

# **REQUEST FOR BID**

# **BID NUMBER WP11254**

Appointment of a Professional Service Provider for the Development of a Business Case and Transition to Indepent Economic Regulator Model, Finalisation of the Pricing Regulations and Infrastructure Funding Model as well as Strengthening of Various Regulatory Tools for a Period of 36 Months

CLOSING DATE: **14 December 2017** 

CLOSING TIME: 11:00 am

<u>Compulsory Briefing Session</u> <u>Date</u>: 01 December 2017

<u>Time</u>: 10h00

**Venue**: Department of Water and Sanitation

191 Francis Baard Street, Waterbron Building

153 Boardroom

Pretoria 0001

# SUBMIT TENDER DOCUMENT

TO

POSTAL ADDRESS: DIRECTOR-GENERAL: WATER AND SANITATION PRIVATE BAG X 313 PRETORIA,0001

OR

TO BE DEPOSIT IN:
THE TENDER BOX AT THE ENTRANCE
OF ZWAMADAKA BUILDING
157 FRANCIS BAARD STREET
(FORMERLY SCHOEMAN STREET)
PRETORIA,0002

TENDERER: (Company address and stamp)				

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# **INVITATION TO BID**

#### YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE DWS

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# The successful bidder will be required to fill in and sign a written Contract Form (SBD 7).

BID DOCUMENTS MAY BE POSTED TO:
Private Bag x313,
Pretoria,
0001
OR
DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)
Tender Box, Zwamadaka Building
157 Francis Baard Street (Formerly Schoeman),
Pretoria
0001

Bidders should ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address. If the bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.

The bid box is generally open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS - (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED)

THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2011, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

# THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MUST BE FURNISHED (FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING DISQUALIFIED)

NAME OF BIDDER		
POSTAL ADDRESS		
STREET ADDRESS		
TELEPHONE NUMBER CODENUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER CODE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS		
VATREGISTRATIONNUMBER		
HAS AN ORIGINAL AND VALID TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE BEEN SUBMITTED? (SBD 2)	YES (	or NO
HAS A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE BEEN SUBMITTED? (SBD 6.1)	YES or	NO

F YES, WHO WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY?	
AN ACCOUNTING OFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA)	
A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANA OR	<b>\S</b> );
A REGISTERED AUDITOR TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	
(A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE MUST BE SUBMITTED I QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS / SERVICES / WORKS OFFERED?	N ORDER TO YES or NO
[IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:	
DATE:	
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED	
TOTAL BID PRICETOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED	
ANY ENGLIDIES DECARDING THE DIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIDECTED TO.	

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

**Department: Department of Water and Sanitation** 

Contact Person: Mr. Syabonga Gwamanda

Tel: 012 336 6611 Fax: 086 459 0176

E-mail address: <a href="mailto:gwamandas@dws.gov.za">gwamandas@dws.gov.za</a>

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Contact Person: Celiwe Ntuli

Tel: 012 336 7618

E-mail address: ntulic@dws.gov.za

# PRICING SCHEDULE (Professional Services)

	CLOSING DATE: 14 December 201		11254	
OFFER TO BE	E VALID FOR <b>90</b> DAYS FROM THE (	CLOSING DATE OF B	ID.	
ITEM	DESCRIPTION		BI	D PRICE IN RSA
CURRENCY NO	LUDED)		**(ALL AF	PPLICABLE
TAXES INC	LODED)			
1.	The accompanying information must of proposals.	st be used for the form	ulation	
2.	Bidders are required to indicate a contestimated time for completion of all applicable taxes for the project.			ses inclusive of all
R				
of	ravel expenses (specify, for example rair travel, etc). Only actual costs are spenses incurred must accompany ce	recoverable. Proof o		
DESCRIPTION	N OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE Q	UANTITY	AMOUNT
R				
R				
R				
	TOTAL: R			

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

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  "all applicable taxes" includes  $\,$  value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund  $\,$  contributions and skills development levies.

for correctness. Proof of the expenses must accompany invoices.

