



REFERENCE: IEC/LG-05/2026

CLOSING DATE: 21 AUGUST 2026

ENQUIRIES: Online

Tel: 012 622 5700 or eMail: VotaQuotes@elections.org.za

TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR BALLOT PAPER PRINTING

Kindly furnish the Electoral Commission with a bid for Technical Support And Quality Assurance For Ballot Paper Printing as per this tender document.

The conditions contained in the Electoral Commission's supply chain management (SCM) policy documents, preferential procurement policy documents and all other conditions stated in this tender, will apply to your submission.

This tender, as formulated, contains the relevant Electoral Commission's bid documents/forms that must be completed.

A tender briefing session will be held at **11:00 on 5 August 2026** the dates and at the venues set out hereunder:

Election House

Riverside Office

Centurion

Kindly submit your bid by completing the relevant forms and deposit the bid in the **tender box OR a designated room** at the Electoral Commission's address before the closing date and time as specified on page two (2).

The Electoral Commission takes no responsibility for any late bids, whatever the reason may be.

Yours sincerely

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Electoral Commission

Ensuring Free and Fair Elections

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YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO SUBMIT A BID TO THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

THIS TENDER DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND ALL APPLICABLE PAGES RETURNED AS PART OF YOUR BID SUBMISSION - DO NOT RETYPE OR SUBSTITUTE THE PAGES OF THE TENDER DOCUMENT IN ANY OTHER FORM.

ALL APPLICABLE TENDER FORMS (**PAGE 2 – 56**) MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED IN ORIGINAL INK. THE BIDDER IS HOWEVER NOT REQUIRED TO FILL IN THE TENDER EVALUATION CRITERIA. FORMS WITH PHOTOCOPIED SIGNATURES/ INITIALS OR ANY OTHER SUCH REPRODUCTION OF DETAIL WILL BE REJECTED, RESULTING IN THE TENDER BEING DISQUALIFIED.

SUBMIT YOUR BID IN A SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE OR SUITABLE CONTAINER IF NECESSARY AND WRITE YOUR COMPANY NAME AS WELL AS THIS TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER (**IEC/LG-05/2026**) ON THE ENVELOPE/CONTAINER.

TENDERERS SHOULD ENSURE THAT BIDS ARE DELIVERED TIMEOUSLY TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX OR DESIGNATED ROOM. BID SUBMISSIONS MUST ONLY BE DEPOSITED IN THE TENDER BOX(ES) OR DESIGNATED ROOM WHICH ARE IDENTIFIED AS TENDER BOX(ES) OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

BID SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NO LATER THAN THE CLOSING DATE AND TIME IN THE TENDER BOXES SITUATED AT:

Election House

Riverside Office

1303 Heuwel Ave

CENTURION

THE TENDER BOX OR THE DESIGNATED ROOM WILL ONLY BE OPEN DURING OFFICE HOURS.

BIDS SUBMITTED IN THE INCORRECT TENDER BOX(ES) OR DESIGNATED ROOM OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION, AND NOT IN THE BOX OR DESIGNATED ROOM STIPULATED ABOVE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

BIDS, AS A WHOLE OR IN PART, RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE AND TIME ARE LATE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION. LATE BIDS ARE RECORDED BUT SET ASIDE.

ONLY BIDS SUBMITTED IN THE CORRECT TENDER BOX(ES) OR DESIGNATED ROOM AS SPECIFIED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENT OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION SHALL BE ACCEPTED. BIDS SUBMITTED IN THE ADDRESS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENT, BY TELEGRAM, FACSIMILE, POST OR BY ELECTRONIC MEANS SUCH AS eMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION WILL PUBLISH THE AWARD OF THIS TENDER IN ACCORDNACE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AS REQUIRED. TENDERERS SHOULD NOTE THE AWARD OF THE TENDER AS PUBLISHED. NO GENERAL NOTICES TO UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE ISSUED.

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION GENERALLY DOES NOT ISSUE LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT. SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT, AND/ OR WILL BE ISSUED WITH AN OFFICIAL PURCHASE ORDER AS MAY BE APPLICABLE WHICH REPRESENTS THE 'CONTRACT' BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES CONCERNED.

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BACKGROUND

The Electoral Commission is a permanent body established in terms of Chapter 9 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the Electoral Commission Act 51 of 1996. It is responsible for managing and administering all elections and promoting and safeguarding democracy in South Africa. Although publicly funded and accountable to Parliament, the Electoral Commission is independent of government.

In terms of Section 190 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996), the Electoral Commission must -

- Manage elections of national, provincial and municipal legislative bodies;
- Ensure that those elections are free and fair;
- Declare the results of those elections; and
- Compile and maintain a voters' roll.

Duties of the Electoral Commission as stated in Section 5 of the Electoral Commission Act require that the Electoral Commission:

- Compile and maintain a register of parties;
- Undertake and promote research into electoral matters;
- Develop and promote the development of electoral expertise and technology in all spheres of government;
- Continuously review electoral laws and proposed electoral laws, and make recommendations;
- Promote voter education;
- Declare the results of elections for national, provincial and municipal legislative bodies within seven (7) days of those elections; and
- Appoint appropriate resources in any sphere of government to conduct elections when necessary.

The Electoral Commission currently operates in approximately 270 municipal electoral offices, nine (9) provincial offices and ten (10) warehouses at national and provincial level.

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GENERAL TENDER CONDITIONS

1. These conditions form part of the tender and failure to comply with these may invalidate a bid.
2. The following definitions shall apply:
 - (a) “all applicable taxes” includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
 - (b) “B-BBEE” means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
 - (c) “B-BBEE status level of contributor” means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance using the relevant scorecard contained in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
 - (d) “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 services, works or goods, through price quotations and advertised competitive bidding processes;
 - (e) “Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act” means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003); together with the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Amendment Act, 2013 (Act No. 46 of 2013)
 - (f) “comparative price” means the price after the factors of a non-firm price and all unconditional discounts that can be utilised have been taken into consideration;
 - (g) “consortium or joint venture” 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;
 - (h) “contract” means the agreement (including a service level agreement) that results from the acceptance of a bid by the Electoral Commission;
 - (i) “EME” means any exempted micro enterprise with an annual total revenue that is less than the prescribed threshold value;
 - (j) “firm price” means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;
 - (k) “functionality” means the measurement according to predetermined norms, as set out in the bid documents, of a service or commodity that is designed to be practical and useful, working or operating, taking into account, among other factors, the quality, reliability, viability and durability of a service and the technical capacity and ability of a bidder;
 - (l) “non-firm prices” means all prices other than “firm” prices;
 - (m) “person” includes a juristic person;

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- (n) “rand value” means the total estimated value of a contract in South African currency, calculated at the time of bid invitations, and includes all applicable duties and taxes;
 - (o) “service provider” means any individual or entity that is contracted by the Electoral Commission to render goods or services.
 - (p) “specific goal” means specific goals as contemplated in section 2(1)(d) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000
 - (q) “state” means any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act (the PFMA), 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999), any municipality or municipal entity, provincial legislature, National Assembly or the National Council of provinces; or Parliament;
 - (r) “sub -contract” means the primary bidder/contractor’s assigning, leasing, making out work to, or employing, another person to support such primary bidder/contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the SLA/contract.
 - (s) In the event that the primary contractor/bidder is purchasing or renting goods from another entity for the purposes of rendering the services required in respect of this tender the latter shall be deemed not to be a ‘sub-contractor’; and
 - (t) “total revenue” bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and promulgated in the Government Gazette on 9 February 2007; and
 - (u) “trust” means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person.
3. The tender forms are drafted to ensure that certain essential information is to be furnished in a specific manner. Any additional particulars shall be furnished in the enclosed questionnaire/s (where applicable) or in a separate annexure/s.
 4. The tender forms shall not be retyped or redrafted but photocopies may be prepared and used. All photocopied pages must, however, be completed and signed/initialled in original ink as stipulated.
 5. Additional offers may be made for any item in response to this tender but only on a photocopy of the applicable page/s. Additional offers made in any other manner may be disregarded.
 6. Tenders will not be qualified by the tenderer’s own conditions of tender. Failure to comply with this requirement shall invalidate the bid.
 7. Failure on the part of the tenderer to *sign/initial all applicable pages (where a provision to sign has been provided)* of this tender form and thus to acknowledge and accept the conditions in writing shall invalidate the bid submission.
 8. Failure on the part of the tenderer to complete the attached forms, questionnaires and specifications document in all respects may invalidate the bid submission. Failure to complete mandatory forms/schedules shall invalidate the bid submission.
 9. All changes/ alterations in the tender document should be signed/initialled. Failure on the part of the tenderer to sign/initial any alterations and/or corrections made to information provided in this tender form may invalidate the tender submission.

