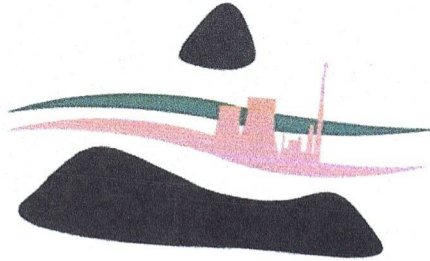


**FEZILE DABI
DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY**



BID DOCUMENT

SCM/BID NO: 017/2/2025-26

PROCUREMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MIGRATION OF MICROSOFT EXCHANGE 2019 TO MICROSOFT 365, PROVISION OF MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 LICENSES INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY SIX (36) MONTHS

CLOSING DATE 29th JUNE 2025 @ 12:00PM

PREPARED FOR/BY:

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ENQUIRIES: SCM UNIT
(016) 970 8600 OR

BIDDER: _____

BID AMOUNT (VAT INCL.): _____

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/WITTEN QUOTATIONS

Fezile Dabi District Municipality hereby invites service providers to submit proposal/bids for the below mentioned project.

Bid Number	Bid Description	Points System	Functionality	Document Price	Closing date	Compulsory Site Briefing	Contact Person
017/2025-26	Procurement of service provider to implement the migration of Microsoft exchange 2019 to Microsoft 365, provision of Microsoft office 365 licenses including maintenance and support for a period of thirty six (36) months.	80/20 Preferential points system Price: Max points 80 Specific goals: Max points 20 Locality: 10 points within the boundaries of Fezile Dabi District Municipality. 8 points within the boundaries of Free State. 0 outside the boundaries of Free State. Women Ownership: 81-100% women owned 5 points, 61-80% women owned 4 points, 41-60% women owned 3 points, 21-40% women owned 2 points, 1-20% women owned 1 point and 0% women owned is 0 . Disability: 51-100% disability owned 5 points and 0-50% disability owned 0 .	Experience in Microsoft 365: 20 points Microsoft partner: 40 points Skills and qualifications: 40 points Minimum points for further evaluation is 80	R1500.00 (Cash or direct deposit with a proof of deposit). Alternatively, @www.etender.gov.za for free on etender portal.	Monday, 29 th June at 12:00pm Fezile Dabi District Municipality Main Building Sasolburg	There will be no site briefing.	SCM Unit (016) 970 8600/Technical person Ms Maletsatsi Motokeng (016) 970 8736 Email address:maletsatsim@feziledabi.gov.za

Requirements: - Valid company tax clearance certificate must be attached or pin supplied. Certified ID copy. - Certified copy of the company registration certificate/founding certificate must be attached. - Copy of CSD registration report must be attached. - Obtain prove that municipal services, rates and taxes of the service provider are not more than three months in arrears with the relevant municipality or the landlord stamp in the case where the service provider is renting the premises / rental paid by tenant include the statement of municipal services from the Landlord or affidavit from SAPS with landlord municipality rates and taxes- All compulsory/supplementary forms contained in the bid documents must be completed and signed (MBD 1,4, 6.1, 8 &9 amongst others)

- Company profile.

Please note: - Bidders should take note that the bid document will be obtainable as from Monday 01st June at 10:00am 2026, from Supply Chain Management Unit, Fezile Dabi District Municipality offices in Sasolburg and for free download on etender portal. A Sealed bid should clearly indicate the bid in which you bid for - No bids will be accepted from persons in the service of the state. No telegraphic, telefax and late bids will be accepted. - **Municipality is not bound to accept the lowest bid.**- Failure to comply with the above mentioned conditions may invalidate your bid. - Bids will remain valid for 90 days. -All quotations will be evaluated in terms of preferential points system as prescribed in the preferential procurement policy regulation of 2022.

