



**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**REQUEST FOR BID
REQUEST FOR BID NUMBER: 011/ 2025 -26**

DESCRIPTION

**APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SECURE INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY PROTECTION TRADEMARKS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS WATER QUALITY TESTING
AND CERTIFICATION SERVICERS**

ISSUE DATE:

13 MARCH 2026

CLOSING DATE:

**31 MARCH 2026
TIME: 11:00**

**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)

Please be aware that the Department representatives at SCM will never call you and demand bribes in exchange for tender. If this happens, please notify the Department.



DIRECTIVE TO BIDDERS ON COMPLETION OF SBD FORMS AND PACKAGING OF BID PROPOSAL

The purpose of this document is to guide bidders on the completion of SBD forms and packaging of a Bid Proposals with each document being placed under the correct Annexure. The last column of the table below (this column must be ticked as an indication that each document and its requirements have been complied with by the bidder). The dates on this all-SBD forms must be a date which is within the bid advert period

TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR BID PROPOSALS

DOCUMENT	ANNEXURE	DIRECTIVE	COMPLIED/NOT COMPLIED
SBD 1	A	Bidders are required to complete this document in full and be signed off. The date on this form must be a date which is within the bid advert period	
SBD .3.3	B	Bidders are required to complete the applicable form in full and ensure that the amounts in the document are properly calculated. The total amount (inclusive of VAT) as reflected herein will be regarded as the Total Bid Price. Bidders who are not VAT Vendors are not allowed to charge VAT Bidders are required to constantly verify their TAX Status on CSD to ensure that their task matters are in order	
SBD 4	C	This document must be completed in full. Bidders' attention is drawn particularly to paragraph 2.3 which requires the bidder to disclose if the company or any of its directors have interest in other companies whether they have bid or not. Bidders are required to provide all information. Should a bidder have more companies to declare, such information can be provided on a separate sheet in the format prescribed in the form and be attached to the SBD 4. Information captured must be in line with what is captured in the CSD report	
SBD 6.1	D	This document must be completed in full. Bidders are advised to ensure that information captured in this this form is aligned to information contained in the CSD Reports.	
BBBEE Certificate/Sworn affidavit	E	Bidders are required to submit a valid BBBEE Certificate or sworn affidavit.	
CSD Report	F	Bidders are requested to provide copies of reg CSD Report.	
Certificate of authority for signatory		3 Different forms are attached. Bidders are required to only complete one form which is relevant to their situation	
Copy of an Identity document of the authorised individual	H	The ID copy to be attached should be that of a person authorised to represent the Service provider as per the completed certificate of authority for signatory form	
Copy of Company's CIPC Certificate	I	Bidders are required to attach copies of the CIPC Certificates	
Bid Proposal	J	A detailed bid proposal inline with the Specifications must be attached	

**PART A
INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)

BID NUMBER:	011 /2025 -26	CLOSING DATE:	31 MARCH 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11H00
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DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SECURE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION TRADEMARKS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS WATER QUALITY TESTING AND CERTIFICATION SERVICERS
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BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)

ZWAMADAKA BUILDING ENTRANCE

157 SCHOEMAN STREET

PRETORIA

0002

BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO	TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:
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CONTACT PERSON	Mr Kwena Mashiane	CONTACT PERSON	Ms. Vincent Liesl Teres
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TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 336 7954	TELEPHONE NUMBER	012-336-6270
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CELLPHONE		CELLPHONE	
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E-MAIL ADDRESS	MashianeP2@dws.gov.za	E-MAIL ADDRESS	Vincentl@dws.gov.za
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SUPPLIER INFORMATION

NAME OF BIDDER

POSTAL ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER	
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CELLPHONE NUMBER

FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER	
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E-MAIL ADDRESS

VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER

SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:	OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
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B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]

ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED? <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]
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QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?

YES NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?

YES

NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?

YES NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?

YES

NO

IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?

YES

NO

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

1. BID SUBMISSION:

- 1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
- 1.2. **ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED-(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.**
- 1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
- 1.4. **THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).**

2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- 2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
- 2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

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

DATE:

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER: BID NO: **011/2025-26**
CLOSING TIME 11:00 CLOSING DATE: **31 MARCH 2026**

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 180 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY ** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
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	1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.	
	2. Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project.	R.....

3. PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)

4. PERSON AND POSITION	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE
.....	R.....

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

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

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

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

Bid No.:

Name of Bidder:

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

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

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

4	Monitor, Evaluate and Assess <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEA01 – Managed Performance and Conformance Monitoring • MEA02 – Managed System of Internal Control • MEA03 – Managed Compliance with External Requirements • MEA04 – Managed Assurance 		R.....
5	Evaluate, Direct and Monitor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDM01 – Ensured Governance Framework Setting and Maintenance • EDM02 – Ensured Benefit Delivery • EDM03 – Ensured Risk Optimization • EDM04 – Ensured Resource Optimization • EDM05 – Ensured Stakeholder Engagement 		R.....
6	Assessment of alignment of the Departmental approved process against the COBIT Framework		R.....
7	Follow up on Findings of previous findings raised during 2024/2025 financial year		R.....
VAT			R.....
TOTAL			R.....