DESCRIP	TION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	
R					
R					
R					
	TOTAL: R				
6.	Period required for commencement with Acceptance of bid	n project after			
7.	Estimated man-days for completion of p	oroject			
8.	Are the rates quoted firm for the full per	iod of contract?			*YES/NO
9.	If not firm for the full period, provide det adjustments will be applied for, for exar				
	*[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]				

# **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

- 1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state<sup>1</sup>, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written price quotation). 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 bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-
  - the bidder is employed by the state; and/or

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

2.1	Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:
	Identity Number :
2.2	Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder², member):
2.3	Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:
2.4	Tax Reference Number:
<b>-</b> . '	Tax Notorono Numbor.
2.5	VAT Registration Number:
2.6.1	The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity

numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / PERSAL numbers must be

indicated in paragraph 3 below.

<sup>1&</sup>quot;State" means -

<sup>(</sup>a) 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);

<sup>(</sup>b) any municipality or municipal entity,

<sup>(</sup>c) provincial legislature;

<sup>(</sup>d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or

<sup>(</sup>e) Parliament.

<sup>2</sup>"Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

2.7	Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state?	YES / NO
2.7.1	If so, furnish the following particulars:	
Name o	of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member: of state institution at which you or the person ted to the bidder is employed: n occupied in the state institution:	
-	ner particulars:	
the app	If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtoropriate authority to undertake remunerative utside employment in the public sector?	ain YES / NO
2.7.2.1 docume	If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid ent?	YES / NO
	Failure to submit proof of such authority, where ble, may result in the disqualification of the bid.	
2.7.2.2	If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof	:.
2.8 trustee:	Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's direct s / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct ss with the state in the previous twelve months?	ors / YES / NO
	If so, furnish particulars:	
2.9	Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?	YES / NO
2.9.1lf	so, furnish particulars.	

2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?	YES/NO
2.10.1lf so, furnish particulars.	
2.11Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract?	YES/NO
2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:	

# 3 Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Income Tax Reference Number	State Employee Number / Persal Number

4	DECLARATION	
I, THE	UNDERSIGNED (NAME)	
CERT		IED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. AY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME PROVE TO BE FALSE.
	Signature	Date

Name of bidder

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Position

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

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

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

# 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
  - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
  - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2

- a) The value of this bid is estimated to exceed/not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or
- b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).
- 1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:
  - (a) Price; and
  - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.
- 1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

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

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.
- 1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

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

# 3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

80/20

90/10

$$Ps = 80\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min}\right)$$
 or  $Ps = 90\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min}\right)$ 

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Price of bid under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable bid

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

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

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

5.	RID	DECL	AR/	$\Delta TIC$	)N

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

6.	B-BBEE	STATUS	LEVEL	OF	CONTRIBUTOR	CLAIMED	IN	<b>TERMS</b>	OF
	PARAGR	<b>APHS 1.4</b>	AND 4.1						

6.1	B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor:	=	(maximum of 10 or 20
	points)		

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

# 7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)

YES	NO	

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i)	What	percentage	of	the	contract	will	be
	subcontra	acted		%			
ii)	The	name		of	the		sub-
	contracto	r					
iii)	The	B-BBEE	status	level	of	the	sub-
	contracto	r					

iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE (*Tick applicable box*)

YES	NO	

v) Specify,by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE 
Black people	,	,
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8.	DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM		
8.1	Name company/firm:		of
8.2	VAT number:	registrat	ion
8.3	Company number:	registrat 	ion
8.4	TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM		
	<ul> <li>□ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium</li> <li>□ One person business/sole propriety</li> <li>□ Close corporation</li> <li>□ Company</li> <li>□ (Pty) Limited</li> <li>[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]</li> </ul>		
8.5	DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES		
			•
8.6	COMPANY CLASSIFICATION		
	<ul> <li>Manufacturer</li> <li>Supplier</li> <li>Professional service provider</li> <li>Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.</li> <li>[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]</li> </ul>		
8.7	Total number of years the company/firm business:	has been	in

- 8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:
  - i) The information furnished is true and correct;
  - ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
  - iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct:
  - iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have
    - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
    - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
    - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
    - (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the audialterampartem (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
    - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES		
1		NATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
2	DATE:	
	ADDRESS	

# DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions 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 disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
- a. abused the institution's supply chain management system;
- b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
- c. failed to perform on any previous contract.