Mr A Mgcina

Acting Municipal Manager

LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS THAT SHOULD FORM PART OF BID DOCUMENT

NUMBER	DETAILS	DOCUMENT: YES/NO	MAKE REFERENC E TO PAGE
1	Company registration certificate		
2	Municipal services, rates and taxes of the service provider		
2.1	Stamp/lease agreement including municipal service, rates and taxes of the landlord		
3	Tax compliance status		
4	MBD 6.1 Claiming Specific goals		
5	CSD registration report		
6	All compulsory/supplementary forms contained in the bid documents must be completed and signed (MBD:4.6.1,8 & 9 amongst others)		
7	Certified ID copies of the Directors		
8	Proof of Microsoft partnership/accreditation		
9	Experience in Microsoft 365 and Exchange migration projects		
10	Four (4) reference letters for Microsoft 365 migration projects completed		
11	At least two (2) CVs of qualified personnel		
12	Detailed Migration Plan		
13	Downtime minimisation approach		
14	Risk mitigation plan		
15	Complete technical and user documentation provided		
16	Training User and ICT admin training completed with attendance records		

.....
Director's Signature

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE ON DISQUALIFICATIONS

A bid that does not comply with the peremptory requirements stated hereunder will be regarded as not being an "acceptable bid", and such a bid will be rejected. An "acceptable bid" means any bid which, in all respects, complies with the conditions of the bid and the specifications as set out in the bid documents, including the conditions as specified in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2000 (Act 5 of 2000) and related legislation as published in *Government Gazette 22549*, dated 10 August 2001, in terms of which provision is made for this policy.

1. If any pages have been removed from the bid document and have therefore not been submitted or if a copy of the original bid document has been submitted.
2. If the bid document is completed using a pencil. Only black ink must be used to complete the bid document.
3. The bidder attempts to influence or has in fact influenced the evaluation and/or awarding of the contract.
4. The bid has been submitted after the relevant closing date and time.
5. If any bidder who, during the last five years, has failed to perform satisfactorily on a previous contract with the municipality, municipal entity or any other organ of state after written notice was given to that bidder that performance was unsatisfactory.
6. The accounting officer must ensure that, irrespective of the procurement process followed, no award may be given to a person –
 - (a) who is in the service of the state;
 - (b) if that person is not a natural person, of which any director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder is a person in the service of the state; or
 - (c) who is an advisor or consultant contracted to the municipality in respect of a contract that would cause a conflict of interest.
7. Bid offers will be rejected if the bidder or any of his/her directors are listed on the Register of Bid Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act 12 of 2004) as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector.
8. Bid offers will be rejected if the bidder has abused the District of Fezile Dabi District Municipality supply chain management system.
9. Failure to complete and sign the certificate of independent determination or disclosure of wrong information.

Failure to comply with the above will lead to immediate disqualification.

Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR SIGNATORY

Status of concern submitting tender (delete whichever is not applicable):

COMPANY/PARTNERSHIP/ONE-PERSON BUSINESS/CLOSE CORPORATION/JOINT VENTURE

A. COMPANY

If the bidder is a company, a certified copy of the resolution of the board of directors that is personally signed by the chairperson of the board, authorising the person who signs this bid to do so and to sign any contract resulting from this bid, and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid or contract on behalf of the company, must be submitted with this bid.

An example is shown below:

By resolution of the board of directors on 20....., Mr/Ms has been duly authorised to sign all documents in connection with Bid Number

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY:

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS

DATE:

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY:

WITNESSES: 1.

2.

B. PARTNERSHIP

The following particulars in respect of every partner must be furnished and signed by every partner:

Full name of partner	Residential address	Signature
.....
.....
.....

We, the undersigned partners in the business trading as, hereby authorise to sign this bid as well as any contract resulting from the bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid or contract on our behalf.

.....
Signature **Signature** **Signature**

.....
Date **Date** **Date**

C. ONE-PERSON BUSINESS

I, the undersigned,, hereby confirm that I am the sole owner of the business trading as

.....
Signature **Date**

D. CLOSE CORPORATION

In the case of a close corporation submitting a bid, a certified copy of the founding statement of such corporation shall be included with the bid with a resolution by its members, authorizing a member or other official of the corporation to sign the documents and correspondence in connection with this bid or contract on behalf of the company.