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10. No correction fluid/tape or similar products will be allowed and the use thereof on any page of the tender document may invalidate your bid submission.
11. **Any changes/ alterations to pricing that are not signed/ initialled are considered material, and shall invalidate the bid submission. Correction fluid/tape or similar products will not be allowed to amend prices and the use thereof shall invalidate the bid submission.**
12. **Comprehensive completion of the pricing schedules in this bid document is compulsory. Where pricing is not charged, same should be denoted as not applicable (N/A). Failure to complete all the required pricing schedules in detail required shall lead to the disqualification of a bid.**
13. Information/detail provided on completed tender forms must be legible and ink must be used. Tender forms completed and signed mechanically, e.g. by means of a typewriter/computer or a signature/initial by means of a stamp are deemed to have been completed in original ink. Pencil must not be used as it shall lead to the disqualification of the bid submission.
14. Tenderers shall check the numbers of the pages and satisfy themselves that none are missing or duplicated. No liability shall be accepted with regard to claims arising from the fact that pages are missing or duplicated. Incomplete bid submissions (i.e. with missing pages) shall be disqualified.
15. Tender prices must be all inclusive, including VAT in respect of all vendors registered for VAT purposes. Non-VAT registered bidder shall not charge nor be eligible for the payment of VAT.
16. Tender prices for supplies in respect of which installation/ erection/ assembly is a requirement, shall include ALL costs inclusive of VAT on a basis of delivered on site as specified.
17. The Electoral Commission shall only accept bids at prices that are market related. In the event that a bid is deemed to not be market related the Electoral Commission reserves the right to negotiate prices in accordance with the provisions of the SCM policy in order to achieve a market related price or cancel the tender altogether.
18. National Treasury has placed an obligation on all bidders that intend doing business with government to register on its Central Supplier Database (CSD). The Electoral Commission will not contract any tenderer that is not registered on the CSD.
19. It is an absolute requirement that the tax affairs of the successful tenderer must be in order.
20. An entity's tax compliance status is indicated on the Central Supplier Database (CSD). The Electoral Commission will only contract tenderers whose tax status is compliant. This means that if a tenderer has a non-compliant tax status before the award is completed the bid will be disqualified if that tenderer's tax affairs remains non-compliant as per the provisions of National Treasury Instruction 9 of 2017/2018. It remains the bidder's responsibility to ensure that their taxes are in order, remain in order and that this is reflected on the CSD. The bidder must also ensure that all sub-contractors (if applicable) are tax compliant.
21. Bids must be submitted based on firm tender prices and delivery periods, unless otherwise stated in the bid specifications. Consequently, tenderers must clearly state whether prices and delivery periods will remain firm for the duration of the SLA/contract or not.
22. When the SLA/contract is awarded on the basis of firm prices, contract prices may be adjusted during the contract period only if:

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- (a) customs or excise duty or any other duty, levy or tax (excluding any anti-dumping and countervailing duties or similar duties), is introduced in terms of any Act or regulation; or
 - (b) any such duty, levy or tax is legally changed or abolished; and
 - (c) the onus of proof of the effect of such events is placed upon the tenderer.
23. If non-firm prices are provided for in the bid specifications, the following rules shall apply:
- (a) In respect of any factors which demonstrably have an influence on the production cost of the supplies or the cost of rendering the services which have been tendered on the basis of non-firm prices, price adjustments which become effective during the contract period may be allowed with effect from the date of the change in cost and founded on the actual direct change in the cost as used in the calculation of the tender price, in addition to those provided for.
 - (b) Where the tenderer is the manufacturer of the supplies or the provider of the service, or where he/she/they is the accredited agent of the manufacturer or the provider, evidence in support of the price adjustments claimed shall be produced on demand.
 - (c) As an alternative, the bidder may specify a formula in the bid submission for the purpose of adjusting prices in accordance with published indices.
 - (d) Where the tenderer is not the provider of the service, or where he/she/they is not the accredited agent of the provider, any price adjustment shall be based on the increase or reduction to the tenderer in the net cost of the supplies on which the tender price was based. When any such increase or reduction in costs occurs, the tenderer shall submit copies of the quotation or price list with reference to which the tender price as calculated, as well as the revised quotation or price list on which the claim is based.
24. Where prices are subject to exchange rate fluctuations, tenderers must take that factor into account when bidding and, where necessary, should ensure that they have taken the necessary forward cover to provide for possible price increases. When applicable, specific detail to this effect should be included in the bid submission.
25. Preference points shall be calculated after prices have been brought to a comparative basis taking into account all factors of non-firm prices and all unconditional discounts.
26. Unconditional discounts offered by any tenderer as part of their bid submission may be considered by the Electoral Commission at its sole discretion in the bid adjudication process. Any other discounts offered by any tenderer will be taken into consideration for payment purposes.
27. The bid specifications form an integral part of the tender document and tenderers shall indicate in the space/s provided whether the specific goods and/or services offered are according to specification or not.
28. In cases where the goods and/or services offered are not according to specification, the deviations from the specifications must be indicated. Specifications may not, however, be changed on the tender forms provided as that shall invalidate a bid submission.
29. Unless specifically provided for in the tender document, no bids transmitted by facsimile or email will be considered.
30. Tenderers are requested to promote local content as far as possible.

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31. A service level agreement (SLA/contract) shall be entered into with the successful tenderer.
32. Unless otherwise stipulated, all tools/equipment needed must be supplied by the successful tenderer.
33. Any tenderer found to be influencing the tender adjudication process shall be automatically disqualified and not accepted for consideration.
34. In accordance with the Electoral Commission's policy, the Electoral Commission reserves the right to procure goods/services outside of the SLA/contract if, *inter alia*, an emergency arises; the service provider's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where services are required or, if the service provider's services are not readily available.
35. The Electoral Commission reserves the right to negotiate the extension of the SLA/contract at its sole discretion with due regard to any statutory provisions imposed by National Treasury at the time of considering such extension.
36. The Electoral Commission may, at its sole discretion, resolve to procure lesser or additional goods/services as provided through the tender should the need arise. Any such change in the scope of services shall be negotiated with the successful tenderer if and when relevant with due regard to any statutory provisions imposed by National Treasury at the time of considering such.
37. Bid submissions received by the Electoral Commission and bid evaluation, assessment and adjudication reports that may contain sensitive information relating to any specific bids are not available for perusal by the public.
38. All information supplied by the Electoral Commission will be in the strictest confidence and will remain the proprietary information of the Electoral Commission. No tenderer will be permitted to disclose any such information to any third party without the prior express consent and/or written authority and/or consent of the Electoral Commission.
39. Should the tenderer fail to comply with any of the conditions of the SLA/contract, the Electoral Commission shall be entitled, without prejudice to any of its other rights, to:
 - (a) arrange for the alternative execution of the service/s not rendered or not in conformity with the specifications of the SLA/contract; and
 - (b) recover all costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of the tenderer's conduct; or
 - (c) cancel the SLA/contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangement due to such cancellation.
40. All acquisitions for goods and/or services made by the Electoral Commission are subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) No variations from the terms and conditions herein contained, and no contrary stipulation by the tenderer shall be valid and binding unless confirmed by the Electoral Commission in writing.
 - (b) The Electoral Commission reserves the right to cancel any order if delivery is not made in due time and the tenderer will not be entitled to any cancellation fees.
 - (c) Part deliveries will only be accepted on prior arrangement with the Electoral Commission.

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- (d) If delivery is not met as per agreement, the Electoral Commission reserves the right to cancel the outstanding delivery, and recover all costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of the tenderer's conduct.
 - (e) No price adjustments shall be accepted unless stipulated in the tender document received and agreed to by the Electoral Commission. The tenderer will be obliged to sell at tendered prices.
 - (f) The award of the tender may be subjected to the negotiation of a market-related price with a bidder in accordance with the provisions of the SCM policy.
 - (g) The Electoral Commission shall not be responsible for any risk in relation to the goods before delivery.
 - (h) The Electoral Commission shall not be obliged to pay for any goods with any deviation from the agreed specification and quality.
 - (i) The Electoral Commission shall be entitled to return any goods with defects or deviations from the agreed specification without consent from the tenderer.
 - (j) The service provider shall submit a valid tax invoice where the service provider is VAT registered, or a valid invoice if the service provider is not VAT registered, conforming to tax law requirements, to the Electoral Commission. The invoice amount shall correspond with the order amount and shall be VAT inclusive, where applicable.
 - (k) Details provided on invoices issued to the Electoral Commission must correspond to the details of the service provider as registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD). It remains the service provider's responsibility to ensure that details are correct to enable the Electoral Commission to effect any payments due to the bidder.
 - (l) Payment shall be effected within 30 days of receipt of a valid invoice/s together with a statement of the Electoral Commission's account, unless a dispute arises in respect of such invoice/s. Every effort shall be made to take advantage of special discounts.
 - (m) To avoid unnecessary delays in payment, it remains the tenderer's responsibility to ensure that banking details are correct and validated on the Central Supplier Database (CSD). The Electoral Commission will not be liable for interest accrued on overdue accounts where the tenderer has not resolved their incorrect banking details on the CSD.
41. No damages shall be claimable by the Electoral Commission in respect of any reasonable period of delay which the tenderer can prove to the satisfaction of the Electoral Commission to be directly due to unforeseen events and/or any *force majeure*.
42. If the execution of any SLA/contract entered into is likely to be delayed or is in fact being delayed on account of any reason, full particulars of the circumstances shall be immediately reported in writing to the contact person stated in the service level agreement (SLA/contract), and at the same time the service provider shall indicate the extension of the delivery/completion period which will then be required.