- Required by:
- At:
- Brand and model:
- Country of origin:
- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? *YES/NO
- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s)
- Period required for delivery:
*Delivery: Firm/not firm
- Delivery basis:

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

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

Any enquiries regarding bidding procedures may be directed to the

Department: Department of Water and Sanitation

Contact Person: **Mr Kwena Mashiane**

Tel: **012 336 7954**

E-mail address: MashianeP2@dws.gov.za

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Ms. Vincent Liesl Teres Tel: 012-336-6270

Email: vincentl@dws.gov.za

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder's declaration

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

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements, or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

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

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

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

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Signature Date

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Position Name of bidder

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

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

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

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

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

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

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

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

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

2. DEFINITIONS

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

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

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

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

P_t = Price of tender under consideration

P_{min} = 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:

$$P_s - 80 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) \text{ or } P_s - 90 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

P_t = Price of tender under consideration

P_{max} = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

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

then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

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

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

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
Women	5	
People with disability	5	
Youth (35 and below)	5	
Location of enterprise (Province)	2	
B-BBEE status level contributors from level 1 to 2 which are QSE or EME	3	
Total points for SPECIFIC GOALS	20	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

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

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the

company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

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

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

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STANDARD EVALUATION CRITERIA IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

THE 80/20 POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS

The 80/20 Preferential Procurement System will be used in evaluating these bids:

Evaluation element	Weighting (Points)
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
PRICE	80
Total	100

Price

A maximum of 80 points are allocated for price on the following basis:

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

Where:

P_s = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

P_t = Comparative price of bid under consideration

P_{\min} = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

Preference point system

	NUMBER OF POINTS TO BE ALLOCATED
SPECIFIC GOALS	
Women	5
People with disability	5
Youth (35 and below)	5
Location of enterprise (Province)	2
B-BBEE status level contributors from level 1 to 2 which are QSE or EME	3
Total points for SPECIFIC GOALS	20

Documents Requirement for verification of Points allocation: -

Procurement Requirement

Women

Disability

Youth

Location

B-BBEE status level contributors from level 1

to 2 which are QSE or EME

Required Proof Documents

Full CSD Report

Full CSD Report

Full CSD Report

Full CSD Report

Valid BBBEE certificate/sworn affidavit

Consolidated BEE certificate in cases of Joint

Venture

Full CSD Report

The definition and measurement of the goals above is as follows:

Women, disability, and youth:

This will be measured by calculating the pro-rata percentage of ownership of the bidding company which meets this criterion. E.g., Company A has five shareholders each of whom own 20% of the company. Three of the five shareholders meet the criterion, i.e. they are women/disability/youth. Therefore, this bidder will obtain 60% of the points allowable for this goal.

Location of enterprise

Local equals province. Where a project cuts across more than one province, the bidder may be located in any of the relevant provinces to obtain the points.

B-BBEE status level contributors from level 1 to 2 which are QSE or EME

Measured in terms of normal BBBEE requirements.

Note: Formula for calculating points for specific goals

Preference points for entities are calculated on their percentage shareholding in a business, provided that they are actively involved in and exercise control over the enterprise. The following formula is prescribed:

$$PC = \frac{Mpa \times P\text{-own}}{100}$$

Where

PC= Points awarded for specific goal

Mpa= The maximum number of points awarded for ownership in that specific category

P-own = The percentage of equity ownership by the enterprise or business

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER TO SECURE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION TRADEMARKS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS WATER QUALITY TESTING AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES

(Trademark Search, Filing, and Certification Services)

1. Background

Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) requires the services of a suitably qualified trademark attorney and or firm with expertise and specialisation in trademark searches, filings, and related legal processes before the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) – Trade Marks Office of South Africa to secure intellectual property protection for trademarks associated with its water quality testing and certification services. This includes, but is not limited to, the following in terms of the DROPLET and scorpion Logos:

(a) **Composite Trademark Registration:** It is recommended that registration is pursued for the composite logos.

(b) **Colour and Black & White Versions:**

- Filing in **black & white** ensures coverage for all colour variations in which the trademark may be used.
- Filing in **colour** is also advisable to specifically protect the distinctive colour elements of the logos.

This approach will ensure comprehensive protection of the DROPLET logos in all forms of use, safeguarding DWS's branding and intellectual property rights.