An example is shown below:

By resolution of the members at the meeting on 20 at
....., Mr/Ms, whose
signature appears below, has been duly authorized to sign all documents in
connection with Bid Number

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CLOSE CORPORATION:

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:

DATE:

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY:

WITNESSES: 1.
 2.

E. CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR JOINT VENTURES

This returnable schedule is to be completed by joint ventures.

We, the undersigned, are submitting this bid offer in joint venture and hereby authorize Mr/Ms....., authorized signatory of the company....., acting in the capacity of the lead partner, to sign all documents in connection with the bid offer and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

NAME OF FIRM	ADDRESS	DULY AUTHORISED SIGNATORY
Leading partner:		Signature: Name: Designation:
		Signature: Name: Designation:
		Signature: Name: Designation:
		Signature: Name: Designation:

GUIDELINES ON SPECIFICATION FOR PROCUREMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO IMPLEMENT THE MIGRATION OF MICROSOFT EXCHANGE 2019 TO MICROSOFT 365, PROVISION OF MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 LICENSES INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY SIX (36) MONTHS.

PROJECT NAME:	PROCUREMENT:- IMPLEMENT THE MIGRATION OF MICROSOFT EXCHANGE 2019 TO MICROSOFT 365, PROVISION OF MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 LICENSES INCLUDING MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY SIX (36) MONTHS.		
Prepared by:	Ms. Maletsatsi Mofokeng	Signature:	Date :
Authorized by:	Ms. Gladys Ramaboea Director – Corporate Support Services	Signature:	Date :

Project Initiation Phase – This section of the Procurement Plan provides the Bid Specification Committee with essential information regarding the need to procure a service provider for the **procurement: Migration of Microsoft Exchange 2019 to Microsoft 365, provision of Microsoft office 365 licenses including maintenance and support for a period of thirty six (36) months.**

Guideline for Terms of reference

This tender is for the appointment of a Service Provider to migrate from on-premises Microsoft Exchange 2019 to Microsoft 365 inclusive of Microsoft Office 365 licensing, configuration, testing, and maintenance and support for a period of **thirty six (36) months**.

A. PURPOSE

1. Migrate the existing on-premises Microsoft Exchange 2019 environment to Exchange Online
2. Provide Microsoft 365 licenses and subscription management
3. Ensure minimal disruption to municipal operations during migration
4. Improve email system availability and disaster recovery
5. Enhance email security, availability and reliability.
6. Maintain integrity and security of email data
7. Enable integration with Microsoft 365 tools like OneDrive, Teams and SharePoint
8. Maintain and support municipality Microsoft 365 software for a period of **thirty six (36) months**
9. The successful supplier/bidder will be required to train ICT officials for ongoing management of licenses and users and Office 365 access and use (Outlook, Teams, OneDrive, SharePoint).
10. The successful supplier/bidder will be required to sign a Service Level Agreement with the Fezile Dabi District Municipality and agreeing to clearly identified service levels.
11. Following the award of the contract, the terms and conditions between the parties will be detailed in the Service Level Agreement.

B. BACKGROUND

Fezile Dabi District Municipality (FDDM) currently operates an on-premises Microsoft Exchange environment that no longer meets modern requirements for security, scalability, and collaboration. To improve efficiency, reliability, and integration with modern tools, the FDDM intends to migrate to Microsoft 365, specifically Exchange Online.

The FDDM therefore seeks a suitably qualified and experienced service provider to migrate to Exchange online, inclusive of licensing, configuration, testing, and post-migration support.

C. CURRENT ENVIRONMENT

FDDM currently has on-premises Microsoft Exchange 2019 environment. FDDM current Exchange environment is hosted on a virtual server and accommodates approximately 140 users.

FDDM employees access their email from Windows based workstations, using Microsoft Outlook 2013. Access to email via web browser is also provided using Outlook Web Access (OWA). FDDM mailboxes reside on a Hyper-V virtualized environment.