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43. If information required in respect of any item in the tender document cannot be adequately inserted in the space provided, additional information may be provided on a separate sheet of paper with a clear and accurate reference to the item and page of the tender document.
44. Tenderers may, at the discretion of the Electoral Commission, be requested to submit samples or prototypes, make presentations and/or written submissions in order for the Electoral Commission to assess compliance with tender conditions and specifications.
45. Scoring in respect of this tender will be based on the provisions of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (PPPFA) and Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022. Only valid B-BBEE status level certificates, CIPC B-BBEE certificates or B-BBEE affidavits are acceptable, and these will be subject to verification and validation.
46. The following preference point systems are applicable to bids of the Electoral Commission:
 - (a) the 80/20 system for goods and/or services with a Rand value equal to or below R50,000,000 (all applicable taxes included);
 - (b) the 90/10 system for goods and/or services with a Rand value above R50,000,000 (all applicable taxes included); and
 - (c) if it is unclear which preference point system will be applicable, then either the 80/20 or the 90/10 preference point system will apply and the lowest acceptable bid will be used to determine the applicable preference point system.
47. **In this instance, the Electoral Commission has resolved to rely on Regulations 3(2) and 3(2)(b) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations that provides for circumstances where it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies. Therefore, either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system.**
48. Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:
 - (a) Price (80 or 90 as applicable); and
 - (b) Specific goal(s) (a maximum of 20 or 10 as applicable).
49. A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

$$80/20 \text{ or } 90/10 \quad P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration
Pt = Price of bid under consideration
Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable bid

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50. In terms of Regulation 3(b) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 preference points must be awarded to a tenderer for specific goal(s) in accordance with the table below:

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

51. Tenderers who qualify as exempted micro enterprises (EMEs) in terms of the B-BBEE Act and its codes must submit a CIPC B-BBEE certificate or B-BBEE sworn affidavit (with the exception of sector codes).
- (a) For EMEs falling under a sector charter, the tenderer must submit a B-BBEE document in compliance with the applicable sector code.
52. Tenderers who qualify as qualifying small enterprises (QSEs) in terms of the B-BBEE Act and its codes must submit a B-BBEE sworn affidavit or B-BBEE status level certificate as applicable.
- (a) QSEs with at least 51% black ownership must submit a B-BBEE QSE sworn affidavit.
- (b) QSEs with 50% or less black ownership must submit their valid B-BBEE status level certificate, issued by a Verification Agency accredited by South African Accreditation System (SANAS) substantiating their B-BBEE claims. A black-owned QSE may be measured in terms of the QSE scorecard should it so choose and therefore may also provide a valid B-BBEE status level certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS substantiating their B-BBEE claims.
53. Tenderers other than EMEs or QSEs must submit their valid B-BBEE status level certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by South African Accreditation System (SANAS), substantiating their B-BBEE claim.
54. Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit a sworn affidavit, or a B-BBEE Verification Certificate from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS) together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
55. In order to validate the credibility of the information recorded on the B-BBEE verification certificate, sworn affidavit or CIPC B-BBEE certificate the Electoral Commission requires all applicable supporting documents.
56. An incorporated joint venture will qualify for points for its B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits its B-BBEE status level certificate.
57. A trust, consortium or unincorporated joint venture will qualify for points for its B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits its consolidated B-BBEE status level certificate as if it were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE status level certificate is prepared for every separate bid.
58. Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialised scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.

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59. Start-ups that are EMEs but wish to tender for contracts of R10 million in value or above, must be verified using the QSE scorecard. For tenders of R50 million in value or above start-ups must be verified using the generic scorecard.
60. A person will not be awarded points for specific goals if it is indicated in the bid document that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for.
61. A person awarded a SLA/contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned.
62. The Electoral Commission reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preference points, in any manner required by the Electoral Commission. In the event that no response is received from the issuer of the certificate after 48 hours or the tenderer, no specific goal points will be allocated in the final scoring.
63. A tenderer who's bid is acceptable will be awarded a contract based on lowest acceptable bid, which is market related, subject to section 2(1)(f) of the PPPFA, in addition to complying with all the other requirements, such as, meeting the technical specifications and satisfying the Electoral Commission's due diligence audit requirements which entails confirmation of the bidder's capacity, capability and ability to render the goods/services in accordance with the tender conditions/ specifications.
64. Points scored will be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.
65. In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the successful bid will be the one scoring the highest number of points for specific goals.
66. Should two or more bids be equal in all respects, the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.
67. Any legal person may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid.
68. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the tenderer or his/ her authorised representative declare his/ her position in relation to the evaluating/ adjudicating authority, where:
 - (a) the tenderer is employed by the state; and/or
 - (b) the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/ a person who are/ is involved in the evaluation and/ or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and/ or adjudication of the bid.
69. The Public Service Administration Management Act 11 of 2014 prohibits public servants from conducting business with the state or being a director of a public or private company that conducts business with the state.

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70. The Electoral Commission may cancel the tender for reasons that may include *inter alia*:
- (a) Changed circumstances – There is no longer a need for the goods/services.
 - (b) Funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure.
 - (c) No acceptable bid is received.
 - (d) There is a material irregularity in the tender process.
 - (e) If the price offered by a tenderer scoring the highest points is not market-related.
71. This bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022, the general conditions of contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other special conditions of contract.
72. The Electoral Commission reserves the right not to award the tender to a bidder that has affiliations with any registered political party/parties, candidate(s) or contestant(s)".

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BID SUBMISSION

This standard bidding document must be completed by the tenderer and forms part of all bids.

In the case of a consortium or joint venture, every member of the consortium or joint venture must complete the questionnaire.

In the case of subcontractors, where more than 25% of the work will be done by such subcontractor/s each subcontractor must complete the mandatory tender forms **13 to 25** - Tender Questionnaire, financial information, deliveries and guarantees, bidder's disclosure, POPIA consent and Political Party affiliation declaration.

Separate forms must be used in each case.

Failure to complete and sign/initial all applicable pages (where a provision to sign has been provided) of this document in original ink shall invalidate your bid.

Where space provided is insufficient, annexes must be submitted with the relevant information.

False documents and/or the omission of information may invalidate your bid.

The form serves as a declaration to ensure that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.

Any bid may be disregarded if the tenderer or any of its directors or shareholders has:

- abused the Electoral Commission's supply chain management system;
- committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
- failed to perform on any previous contract.

Prospective tenderers must register on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) prior to submitting their bids. Failure to register on the CSD shall invalidate your tender.

A tenderers tax affairs must be in order to be considered in the adjudication of this tender. A tenderer's tax compliance status is reflected on the national treasury central supplier database (CSD).

A tenderer's tax compliance status shall apply as it was at the time of the award of the tender. The tender shall only be awarded to a tenderer that is tax compliant. The electoral commission verifies tax status against the CSD. Any bid with a non-compliant tax status shall be rejected at the time of the award of the tender. Tax non-compliant tenderers are, therefore, encouraged to continuously monitor their tax compliance status on the CSD and must ensure that their status reflects as tax compliant. tenderers must resolve any pending tax issues with SARS timeously as it takes time for status changes to be effected from the SARS Tax Compliance System (TCS) to the CSD.

Although not all the information requested hereunder might be relevant to the specific requirements of this tender, you are requested to complete the document with as much relevant detail as possible.

The information may be used during the bid evaluation process of the tender.

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TENDER QUESTIONNAIRE

Important note: Where more space is required for additional information please use photocopies of the applicable page/s. However, all pages **must** be completed and signed in original ink.

1. Name of business entity (tenderer):
2. Company CIPC registration number (if applicable):
3. Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration number:

M	A	A	A						
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Your unique registration number as provided above will be used to capture your company details as a vendor to the Electoral Commission. The Electoral Commission will draw your registration detail and tax compliant status from the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) and any changes (including banking details) you effect to your registration on the CSD will automatically update your registration as a vendor to the Electoral Commission. Detail provided on invoices issued to the Electoral Commission must correspond to the detail of your company as registered on the CSD. It remains your responsibility to ensure that details are correct to enable the Electoral Commission to effect any payments due to you.

4. Contact person (person representing tenderer):
5. Contact number:
6. Cellphone number:
7. eMail address:
8. Physical address of tenderer:
.....
.....Postal Code:

9. Type of Company/Enterprise [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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

10. Describe Principal Business Activities

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11. Company Classification [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

- ☐ Manufacturer
- ☐ Supplier
- ☐ Professional
- ☐ Other, e.g. transporter, *et cetera*. _____

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

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13. The names of directors/ members of companies are drawn from the Central Supplier Database (CSD). Please provide the detail of any directors/ trustees/ shareholders/ members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest and their individual identity numbers that do not appear on your CSD registration in the table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Designation

14. Enterprise size Classification (Tick one applicable to your company):

EME	
QSE	
Generic	

15. Please stipulate the B-BBEE status level of contribution as it appears on the certificate/affidavit for your entity

16. Is the entity an exempted micro enterprise (EME) for the purposes of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022?

17. Has a B-BBEE status level verification certificate/affidavit been submitted?

YES		NO	
YES		NO	

18. If yes, who issued the certificate?

A verification agency accredited by the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS)	
Commissioner of Oaths in the case of an applicable sworn affidavit	
CIPC	

All tenderers must submit sworn affidavits or status level certificates together with their bid documentation in support of and confirming the B-BBEE status level indicated above. Failure to submit the affidavit or certificate will result in a tenderer being deemed as a non-compliant contributor and a status level of zero (0) will be allocated.

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19. Compulsory supporting documents for B-BBEE claims

OWNERSHIP	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
Black ownership Black female ownership	B-BBEE Status level certificate/ CIPC B-BBEE certificate/ B-BBEE sworn affidavit Proof ownership (share certificates for companies/ CK1 or CK2 for CCs) IDs for all owners
Black people with disabilities	Completed form EEA1 Doctor's letter confirming disability
Financial year end and Ex Officio confirmation	Disclosure certificate not older than 3 months

All tenderers must submit sufficient supporting documents together with their bid documentation in support of and confirming the specific goals claimed above. Failure to submit the documents will result in a tenderer being deemed as non-compliant and zero points (0) will be allocated for specific goals. If the tenderer is owned by juristic persons, proof of ownership must be submitted for all entities until all natural persons are accounted for.

20. Questionnaire to foreign bidders:

Are you the accredited representative in South Africa for the goods/ services/ works offered? [If YES, enclose proof]

Are you a foreign based supplier for the goods/ services/ works offered? [If YES, answer the questionnaire below]

Is the entity a resident of the republic of South Africa (RSA)?

Does the entity have a branch in the RSA?

Does the entity have a permanent establishment in the RSA?

Does the entity have any source of income in the RSA?

Is the entity liable in the RSA for any form of taxation?

YES		NO	
YES		NO	
YES		NO	
YES		NO	
YES		NO	
YES		NO	
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 via e-Filing through the SARS website www.sars.gov.za.