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	Yes	No
	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 audi alteram partem		
	rule was applied).		
	The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the		
	National Treasury's website( <u>www.treasury.gov.za</u> ) and		
	can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of		
	the home page.		
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		Т
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for	Yes	No
	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 ( <u>www.treasury.gov.za</u> )		
	by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.		
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of	Yes	No
	law (including a court outside of the Republic of South	Ш	
	Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?		
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state	Yes	No
	terminated during the past five years on account of		
	failure to perform on or comply with the contract?		
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME) CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FU FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.	
I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANC ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME S PROVE TO BE FALSE.	
Signature	Date
Position  Js365bW	Name of Bidder

# CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids<sup>1</sup> invited.
- 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).<sup>2</sup> Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
- a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
- b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- This SBD 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.
- In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

<sup>1</sup> Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 accompa	nying bia:
(Bid Number a	and Description)
in response to the invitation for the bid made I	by:
(Name of	Institution)
do hereby make the following statements that respect:	I certify to be true and complete in every
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 consortium<sup>3</sup> 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.

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.

Signature	Date
Position	Name of Bidder

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.

# GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

# **NOTES**

The purpose of this document is to:
(i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
(ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.
In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.
☐ The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
□ Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compile separately for every bid (if (applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract.  Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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**General Conditions of Contract** 

- **1. Definitions** 1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
- 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
- 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
- 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
- 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
- 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
- 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
- 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
- 1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
- 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
- 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.

- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.25 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

# 2. Application.

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

# 3. General

3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.

3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from <a href="https://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>

# 4. Standards

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

# 5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

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

# 6. Patent rights.

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

# 7. Performance security

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:

- (a) A bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
- (b) A cashier's or certified cheque
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

# 8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or 8 analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract .Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.
- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC

# 9. Packing

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

# 10. Delivery and documents

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

#### 11. Insurance

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

# 12. Transportation

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

#### 13. Incidental services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- (a) Performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
- (b) Furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
- (c) Furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
- (d) Performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) Training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.
- 13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not

exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

# 14. Spare parts

- 14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:
- (a) Such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) In the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
- (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
- (ii) Following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

# 15. Warranty

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

# 16. Payment

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

- 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 in SCC.

#### 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 in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

# 18. Contract amendments

18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

# 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 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.
- 21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.
- 21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a

similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

# 22. Penalties

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

#### 23. Termination for default

- 23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:
- (a) If the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) If the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) If the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.
- 23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.
- 23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.
- 23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.
- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly

exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
  - (i) The name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
  - (ii) The date of commencement of the restriction
  - (iii) The period of restriction; and
  - (iv) The reasons for the restriction.

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

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

# 24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

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

# 25. Force Majeure

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

# 26. Termination for insolvency

26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such

termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

# 27. Settlement of Disputes

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

# 28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful 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 exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

# 30. Applicable law

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

# 31. Notices

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

#### 32. Taxes and duties

- 32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.
- 32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.
- 32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.

# 33. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme

33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation

# 34. Prohibition of Restrictive practices

- 34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).
- 34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.
- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

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#### 35. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

- 35.1 The State reserves the right to verify and authenticate all the information supplied in this document by the bidder.
- 35.2 The Bid must be strictly in accordance with the conditions and specifications contained herein.
- 35.3 If it is found that any information has been tampered with during the evaluation process and/or after the Bid/Contract has been awarded that any false information has been provided, the State reserves the right to take the necessary action as it deems fit, including but not limited to the institution of criminal proceedings.
- Failure to sign all relevant places shall invalidate your bid (SBD1, SBD 3.1, SBD 4, SBD 6.1 or 6.2, SBD 8, SBD 9 and SCC)
- 35.5 All queries should be sent to the relevant person via email state above. No query will be responded to if sent 3 days before the closing date.
- 35.6 If you are not a registered supplier with the Department of Water and Sanitation, please complete the supplier registration forms and banking details, supplier registration forms are available at Departmental website, <a href="https://www.dwa.gov.za">www.dwa.gov.za</a>
- 35.7 Bidders/ Individuals that are directors or members in more than one company bidding for this tender and do not openly declare their interests will be disqualified
- 35.8 Failure to submit original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate shall invalidate your bid.
- 35.9 The DWS reserves the right to not make an award on any of the responses to this Bid.
- 35.10 The DWS reserves the right to award only parts of this bid and re-bid for other parts.
- 35.11 All bid documents should be hand delivered and deposited in to the Tender Box, if sent via post, envelope or package, the envelope must be clearly marked to avoid your submission been mixed with normal letters sent to the Department.
- 35.12 Only signed, original documents will be accepted.