1.	Current Email Platform	Microsoft Exchange 2019 (On-Premises) version 15.2
2.	Number of Mailboxes	127
3.	Number of Groups	11
4.	Number of Contacts	79
5.	Number of Public Folders	16
6.	Configured Mailbox Databases	3
7.	Size of total mailboxes	136 GB
8.	Domain Controller(s)	2
9.	Client Access	Outlook 2013/2019, OWA,
10.	Operating System	Windows Server 2022 Standard version 21H2
11.	Microsoft 365 Tenant	Existing tenant with 1 Microsoft 365 Business Standard License and 2 Microsoft Teams Rooms Pro Licenses (Tenant ID feziledabi.co.za)
12.	Authentication	Active Directory
13.	Location of employees:	Head Office Building - 85 EH & ES Building - 40 Satellite Offices - 5

NOTE: above Microsoft 365 Tenant must be migrated to a new Microsoft tenant **feziledabi.gov.za**

D. SCOPE OF WORK & REQUIREMENTS

A service provider shall:

1.1 Licensing Supply and Configuration

- Supply and activate 130 Microsoft 365 E3 for Government user licenses for a period of three (3) years.
- Ensure licenses include access to:
 - Microsoft Teams
 - Microsoft Exchange Online (email)
 - Microsoft OneDrive for Business
 - Microsoft SharePoint Online
 - Microsoft Defender for Office 365
 - Full Office desktop applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, Access).
- Licenses must be:
 - Genuine and sourced through authorized Microsoft channels;
 - Activated, assigned, and configured for FDDM users;
 - Clearly itemized in the pricing schedule.

1.2 Assessment

- Assess the current Exchange environment
- Mailbox databases and storage utilization
- Validate Active Directory, Domain Name System, network readiness for Exchange Online
- Identify potential risks and propose solutions

1.3 Migration to Microsoft 365

- Configure the municipal Microsoft 365 Tenant in accordance with Microsoft best practices
- Migration of mailboxes, shared mailboxes, calendars, contacts, distribution groups and public folders
- Update and configure DNS Records (Mail Exchange (MX), Autodiscover, Sender Policy Framework (SPF), DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM), Domain-based Message Authentication Reporting and Conformance (DMARC))
- Configuration of Exchange Online policies, security, and compliance features (Multi-factor Authentication (MFA), password policies, conditional access, etc)
- Set up Exchange Online Mail Flow, protection rules and anti-spam configurations
- Configure Teams, OneDrive and SharePoint services for collaboration and document management
- Configure Outlook Web Access and Exchange ActiveSync for mobile phones and devices where applicable
- End-user impact minimisation and migration scheduling
- Perform Post-migration Service Testing of Office 365 functionality

1.4 Redundancy

- Setup secondary copies of all mailboxes on-premises

1.5 Active Directory Synchronization

- Integrate Microsoft 365 with the Municipality's on-premises Active Directory to enable user authentication and synchronization (via Azure AD Connect).
- Align all users to the municipal domain (e.g., user@feziledabi.gov.za).
- Configure single sign-on (SSO) for seamless access to Microsoft 365 resources.
- Verify synchronization and user provisioning between on-premises and cloud environments.

1.6 Microsoft Teams Enablement

- Configure Microsoft Teams environment and policies.
- Create user groups, channels, and permissions aligned to departmental structures.
- Integrate Teams with Exchange Online calendars and SharePoint document libraries.
- Conduct functional testing and user acceptance testing (UAT).
- Migrate current Tenant (feziledabi.co.za to a new tenant (feziledabi.gov.za)

1.7 Data Security and Protection

- Configure Microsoft Defender for Office 365 for protection against phishing, spam, and malware.
- Implement basic data loss prevention (DLP) policies.
- Enable OneDrive backup and recovery options.
- Activate and enforce security features like MFA and Single Sign-On (SSO) for all users

1.8 Email Signature

- Configure CodeTwo Email Signatures for Office 365 to ensure consistency across email signature
- Setup different signatures for internal and external communications as required
- Automate signature management with dynamic fields for user details pulled from Azure AD
- Validate that signatures are applied correctly to outgoing emails, both on desktop and mobile devices
- Ensure that user signatures comply with corporate branding guidelines

1.9 Training and Knowledge Transfer

- Conduct end-user orientation and training sessions covering: Office 365 access and use (Outlook, Teams, OneDrive, SharePoint).
- Basic cybersecurity and safe email practices.
- Provide ICT administrator training for ongoing management of licenses and users.
- Supply training materials and reference guides.