21. Legal status of tenderer (tick one box)

Principal tenderer		
Subcontractor		% of work will be subcontracted*
Consortium		
Joint venture (JV)		
Other, specify		

In the case of subcontractors, where more than 25% of the work will be done by such subcontractor/s, each subcontractor must complete the tender questionnaire as well as the bidder's disclosure (SBD4).

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Separate forms must be used in each case.

In line with the National Treasury Instruction 9 of 2017/2018 the tax affairs of subcontractors must also be in order on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

In bids where consortia/ joint ventures/ sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate TCS certificate/ PIN/ CSD number.

22. Employment Equity Act (EEA) (Chapter VI – General Provisions: State Contracts)

23. In terms of Section 53(1) of the EEA every employer that makes an offer to conclude an agreement with any organ of state for the furnishing of suppliers or services to that organ of state or for the hiring or letting of anything:

23.1 must-

- (i) if it is a designated employer, comply with Chapters II and III of this Act; or
- (ii) if it is not a designated employer, comply with Chapter II of this Act; and

23.2 attach to that offer either-

- (i) a certificate in terms of subsection (2) which is conclusive evidence that the employer complies with the relevant Chapters of this Act; or
- (ii) a declaration by the employer that it complies with the relevant Chapters of this Act, which, when verified by the Director-General, is conclusive evidence of compliance.

24. In terms of Section 53(2) of the EEA an employer referred to in subsection (1) may request a certificate from the Minister confirming its compliance with Chapter II, or Chapters II and III, as the case may be.
25. In terms of Section 53(3) a certificate issued in terms of subsection (2) is valid for 12 months from the date of issue or until the next date on which the employer is obliged to submit a report in terms of section 21, whichever period is the longer.
26. In terms of Section 53(4) a failure to comply with the relevant provisions of this Act is sufficient ground for rejection of any offer to conclude an agreement referred to in subsection (1) or for cancellation of the agreement*.

* Statutory regulations may require that supplies and services shall not be procured for and on behalf of the State, unless an employer has attached to its offer a certificate in terms of Section 53(l)(b)(i) or a declaration in terms of Section 53(l)(b)(ii) of the Employment Equity Act.

27. Is your company a designated employer in terms of the Employment Equity Act (EEA)? (Act 55 of 1998)

YES		NO	
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28. Does your company comply with Chapter III of the Employment Equity Act? (Act 55 of 1998)

YES		NO		EXEMPT	
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29. In respect of the EEA requirements above, please attach either:

29.1 A certificate in terms of Section 53(2) of the EEA which is conclusive evidence that the employer complies with the relevant Chapters of the EEA; or

An employer may request a certificate from the Minister confirming its compliance with Chapter II, or Chapters II and III, as the case may be.

29.2 A declaration by the employer that it complies with the relevant Chapters of the EEA, which, when verified by the Director-General, is conclusive evidence of compliance.

30. Tenderers must monitor developments around the EEA in order to be informed of any changes in the statutory requirements.

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31. In the event of subcontractors being used to render the services required in terms of this tender, the principal tenderer must complete the schedule below in order to clearly indicate which entities will be subcontracted as well as the percentage of work to be subcontracted to each of these entities in relation to the total value of the contract.

Name of Company to be Subcontracted	% Value of Total Contract Allocated to Subcontractor
Total % of Work to be Sub-contracted*	 %

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

32. What is the company's annual average turnover during the previous three financial years or such lesser period during which the business has been operating?

Financial Year (e.g. 2022, 2023, 2024)	Annual Turnover	Gross Asset Value	Net Asset Value
	R	R	R
	R	R	R
	R	R	R
	R	R	R

33. Please provide the following figures in respect of the most recent audited financial statements:

Figures are provided for the audited financial statement of.....(State Year)

- o Total current assets R.....
- o Inventory R.....
- o Prepaid expenses R.....
- o Current liabilities R.....

34. Is your company listed on the Stock Exchange?

YES		NO	
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35. Are the prices quoted firm for the full period of the contract?

YES		NO	
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If the tender prices are not firm for the full period, provide details against the appropriate category(s) below:

Non-firm prices, i.e. prices linked to statutory adjustments and other proven adjustments.

YES		NO	
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Explanation:

Prices linked to fixed period adjustments.

YES		NO	
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Prices linked to escalation formula adjustments.

YES		NO	
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Explanation: Note that for the purpose of price comparisons, the actual price inclusive of VAT that the Electoral Commission will have to pay over the contract period will be used, unless otherwise stipulated in the detailed specifications

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DELIVERABLES AND GUARANTEES

36. Is the delivery period stated in the tender firm?

YES		NO	
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37. Do you confirm that the required goods/services are guaranteed in terms of any specific guarantees that may be required in the bid specification?

YES		NO	
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38. Are you the accredited representative in the Republic of South Africa of the manufacturer of the equipment offered by you?

YES		NO	
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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 interest¹ 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 with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? YES/ NO

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.

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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 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

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.

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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 2021/2022 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

.....
Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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POPIA CONSENT AND POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION DECLARATION

1. CONSENT TO PROCESS INFORMATION ACCORDING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT (POPI ACT) - POPIA

- 1.1. By participating in tenders of the Electoral Commission a bidder gives consent and accepts that the information they provide will be used for purposes of evaluation and adjudication of bids. This includes use of the data provided by a bidder to perform due diligence checks involving the collection of personal data from third parties (e.g. clients of the bidder(s), SARS, CIPS) to validate claims and to gather important information for the purpose of evaluation and adjudication of this bid. This may include the collection of publicly available data.
- 1.2. By participating in the bid the bidder gives consent and accepts that the Electoral Commission may use personal data to investigate potential risk such as fronting, criminal conduct, unethical conduct for the protection of its rights and for the purpose of evaluation and adjudication of this bid. The Electoral Commission may also share personal data with relevant authorities for investigation of criminal conduct and for other lawful purpose.
- 1.3. The bidder accepts that the Electoral Commission may share their personal data with third parties to support its internal and external audit processes.
- 1.4. The bidder acknowledges that their personal data will be kept confidential and will be used for the purpose intended for a bid and will not be shared with third parties for unrelated or unlawful purposes. In addition, the information will be handled in line with record retention guidelines and be disposed of when the timelines in the guidelines have been reached. Any request for deletion of personal information will be acceded to in line with legislative requirements. Should such deletion impact on the evaluation, adjudication, awarding and contract phases a bidder will be informed and such impact effected.

2. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION DECLARATION

The Electoral Commission reserves the right not to award the tender to a bidder that has affiliations with any registered political party/parties, candidate(s) or contestant(s)".

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- 2.1 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have an affiliation with any registered political party/parties, candidate or contestant?

Delete whichever is not applicable

YES	NO
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- 2.1.1. If so, furnish particulars:

.....

I certify, that:

I have read and I understand the contents of this consent to the provisions set out in respect of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and Political Party Affiliation.

- 2.2 I certify that the information furnished in this bid submission, which includes the information stated in respect of the applicable forms, is true and correct. I accept that the Electoral Commission may reject the bid or act against me should this declaration be found not to be true and complete in every respect.
- 2.3 Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorised by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder.
- 2.4 I hereby bid to render all or any of the services described in the attached documents to the Electoral Commission on the terms and conditions and in accordance with the specifications stipulated in the tender documents (and which shall be taken as part of, and incorporated into, this tender) at the prices including VAT and on the terms regarding time for delivery and/or execution inserted therein.
- I agree that:
- a) the offer herein shall remain binding upon me/us and open for acceptance by the Electoral Commission during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of the tender;
 - b) this tender and its acceptance shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the general tender conditions of the Electoral Commission with which I am/we are fully acquainted;
 - c) I/we agree that my/our bid shall be valid for a period of 6 (six) months (180 Calendar days) and
 - d) the law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the contract created by the acceptance of my/our bid.
- 2.5 I furthermore confirm that I/we have satisfied myself/ourselves as to the correctness and validity of my/our bid, that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the work/item(s) specified in the tender documents and that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my/our obligations under a resulting

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contract/service level agreement and that I/we accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and calculations will be at my/our risk.

- 2.6 I hereby accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me/us under this agreement as the Principal(s) liable for the due fulfilment of this contract.
- 2.7 I agree that any action arising from this contract may in all respects be instituted against me/us and I/we hereby undertake to satisfy fully any sentence of judgement which may be pronounced against me/us by a court of law as a result of such action.
- 2.8 Confirmation is granted that SARS may, on an ongoing basis during the contract term, disclose my/our (including that of subcontractors, partners and undisclosed principals) tax compliance status to the Electoral Commission for purposes of verifying my/our tax compliance status with SARS.
- 2.9 Notice has been taken of the tender document including all the relevant forms and the General Tender Conditions contained in this tender document, the content of which is understood.
- 2.10 It is confirmed that the required tender forms have been completed in full and signed.

.....
Name and Surname in Print

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Signature

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Position

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Name of Bidder (Bidding Entity)

Date.....

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PENALTIES

1. PENALTIES AS PER THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

If the Electoral Commission is of the view that a tenderer submitted false information regarding a specific goal it will follow the prescriptions as per regulation 9 and if the Electoral Commission concludes that such information is false it may -

- disqualify the tenderer or terminate the contract in whole or in part; and
- if applicable, claim damages from the tenderer.

2. PENALTIES AS PER THE B-BBEE ACT

It is contrary to the B-BBEE Act for a measured entity to trade with an invalid/ inconclusive or incorrect B-BBEE verification certificate, sworn affidavit or CIPC certificate.

Trading with an invalid or fraudulent B-BBEE certificate or sworn affidavit/ CIPC certificate may constitute an offence in terms of section 13O(1)(a) of the B-BBEE Act, which states that a person commits an offence if that person knowingly misrepresents or attempts to misrepresent the B-BBEE status of an enterprise, and the B-BBEE Commission may institute an investigation in terms of section 13J of the B-BBEE Act.

