as information regarding different solutions offered by the market. Respondents are required to provide documentation detailing their different offerings around functionality, indicative pricing, and requirements to assist the PPECB.

Below are the guidelines for response:

- Indicative prices of the solution/service offered. This is an all-inclusive price of all the required items/services to be charged.
- The bidder must submit all compliance documentation i.e., Valid Tax Clearance Certificate or Pin, Valid BEE Certificate or EME/QSE Affidavit and Proof of CSD Registration.
- The bidder should submit all information relating to experience in implementing similar scope of works i.e, Supply, installation and maintenance of the solar energy solution.
- Submission of a detailed proposal of the work plan on how the bidder intends to render the services.
- The bidder must demonstrate the capability to perform effective solar energy powered solutions and maintenance services in accordance with legal and statutory requirements.
- Conduct a mandatory site visit to assess the PPECB Head Office building and requirements to effectively and efficiently produce the required solar energy solution.
- Interested service providers are requested to do site visit on the following address: **45 Silwerboom Ave, Platteklouf, Cape Town, 7500**
- **The site visit date will be on Tuesday, 01 July between 10H00-11H00 and 14H00-15H00.**
- You are urged to ensure that all accompanying information in your submission and documentation is sufficiently clear, and all documentation completed and incorporated in your submission at the time of submission. Nonadherence to this will prejudice and may disqualify your offer from further consideration. Your RFI submission should have a thorough index and reference all documentation submitted.

2 SCOPE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Bidders are invited to submit responses to this request for information for the supply, installation and maintenance of a solar energy solution and the intended duration is for five (5) years with an option to renew for two (2) years.

The PPECB is a Schedule 3A entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999. The PPECB is established in terms of Section 2 of the Perishable Products Export Control Act 9 of 1983. The main purpose of the PPECB is to promote the orderly, efficient, and sustainable export of perishable products from South Africa. The PPECB manages and monitors the cold chain for the export of perishable products from South Africa. The PPECB operates under two mandates, namely the Agricultural Products Standards Act and the Perishable Products Standards Act 9 of 1983.

The main operational activities of the PPECB are;

1. Quality and Phyto Inspections.
2. Export Certification
3. Cold Chain Services
4. Food Safety Services

Background

The solar energy system installation and maintenance is to supply the PPECB head office with an electrical system that scales to a 90-10 percentage solution with 90 percent being solar powered and 10 percent as an Eskom powered backup to recharge the inverters and batteries in case of insufficient sunlight.

The proposed system needs to ensure the PPECB head office will always have the capacity to power the entire building and have the capability to switch to the Eskom solution if the battery reserves run down to the minimum of 10 percent in order to assist the recharge of the solar energy system.

Scope of work

This must include but not be limited to the following:

- Provide maintenance and support services to assist with repairs and any faults relating to the solar equipment installed, within a 24-hour minimum period from notification by the PPECB.
- Installation of superior equipment (Hardware, and software if needed) to ensure the energy solution operates efficiently.

3 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The installed solar energy system should provide but not limited to:

- A switchover contactor from solar power to municipal power should the batteries run low on generated solar power.
- Have the capability to display the battery life via a digital reader.
- Provide maintenance and support of the system for the duration of contract period 5 years (60 months) with a possible extension of a further 2 years (24 months).
- Installation of electrical points if necessary to power any devices, equipment or hardware etc.
- Project sign-off certificate.

4.1 Installations

Installation of the solar energy solution, all power points, hardware and other related accessories required for successful commissioning of the solar energy system.

Hardware specification

A site visit is mandatory to determine the requirements to install and mount any necessary solar equipment.

Specifications should include, but is not limited to the following:

- 3 x 12Kva Sunsynk 3 phase Hybrid Inverters
- 3 x 15.96 Kwh Sunsynk Batteries
- 80 x 605w Canadian Mono Solar Panels
- All relevant switchgear to assist with load management and surge arrest
- All relevant cables and hardware for connectivity
- SSEG and COC certification and registration to be included

Delivery Address:

45 Silwerboom Avenue

Platteklouf,

Cape Town

7500

BELOW ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSE:

The bidder must submit all compliance documentation i.e., Valid Tax Clearance Certificate or Pin, Valid BEE Certificate or EME/QSE Affidavit and Proof of CSD Registration.

Submission of a detailed proposal of the work plan on how the bidder intends to render the services. You are urged to ensure that all accompanying information in your submission and documentation is sufficiently clear, and all documentation completed and incorporated in your submission at the time of submission. Your RFI submission should have a thorough index and reference all documentation submitted.

