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Department:
Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

INVITATION TO BID

BID NUMBER: DFFE-T060 (22/23)

THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO DEVELOP AND TEST A SOUTH AFRICAN BIOTRADE CERTIFICATION SCHEME STANDARD THAT SAFEGUARDS BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE WITHIN BIOTRADE VALUE CHAINS AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING (ABS), AND THE DRAFT NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY STRATEGY (NBES), AS PART OF THE UNDP/GEF 6 PROJECT FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS.

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NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Company name	Supplier registration number	Unique reference number	
			Main contractor
			Sub-contracted/ joint venture comp 1
			Sub-contracted/ joint venture comp 2

CLOSING DATE OF THE BID: 24 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 11H00

Non-compulsory briefing session will be held as follows:

Date: 04 October 2022

Time: 10H00 – 12H00

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	DFFE-T060 (22/23)	CLOSING DATE:	24 NOVEMBER 2022	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO DEVELOP AND TEST A SOUTH AFRICAN BIOTRADE CERTIFICATION SCHEME STANDARD THAT SAFEGUARDS BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE WITHIN BIOTRADE VALUE CHAINS AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING (ABS), AND THE DRAFT NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY STRATEGY (NBES), AS PART OF THE UNDP/GEF 6 PROJECT FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY- FOUR (24) MONTHS.				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
Department of Environmental Affairs; The Environment House,					
473 Steve Biko Road; Cnr Soutpansberg and Steve Biko Road, Arcadia Pretoria /Tshwane					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Tenders@dffe.gov.za		CONTACT PERSON	Ms Preshanthie Naicker	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 399 9892		TELEPHONE NUMBER	(012) 399 9616	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A	
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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 PART B:3]	
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 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:

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER:	BID NO: DFFE-T060 (22/23)
CLOSING TIME 11h00	CLOSING DATE: 24 NOVEMBER 2022

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR120.....DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

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**(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.
2. Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project. R.....
3. PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)
4. PERSON AND POSITION

	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE
.....	R.....	
.....	R.....	
.....	R.....	
.....	R.....	
.....	R.....	
5. PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT

.....	R.....	 days
.....	R.....	 days
.....	R.....	 days
.....	R.....	 days
- 5.1 Travel expenses (specify, for example rate/km and total km, class of airtravel, etc). Only actual costs are recoverable. Proof of the expenses incurred must accompany certified invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
.....			R.....
.....			R.....
.....			R.....
.....			R.....

TOTAL: R.....

Name of Bidder:

** "all applicable taxes" includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance contributions and skills development levies.

- 5.2 Other expenses, for example accommodation (specify, eg. Three star hotel, bed and breakfast, telephone cost, reproduction cost, etc.). On basis of these particulars, certified invoices will be checked for correctness. Proof of the expenses must accompany invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
.....			R.....
.....			R.....
.....			R.....
.....			R.....
TOTAL: R.....			

6. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid
7. Estimated man-days for completion of project
8. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract? *YES/NO
9. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.
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*[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]

Any enquiries regarding bidding procedures may be directed to the –

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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 State institution

- 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:

.....

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.

.....
Signature Date

.....
Position Name of bidder

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

- 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).

1.21.2

a) The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means:
 - 1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
 - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
 - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) **“QSE”** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (j) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

80/20 or 90/10

Where

- P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration
- P_t = Price of bid under consideration
- $P_{\min}$ = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

- 4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5. BID DECLARATION

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . = maximum 20 points

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(Tick applicable box)

YES	☐	NO	☐
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted %

ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....

iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....

iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(Tick applicable box)

YES	☐	NO	☐
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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		

Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
☐ One person business/sole propriety
☐ Close corporation
☐ Company
☐ (Pty) Limited
 [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Manufacturer
☐ Supplier
☐ Professional service provider
☐ Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
 [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we 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 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;

- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding 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 bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury 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.

WITNESSES

1.
2.

.....
SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS

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THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (DFFE) AS AN ORGAN OF STATE SUBSCRIBES TO AND PROPAGATES BOTH THE NOTION OF BROAD BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ACT (Act No. 23 of 2003) (BBBEE), THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000) AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO DEVELOP AND TEST A SOUTH AFRICAN BIOTRADE CERTIFICATION SCHEME STANDARD THAT SAFEGUARDS BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE WITHIN BIOTRADE VALUE CHAINS AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING (ABS), AND THE DRAFT NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY STRATEGY (NBES), AS PART OF THE UNDP/GEF 6 PROJECT FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY- FOUR (24) MONTHS.