In addition, section 13A of the B-BBEE Act has empowered organs of state to cancel any contract or authorisation awarded on account of false information knowingly furnished by or on behalf of an enterprise in respect of its B-BBEE empowerment status.

If an entity is found to have violated the B-BBEE Act, the B-BBEE Commission is empowered to act accordingly as guided by the B-BBEE Act and this can result in the entity that violated the B-BBEE Act to be fined up to 10% of its annual turnover, and individuals involved could be imprisoned for up to 10 years, and/ or fined. Specifically, the offence under section 13O (2) could lead to imprisonment of up to 12 months, or a fine, or both the fine and imprisonment.

In terms of section 13O (2) a procurement officer or any official of an organ of state who becomes aware of the commission of, or attempt to commit any offence referred to under section 13O (1) and fails to report it, is guilty of an offence.

Any person convicted of an offence in terms of the BBEEA may not, for a period of 10 years from the date of conviction, contract or transact any business with any organ of state or public entity and must for that purpose be entered into the register of tender defaulters which the National Treasury maintain for that purpose.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The under-mentioned requirements form an integral part of the bid assessment and bid evaluation processes that will be followed by the Electoral Commission. Please note that bids that do not conform to the primary compliance requirements indicated in Section A will not be considered. The bid evaluation requirements below must be read together with the bid evaluation criteria that may form part of the bid specifications.

A Acceptance or Rejection of Bid (Primary Compliance Verification)

Legality of bid document:

The following shall lead to disqualification:

- i. Non-compliance with tender rules
- ii. Failure to attend a COMPULSORY briefing session (if applicable).
- iii. Failure to return all applicable pages of the tender document that must be signed/initialled.
- iv. Failure to complete tender forms in original ink.
- v. Failure to sign/ initial all applicable pages **(where a provision to sign has been provided)** of the tender document. Signing of the Bidder's Disclosure and Declaration is deemed equivalent to signing that specific page and/or signing the page represents signing the Bidder's Disclosure and Declaration.
- vi. Any changes/ alterations to pricing that are not signed/ initialled and/ or the use of correctional fluid/ tape or any similar product in respect of pricing in the tender document.
- vii. Any changes to the tender specifications (unless formally agreed to by the Electoral Commission and recorded as such before the closure of the tender).
- viii. Failure to complete and sign all affidavits, certificates, declarations and annexures contained in the tender in original ink.
- ix. Failure to register on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).
- x. A non-compliant tax status

The following may lead to disqualification:

Failure to sign/initial any other alterations and/or corrections to the information submitted by the tenderer, which the Electoral Commission may consider to be material.

Incomplete bid submission:

The following shall lead to disqualification:

- i. Rates and prices – schedules not completed as required.
- ii. Failure to submit obligatory written proposals/ explanations/ samples/ prototypes/ certificates or similar requirements.
- iii. In respect of subcontractors (>25%) or joint ventures or consortiums, failure to complete and submit the required tender forms (pages 13-25 of the tender document) or to submit evidence that your tax affairs are in order.

B Bid Evaluation

Inability to evaluate the tender:

Incomplete schedule of rates and prices.

Prices and information not furnished as specified and/ or required.

Incomplete written proposals/ submissions where required.

Bids that qualify for bid evaluation purpose shall be subjected to the bid evaluation criteria as set out in the bid specifications. Such bid evaluation shall include assessment and evaluation of the bidder's disclosure.

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Tenderers should note that ALL information requested in terms of the bid submission is required and may be used for bid evaluation purposes.

General questionnaire (for completion by the tenderer) to ensure compliance with tender requirements/ rules/ conditions/ specifications:

Question	If YES, Mark YES*	If NO, Mark NO*
Are you duly authorised to sign the tender?		
Has the <i>Bidder's Disclosure and Declaration</i> been completed and signed?		
Have separate forms (pages 14-24) been completed for each member of a consortium, joint venture or subcontractor as specified in the tender document?		
Is the tender document complete – i.e. are all pages as well as compulsory returnables included/returned with your bid submission?		
The use of pencil to complete the tender forms will invalidate your bid. Have all applicable pages of this document been completed and signed or initialled in original ink by the signatory of the tender document?		
Have all corrections/alterations to information and or prices made on this document been certified/signed/ initialled by the signatory of the tender document?		
Have you noted that the use of correction fluid/tape or any such products to amend prices shall invalidate your bid submission?		
Is your company (and any potential subcontractors) registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD)? Please include a copy of your registration form in your bid submission.		
Are your tax affairs in order and reflected as being compliant on the Central Supplier Database (CSD)? As such, have you noted that your bid may be rejected at the time of awarding this tender if your tax status is non-compliant on the CSD?		
Have the General Tender Conditions been noted?		
Have the Bid Evaluation Criteria been noted?		
Has the Scope of Services been noted?		
Have prices been quoted VAT inclusive?		
Have a comprehensive written proposal and/or samples/ certificates/ <i>et cetera</i> as called for in this tender been prepared and submitted with the tender document?		

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SOUTH AFRICA

Electoral Commission

Tender # IEC/LG-05/2026

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR
BALLOT PAPER PRINTING**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Failure to comply with the completion of the tender conditions and the required information
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1. Background and Context

- 1.1 The Electoral Commission is desirous to appoint a service provider to provide support in respect of ensuring quality assurance for the printing, scanning, labelling and packaging of ballot papers, voters roll and result slips for the forthcoming 2026 local government elections (LGE 2026).
- 1.2 A high degree of accuracy and quality control is required for this project.
- 1.3 Prospective service providers must possess technical capacity and experience to provide quality assurance at the scale required and be capable and prepared to deliver a high-quality service at the right time and at the right place.
- 1.4 Bidders must note that an independent layer of quality assurance is required not only for the printing of the ballot papers, but may include quality assurance around inter alia ballot book finishing and kitting, packing, labelling, palletising and delivery thereof. Emphasis on the quality assurance of the ballot book finishing and kitting, packing and labelling is a significant component in a project of this nature. In addition, the quality assurance services may include printing of the LGE2026 voters roll for the elections and results slips.
- 1.5 Material planning for an election is done on a base element of a voting district. It is, therefore, important for bidders to comprehend the magnitude of packaging, kitting and labelling quantities of ballots destined for around 23,699 voting stations with special emphasis on accuracy and zero errors within a compressed time period.
- 1.6 For the purposes of LGE2026 planning, the Electoral Commission has to avail 4,488 unique ward ballots, 214 municipal proportional representatives (PR) ballots and 44 district council (PR) ballots. The total estimated number of ballot papers to be printed for LGE2026 is approximately 75.5 million.
- 1.7 Monitoring of printing spoilage, machine proofs, destruction of these ballots and security measures are also an integral part of the project and the quality

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assurance service provider must provide monitoring services for all aspects at the printing plant during the period.

- 1.8 The technical knowledge, understanding and expertise provided by the bidder contributes additional value in this regard, especially in print companies who are less familiar with the complexity of detailed packaging requirements for a product such as ballot papers.
- 1.9 Printing production processes will run 24 hours a day during the appointed production period. Therefore, the technical support and quality control pertaining to this project will require a higher degree of flexibility, availability at short notice (standby 24 hours a day), additional after-hours work and a higher level of technical experience, knowledge and competence.
- 1.10 The total anticipated man-hours for the ballot paper, voters roll and result slips printing quality assurance project management will be based on the ballot paper printing taking place over a printing window of 21 continuous calendar days including weekends and public holidays.

For illustrative purposes, on a particular ballot paper printing day for the purposes of activity at any single printing plant, the successful service provider should have available, a regional co-ordinator, a shift supervisor and at least two quality assurance monitors. The actual capacity requirements will be informed by the final allocation of ballot printing to selected printers and the volume of ballot papers that will be printed at each printing plant. The successful bidder's senior national project manager will centrally manage the allocation of resources and processes. For obvious reasons the successful service provider will also need to ensure that its administration around the project is efficient and accounts for all activities and resources utilised.

- 1.11 The bid will be awarded based on bids that offer market related value and demonstrate technical ability, knowledge, capability and capacity.

2. Objective of the Bid

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2.1 The objective of the bid is to appoint a quality assurer with technical capacity and capability for the purposes of:

- a) Signing off machine proofs of the required printing work.
- b) Monitoring and ensuring the print quality of the printed material.
- c) Ensuring no or minimal colour variation of the printed material.
- d) Assisting at all ballot paper printing sites to ensure that colour setting is done correctly.
- e) Monitoring and reporting of production progress.
- f) Quality assurance across the areas of the printing process at printing sites, including ballot book finishing, packaging and labelling, dispatch and delivery.
- g) Timeous troubleshooting and raising of alarm on any production aspects that may result in the non-achievement of the Electoral Commission's goals and objectives of the project.
- h) Provide quality assurance services as part of the scanning of ballot papers, books, cartons and pallets, to verify and ensure that correct ballot books are packaged in correct cartons and allocated to the correct pallets.

2.2 Furthermore, the scope of work may include other related projects of the Electoral Commission's, such as:

- a) Quality assurance of the printing and delivery of results slips for the LGE2026 elections. Refer section 6.2 for more detail.
- b) Quality assurance of the printing and delivery of the voters roll for the LGE2026 elections. Refer section 6.3 for more detail.

2.3 Bidders must provide a detailed explanation in their written proposals to demonstrate their ability and capability to assist the Electoral Commission in achieving these objectives as outlined in 2.1 and 2.2, including the methodology to be used to ensure that quality assurance is conducted in accordance to the Electoral Commission's bid specifications, quality standards and compliance requirements.