1.10 Documentation and Handover

Provide detailed project documentation, including:

- Configuration and setup details.
- User and mailbox migration logs
- MX records, Autodiscover, SPF, DKIM, DMARC changes.
- Backup and recovery steps.
- Administrative credentials and tenant information (secured handover).
- Submit project completion and acceptance report.

E. DELIVERABLES

Microsoft 365 Tenant Setup	Fully configured tenant with all required services enabled. Current tenant migration
130 Microsoft 365 E3 Licenses	Activated and assigned to end users
Email Migration	All existing mailboxes successfully migrated
Security Configuration	MFA, anti-spam, anti-malware, and access policies
DNS Update	MX, Autodiscover, SPF, DKIM, DMARC records updates and verified
AD Synchronization	Active Directory integrated and synchronized with Microsoft 365
Teams, OneDrive and SharePoint Configuration	Microsoft Teams, OneDrive and SharePoint fully operational for all users
Documentation & Handover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Detailed Migration Plan ▪ Downtime minimisation approach ▪ Risk mitigation plan ▪ Complete technical and user documentation provided. ▪ Training User and ICT admin training completed with attendance records.

F. POST IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

- Provide 36 months of post-migration support to address any issues or user queries at no costs.
- Ensure system stability, mail flow, and license management are verified and functional.

G. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of Microsoft partnership/accreditation.
- Experience in Microsoft 365 and Exchange migration projects.
- Four (4) reference letters for Microsoft 365 migration projects completed.
- At least two (2) CVs of qualified personnel.

H. MAINTANANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The appointed service provider shall provide maintenance and support services for the Microsoft 365 environment as and when needed, including but not limited to the following:

1. Technical Support Services
2. Exchange Online Support Services
3. Security and Compliance Management
4. Backup and Disaster Recovery Support
5. Monitoring and Performance Management
6. Updates and Change Management
7. Reporting

NB: Maintenance and Support at No Costs

I. SERVICE AVAILABILITY

No.	Priority	Description	Response Time
1.	Critical	Complete service outage	15 Minutes
2.	High	Service affecting multiple users	30 Minutes
3.	Medium	Limited impact affecting individual users	1 Hour
4.	Low	Minor issues	1 Hour

J. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Service Provider Responsibilities during implementation stage

The Service Provider shall:

- Provide qualified technical personnel
- Perform migration activities professionally
- Maintain confidentiality of client information
- Ensure data integrity during migration
- Provide progress reports
- Escalate risks and issues promptly
- Provide technical support during and after migration

2. Municipal Responsibilities during implementation Stage

- Provide access to authorised personnel to current systems and infrastructure
- Assign project representatives
- Provide required approvals for changes and maintenance activities
- Communicate migration schedules to users
- Provide accurate user and mailbox information
- Ensure availability of internet connectivity and end-user devices

K. DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

State how long the contract will take

Thirty Six (36) months

NB: under performance will result be the contract being cancelled

L. CONFIDENTIALITY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DATA PROTECTION

The service provider shall:

- Treat all municipal information and ICT infrastructure details as confidential and shall not disclose such information to third parties without written consent from the Municipality.
- Comply with POPIA and applicable data protection legislation.
- Ensure secure handling of municipal data.
- Sign confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements where required.
- All reports, documentation, configurations, and deliverables produced during the contract period shall remain the property of the Municipality.