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To appoint a service provider to develop and test a South African Biotrade certification scheme inclusive of a standard with a view to safeguarding biodiversity conservation and sustainable use within Biotrade value chains, and in compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS), and the draft National Biodiversity Economy Strategy (NBES), for a period of 24 months.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The South African Government, through the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme-Country Office, applied for financial support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) 6 funding window, for the project aligned to achieving the objectives of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, and the draft National Biodiversity Economy Strategy (NBES), titled: “Development of Value Chains for Products derived from Genetic Resources in Compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and the draft National Biodiversity Economy Strategy”.
- 2.2 The project is comprehensive with one of its outputs included in the above-mentioned project titled: “A Biotrade certification system for South Africa is developed in view of safeguarding biodiversity conservation within bioprospecting value chains”. This output, co-managed by the DFFE Project Management Unit (PMU) and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), is required because South Africa does not currently have a Biotrade certification system in place.
- 2.3 Certification schemes increasingly play important roles in internalising global environmental benefits (GEBs) requirements into value chains. This includes internalizing within day-to-day operations best practices relating to responsible biodiversity conservation practices, sustainable value chain practices and fair and equitable trade practices across natural resource value chains. It also communicates sustainability messages to end consumers.
- 2.4 Successful certification schemes are premised on a scientifically founded and market-based set of indicators. These indicators enable measurement and auditing of value chain practices against criteria such as best conservation practices, fair and ethical business practices, and equitable trade practices. These indicators are captured within a formal standard, accompanied by implementation guidelines.
- 2.5 A suitable bioprospecting standard and certification system would provide a transparent mechanism for promoting biodiversity conservation, fair trade, and product differentiation, across the value chain. These are all critical aspects required to unlocking the full potential of the Biotrade value chain.
- 2.6 The development of such a system has been affirmed in the draft NBES. Work needs to be done to formalise these sustainability indicators and associated best practice, guidelines, and legal obligations into a suitable Standard. This requires a formalised consultation and development

process. Thus, through co-management, the DFFE and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) seek the support of a service provider to:

- a) Develop a National Biotrade certification scheme with a focus on a standard that safeguards biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in biotrade value chains, and comprising indicators and implementation guidelines, appropriate for South Africa with consideration of self-regulation by industry.
- b) Develop and complete a certification test case in line with developed Bio-trade Standard.
- c) Undertake resource assessments and Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs) for three (3) selected species, to support the development of the bio-trade certification standard.

3. OBJECTIVES

The assignment involves achieving the following objectives:

- 3.1 Develop and test a National Biotrade certification scheme with standard that focuses on safeguarding biodiversity conservation and promoting sustainable use in Biotrade value chains and comprising indicators and implementation guidelines.

4. SCOPE AND EXTENT OF WORK

The successful Service Provider will report to both DFFE and SANBI on the following scope of work:

- 4.1 At the start of the project, the successful service provider must convene an inception meeting.
- 4.2 Review available data and literature towards developing a National Biotrade Certification Scheme with Standard that focuses on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (CSU). Activities include:
 - a) Integrating findings from the SA-EU Policy dialogue which focuses on developing a Biotrade standard framework for this assignment (ToR for that project attached as an annexure), based on certification schemes adopted in European Union (EU) markets.
 - b) Global review of CSU elements of standards of certification schemes, including but not limited to those used within South Africa. Questions that should be answered include:
 - How robust and useful are existing standards in ensuring sustainable resource extraction and in delivering conservation benefits?
 - What are the CSU elements of the standard?
 - How is compliance assessed? How is sustainability addressed?
 - How has science informed the design of the CSU elements in standards?
 - How useful and relevant are the indicators?

- Can the standards be improved, and if so, how? This step will require an international trip to discuss key elements with relevant international organisations/bodies/schemes.
- c) Consultations should be conducted with existing certification schemes that include CSU considerations, both in South Africa and internationally.
- Consultations with key certification bodies must be undertaken to obtain information on relevant principles, performance indicators and weightings in respect of CSU.
- d) Review models for certification schemes that deliver on CSU. Questions that should be answered include:
- How do they operate?
 - What is the source of scientific inputs?
 - Who are the broad decision maker's designers, standard owners, managers, subscribers, auditors, marketers?
 - What are the perceived and real benefits?
 - What are the costs of compliance?
 - What is actually delivered in relation to CSU?" etc.
- e) The review should learn from existing certification schemes, elaborating on the following:
- Effectiveness of delivery on CSU objectives
 - Intended direct and indirect impacts
 - Measurability of impact(s)
 - Documented impacts
 - Architecture of operational model
 - Cost of compliance
 - Flows of responsibilities
 - Ownership and subscription
 - Intended market for brand
- f) Analyse the South African Biotrade sector in relation to the establishing and implementing of a certification scheme with standard that delivers on CSU. To effectively assess the scope of the certification with standard model for South Africa (see 2. below), analysis of the complexity of the national Biotrade value chain landscape is required. This includes, but is not limited to understanding the following complexity:
- Diversity of land tenure and land classifications
 - Diversity of access considerations relating to resource ownership