# 36. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The above terms of the bid and all Annexure have been read, understood and accepted.

For and on behalf of the Bidder:		
Signature of Bidder:	Date:	
Bidder's Name & Surname:	Designation	
Witness Name & Surname:	Date	
Signature:	Address (Physical):	
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CONTACT PERSON:		
CONTACT NUMBER:		
CLOSING DATE:		



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# DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATING RULES FOR BULK WATER SUPPLY AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT FOR THE CENTRAL CLUSTER

INCLUDING STAND ALONE DAMS AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

#### Introduction

The mandate of DWS to regulate water and sanitation services is given in Section 155(7) of the Constitution. The Cabinet-approved Strategic Framework for Water Services (2003) sets out a vision for the sector with specific goals and targets. One of the agreed sector goals is "the effective regulation of water and sanitation services".

The sector vision has three important elements:

- All people living in South Africa have access to adequate, safe, appropriate and affordable water and sanitation services, use water wisely and practise safe sanitation.
- Water supply and sanitation services are provided by effective, efficient and sustainable institutions that are accountable and responsive to those whom they serve. Water services institutions reflect the cultural, gender and racial diversity in South Africa.
- Water is used effectively, efficiently and sustainably in order to reduce poverty, improve human health and promote economic development. Water and wastewater are managed in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.

Effective regulation will assist in the realisation of this vision. Regulation is also necessary to protect both the consumers of the service by ensuring that services are safe, dependable, meet defined standards and are good value, as well as the providers of the service by ensuring that providers have adequate resources to sustainably provide the service and are free from operational interference.

DWS as the National Regulator has developed a National Water Services Regulation Strategy (NWSRS) which outlines the functions it has to undertake to fulfil its mandate. The NWRS Economic Regulation chapter was taken into consideration in the development of the regulator model options analysis and considered relevant to be extended to water resources side of business to achieve a value chain approach.

#### **Business Needs Analysis**

The NWSRS and Economic Regulator Model options report states that the objective of economic regulation is to ensure that the services provided to consumers by water services providers are appropriate, effective, efficient and sustainable and that the service providers are efficient and sustainable. The provision of water services in SA is seen as a social component as provision is entrenched in the Bill of Rights. It has to be noted though that water has a strong economic component; making efficient and reliable provision essential for economic growth..

In 2010 several Key Outcomes were defined by government. One of these was the creation of "an Independent Water Regulator to implement price regulation". The outcome having to do with economic regulation was Outcome 6: An Efficient,

Competitive and Responsive Economic Infrastructure Network. The target year to have the Regulator in place was 2014.

In 2012, the Department initiated the project called Pricing Economic and Regulation Reform, which focuses on three strategic issues, namely:

- a. Review of the Pricing strategy;
- b. Development of Funding model for water infrastructure; and
- c. Establishment of an Economic Regulator for the water sector (entire water value chain).

The establishment of an economic regulator is also advocated by the National Development plan 2030 edition, whereby it says "South Africa has a relatively good core network of national economic infrastructure. The challenge is to maintain and expand it to address the demands of the growing economy. In the transport and energy sectors – dominated by state-owned enterprises – the economy has already been constrained by inadequate investment and ineffective operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure. In the telecommunications field, policy and regulatory uncertainty and lack of capability remain barriers to infrastructure investment and to achieving affordable, quality services, especially for the poor. In the water sector, delaying critical investments may result in water shortages during a drought period. Access to basic electricity, water and sanitation, and public transport for many South Africans, particularly in poor rural and peri-urban communities, accessing electricity, safe water, sanitation, telecommunications and public transport is a daily challenge. Even where infrastructure is available, households can often not afford enough electricity and water to cook and stay warm, or the fares to go to town to look for work".