4 COMMUNICATION

Queries regarding this RFI must be submitted to SiyasangaK@ppecb.com . The latest date for the receipt of queries is 5 calendar days prior to the closing date for submissions.

5 CLOSING DATE

Responses must be submitted not later than the closing date and must be emailed to SiyasangaK@ppecb.com . It is the responsibility of each Bidder to ensure that all documents are submitted in time.

It is not contemplated that the closing date for the RFI responses will be extended under any circumstances.

6 IMPORTANT NOTICE

The information in this document is preliminary only and will be superseded by the RFP. The information provided is offered in good faith for the guidance of Bidders, but no warranty or representation is given as to the accuracy or completeness of any of it and PPECB shall not be under any liability for any error, misstatement or omission.

All costs incurred by Bidders in respect of this competition must be borne by them. The PPECB shall bear no liability whatsoever to anyone whether participating in this competition or not and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not be liable for any costs or losses incurred howsoever arising in connection with the competition including, without limitation, any loss of profit or other economic loss incurred.

None of the information contained here shall constitute a Contract or part of a Contract between PPECB and any Bidder. The PPECB reserves the right not to follow up this RFI in any way and/or to change the tender procedure in whole or in part and/or terminate discussions at any time. The PPECB shall not be obliged to enter into a Contract with any Bidder. No legal relationship or other obligation shall arise between the Bidder and PPECB unless and until the Contract has been formally executed in writing by PPECB and the successful Tenderer and any conditions precedent to the effectiveness of such documents have been fulfilled.

The PPECB reserves the right to amend this RFI, its requirements and any information contained herein at any time by notice, in writing, to the Bidders.

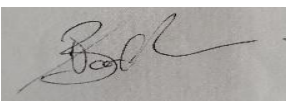
Nothing contained in this RFI is, or shall be relied upon as, a representation of fact or promise as to the future. Any summaries or descriptions of documents or contractual arrangements contained in any part of this RFI cannot be and are not intended to be comprehensive.

7 BID SUBMISSION

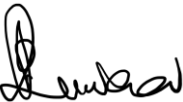
All submissions must be submitted via email to SiyasangaK@ppecb.com or submitted electronically via Microsoft One Drive and shared with this email address: SiyasangaK@ppecb.com. All submissions must be referenced **RFI/HC/SOLAR-E/2025/06**.

SPECIFICATION APPROVAL

Closing Date: 09 July 2025

Specification Expert: ... 

Date: ...23.06.2025.....

Executive: 

Date: 24/06/2025

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	RFI/HC/SOLAR-E/2025-06	CLOSING DATE:	09 July 2025	CLOSING TIME:	16:00am
DESCRIPTION	Supply, Installation and Maintenance Support for a Solar Energy Solution for the PPECB Head Office				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
SiyasangaK@ppecb.com					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Siyasanga Kotshobe		CONTACT PERSON	Shieraaj Bardien	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	021 930-1134		TELEPHONE NUMBER	021 930-1134	
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Siyasangak@ppecb.com		E-MAIL ADDRESS	ShieraajB@ppecb.com	
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:

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- 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 **To be completed by the organ of state**

(delete whichever is not applicable for this tender).

a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

1.4 **To be completed by the organ of state:**

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“tender”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) **“price”** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) **“tender for income-generating contracts”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) **“the Act”** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)} \end{array}$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

3.2. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\
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 \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)}
 \end{array}$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
Pt = Price of tender under consideration
Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:
- 4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
 - (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
 - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,
then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.)

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender		Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	
1	Small business including EMEs or QSEs;	Proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor, specifically in line with the respective Sector Codes which the company operates - SANAS Approved certificate or Commissioned affidavit or Annual Financial Statements	Total Points: 20 EME = 20 QSE = 20 Enterprises with turnover above R50m = 5	
Total Specific Goals			20	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name of company/firm.....

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One-person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Public Company
- ☐ Personal Liability Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited
- ☐ Non-Profit Company
- ☐ State Owned Company

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I 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 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;

iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

- (a) disqualify the person from the tendering 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 tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted 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, if deemed necessary.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)	
SURNAME AND NAME:	
DATE:	
ADDRESS:	
	
	
	

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of institution	State

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship

¹ the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3 DECLARATION

I, _____ the _____ undersigned,
 (name)..... in
 submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following
 statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 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 consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring

² 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.

institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

- 3.6 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.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature Date

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Position Name of bidder