- Diversity of regulations affecting different biotrade species (E.g., BABS, TOPS, CITES, Provincial legislation and ordinances, IKS Protection Act)
 - Diversity of approach to sourcing species (cultivation vs wild harvested)
 - Diversity of value chains at different levels of organisation and capacity to engage with certification (i.e., establish certification readiness of various sub-sectors)
 - Diversity of industry support and organisation
 - Diversity of technical support available
 - Diversity of literature, guidelines, indigenous biotrade resource management knowledge, tools, and plans
 - Diversity in size of enterprises and financial resources of stakeholders in value chains
- g) Undertake national Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs) for three key Biotrade species (namely Honeybush (both *Cyclopia subternata* and *C. intermedia*) and Rooibos)). The NDF methodology used must be that of the South African Scientific Authority. The NDFs should identify key risks to the sustainable use of particular plant taxa (and potentially ecosystem resilience), to inform on, which risk factors need be addressed through the South African Biotrade Certification Scheme. Specifically, this would entail the following key activities for each species:
- Collate all existing information on species and their utilization/trade, with particular emphasis on the biology and conservation status of the species, as well as the management regime impacting on the species including aspects of harvest management, harvest control, harvest monitoring, incentives and benefits related to harvesting, and protection from harvest.
 - Identify all relevant stakeholders and role players in the specific species' industry, national government, relevant provincial Management Authorities (including scientific, resource management and law enforcement & compliance officials), research organizations/institutions, and non-governmental organizations, as well as affected landowners and community leaders.
 - Convene a one-day NDF workshop with identified stakeholders and role players at an appropriate venue in the appropriate province.
 - Based on gaps identified, conduct up to five field visits to source additional information from stakeholders and role players.
 - Canvass comments and inputs from all stakeholders and role players on a draft NDF.
 - Submit a draft NDF with key recommendations for review by relevant authorities (to be selected by SANBI/DFFE).
 - Amend the draft NDF in accordance with recommendations made by the reviewers.
 - Amend the NDF in accordance with broader inputs received, in cases where consultation extends beyond stakeholders.

- Present the final NDF at an appropriate platform.
- Finalize the NDF in accordance with decisions made by SANBI/DFFE.

NB: The species to be assessed under the NDF are not necessarily the focal/test species for the certification model.

- h) Undertake national resource assessments of three key Biotrade species (namely Honeybush (both *Cyclopia subternata* and *C. intermedia*), and Rooibos). Specifically, this would entail the following key activities for each species:
 - Determine and map the current distribution of the species in the country.
 - Undertake field surveys to estimate and map the relative abundance/density of plants and subpopulation size structures within the area of occurrence.
 - Determine what proportion of the population occurs on privately owned land, on state land and in communal areas, and map this.
 - Determine what proportion of the population that occurs in conservation areas, and map this.
 - Determine the impacts of harvesting on the resource base and associated ecological systems, and map this across the range.
 - Note and quantify any other potential threats impacting on sub-populations.
 - Process and analyse the field data to provide a written report, with maps.
 - Design a monitoring programme to monitor and evaluate the trends in the resource base and harvesting impacts.
- i) Develop an inventory of existing management tools linked to the conservation and sustainable use of South African traded species, which could support a CSU standard and related certification processes. These would include, but are not limited to:
 - Non-Detriment Findings
 - Resource assessments at different scales
 - Biodiversity Management Plans
 - Monitoring and evaluation plans and activities
 - Sustainable Harvesting Guidelines etc.
 - Farm plans
 - Extraction plans
 - Conservation assessments (IUCN system)
 - CITES appendix listings
 - TOPS listing

- Provincial conservation ordinances

- 4.3 Develop an operational certification model for a National Biotrade Certification Scheme with Standard that focuses on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (CSU). It is intended that the model devised should optimise the sustainable utilisation of particular traded species and their environment in South Africa, to promote ecosystem resilience.
- 4.4 As stated, it is intended that the certification model devised should optimise the sustainable utilisation of particular traded species and their environment in South Africa. This should be done through the use of the CSU standard (developed below). The service provider must determine a suitable scale of the scheme based on analyses conducted and propose a prioritised model. The prioritisation process should be clearly described.
- 4.5 The scheme should be designed in a way that promotes/incentivises/supports the following:
- Increased self-regulation by industry
 - High ease and reduced cost of doing business,
 - Increased likelihood of access to funding to promote business development
 - Improved outcomes of engagement with permitting authorities.
 - Accessibility by new entrants (including SMME's) to the sector.
 - Increased species and ecosystem resilience through the CSU standard
 - Biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, including through ABS
 - Compliance with South African Bioprospecting/Biotrade Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) legislation, regulations, and the Nagoya Protocol on ABS
 - The work of the National Focal Point on ABS, especially in relation to CSU.
 - The conservation imperative of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS and United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
 - The Draft Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
 - South Africa as a pioneering case study, to identify how best the gap between Convention on Biological Diversity principles and biotrade businesses can be closed.
- 4.6 The scheme must be practical and implementable within the South African Biotrade landscape. As such, extensive consultations are required with industry stakeholders across value chains to maximise buy-in, ownership and uptake of the model. Potential stakeholders would include the following:
- Industry associations
 - Bio resource owners
 - Sub-sector (often species-specific) forums and communities of practice or Working Groups
 - Community/farmer forums