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- 2.4 It must be noted that the allocation of work around the printing of the LGE2026 election voters roll, the printing of results slips as well as the assistance required in validating the technical capacity of ballot paper printers will be dependent on timing around the finalisation of the appointment of the quality assurance provider. Though desirable, it will be a discretionary option reserved by the Electoral Commission.

3. Minimum Technical Requirements

- 3.1 Only bidders with the relevant quality assurance capabilities in the secure printing industry can participate in this bid requirement.
- 3.2 The bidder must demonstrate in their written proposal a proven track record of accomplishment in similar volume complex printing quality assurance projects and must be equipped with the technical knowledge, experience, capacity, capability and competence to perform quality assurance of this nature. The written proposal must state the years of experience of the company and evidence of at least two (2) completed projects that supports the required detail.
- 3.3 Reference letters or testimonials from at least two (2) clients where they have executed secure printing quality assurance projects. The reference letters or testimonials must include contactable and verifiable references.
- 3.4 The bidder's written submission must demonstrate their technical knowledge and must encompass all the various secure printing processes from pre-press and design (press operations) to finishing, bindery, dispatching and delivery. Trouble shooting during any of these processes.
- 3.5 The bidder must understand the printing industry and production capabilities of the equipment used, which can differ considerably from printer to printer and be able to provide an overall picture of the production capacity of individual printers within the various regions.
- 3.6 The bidder must have quality assurance monitors, which are conversant with secure printing workflows within printing plants and the requisite quality assurance requirements. The required quality assurance monitors will be utilised

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to pass colour, check quality of machine proofs on different printing presses and, where applicable, making suggestions around process efficiency improvements.

3.7 For the purposes of assessment, the bidders must provide an explanation demonstrating their knowledge, understanding and ability to deal with the following technical aspects of quality assurance relating to secure printing processes, security features and technologies:

- a) A proven track record of accomplishment in similar volume printing quality assurance projects.
- b) Technical capacity, capability and experience to perform quality assurance.
- c) Technical knowledge on the various secure printing processes from pre-press to finishing, dispatching and delivery.
- d) Bidder's capacity and capabilities to provide quality assurance services for secure document printing and other print requirements as set out in the bid specifications, including the bidder's technical and relevant experience, organisational capacity and availability of suitable personnel, tools and resources required to monitor and comply with the Electoral Commission's specifications, and contractual requirements.
- e) Bidders should also describe their ability to identify, manage, and report quality risks, defects, non-conformances, print spoilage, and corrective actions throughout the production, finishing, packaging, dispatch and delivery processes.
- f) Understanding of the production capabilities of the equipment used at printers.
- g) Proposal of how the bidder will execute quality assurance, technical support and quality control of ballot paper printing for LGE2026.
- h) Knowledge and understanding of scan verification procedures, audit trails and reconciliation to ensure quantity and traceability of all printed materials throughout the packaging, dispatch, and delivery processes. This includes the ability to use barcode scanners, QR code or other electronic scanning technologies to confirm that the correct materials are packaged, labelled, allocated to the appropriate destination, and accurately recorded in the

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tracking and reconciliation system. The Electoral Commission will provide 2D handheld scanners for the purposes of scanning the QR codes used during the ballot paper packaging process.

- i) Ability to submit regular progress reports on the quality, production and the printing of the ballot papers.
- j) Ability to pass colour, checking quality of machine proofs on different printing presses and processes and ability to suggest process improvements.

4. Essential Elements of the Bid Requirements

4.1 The bidder must have a proven track record of accomplishment in large quality assurance printing projects and must possess the technical capacity, capability and experience to provide quality assurance at the scale required. Bidders can refer to quality assurance they have done on printed material such as ballot papers, identity documents, bank notes, *et cetera*.

4.2 A bid submission must, as a minimum, include the following elements:

- a. The bidder must provide a company profile and detailed company credentials (including business activities and records as per evaluation criteria) and a description of technical support and quality control which are relevant to this bid.
- b. The bidder must provide a detailed written proposal outlining the bidder's capacity and capabilities as they may relate to the Electoral Commission's requirements at the printing plant across three provinces (ballot paper printers are based in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban).
- c. The bidder must provide at least one (1) certificate or equivalent proof of professional affiliation or association that may be applicable to the industry within which the bidder operates or performs its routine functions.
- d. The bidder must provide a detailed written proposal of how they will ensure technical support and quality control of ballot paper printing for LGE2026 as outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of the bid specifications.
 - i. For bid evaluation purposes, the bidder must provide detailed curriculum vitae (CVs) of a senior national project manager and a minimum of six (6)

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regional co-ordinators with specific attention to relevant experience including at least two (2) years in secure printing quality assurance.

- e. In addition, the bidder should provide written confirmation of their ability to deploy at least twenty (20) suitable and experienced personnel who are available to commence work immediately, across three (3) provinces upon the request of the Electoral Commission.
- f. Completion of pricing schedule provided for in this tender is mandatory.
- g. All stated prices must include VAT.

5. Scope of Services

5.1 The required services comprise of technical and expert advice to the Electoral Commission in support of the project areas as set out in the bid specifications.

5.2 The scope of work will include expert technical assistance to be provided by the quality assurance provider with *inter alia* the following project elements:

- a) Print production and output to be assessed during ballot paper printing to ensure that the number of ballot papers required to be print will be accomplished within the time assigned to print what is necessary
- b) Project management expertise should be supported by adequate experience and skills available to the service provider.
- c) On-site assistance at each printing site with ballot proofing, plus monitoring of consistent colour setting and production set-ups.
- d) Fulltime production progress monitoring and rendering of ballot paper printing quality assurance at each printing site.
- e) Monitoring of accuracy of labelling, packaging and despatch processes at each printing site.

5.2 The activities required from the service provider shall include the following:

- a) Arrange for suitable and experienced quality assurance monitors to inspect and monitor the quality, production progress and delivery of ballot papers at each of the printing plants that may be situated in the main centres across the country.

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- b) To minimise cost where possible, deploy locally based quality assurance monitors. For example, Cape Town based assurance monitors that will be responsible for quality assurance at Cape Town printing plants.
- c) Arrange for a designated quality assurance monitor to be available at a designated site(s) on time in order to provide quality assurance services on a daily basis for the duration of the production period.
- d) Scanning of ballot parcels, the details of the parcel (including the ballot books contained in the parcel and the planned destination) will be accessible via the barcode. The matrix of barcodes and parcel data will be provided by the Electoral Commission.
- e) Submit regular progress reports by email to the Electoral Commission on the quality, and production of the printing as observed at each production plant. Any issues that may impact on the delivery time-line of the ballot papers must be reported to the Electoral Commission immediately.

Pre and Post Quality Assurance Project Provisions

- 5.3 The 21-day ballot paper printing window is specifically the period during which quality assurance services must be rendered whilst ballot papers are being printed and shipped to Electoral Commission warehouses.
- 5.4 It is recognised that a successful services provider will need to engage in activities to establish and train their project staff.
- 5.5 The Electoral Commission will allow a period not exceeding seven (7) calendar days (including weekend and public holidays) prior to commencement of the printing of ballot papers for such activities to be concluded. It follows that the cost associated with such activities will be charged at project management level only as the service provider will be responsible for any cost associated with their project team and to ensure they are ready to be deployed to the printers where they will be tasked to perform the ballot paper quality assurance services.
- 5.6 Similarly, the successful service provider will be required to deal with project close-out requirements and the preparation as well as the submission of their

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final reports after ballot paper printing has been concluded. It follows that the cost associated with such activities will be charged at senior national project management level only and a period of seven (7) calendar days (including weekend and public holidays) is allowed for that work to be concluded.

- 5.7 The successful service provider will be responsible to maintain timesheets for all levels of staff deployed to perform quality assurance services.

6. Technical Requirements

6.1 Monitoring Quality, Production and Security During Ballot Paper Printing

- 6.1.1 The service provider is required to provide quality assurance monitors and technical experts at all ballot paper printing sites that are selected by the Electoral Commission during the printing project window.

- 6.1.2 The quality assurance monitors will pass colour for the purposes of printing the ballot papers, check quality of machine proofs on different printing presses and processes, and should be able to suggest process improvements, where applicable.

- 6.1.3 The quality assurance monitors must be conversant with workflow within printing plants and relevant quality assurance requirements.

- 6.1.4 Specific monitoring knowledge, understanding and paying attention to details must be applied to finishing, packing and labelling of ballot papers and books. This is of vital importance in ballot paper print runs, to ensure that the correct ballots are allocated and shipped to the correct destination. This knowledge, understanding and expertise is required to provide additional value, especially in print companies who are initially unfamiliar with packing requirements such as ballot papers.

- 6.1.5 The quality assurance monitors shall report promptly on progress and any problems that arise within the printing plants to the Electoral Commission's supervisors placed at each printing plant. Progress and security shall be monitored continuously.

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6.1.6 The service provider shall provide quality assurance monitors on a 24/7 basis, working preferably in two (2) shifts of 12 hours each (06:00 to 18:00 and 18:00 to 06:00), when so required by the project intensity.

6.2 Monitoring Quality, Production and Security During the Printing of Results Slips for Approximately 23,699 Voting Districts

6.2.1 In addition to the services required in Section 5 above (Scope of Services), the service provider may, provide similar quality assurance services at all result slips printing sites.

6.2.2 The quality assurance monitors will pass colour for the purposes of printing the results slips, check quality of machine proofs on different printing presses processes and should be able to suggest process improvements where applicable. The quality assurance monitors must be conversant with workflow within printing plants and the relevant quality requirements.

6.2.3 Specific quality assurance monitoring knowledge, understanding and attention must be applied to finishing, packing and labelling of results slips. This is of vital importance during print runs, to ensure that the correct results slips are allocated and shipped to the correct destination sites.