Water has many elements of monopoly meaning that it is impossible for a consumer to switch to another provider as access to water services is only allowed through nominated water services providers in terms of the Water services Act no 108 of 1997. The consumers therefore cannot choose the service provider that will oversee their water provision at any point of the value chain.

To minimise on the monopoly power that is so rife in the water sector, the economic regulator has to address market failure and externalities through the regulation of water prices across the value chain. Rules has been set and implemented however in isolation in the form of pricing strategy for raw water charges and norms and standards for tariff setting. Pricing regulations are to be developed through the consolidation of the pricing strategy and norms and standards in order to cover the entire value chain. The regulations will be used to guide and direct water entities on the primary determinants for water tariffs in the country mindful of the interdependence of the various levels of water in the value chain. Tariff assessment models for the review of bulk water tariffs and retail water tariffs are in place, however gaps still exist in regard to intermediaries and the reliability in measuring the pricing impact on the society and the economy are concerned. Of relevance is also a systematic guideline that presents the different methods of tariff regulation highlighting on critical considerations thereof.

The National Development Plan (NDP) mandates that Economic Regulators' needs to be established for all trading services. To date, the economic regulator models report is in place which supports the establishment of an independent Economic

Regulator. The Department has however decided to establish an Internal Regulator in 2014 in order to build capacity before going independent. The Department is now ready to start a process of establishing an Independent Economic Regulator and transfer out all the functions done by the Chief Directorate. The establishment of the Independent Economic Regulator is highly dependent on the amendment of the water legislative framework to afford the regulator the necessary powers to enforce their assigned responsibilites.

Provided for in the NWSRS, the Regulatory Performance Measurement System (RPMS) has been the only sustainable initiative implemented to reveal the true performance of Water Service Authorities, using all the eleven (11) key performance indicators (KPIs) as per the SFWS. The RPMS does take into consideration the outcomes of the Blue Drop, Green Drop and No Drop outcomes which represent KPI 5 - Water quality, 6 - Waste water quality and 11 - Water Use Efficiency on the SFWS.

In the tariff assessment process there will always be regulatory findings that require remedies to redress on the non-compliance. Currently the water board tariffs are approved by the Minister after an evaluation by the regulator. The retail water and sanitation tariffs charged by the Water Services Authorities (WSAs) remain a constitutional challenge between National and Local Government of usurping on other sphere's executive authority. Effective regulation of municipal tariff requires analysis and correct interpretation of legislation, thus a legislative handbook on the regulation of municipal services by a national regulator is a need in order to minimize conflicts, resistance and litigations. It is also a critical consideration to remove any ambiguities in the regulatory framework as provided for in the Strategic Framework for Water Services (2003) with a view to align it to the Constitution of South Africa to allow for effective regulation.

The NWSRS provides for financial transparency and ring-fencing. Where water services provision is not ring-fenced, it is required to be accounted for separately. Put differently, it is a view of the Chief Directorate that the municipalities that are not WSAs and are contracted to the WSAs must account for water and sanitation provision separately from the municipal accounts as the authority does account appropriately in terms of National Treasury requirements. Not much work has been done on this subject and it is one of the key functions that need to be fulfilled to effect full scope of Economic Regulation.