- e) Processors
- f) Harvesters
- g) Exporters
- h) Government departments (DFFE, SANBI, provincial governments and conservation agencies, etc.)
- i) Private sector (e.g., investment banks, NGO's)

4.7 A conservation and sustainable use Biotrade standard must be developed that complements the objectives of the scheme as developed above. It needs to integrate findings from the SA-EU Policy dialogue which focuses on developing a Biotrade standard framework for this assignment (Attached as an annexure), based on certification schemes adopted in EU markets. The developed standard must comprise of indicators and implementation guidelines appropriate for South Africa and, where possible, international value chains, with consideration of the opportunity for increased self-regulation by industry. The standard should:

- a) Identify and align with international best CSU practises
- b) Support the BABS Permit application process and generation of the Internationally Recognised Certificate of Compliance (IRCC)
- c) Be informed by NDF's, as well as resource assessments at a national level
- d) Support the conservation and sustainable use of traded species, and improve ecosystem resilience
- e) Improve monitoring and evaluation of traded resources and their environment
- f) Support the sustainable development of Biotrade value chains

4.8 Design and conduct a certification test case, and informed by this, finalise the Biotrade certification scheme

- a) Design and complete a certification test case, assess, and provide recommendations for improvements of the Standard and the scheme.
 - Create partnerships with key industry stakeholders
 - Post implementation of scheme with standard, assess through a series of workshops and consultations with identified participants and stakeholders
 - Determine the cost implications for a host to establish, maintain and implement the certification scheme
 - Determine the cost of compliance with the standard by various sub-sector players.
 - Identify limitations or gaps in the standard and scheme and revise accordingly.
 - Establish a monitoring and evaluation programme for ABS and conservation and sustainable use outcomes in relation to the standard.

- 4.9 Provide recommendations on how lessons learnt can be translated to Global Environmental Benefits (GEB)
- a) This should link to consultations conducted under 1b to provide feedback on results, outputs and share lessons learnt.
 - b) Feedback should support improved CSU outcomes on a global level.
- 4.10 The implementation of the above-mentioned project objectives must include consultation with interested and affected stakeholders, and key organisations having related standards (both nationally and internationally).
- 4.11 The service provider must provide secretariat functions for all meetings convened for the project.
- 4.12 The service provider must accommodate for the review of milestone deliverables between the Projects Managers at the DFFE and SANBI.
- 4.13 The service provider must work closely with the Project Manager to finalise and sign-off the close-off report.

5. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES / OUTCOMES

The following deliverables are expected for the duration of the project:

- 5.1 Project Inception Report with project plan.
- 5.2 Stakeholder Management Strategy.
- 5.3 Global and National Landscape Review Scoping Reports.
- 5.4 NDF reports for three selected species in draft, and final form.
- 5.5 Resource assessments for three selected species in draft, and final form, each with monitoring and evaluation plans.
- 5.6 Draft Biotrade Certification and Standard document with indicators and implementation guidelines.
- 5.7 Test-case design and implementation.
- 5.8 Test-case evaluation report including recommendations on how lessons learnt can be translated to Global Environmental Benefits (GEB).
- 5.9 Final Biotrade Certification and Standard document with indicators and implementation guidelines.
- 5.10 Monthly project progress reports.
- 5.11 Quarterly financial forecast based on project administration.
- 5.12 Standard Operating Manual.
- 5.13 Close-out reports.

6. PERIOD / DURATION OF PROJECT / ASSIGNMENT

- 6.1 The Service Provider will be appointed for a period of twenty-four (24) months after signing the contract (service level agreement) / MoA (memorandum of understanding) by both parties and an official purchase order will be issued to the service provider.