M. PRICING SCHEDULE

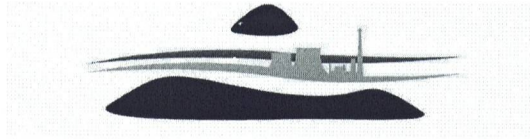
No.	Description	Quantity	Amount excl VAT Year 1	Amount excl VAT Year 2	Amount excl VAT Year 3
1.	Assessment of current ICT infrastructure and Migration Planning costs (Once Off)		R		
2.	Migration and Implementation costs (Once Off)	130	R		
3.	Microsoft 365 E3 Licence costs (annually)	130	R	R	R
4.	Microsoft Teams Rooms Pro License costs (annually)	2	R	R	R
5.	ICT Administrative Training and knowledge transfer	4	R	R	R
6.	Configuration Costs (Once Off)		R		
7.	Implement Security and Compliance Configuration (Once Off)		R		
8.	Documentation		R	R	R
9.			R	R	R
10.			R	R	R
Total excl VAT			R	R	R
VAT @ 15%			R	R	R
Total incl VAT			R	R	R

N. EVALUATION CRITERIA

CRITERIA	SUB-CRITERIA	WEIGHT
1. EXPERIENCE IN MICROSOFT 365	<p>Service provider must provide contactable references of Microsoft 365 migration projects successful completed for the past 3-5 years. Points will be allocated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 reference 5 points ▪ 2 references 10 points ▪ 3 references 15 points ▪ 4 or more references 20 points <p>NB: Please provide a confirmation letter on successful completed projects with appointment letter together.</p> <p>Reference letters must be on company letter head.</p>	20 points
2. MICROSOFT PARTNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid accreditation certificate or letter issued by Microsoft must be attached as a proof of partnership. Points will be allocated as follows: ▪ Accreditation Certificate/Letter not submitted 0 points ▪ Accreditation Certificate/Letter submitted 40 points 	40 points
3. SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS	<p>Service provider must attach detailed CV's together with Microsoft Certificate(s) of the technical personnel assigned to the project. Points will be allocated as follows:</p> <p>a. Project Manager must have B-Tech/NQF Level 7 or higher in ICT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ B-Tech with 5 year's experience = 10 points ▪ B-Tech with 10 year's experience = 20 points <p>b. An engineer must have certificates in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Messaging Administrator Associate and Administrator Expert = 10 points ▪ Messaging Administrator Associate, Administrator Expert And Security Administrator Associate = 20 points 	40 points
TOTAL		100

The bidder must obtain 80% points or more for further evaluation

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES, RATES AND TAXES CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PURPOSE

The purpose of this form is to obtain prove that municipal services, rates and taxes of the service provider are not more than three months in arrears with the relevant municipality. **This form is to be completed only if the service provider's rates and taxes are not in arrears for more than three months.**

PART A – to be completed by the relevant municipality in the case where the service provider is the registered owner of the site / owner pays for municipal services / tenant pays for municipal services

OR

PART B – to be completed by the landlord in the case where the service provider is renting the premises / rental paid by tenant include the statement of municipal services from the Landlord.

PART A (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RELEVANT MUNICIPALITY)

Name of the Municipality:

Property Physical Address:

Registered Name:

Official's Name: _____

Municipality Stamp Here

Signature : _____

Date: _____

Please tick whether in arrears or up-to-date

Rates and taxes : Up-to-date / in arrears for more than 3 months

Water: Up-to-date / in arrears for more than 3 months

Electricity: Up-to-date / in arrears for more than 3 months

Refuse : Up-to-date / in arrears for more than 3 months

Other services: Up-to-date / in arrears for more than 3 months

PART B (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LANDLORD)

Name of the Landlord:

Property Physical Address:

Landlord Signature:

Date: _____

Landlord's business stamp here

Or an Affidavit from SAPS with municipal rates and taxes of the Landlord.

(in the event the landlord does not have a business stamp)

Please tick whether up-to-date or in arrears

Rental: Up-to-date / in arrears for more than 3 months

Municipal services: Up-to-date / in arrears for more than 3 months

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEZILE DABI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY			
BID NUMBER:	016/2024-25	CLOSING DATE:	16 April 2025
		CLOSING TIME:	12:00pm
DESCRIPTION	Procurement of a service provider for asset management services and review of annual financial statements		
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).			