#### **Project Scope**

The objective of the appointment will be to assist the Department in implementing the full scope of Economic Regulation as outlined but not limited to the following below:

- 3.1 Develop a business case and transitional plan for the independent Economic Regulator
  - Finalise the mandate of the independent economic regulator
  - Assess the policy, financial and non-financial considerations for establishing the independent economic regulator
  - Undertake a gap analysis that includes an assessment of amongst others:
    - Policy and legislative gaps
    - Capacity and capability

- Systems and processes
- Funding
- Develop the transitional plan that will support the migration from the "AS IS", internal model, to the "TO BE", independent model.
- 3.2. Support the Chief Directorate: Economic Regulation to develop policy and legislative amendements to strengthen the position of the economic regulator in the sector.
- 3.3. Develop regulatory models and tools to support the Independent Economic Regulator fulfil its mandate. Tools to be developed will include, but will not be limited to the following:
  - Finalize the funding and financing model for water infrastructure based on the approved pricing strategy.
  - Develop models to conduct socio economic impact assessments of the pricing strategy and norms & standards
  - Develop a monitoring tool for the impact assessment of water pricing regulations (consolidated of raw water pricing strategy and norms and standards for tariff setting) on the sector institutions and water users on an annual basis.
  - Develop water infrastructure investment analysis model to assist the economic regulator evaluate the capital expenditure programmes of regulated institutions
  - Benchmark and provide best practice tariff review models to enhance the current processes of tariff determination of Water services and Water Resource including economic and social impact to different Water Institutions and Economic Sectors.
  - Develop guidelines for tariff determination for non WBs intermediaries which are involved in the provision of potable bulk water to WSAs.
  - Develop a pricing framework / methodology for the emerging economic sectors (Reuse, hydro power, Solar, fracturing, Acid mine drainage and other sectors).
  - Develop proforma WSP contracts to support WSAs engage private sector WSPs deliver water services within their jurisdiction
  - Develop model raw water contracts
- 3.4 Develop standard operating procedures to facilitate consistency, predictability and credibility of regulatory processes:
  - Identify critical regulatory processes
  - Develop standard operating procedures for prioritised regulatory processes
  - Assess the standard operating procedures against regulatory best practice
  - Develop integrated standard operation procedures for the tariff determination process for the water value chain.
  - Compile the regulatory operating manual
  - Train economic regulatory staff on the standard operating procedure

#### 3.5 Communication and Reporting

- Develop a communication and change management strategy for the independent economic regulator
- Support DWS/Economic regulator with road shows and communication to the sector on the role, powers and functions of the independent regulator
- Identify the content and frequency of information required by the sector, from the economic regulator
- Develop a framework for economic regulator's annual report and assist in drafting the these reports.
- 3.6 Provide Regulatory Expertise to the Chief Directorate: Economic Regulation, as and when required, to support critical reguatory processes for the duration of the project:
  - Provide technical, social, financial and other expertise, as may be required, to support the evaluation of raw water, bulk and retail water tariffs.
  - The service provider will be required to include international regulatory specialists as part of their team, to provide access to international best practice, where relevant.
  - Evaluate and make recommendations on the Benchmarking initiative as initiated by SALGA and WRC for possible alignment with the Institutional Performance Measurement tool
  - Assist with the development of Key Performance Indicators for all Water management Institutions to strengthen the Institutional Performance Measurement tool currently applied on Water Services Authorities

#### **Proposed Outputs**

The following and any other relevant will be the outputs from the project:

- Business case and transitional plan for the establishment of independent Regulator.
- Funding and financing model for water resource infrastructure based on the approved pricing strategy
- Economic impact assessment report of the pricing strategy and norms & standards
- Impact assessment tool for all the tariffs to be applied annually
- Value chain tariff review models aligned to the pricing regulations.
- Guidelines for tariff determination for none WSA/WSP intermediaries that provide potable bulk water to municipalities.
- Standard operating procedures for critical regulatory processes
- Infrastructure investment review model.
- Pricing model for the emerging sector (Reuse, hydro power, Solar, fracturing, Acid mine drainage etc).
- Provide legislative requirements for the establishment of the Economic and Social Regulator.
- Communication and change management plans
- Annual regulatory reports.

Alignment report of the Institutional Performance Assessment tool to the Benchmarking initiative

Key Performance Indicators for all Water management Institutions to strengthen the Institutional Performance Measurement tool currently applied on Water Services Authorities

Legal guidance on the position of the Economic Regulator on the regulation of local government water institutions.