7. COSTING / COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

- 7.1. A comprehensive budget must be provided on (SBD 3.3) and on the Annexure A inclusive of all disbursement costs, such as delivery costs, travelling and accommodation costs and other expenses inclusive of VAT.
- 7.2. The service provider shall be bound to execute all of the required scope of work as needed by the DFFE during the period of the contract.
- 7.3. DFFE will not be held responsible for any costs incurred by the bidder in the preparation, presentation, and submission of the bids.
- 7.4. Travelling costs and time spent or incurred between home and office of Service Providers and DFFE office will not be for the account of DFFE.
- 7.5. DFFE reserve the right to negotiate with preferred bidder/s identified in the evaluation process, regarding any terms and conditions, including prices without offering the same opportunity to any other bidder/s who has not been awarded the status of the preferred bidder/s.
- 7.6. The Service Providers are required to provide a breakdown of their ceiling price as an Annexure.
- 7.7. The offer must be valid for 120 days

8 EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 8.1. The evaluation for this bid will be carried out in the following three (3) phases:

- Phase 1: Pre-compliance
- Phase 2: Functional Evaluation Criteria
- Phase 3: Price and BBBEE

8.2. PHASE 1: Pre-compliance or Initial Screening

- 8.2.1 During this phase bid proposal will be evaluated/ reviewed to determine the compliance with SCM returnable documents (standard bidding documents) and Central Supplier Database (CSD) report on the on-table 8.2.2 below. All documents should be submitted with the bid documents at the closing date and time of the bid. Non- completed and unsigned SBD's may result on bid being disqualified and will not be evaluated further

8.2.2 The bid proposal will be screened for compliance with administrative requirements as indicated below:

ITEM NO.	ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS	CHECK/COMPLIANCE
1	Master Bid Document	Provided and bound
2	Electronic copy (USB)	Same as the master Bid Document
Included in the Bid Document		
3	SCM - SBD 1 - Invitation to Bid	Completed and signed
4	SBD 3.3 and Annexure A Pricing Schedule	Fully Completed
5	SCM - SBD 4 – Bidders Disclosure	Completed and signed
6	CSD registration number/ SARS Tax Status Pin and CSD summary report	Attached CSD registration number/ Proof of CSD registration and/or SARS Tax Pin
7	SCM - SBD 6.1 - Preference Points Claim Form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017	Completed and signed
8	In case of bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures, Consortia/Joint Venture agreement signed by both parties must be submitted with bid proposal	JV agreement completed and signed, if applicable

8.3 PHASE 2: Functionality Criteria

8.3.1. Bid proposals will be further evaluated on functionality criteria.

8.3.2. The bidder must score a minimum of **75%**, during phase 2 (functionality/technical) of the evaluation to qualify for Phase 3 of the evaluation where the price and BBBEE will be considered.

8.3.3. The following values/ indicators will be applicable when evaluating functionality:

0 = Non-compliance, 1 = Poor; 2 = Fair; 3 = Average; 4 = Good; 5 = Excellent.

GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORY CRITERIA	FUNCTIONALITY (GUIDELINES FOR CRITERIA APPLICATION)		WEIGHT
A project proposal with a project plan, Methodology and Management of the project indicated	An originally developed proposal for the assignment including a concept for the development of a Biotrade standard and certification test case, with a detailed project plan with intermediate and final outputs and identified timeframes/ milestones. The plan must include the resource assessment and NDF activities described above.		
	Proposed Methodology		
	Management of the project		
	Project plan, methodology and project management	Indicator	Weight
	Project proposal, plan and methodology action well broken down; with detailed objectives and milestones.	5	35
	Project proposal, plan and methodology, action identification basic; clear objectives and clear milestones.	4	
	Action plan provided with satisfactory deliverables and timeframes.	3	
	Limited information provided on the action plan with deficient deliverables and timeframes.	2	
	Task not well understood. Deficient action plan with no deliverables and timeframes	1	
	No information provided	0	
Certified Qualifications of project leader to be assigned to the project.	Relevant qualification that supports the following fields: Environmental management (biodiversity in particular); and social science; ecological science; resource economics; economics; and Social/Environmental/Economic Law; market analysis.		
	Bidder (s) should submit evidence for the Project Leader proposed to be employed on the project.		
	Relevant qualifications of the Project Leader	Indicator	Weight
	A Masters qualification	5	15
	an honours qualification (s)	4	
	A degree qualification (s)	3	
	A three-year diploma qualification (s)	2	
	Two years diploma qualification (s)	1	
	No qualification (s) attached/ submitted	0	
Project leader's technical capabilities or expertise and track record	Bidder (s) are required to demonstrate that they have the necessary resources, technical expertise, and track record relevant to the expectation of this project to undertake and successfully complete the project.		

GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORY CRITERIA	FUNCTIONALITY (GUIDELINES FOR CRITERIA APPLICATION)		WEIGHT
	Bidder (s) should submit curriculum vitae for the Project Leader proposed to be employed on the project. Curriculum vitae are to include specific details of these individuals including, inter alia, relevant experience and to include three positive reference letters, technical qualifications, and experience.		
	Combined experience of project leader	Indicator	Weight
	20 years' and above years' experience	5	15
	15 years' and less than 20 years' experience	4	
	10 years' and less than 15 years' experience	3	
	5 years' and less than 10 years' experience	2	
	1 year and less than 5 years' experience	1	
	Less than 1 year experience or no experience	0	
The project team’s experience, track record (projects completed and references) and knowledge in context of developing standards and certification test cases	Bidder (s) are required to demonstrate relevant experience and competency of the project team in the area of development of standards and certification test cases.		
	Bidder (s) should submit full details of, and at least three reliable contactable references for, projects which were successfully completed in the previous years		
	Team experience	Indicator	Weight
	5 relevant projects completed	5	5
	4 relevant projects completed	4	
	3 relevant projects completed	3	
	2 relevant projects completed	2	
	1 relevant project completed	1	
No projects completed	0		
The project team’s experience, track record and knowledge in context of undertaking field Biodiversity related Resource Assessments.	Bidder (s) are required to demonstrate relevant experience and competency of the project team in the context of undertaking field Biodiversity related Resource Assessments.		
	Bidder (s) should submit full details of reliable contactable references for projects which have been successfully completed to reveal: Demonstrated expertise in field biological resource surveys and assessments of resource extraction impacts Demonstrated expertise in experimental design, statistical sampling and analysis, modelling and GIS Report writing skills		
	Team experience	Indicator	Weight
	5 relevant projects completed	5	15
	4 relevant projects completed	4	
	3 relevant projects completed	3	
	2 relevant projects completed	2	

GUIDELINES FOR CATEGORY CRITERIA	FUNCTIONALITY (GUIDELINES FOR CRITERIA APPLICATION)		WEIGHT
	1 relevant project completed	1	
	No projects completed	0	
The project team’s experience, track record and knowledge in context of undertaking biodiversity related Non-Detriment Findings (NDF).	Bidder (s) are required to demonstrate relevant experience and competency of the project team in the context of approaches and expertise required to undertake biodiversity related Non-Detriment Findings. Bidder (s) should submit full details of successfully completed projects which demonstrate expertise in the following: The field of sustainable resource use and management Stakeholder and community engagement Workshop facilitation skills Report writing		
	Team experience	Indicator	Weight
	5 relevant projects completed	5	15
	4 relevant projects completed	4	
	3 relevant projects completed	3	
	2 relevant projects completed	2	
	1 relevant project completed	1	
	No projects completed	0	
TOTAL POINTS ON FUNCTIONALITY			100

8.4 PHASE 3: Price and BBBEE

8.4.1. Bid will be awarded to a bidder with the highest points on price and BBBEE on condition that they have met all phases of the evaluation criteria and complied with the tender requirements set out in the tender document.

8.4.2. The Department reserves the right not to award the tender to the bidder with the lowest amount and/or highest points.

8.4.3. Preferential point system applicable to this bid

80:20	YES
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8.4.4. Subject to sub-regulation 6(2), points will be awarded to a tenderer for attaining B-BBEE status contributor in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points (80/20 system)
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

- 8.4.5. The points scored by a tenderer in respect of the level of BBBEE contribution contemplated in sub-regulation must be added to the points scored for price as calculated in accordance with sub-regulation 6(1) respectively
- 8.4.6. Subject to regulation 11(1), the contract must be awarded to the tenderer who scores the highest total number of points.
- 8.4.7. A contract may be awarded to a tenderer that did not score the highest total number of points, only in accordance with section 2(1) (f) of the Act.

9 BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1. Bidders should ensure that the following submission requirements, which will be needed for evaluation purposes are included in their bid proposal and are as follows:
- 9.1.1. The service provider must draft a table of content which will indicate where each document location in the proposal.
- 9.1.2. The proposal shall consist of one master original document and must clearly indicate the prices on SBD 3.3 and the Pricing Schedule Annexure A.
- 9.1.3. The profile of the company should include a full description of similar work undertaken,
- 9.1.4. The information in the CV of the proposed Project Leader should include relevant experience in the chosen area of expertise.
- 9.1.5. Project reference specifying the role played by the service provider in the listed projects or assignments.
- 9.1.6. A detailed Project Plan with clear indication of who will be responsible for the management of the assignment as well as its execution such as Project Leader and Team Members. The allocation of team members on the assignments should be based on the experience in delivering the scope of work as listed.
- 9.1.7. Standard bidding documents (SBD 1, 3.3, 4 & 6.1).
- 9.1.8. Copy of Central Supplier Database (CSD) report and SARS Tax Pin Certificate.

10. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THE BID

- 10.1. Tax Legislation

- 10.1.1. Bidder must at all time attempt to be compliant when submitting proposal to DFFE and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).
- 10.1.2. Bidders who make taxable supplies in excess of R1 million in any 12-month conservative period are liable for compulsory VAT registration, but a person may also choose to register voluntarily provided that the minimum threshold of R50 000 has been exceeded in the past 12-month period.
- 10.1.3. Bidders who meet the above requirement must register as VAT vendors, if successful, within one month of award of the bid.
- 10.1.4. SARS Tax Status Pin requirements / or Central Supplier Database (CSD) number or report must be provided.
- 10.2. Procurement Legislation
 - 10.2.1. Bidders should be cognisant of the legislation and/or standards specifically applicable to the services.
 - 10.2.2. Bidders are requested to submit a valid B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate issued by SANAS, or Accredited Verification Agency; or B-BBEE Certificate issued by CIPC, or Sworn Affidavit commissioned by Commissioner of Oaths together with their bids.
 - 10.2.3. In the event that the application is made by a Joint Venture or Partnership, the accreditation credentials in name of joined entity should be submitted. Both members in the joint venture must meet the requirement of the proposal.
- 10.3. Privacy & Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013
 - 10.3.1. Protecting personal information is important to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment. To do so, DFFE follows general principles in accordance with applicable privacy laws and the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA).
 - 10.3.2. DFFE's role as the responsible party, is amongst others to process personal information for the intended purpose for which it was obtained and in line with legal agreements with its respective/prospective services providers and third parties.
 - 10.3.3. DFFE will process personal information only with the knowledge and authorisation of the bidder/respondent and will treat personal information which comes to its knowledge as confidential and will not disclose it, unless so required by law or subject to the exception contained in the POPIA.
 - 10.3.4. DFFE reserves all the rights afforded to it by the POPIA in the processing of any of its information as contained in this bid and the bidder/respondent is required to comply with all prescripts as detailed in the POPIA relating to all information concerning DFFE.

10.3.5. In responding to this bid, DFFE acknowledges that it will obtain and have access to personal information of the bidder/respondent. DFFE agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by the bidder/respondent in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluation and subsequent award of the tender and in accordance with any applicable law.

11. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

- 11.1 On appointment, the performance measures for the delivery of the agreed services will be closely monitored by Project Manager.
- 11.2 Prior to the appointment of a replacement, the Programme Manager must approve such appointment. If the senior must leave the project, a period of at least a month is required in which the senior must work parallel with the next person (senior consultant with similar expertise and equal years of experience) appointed to be able to transfer skills and knowledge.
- ~~11.3~~ The Service Provider will submit quarterly progress reports to the Project Manager, within 3 days after the end of the two weeks for the duration of the project, submitted in both soft and hard copies.
- 11.4 The Programme Manager shall do the ongoing management of the Service agreement.
- 11.5 The service provider must guarantee the presence of the Project Leader in charge of programme throughout the duration of the contract.
- 11.6 Appointed service provider will be subjected to security vetting and screening
- 11.7 All the conditions specified in the **General Conditions of Contract (GCC)** will apply and where the conditions in the special conditions of contract contradicts the conditions in the general conditions of contract the special conditions of contract will prevail.
- 11.8 The supplier shall notify the Department in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.
- 11.9 In a case a tenderer is intending to sub-contract portion of work, such tenderer awarded a contract may only enter sub-contracting arrangements with the approval of the department.
- 11.10 Letter of Authority to sign documents on behalf of the company.
- 11.11 The proposals should be submitted with all required information containing technical information.
- 11.12 Service providers are requested to submit any of the following documents as proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor:
 - a. B-BBEE status level Certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.

- b. A Sworn Affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice; and
- c. B-BBEE certificate issued by the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission.
- d. SBD 6.1 must also be duly completed, signed, and submitted alongside the bid to claim preference points. Failure to do so will result in B-BBEE preference points being forfeited.
- e. A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- f. A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate proposal.
- g. In the event that the application is made by a Joint Venture or Partnership, the accreditation credentials in name of joined entity should be submitted. Both members in the joint venture must meet the requirement of the proposal.

11.13 Poor or non-performance by the bidder will result in cancellation of works orders.

11.14 Please take note that DFFE is not bound to select any of the firms' submitting proposals. DFFE reserves the right not to award any of the bids and not to award the contract to the lowest bidding price.

11.15 DFFE will not be held responsible for any costs incurred by the service providers in the preparation, presentation, and submission of the proposal.

12. SUB-CONTRACTING CONDITIONS/ REQUIREMENTS

12.1. In a case a tenderer is intending to sub- contract portion of work, such tenderer awarded a contract may only enter into sub-contracting arrangements with the approval of the Department.

12.2. In relation to a designated sector, a contractor will not be allowed to subcontract in such a manner that the local production and content of the overall value of the contract is reduced to below the stipulated minimum threshold.