(i) Green Drop Logo	 <p>green drop CERTIFICATION waste water service REGULATION</p>
(ii) Blue Drop Logo	 <p>blue drop CERTIFICATION drinking water quality REGULATION</p>

(iii) No Drop Logo	
(iv) Blue Scorpions Logo	

2. Scope of Work

The service provider will be required to:

- **Conduct Trademark Searches**
Conduct comprehensive searches for potential conflicts or identical/similar marks in South Africa and provide reports on proposed marks.
- **Prepare and file trade mark applications**
 - File applications for each of the above logos.
 - Include both composite logos and versions in colour and black & white (word marks, logo marks, certification marks).
- **Provide Legal Advice**
 - Advise on trademark classification under the 45 classes of goods and services.
 - Recommend optimal filing strategies to protect DWS's logos and brand identity.
 - Draft or review certification trade mark rules in compliance with the Trade Marks Act.
 - Manage prosecution (responses to conditions/refusals) and opposition proceedings, if any.
- **Liaise with CIPC**
 - Manage all correspondence and respond to office actions or oppositions as required with CIPC until registration is granted.
 - Secure registration certificates and advise on renewals.
 - Assist with ancillary requirements such as power of attorney submission and lawful use of TM / ® symbols.

The Service Provider will implement a structured and legally compliant methodology to secure trademark protection for the Department's DROPLET and Blue Scorpions logos. The approach will

begin with a comprehensive preliminary search to assess availability, identify potential conflicts, and confirm the correct trademark classes. A legal clearance opinion will be prepared for the Department prior to filing.

Once approved, the PSP will prepare and submit the trademark applications to the CIPC Trade Marks Office, ensuring accurate classification, complete supporting documentation, and compliance with statutory requirements.

The PSP will actively monitor the progress of each application, respond to examination reports, attend to office actions, and provide weekly updates to the Department on the status of filings.

Where objections or oppositions arise, the PSP will prepare the required submissions or representations to secure favourable outcomes. All processes will be supported by senior legal review to ensure quality and accuracy. At the conclusion of the process, the PSP will provide the Department with the final registration certificates and a portfolio summary, together with recommendations for renewals, enforcement, and future brand protection.

3. Deliverables

- Written search reports for identified word and logo marks.
- Completed trademark applications, filing receipts and CIPC confirmations.
- Drafted or reviewed certification rules.
- Copies of acceptance/adverse notices from the Registrar.
- Confirmation of successful registration and Registration certificates issued by CIPC.

4. Bidders must provide

- Proof of qualification and experience as a trademark attorney, firm or specialist.
- Demonstrated experience in filing trademarks in South Africa.
- A proposed timeline for completion of the work.
- A detailed fee proposal, including all professional and administrative costs.

5. Pricing Schedule

Bidders must provide all-inclusive costs in the format below. Prices should be stated in ZAR and inclusive of VAT.

Pricing Schedule				
Item	Unit Price (incl. VAT)	Quantity	Subtotal	Total (incl. VAT)
1. Search Costs				
Search for word trade mark				
Search for logo trade mark				

Search for combined word + logo				
2. Filing Costs	Official Fees	Professional Fees	Professional Fees	Total (incl. VAT)
First application (per class)				
Additional application				
Certification mark application (per class)				
3. Drafting / Reviewing Certification Rules	Estimated Range (excl. VAT)		Proposed Fee	Total (incl. VAT)
4. Prosecution and Opposition	Unit Cost	Quantity	Subtotal	Total (incl. VAT)
Routine acceptance (per application)				
Refusal response / representations				
Opposition proceedings			Hourly / Daily Rate	Total (incl. VAT)
5. Registration & Renewals	Unit Cost (incl. VAT)	Quantity	Subtotal	Total (incl. VAT)
First registration certificate				
Each additional certificate				
Renewal (per class, per 10 years)				

6. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE

Bidders are required to comply with the following listed below:

No	Criteria	Yes	No
1	Companies must be registered with National Treasury's Central Supplier Database. Provide proof of print out from CSD.		
2	Tax compliant with SARS (to be verified through CSD).		
3	Complete, sign, submit SBD 1, SBD 3.3, SBD 4, SBD 6.1,		
4.	General Conditions of a Contract (GCC)		

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Department of Water and Sanitation will evaluate the bid in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022. A copy of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 can be downloaded from www.treasury.gov.za. In accordance with the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022, submissions will be adjudicated on 80/20 points system and the evaluation criteria. Two phase evaluation criteria will be considered in evaluating the bid.

Phase 1: Functional / Technical Evaluation

Phase 2: Points awarded for Price and Specific Goals

(80/20 Preferential System)

Phase 1: Functional / Technical Evaluation

Bidders must score at least **65 out of 100** in respect of functionality in order to qualify for advancement to Phase 2. A bidder that scores less than **65 out of 100** will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive bid and will be disqualified.