#### Methodology

In terms of development of all deliverables in this project, the following minimum procedures will be followed:

The Chief Director: Economic and Social Regulation will manage the project on behalf of the Client (DWS). The PSP will nominate a Project Leader for this project

The Chief Director: Economic and Social Regulation will establish a reference group for the governance of high level and strategic deliverables

Submission of work plans and regular review of progress will be standard practice

All outputs will be developed with the Department; primarily the Economic and Social Regulation Chief Directorate.

Documentation and relevant system developments will be finalized to the satisfaction of the Director: Raw Water, Director: Bulk Water, Director: Social Regulation, Director: Retail Water and Chief Director: Economic and Social Regulation

#### **Financial implications and Timeframe**

The duration of this project is 36 months from the date of signing of contract with the Professional Service Provider.

The project will be managed by the Chief Directorate: Economic and Social Regulation and funds are available on the budgets of the Chief Directorate. All rates will be within the Department agreed norms and standards. Consultants are to prepare a detailed work plan and related budget for the 36 months.

#### **Competencies required**

The appointed professional service provider (PSP) will be required to have post graduate qualification and (proven) extensive experience in:

- o Business & Political Analysis;
- Economics and Financial Management;
- o Legal;
- o IT systems development or programming and Administrative support;
- o Water services sector (in-depth knowledge) ;
- o Asset Management;
- o Technical aspects of water supply and wastewater services and
- o Regulatory environment;
- o International experience in water sector regulation

The staff from the Chief Directorate Economic and Social Regulation will form part of the project team.

#### **Project Management and Reporting**

The project will be managed by the Chief Directorate Economic and Social. PSP are to indicate who from their team will take overall responsibility as Project Leader. The overall Project Leader must have extensive project management experience as well as be able to allocate sufficient time for the management of this project. PSP should appoint a project coordinate (administrator) who will be full time resource in the project based within DWS premises performining administrative task related to the project.

The central point of contact with the Department will be the Chief Directorate Economic and Social where the PSP will report to on a regular basis. Quarterly written progress that indicate objectives, verifiable indicators, outputs and progress towards achieving these must be submitted. A final project report must be submitted at the end of the consulting assignment. The final project closure report should cover the following:

Objectives of the project
Approach to achieving the objectives
Project variations (if appropriate) and reasons
Project management
Recommendations
Financial Statement
Any other items as identified by the Chief Directorate Economic and Social All deliverables are to be included as appendices to the final report.

#### Transfer of Skills

1. The Department's policy requires that the use of PSP must benefit the human resource within the department itself. Hence, the PSP will be expected to work in close co-operation with the Project Manager and other DWS officials as part of the transfer of skills. Further to this, the consultant must in the proposal take this requirement into consideration.

### **Project Proposal**

The following must be contained and adhered to in the submission of a proposal:-

Interpretation of the task at hand [not exceeding 12 A4 pages]
Introduction of your organization [not exceeding 4 A4 page]
Introduction of your proposed team with specific reference to appropriate qualifications and experience aligned to the identified tasks on the first bullet above [not exceeding 2 A4 page per individual]
The budget breakdown

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE**

Please note that all bidders must comply with the following administrative compliance

No.	Name of the document that	Requirements
	must be submitted	
1	Invitation to bid –SBD 1	Please complete and sign the supplied
2	Registration with Central Supplier Database as per National Treasury SCM Instruction 4 of	Attach proof of print out as proof of registration or supplier number.
3	Pricing Schedule –SBD 3	Please submit full details of pricing
4	Declaration of Interest–SBD 4	Please complete and sign the supplied
5	Preference Point Claim Form– SBD 6.1	Non-submission will lead to a zero score on BEE.
7		Please complete and sign the supplied proforma document.
8	Certificate of Independent  Bid Determination –SBD 9	Please complete and sign the supplied proforma document.
9	BBBEE certificate	Non-submission will only lead to a zero

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The 80/20 preference points system as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 Pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, (ACT NO 5 OF 2000) (PPPFA) will be applied to evaluate this bid. The lowest acceptable bid will score 80 points for price and a maximum of 20 points will be awarded for attaining the level 1,2 or 3 Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contributor. Bids received will be evaluated on the three (3) following stages or phases.