12.3. A tenderer will not be awarded the points claimed for B-BBEE status level of contribution or contract if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends subcontracting more than 25% of the contract value to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the same number of points that the bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

12.4. The contractor is not allowed to sub-contract more than 25% of the contract value to another enterprise that does not have equal or higher B-BBEE status level, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

13. PAYMENT TERMS

- 13.1. DFFE undertakes to pay out in full or as per deliverables within 30 (thirty) days all valid claims for work done to its satisfaction upon presentation of a substantiated claim and the required reports stipulated in special conditions. No payment will be made where there is outstanding information/work not submitted by the Service Provider/s until that outstanding information is submitted.

14. TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES

- 14.1. Should you require any further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact:

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15. ANNEXURE A_ PRICING SCHEDULE

NO	PHASES	OUTPUT	NAME OF THE PROPOSED EXPERT	ESTIMATED QUANTITY (HRS)	RATE PER HOUR (EXCLUDING VAT)	TOTAL COST PER ACTIVITY (EXCLUDING VAT)
1.	Review Phase	Global Landscape Review (Inclusive of logistical costs for 1 x international trip)		Hrs	R.....	R.....
				Hrs	R.....	R.....
2.		National Landscape Review		Hrs	R.....	R.....
3.		Conduct 3x National Non-Detriment Findings (2x Honey bush spp. and Rooibos)		Hrs	R.....	R.....
				Hrs	R.....	R.....
4.		3x Resource Assessments (2x Honey bush spp. and Rooibos)		Hrs	R.....	R.....
				Hrs	R.....	R.....
5.	Scheme Development Phase	Operational certification model for a National Biotrade Certification Scheme		Hrs	R.....	R.....
				Hrs	R.....	R.....
6.		Conservation and sustainable use Biotrade standard		Hrs	R.....	R.....
				Hrs	R.....	R.....
7.	Testing/ Learning Phase	Design, conduct, complete and formalise the Biotrade certification scheme		Hrs	R.....	R.....
				Hrs	R.....	R.....
SUB-TOTAL (EXCLUDING VAT)						R.....
VAT @ 15%						R.....
PROJECT COST INCLUDING VAT						R.....

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The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 “Closing time” means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 “Contract” means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 “Contract price” means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 “Country of origin” means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 “Day” means calendar day.
 - 1.8 “Delivery” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 “Delivery ex stock” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the

RSA.

- 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such

obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

- 1.25 “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier’s performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier’s records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
- (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
 - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or

analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

- 11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

- 12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take

such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

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| 16. Payment | <p>16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.</p> <p>16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.</p> <p>16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.</p> <p>16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.</p> |
| 17. Prices | <p>17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.</p> |
| 18. Contract amendments | <p>18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.</p> |
| 19. Assignment | <p>19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.</p> |
| 20. Subcontracts | <p>20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.</p> |
| 21. Delays in the supplier's performance | <p>21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.</p> <p>21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.</p> <p>21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.</p> <p>21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the</p> |

supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- (a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any

person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:

- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
- (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
- (iii) the period of restriction; and
- (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which

may be due to him

25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

- 26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
- (a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - (b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

	(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.
29. Governing language	29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.
30. Applicable law	30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
31. Notices	31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice 31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.
32. Taxes and duties	32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country. 32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser. 32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.
33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)	33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices	34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging). 34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.

- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.



DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

BAS ENTITY MAINTENANCE FORM

Head Office Only

Date Received _____
Safetynet Capture _____
Safetynet Verified: _____
BAS/LOGIS Capt _____
BAS/LOGIS Auth _____
Supplier No. _____

The Director General

I/We hereby request and authorise you to pay any amounts, which may accrue to me/us to the credit of my/our account with the mentioned bank.

I/we understand that the credit transfers hereby authorised will be processed by computer through a system known as "ACB - Electronic Fund Transfer Service", and I/we understand that no additional advice of payment will be provided by my/our bank, but that the details of each payment will be printed on my/our bank statement or any accompanying voucher. (This does not apply where it is not customary for banks to furnish bank statements).

I/we understand that the Department will supply a payment advice in the normal way, and that it will indicate the date on which the funds will be made available on my/our account.

This authority may be cancelled by me/us by giving thirty days notice by prepaid registered post.

Please ensure information is validate as per required bank screens .

I/We understand that bank details provided should be exactly as per record held by the banks.

I/We understand that the Department will not held liable for any delayed payments as a result of incorrect information supplied.

Company / Personal Details

Registered Name

Trading Name

Tax Number

VAT Number

Title:

Initials:

Full Names

Surname

Persal Number

Address Detail

Address

(Compulsory if Supplier)

Physical

Postal

Postal Code

New Detail

☐ New Supplier information ☐ Update Supplier information

Supplier Type:

☐ Individual
☐ Company
☐ CC

☐ Department
☐ Trust
☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Partnership

Department Number