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX
SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)

JOHN VORSTER ROAD
SASOLBURG
1947

SUPPLIER INFORMATION			
NAME OF BIDDER			
POSTAL ADDRESS			
STREET ADDRESS			
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE	NUMBER	
CELLPHONE NUMBER			
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE	NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS			
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER			
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:	OR	CSD No:

ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED		TOTAL BID PRICE	R
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER	DATE	
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED			

BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:	TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT PERSON
CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FACSIMILE NUMBER
FACSIMILE NUMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS
E-MAIL ADDRESS	

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

- 1. BID SUBMISSION:**
- 1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
 - 1.2. **ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED-(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED)**
 - 1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

- 2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**
- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
 - 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
 - 2.3 APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
 - 2.4 FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.
 - 2.5 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
 - 2.6 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
 - 2.7 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

- 3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS**
- 3.1. IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? YES NO
 - 3.2. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? YES NO
 - 3.3. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? YES NO
 - 3.4. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? YES NO
 - 3.5. IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? YES NO
- IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.**

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.
NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.**

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

DATE:

TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

It is a condition of bid that the taxes of the successful bidder must be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

- 1 In order to meet this requirement bidders are required to complete in full the attached form TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate Requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit bids.
- 2 SARS will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of approval.
- 3 The original Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted together with the bid. Failure to submit the original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate will result in the invalidation of the bid. Certified copies of the Tax Clearance Certificate will not be acceptable.
- 4 In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.
- 5 Copies of the TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" form are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website www.sars.gov.za.
- 6 Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website www.sars.gov.za.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state*.
2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority and/or take an oath declaring his/her interest.

3 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

3.1 Full Name:

3.2 Identity Number:

3.3 Company Registration Number:

3.4 Tax Reference Number:

3.5 VAT Registration Number:

3.6 Are you presently in the service of the state* YES / NO

3.6.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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3.7 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months? YES / NO

3.7.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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* MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

- (a) a member of –
 - (i) any municipal council;
 - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
 - (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No.1 of 1999);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or
- (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

3.8 Do you, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

YES / NO

3.8.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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3.9 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between a bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

YES / NO

3.9.1 If so, furnish particulars

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3.10 Are any of the company's directors, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?

YES / NO

3.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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3.11 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?

YES / NO

3.11.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME)

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

(delete whichever is not applicable for this tender).

- a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **90/10** preference point system.
- b) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** preference point system.
- c) Either the **90/10 or 80/20 preference point system** will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/ highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

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

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

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

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

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

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

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

Where

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

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

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - Pmax}{Pmax} \right) \text{ or } Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - Pmax}{Pmax} \right)$$

Where

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

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

4.1.1. Locality

Youth Ownership of the company/enterprise, if a portion of the 20/10 points is allocated to promote this goal, the following ownership percentage categories should be used. **The points per percentage category will be determined in the tender specification document**

Locality of supplier (Provide proof of address)	Number of Points for preference 80/20
Within the boundaries of Fezile Dabi District Municipality	10
Within the boundaries of Free State	5
Outside of the boundaries of Free State	0

4.1.2. Women Ownership

Women Owned of the company/enterprise, if a portion of the 20/10 points is allocated to promote this goal, the following ownership percentage categories should be used. **The points per percentage category will be determined in the tender specification document**

Women Ownership of the company (Provide shareholder certificate with ID copy)	Number of Points for preference 80/20
81-100% Women owned	5
61-80% Women owned	4
41-60% Women owned	3
21-40% Women owned	2
1-20% Women owned	1
0%- Women owned	0

4.1.3. Disability

Women Owned of the company/enterprise, if a portion of the 20/10 points is allocated to promote this goal, the following ownership percentage categories should be used. **The points per percentage category will be determined in the tender specification document**

People living with disability Ownership of the company (Provide shareholder certificate with ID copy)	Number of Points for preference 80/20
51-100%	5
0-50%	0

- 4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
- (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
 - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,
- then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