#### **Phase 1: Mandatory Compliance.**

Failure to submit the required documents with the proposal may automatically disqualify the bidder's proposal.

- Attendance of compulsory briefing session. Provide briefing session certificate
- Pre-qualification in terms of Preferential Procurement regulation of 2017:
   Bidders must be a level 1,2 or 3 BBBEE status level contributor.

## Phase 2: Functionality Compliance.

Bidders must score at least 70 out of 100 in respect of functionality in order to qualify for advancement to phase 3. A bidder that scores less than 70 out of 100 will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive bid and will be disqualified. Bidders failed to obtain a minimum score for each criteria will be disqualified.

1 = poor, 2 = average, 3 = good, 4 = very good, and 5 = excellent

EVALUATION CRITERIA		WEIGHTING POINTS	SCORE
Organisational experience	The bidder must possess knowledge and experience in	35	
	water sector environment at National, Provincial and local		
	level. Three years of schedule		
	of similar work with at least 3		
	contactable references		
	The bidder must have experience		
	in the regulatory environment.  Three years of schedule of		
	similar work with at least 3		
	contactable references		
	The bidder must have conducted		
	developed and implemented a		
	policy on tariff settings. Three years of schedule of similar		
	work with at least 3 contactable		
	references		
	The successful bidder must have		
	demonstrable experience in		
	development and implementation		
	of business process. Three years of schedule of similar work		
	with at least 3 contactable		
	references		
	The bidder must possess a multi-		
	disciplinarily experience, ability to		
	produce strategic documents,		
	report writing and presentation		
	skills, facilitation and consultation skills, business and strategic		
	planning skills, project		
	management, competency in		
	legal, economic and institutional		
	management and social		
	expertise. Three years of schedule of similar work with at		
	least 3 contactable references		
Methodology	The bidder must demonstrate an	30	
	understanding of the ToR, clarity		
	and conceptualization of		
	methodology, appropriateness of		
	approach within the current water		
	services sector context plan and broad methodologies in		
	line with the task descriptions		
	outlined under project scope/ task		
	description, with clear milestones		
	and timeframes for each tasked to		

	be completed.	
Team capability	The bidder must provide qualifications of individual team members who will be directly involved in the project. The anticipated qualifications of key personnel are legal, technical, social sciences, financial and natural sciences. A schedule should be attached including full time and part time employees. Each team member to have minimum 5 years in relevant field of expertise	25
Skills transfer	A skills transfer plan with tangible outputs, involving DWS staff during the implementation of the project needs to be detailed	10
Total		100

# Phase 3: 80/20 Principle will be applied in terms of the new Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 pertaining to the PPPFA Act no 5 of 2000.

During this phase, bidders will be further evaluated based on 80 points for price and 20 points for attaining the B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor in accordance with the table below:

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

In order to claim the B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor points, bidders must submit original and valid B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificates or certified copies thereof, issued by accredited Verification Agency/s by SANAS or Registered Auditor approved by Independent Regulatory Board of Auditor (IRBA), together with their bids to substantiate their B-BBEE rating claims. The Exempted Micro Enterprise must submit a letter from the Accounting Officer who is appointed in terms of Close Corporation Act. EMEs are allowed

to submit a sworn affidavit obtainable from the Department of Trade and Industry website.

Bidders who do not submit B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificates or are non-compliant contributors to B-BBEE do not qualify for preference points for B-BBEE but will not be disqualified from the bidding process. They will score points out of 80 for price only and zero (0) points out of 20 for B-BBEE.

#### **Other Conditions**

- Bidders are kindly requested to submit two (2) copies plus the original
- \* Bidders are further requested to provide separate financial and technical proposal

#### CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

\* The Client shall provide all the available documentation and information related to the project that may be needed by the PSP in pursuing the tasks under this ToR.

#### 13. Ownership and Confidentiality

The DWS will become the owner of all documentation and the deliverables produced within the context of this tender. All information should be treated with confidentiality and may not be communicated or made available to any person outside DWS and may not be published, either during the currency of the agreement or thereafter without the prior consent of DWS.

#### **Further information**

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