6.3 Monitoring Quality, Production and Security During the Printing of 32,850 Voters Roll Segments, Which Include Segments for Voting Centres With Sub-Stations

6.3.1 In addition to the services required in Section 5 above (Scope of Services), the service provider may be required to provide quality assurance at the voters roll printing plant. The voters roll for the LGE2026 elections will be printed in Johannesburg but contingency measures may require deployment to different plants if so required.

6.3.2 The quality assurance monitors will pass colour for the purposes of printing the voters roll segments, check quality of machine proofs on different printing presses processes and should be able to suggest process improvements where applicable. The quality assurance monitors must be conversant with workflow

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within printing plants and the relevant quality assurance monitoring requirements.

- 6.3.3 Specific quality assurance monitoring knowledge, understanding and attention must be applied to finishing, packing and labelling of voters roll segments. This is of vital importance during print runs, to ensure that the correct voters roll segments are allocated and shipped to the correct destination sites.

7. Reporting

- 7.1 The successful service provider shall be required to submit accurate daily reports to the Electoral Commission and may include more frequent reporting on request of the Electoral Commission. These reports will cover progress made at any specific point in time and will assist the Electoral Commission in mitigating risks by identifying challenges, causes or reasons around delays, potential secure printing breaches, *et cetera*.
- 7.2 The service provider must develop an appropriate reporting methodology, which shall be applied to the respective printing projects.

8. Project Control

- 8.1 The service provider shall provide one senior national project manager at a national level and quality assurance co-ordinators in each region as well as supervisors in addition to the required primary quality assurance monitors. A minimum of six (6) quality assurance monitors per shift per site is required at the beginning of the project. The number of quality assurance monitors to be deployed will depend on the Electoral Commission requirements and such will be finalised with the successful service provider on an agreed upon basis.
- 8.2 The following will *inter alia* be taken into consideration by the Electoral Commission when determining the ballot paper printing quality assurance capacity requirements:
- a) Printing company size and the volume of ballots to be printed.
 - b) The number of printing companies utilised on the project(s).

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- c) The location of the printing companies that are allocated work to print ballot papers.
- d) The number of facilities and warehouses determined as destinations for ballot papers and election-related material.

8.3 The quality assurance team should demonstrate the ability to foresee and report any challenges that may arise during the quality assurance process.

9. Timelines

9.1 The anticipated period of the ballot paper printing activity is between end of September and around mid-October 2026, with a production period of 21 calendar days. Actual dates are dependent on the final election timetable, leading up to the election date of 4 November 2026.

9.2 Some preparation work will be necessary in advance of commencement of the ballot paper printing and result slips to ensure a smooth interface with the relevant service provider(s). A period of one week is provided for this.

9.3 The anticipated commencement period of the ballot paper and results slips printing activity is end of September 2026.

9.4 Allocation of appropriate resources by the service provider to the respective printing project(s) shall take the above factors into account.

10. Printing Sites

10.1 The number of printing sites will only be determined after the successful adjudication of the tender IEC/LG-04/2026 pertaining to ballot paper production and printing LGE2026.

10.2 It is anticipated that the printing of ballot papers will take place at around six (6) or more printing sites based in the Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape provinces.

10.3 A specific tender to appoint a service provider for the printing and delivery of

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result slips will be run in the foreseeable future.

10.4 A tender for the printing and delivery of the voters roll for LGE2026 has already been awarded. The printing plant is located in Johannesburg.

10.4 Adequate provision will be made by the Electoral Commission at the printing sites in terms of office accommodation, furniture, and essential domestic requirements to enable the successful service provider to perform the required quality assurance monitoring services.

10.5 Bidders are expected to provide their own telecommunication and computer equipment for the respective assignments.

11. Costing Principles

11.1 Service providers participating in this tender should contain costs as far as possible to ensure that prices offered are fair, market related and acceptable.

11.2 Standardised rates or lower including VAT as it applies to the printing industry are applicable to this tender.

11.3 Non-profit entities participating in this bid will not be entitled to mark-up on cost or profit. Their prices should be based the cost schedules included below and should be adequate to cover their project management fees and administrative costs in relation to that.

11.4 Cost relating to the rendering of quality assurance services pertaining to ballot paper and other printing requirements will be consumption based. As such, the Electoral Commission, in consultation with the successful bidder, will determine the number of quality assurance monitors, supervisors and regional co-ordinators required at the respective printing sites.

11.5 The identification of the quality assurance capacity for these printing requirements will be dependent on the number of printers appointed as well as other factors such the demand around various ballot variances linked to wards and proportional representative ballots.

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11.6 The successful service provider will be responsible to maintain timesheets for all levels of staff deployed to perform quality assurance services. The service provider shall verify the validity of timesheets and such timesheets shall be signed off at the service provider's designated supervisory level. The timesheets will then be submitted to the Electoral Commission's designated representative at a printing site for confirmation and approval for payment purposes. The service provider will submit a reconciliation of timesheets to the Electoral Commission on an agreed upon format and frequency. The bidder will be responsible to substantiate or clarify any matters in relation thereto at the request of the Electoral Commission.

11.7 The Electoral Commission may, furthermore, also appoint its own ballot paper printing project manager to co-ordinate activities related to the printing of the ballot papers and the associated quality assurance services. Any appointed service provider will be required to co-operative and work with such project manager to achieve the objectives of effective and quality LGE2026 ballot paper printing.

12. Pricing Schedule

Table of Rates – Ballot Paper Quality Assurance Monitoring Services

12.1 Failure to complete this pricing schedules below will result in a bid being disqualified.

12.2 Fees are stated in South African Rands (ZAR) including VAT.

A: Senior National Project Manager (Co-ordination, Communication and Administration)	Cost Element	Cost Including VAT
Time (Normal Working Hours and Official Travel Time)	Hourly Rate	R
Travel Distance per Km (Road) Between Printing Sites (Not exceeding AA rates*)	Rate per Km	R

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A: Senior National Project Manager (Co-ordination, Communication and Administration)	Cost Element	Cost Including VAT
Travel and accommodation subsistence costs payable in respect of any official travel that may be required for the senior national project manager.	Subsistence Cost Per Overnight	R

B. Regional Co-ordinator	Cost Element	Cost Including VAT
Rate (Monday – Friday Day Shift) (Refer shift work as explained in 12.8)	Hourly Rate	R
Rate on Saturdays	Hourly Rate	R
Overtime Rate (Sundays and Public Holidays)	Hourly Rate	R
Travel Claim per Km (Road) Between Printing Sites (Not exceeding AA rates*)	Rate per Km	R

C: Ballot Paper Print Project Supervisors	Cost Element	Cost Including VAT
Rate (Monday – Friday Day Shift) (Refer shift work as explained in 12.8)	Hourly Rate	R
Rate (Monday – Friday Night Shift) (Refer shift work as explained in 12.8)	Hourly Rate	R
Rate on Saturdays	Hourly Rate	R
Overtime Rate (Sundays and Public Holidays)	Hourly Rate	R

D: Quality Assurance Monitors	Cost Element	Cost Including VAT
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Rate (Monday – Friday Day Shift) (Refer shift work as explained in 12.8)	Hourly Rate	R
Rate (Monday – Friday Night Shift) (Refer shift work as explained in 12.8)	Hourly Rate	
Rate on Saturdays	Hourly Rate	
Overtime Rate (Sundays and Public Holidays)	Hourly Rate	R

* Rates payable may preferably be lower than applicable AA rates per km travelled but shall not exceed the applicable AA rates.

12.2 Any other additional costs not provided for above that may arise during or after award of the tender will not be entertained. Bidders must, therefore, ensure that their fee structure adequately covers all expenses at their end as would be the case of appointing consultants in general.

12.3 The Electoral Commission reserves the discretionary right to consider the overall outcome of the tender process and the cost of the services to be rendered.

12.4 Air travel, car rental, hotel accommodation and meals will be based on relevant applicable Government tariffs as determined by National Treasury at the time of executing the project activities. Travel and accommodation arrangements may accordingly be made and paid by the Electoral Commission, otherwise reimbursive claims in respect of travel and accommodation arrangements will be done based on the applicable Government rates and tariffs. The successful bidder will be required to substantiate their claims for reimbursive travel and accommodation expenses by submitting supporting documentation evidencing such expenditure.

12.5 Travel and accommodation expenses are relevant to the senior national project manager in order to execute the project in consultation with the Electoral Commission. Prior written requests for such travel time and kilometres to be

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travelled will be submitted to the Electoral Commission for consideration and approval. Travel time and kilometres to be travelled will not exceed time and cost associated with similar travel requirements by air. For example, the senior national project manager will not travel from Johannesburg/Durban to Cape Town by road as would defy the objectives of time used for project management purposes.

- 12.6 Travel claims for regional co-ordinators will be limited to travel between printing sites as may be warranted to enable them to fulfil their project obligations. No travel claims will be accepted for purposes of travelling to and from work.
- 12.7 The Electoral Commission shall not be liable for costs associated with the travelling and accommodation of quality assurance monitors and supervisors. The successful bidder will be liable for all other travel and accommodation expenses relating to all other capacity levels.
- 12.8 Shift work on a 24-hour basis (two (2) shifts of 12 hours each) is anticipated for the ballot paper printing project over a continuous 21-day period. Day shifts may start from 06:00 – 18:00 and night shift may start from 18:00 – 06:00. Such shift work may also be required in respect of the result slip and voters' roll printing projects, if applicable.

13. Special Conditions and Requirements for Submission

- 13.1 The tender purposefully excludes commercial printers from competing for the ballot paper printing quality assurance tender. This is intended to avoid a situation where a commercial printer 'sit over' the work of another commercial printer as all sorts of perverse incentives would arise if this were to be allowed.
- 13.2 Where specific written proposals are called for in this bid requirement, such must be provided.
- 13.3 The Electoral Commission will assess the various requirements to be covered in the bidder's written proposal as part of the evaluation of bids and bid adjudication processes.
- 13.4 Failure to submit the required and applicable written proposal and/or

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documentary evidence shall, therefore, lead to disqualification of a bid submission.