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

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

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
Locality: (Provide proof of address)	-	10	-	
Within the boundaries of Fezile Dabi District Municipality	-	10	-	
Within the boundaries of Free State	-	5	-	
Outside of the boundaries of Free State	-	0	-	
Women ownership: (Provide shareholder certificate with ID copy)	-	5	-	
81-100% Women owned	-	5	-	
61-80% Women owned	-	4	-	
41-60% Women owned	-	3	-	
21-40% Women owned	-	2	-	
1-20% Women owned	-	1	-	
0%- Women owned	-	0	-	
Disability ownership: (Provide shareholder certificate with ID copy)	-	5	-	
51-100%	-	5	-	
0-50%	-	0	-	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

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

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

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DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 4 **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied). The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
Item	Question	Yes	No
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS
DECLARATION FORM TRUE AND CORRECT.**

**I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT,
ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION
PROVE TO BE FALSE.**

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
- 4 This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:
(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder

6. 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 consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. 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 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.

10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



**GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

July 2010

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General Conditions of Contract

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

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

supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

- 1.25 "Supplier" means the successful bidder who is awarded the contract to maintain and administer the required and specified service(s) to the State.
- 1.26 "Tort" means in breach of contract.
- 1.27 "Turnkey" means a procurement process where one service provider assumes total responsibility for all aspects of the project and delivers the full end product / service required by the contract.
- 1.28 "Written" or "in writing" means hand-written in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

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

3. General

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 Invitations to bid are usually published in locally distributed news media and on the municipality/municipal entity website.

4. Standards

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

5. Use of contract documents and information inspection

- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall

extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.

5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent Rights

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

6.2 When a supplier developed documentation / projects for the municipality / municipal entity, the intellectual, copy and patent rights or ownership of such documents or projects will vest in the municipality / municipal entity.

7. Performance security

7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.

7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:

- (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
- (b) a cashier's or certified cheque.

7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that goods to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage be subject to inspections, tests and analyses, the bidder or contractor's premises shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the purchaser or organization acting on behalf of the purchaser.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the goods to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the goods or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such goods or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Goods and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract goods may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected goods shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with goods, which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected goods shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute goods forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected goods, purchase such goods as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.
- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 22 of GCC.

9. Packing

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size

weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods and arrangements for shipping and clearance obligations, shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract.

11. Insurance

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

12. Transportation

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

13. Incidental Services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any:

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

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

14. Spare parts

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

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

15. Warranty

- 15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise.
- 15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.
- 15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.

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16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.

16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated.

17. Prices

17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Variation orders

18.1 In cases where the estimated value of the envisaged changes in purchase does not vary more than 15% of the total value of the original contract, the contractor may be instructed to deliver the goods or render the services as such. In cases of measurable quantities, the contractor may be approached to reduce the unit price, and such offers may be accepted provided that there is no escalation in price.

19. Assignment

19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.

21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.

21.3 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the goods are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.4 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 22.2 without the application of penalties.

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

22. Penalties

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

23. Termination for default

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

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

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

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

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- 23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the supplier as having no objection and proceed with the restriction.
- 23.5 . Any restriction imposed on any person by the purchaser will, at the discretion of the purchaser, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the purchaser actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
 - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
 - (iii) the period of restriction; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

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

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

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

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

25. Force Majeure

25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

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

27. Settlement of Disputes

27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.

- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
- (a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - (b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier for goods delivered and / or services rendered according to the prescripts of the contract.

28. Limitation of Liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and
 - (b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing language

- 29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable law

- 30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified.

31. Notices

- 31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice.
- 31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and duties

- 32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.

32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.

32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid SARS must have certified that the tax matters of the preferred bidder are in order.

32.4 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose municipal rates and taxes and municipal services charges are in arrears.

33. Transfer of contracts

33.1 The contractor shall not abandon, transfer, cede assign or sublet a contract or part thereof without the written permission of the purchaser

34. Amendment of contracts

34.1 No agreement to amend or vary a contract or order or the conditions, stipulations or provisions thereof shall be valid and of any force unless such agreement to amend or vary is entered into in writing and signed by the contracting parties. Any waiver of the requirement that the agreement to amend or vary shall be in writing, shall also be in writing.

35. Prohibition of restrictive practices

35.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder(s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding.

35.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s) based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 Of 1998.

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