- 13.5 The Electoral Commission will not request additional information for evaluation purposes in the event of the bidder's failure to include essential information. Bid responses will be evaluated as submitted and should, therefore, be as comprehensive as possible.
- 13.6 The Electoral Commission does, however, reserve the right to verify and/or clarify the information provided. If information is found to be factually incorrect, misrepresented or is not provided, the bid will be disqualified.

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14. BID EVALUATION CRITERIA

Technical Support and Quality Assurance Services in Support of Ballot Paper, Voters Roll and Result Slips Production and Printing for LGE2026
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BIDDER NAME:	Bid Reference:
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Bid submissions on time in response to this tender will be evaluated against the specified bid evaluation criteria.

Only bid submissions that meet the functional and operational needs of the Electoral Commission will be considered.

Stage 1

Assessment of Bidder's Disclosure

All bids received will be evaluated and assessed in respect of the mandatory information provided in the Bidder's Disclosure (SBD4) as well as the register for restricted suppliers and tender defaulters.

Any potential issues that may arise or transgressions that may identified will be pursued in accordance with statutory obligations and requirements.

In this regard, the following must be noted:

The Electoral Commission must, as part of its supply chain management (SCM) processes, identify and manage all potential conflicts of interest and other disclosures made by a person participating in procurement process to enable the accounting officer or delegated authority to make informed decisions about the person participating in the SCM process.

As such, the Bidders Disclosure form, issued as Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 4 was extended to all entities which were invited to participate in the bid process.

As part of the evaluation of the procurement process, the information provided by a person on the SBD4 form must be evaluated.

In so doing, it must be noted that if the bid evaluation establishes that:

- (a) a person within the bidding entity is an employee of the State, the Electoral Commission's CEO must request the relevant accounting officer/accounting authority whether the person-
 - (i) Is prohibited from conducting business with the State in terms of Section 8 of the Public Administration Management Act, 2014; or
 - (ii) has permission to perform other remunerative work outside of their employment, where the PAMA does not apply to such employee;
- (b) the conduct of a person constitutes a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004;
- (c) the conduct of a person constitutes a transgression of the Competition Act, 1998, the conduct must be reported to the Competition Commission; and
- (d) the conduct of a person must be dealt with in terms of the prescripts applicable to the Electoral Commission.

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If it is established that a person has committed a transgression in terms of the above, or any other transgression of SCM prescripts, the bid may be rejected and the person may be restricted.

The Electoral Commission's CEO must inform National Treasury of any action taken against a person within 30 days of implementing the action.

During the bid evaluation process, the Electoral Commission must in addition to other due diligence measures, establish if a person is not listed in-

- (a) the Register of Tender Defaulters; and
- (b) the list of restricted suppliers.

A bid related to a restricted bidder or tender defaulter shall be rejected.

The under-mentioned assessment criteria will be used to evaluate the elements relating to SBD4 and restricted suppliers and tender defaulters:

Assessment Criteria	Bidder Requirement (YES/NO*)	Comments
Bidder is registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD).		
Bidder is tax compliant.**		
The bidder is not an employee of the state.		
Having certified the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.		
Having certified to the SBD4, it is accepted that the bidder's conduct does not constitute a transgression of the Competition Act.		
The bidder is not a tender defaulter as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		
The bidder is not a restricted supplier as per the register published on the National Treasury website.		
QUALIFIES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION?		

* No bid shall be accepted if a supplier is not registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD).

** A bidder must be tax compliant before a contract is awarded. A bid will be disqualified if the bidder's tax affairs remains non-compliant as per the provisions of National Treasury Instruction No 9 of 2017/2018 Tax Compliance Status Verification.

Stage 2

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Phase 1 - Evaluation of Bids to Assess Compliance with Key Requirements

No.	Bid Evaluation Criteria			
1	Qualification Requirements (Shall lead to disqualification if not met)	YES	NO	Comments
1.1	Company profile submitted (Sections 2, 3 and 4)			<i>(Requirement to qualify for further consideration)</i>
1.2	Written proposal outlining the bidder's capability and capacity submitted (Sections 2, 3 and 4)			<i>(Requirement to qualify for further consideration)</i>
1.3	Technical support and quality assurance services to be provided for ballot paper printing for LGE2026 included in the bidder's written proposal (Sections 2, 3 and 4)			<i>(Requirement to qualify for further consideration)</i>
1.4	Completed pricing schedule submitted (Pricing Schedule)			<i>(Requirement to qualify for further consideration)</i>

Phase 2 - Evaluation of Bids to Assess Compliance with Bid Specifications

2	Technical Requirement	Weighted Score	Score	Achieved Score	Comments
2.1	Bidder Suitability	12			
	Company profile explaining company's business activities in rendering quality assurance relevant to secure production and printing [Section 4.2.a]		6		<i>Related experience in the secure printing industry: Up to 3 years = 2 Point 4 - 10 years = 4 Points >10 years = 6 Points</i>
	Relevant and related experience stated in written proposal. Experience in quality assurance projects (explanation of two (2) relevant projects [Section 4.1]		2		<i>1 Point per project explaining relevant and related experience) [maximum 2 points]</i>
	Two (2) reference letters or testimonials where they have executed such projects. The reference letters or testimonials must include contactable and verifiable references. [Section 3.3]		2		<i>2 Points if two reference letter are provided 0 Points if no or (1) reference letter is provided</i>

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2	Technical Requirement	Weighted Score	Score	Achieved Score	Comments
	The bidding entity must provide at least one (1) certificate or equivalent proof of professional affiliation or association that may be applicable to the industry within which the bidder operates or performs its routine functions [Section 4.2.c]		2		2 Points if relevant to the printing industry 0 Points for non-submission or not relevant to printing industry
2.2	Key Staff Capabilities Curriculum vitae indicating years of experience in rendering secure print quality assurance services of the following: [Section 4.2.d] CV's of Six (6) Regional coordinators and a Senior Project Manager to be submitted	14	14		0 Points for less than two years or non-relevant experience and non-submission 2 Points per individual for greater than 2 years in relevant secure print quality assurance experience [14 points]
2.3	Track Record, Knowledge and Capability Bidders track record, knowledge and ability to render quality assurance services printing. Bidders can refer to quality assurance they have done on printed material such as ballot	10	2 2		2 Points per element [Up to 10 points] 0 Points if not stated Bidder's written proposal includes explanatory detail on the following: - A proven track record of accomplishment in large complex printing projects. - Technical knowledge on each of the secure printing processes from pre-press to finishing, dispatching and delivery.

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2	Technical Requirement	Weighted Score	Score	Achieved Score	Comments
	papers, identity documents, bank notes, <i>et cetera</i> [Section 3]		2 2 2		- Bidder's explanation of their strengths, distinguishing skills, capacity and capabilities as they may relate to the Electoral Commission's requirements. - Knowledge of and ability to scan ballot parcels. - Ability to submit regular progress reports on the quality, production and printing of the ballot papers. <i>Bidders must provide sufficient explanatory detail that speaks to each of the bullet points listed above to score maximum points.</i>
2.4	Methodology Detailed explanation of quality assurance service to be provided for LGE2026 printing and production processes Proposal includes detail of how technical support and quality assurance of ballot papers, voters roll and result slips printing and production for LGE2026 will be executed to address the objectives of the bid [Sections 2.1 and 2.2]	36	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4		<i>4 Points per each element fully addressed</i> <i>2 Points for elements only partially addressed</i> <i>0 Points if not stated</i> <i>[Up to 36 points]</i> <i>Bidder's written proposal includes explanatory detail on the following:</i> - Signing off machine proofs of the required printing work. - Monitoring and ensuring the print quality of the printed material. - Ensuring no or minimal colour variation of the printed material. - Assisting at all ballot paper printing sites with colour setting. - Monitoring and reporting of production progress. - Quality assurance across the areas of ballot book finishing, packaging and labelling, dispatching and delivery. - Timeous troubleshooting and raising of alarm on any production aspects that may result in the non-achievement of the Electoral Commission's goals and objectives of the project. - Printing and delivery of results slips for the LGE2026 elections. - Printing and delivery of the voters roll for the LGE2026 elections. <i>Bidders must provide sufficient explanatory detail that speaks to</i>

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2	Technical Requirement	Weighted Score	Score	Achieved Score	Comments
					<i>each of the bullet points listed above to score maximum points.</i>
TOTAL POINTS ACHIEVABLE			72		

Final Score	72 Point Achievable	100%
Score achieved by bidder. Maximum score achievable is 72 points = 100%. Bidder must achieve at least 75%. A bidder must thus score at least 54 points.		

Bid Qualifies for Further Consideration Tick applicable selection.	YES	NO
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Stage 3**Bid Adjudication Process**

Qualifying and acceptable bids will be adjudicated as set out below.

Stage 3 – Adjudication of Bids

Only bids that comply with the requirements and conditions of the bid specifications and that meet the minimum criteria in the bid evaluation process as stipulated above will be considered for bid adjudication purposes.

Only market related bids will be acceptable.

Adjudication of qualifying bids will be done in accordance with the preference point system provided for in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 and as set out in the tender document.

This bid is deemed not to exceed R50 million including VAT.

Therefore, the 80/20 preference point system (PPPFA scoring) in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2005 (PPPFA) and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 shall apply in the adjudication process of this bid where all acceptable bids received are equal to or below R50 million including VAT. Preference points will be allocated as set out in the tender document.

Failure to submit the required supporting documents for preference claims will lead to zero (0) points for the claim.

Bid Evaluation Committee Proposal:**Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC)**

BEC Member	Department/Office	Signature

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