Functionality shall be scored using the criteria below:

The weight that will be allocated to each functionality criterion is as follows (unless otherwise stated):

0= Very poor	1= Poor	2= Average	3= Good	4= Very Good	5= Excellent
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The evaluators are to score the bidder on a scale of 0 to 5 and use the scored value to determine the achieved weight of the criterion.

No.	Criteria	Weighting	Rate (0-5)	Total Score
1.	Qualifications and experience of key staff.			
1.1	Relevant qualifications of the key staff. Qualifications must be elaborated upon in CVs. (See paragraph on ToR			

	<p>One Lead partner/ Senior Manager</p>	<p>Lead Partner should have at least one of the following qualifications and experience.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal Qualifications (Core Requirement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLB Degree (Bachelor of Laws) • LLM in Intellectual Property Law (ideal and highly relevant) • Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law • Certificate in Intellectual Property / Trademark Law • Candidate or Admitted Attorney with IP specialization 2. Trademark Attorney–Specific Requirements (Highly Relevant) A Lead Partner specialising in trademarks should also have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration as a Trademark Practitioner under the South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law (SAIIPL) ▪ Pass in SAIPL Trademark Examination ▪ Experience representing clients before the CIPC Trade Marks Office <i>SAIPL accreditation is considered the gold standard for trademark practitioners in South Africa.</i> 3. Complementary Qualifications (Advantageous) These strengthen the credibility of the Lead Partner but are not mandatory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate studies in Commercial Law • Certificate in Licensing, Technology Transfer, or IP Commercialisation • Training in Copyright, Patent, or Design Law 	<p>20</p>		
		<p>No relevant LLB qualification</p>			

		<p>No CIPC trademark filing experience</p> <p>0 (Very poor)</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only has an LLB with less than 3 years' experience in trademark/IP work. - No evidence of CIPC trademark filing experience. <p>1 (Poor)</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LLB plus 4–6 years' experience. - Limited experience in trademark searches and filings. - Not registered or accredited by SAIPL (Trademark Practitioner). <p>2 (Average)</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LLB and a Postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law. - At least 7–9 years' experience in trademark filings, oppositions, renewals, and enforcement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrated experience with CIPC filings and trademark portfolio management. <p>3 (Good)</p>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LLB plus a Postgraduate Diploma OR LLM in Intellectual Property Law. - Registered SAIPL Trademark Practitioner (passed SAIPL exams). - 10–12 years' experience in trademark filings, oppositions, renewals, and enforcement. <p>4 (Very Good)</p>		

		<p>- LLB plus LLM in Intellectual Property Law or equivalent specialised postgraduate qualification.</p> <p>- SAIPL-accredited Trademark Practitioner with active professional membership.</p> <p>- More than 13 years' experience in advanced trademark work including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIPC filings and prosecution • Oppositions and objections • IP strategy and portfolio development • Public sector advisory work (advantageous). <p>5 (Excellent)</p>			
1.2	Qualifications and experience of team staff		20		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff hold an LLB and LLM in Intellectual Property Law or equivalent advanced qualification. ▪ 11+ years' specialised experience in trademarks, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Searches and filings with CIPC • Oppositions and objections • Enforcement and advisory services • IP portfolio management ▪ Multiple team members are SAIPL-accredited Trademark Practitioners. ▪ CVs show strong sector experience, including public sector advisory work (advantageous). <p>5 (Excellent)</p>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff hold an LLB plus a Postgraduate Diploma OR LLM in Intellectual Property Law. ▪ 8–10 years’ Specialised experience in trademark prosecution. ▪ Experience with opposition proceedings, objections, renewals, and portfolio management. ▪ At least one team member is registered with SAIPL as a Trademark Practitioner. <p>4 (Very Good)</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff hold an LLB plus a Certificate or Short Course in IP Law. ▪ 6–7 years’ experience in trademark-related work. ▪ Demonstrated experience in CIPC filings and trademark searches. ▪ CV shows applied experience relevant to the TOR. <p>3 (Good)</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff hold an LLB with 3–5 years’ experience in General legal practice. ▪ Limited exposure to trademark matters (searches, filings, renewals). ▪ No specialist IP training (no postgraduate diploma/ certificate). <p>2 (Average)</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff have only basic legal qualifications (LLB or Diploma in Law). ▪ Less than 2 years’ experience in trademark or IP-related work. ▪ No evidence of CIPC filings or trademark searches. ▪ CVs lack detail or relevance to trademark prosecution. <p>1 (Poor)</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No proof of qualifications and experience of staff <p>0 (Very poor)</p>			
2.	Bidder’s experience.	30		
2.1	“The bidder must demonstrate experience in providing trademark and intellectual property services within South Africa. A minimum of three (3) case studies for trademark filings conducted in the last three years must be submitted. Case studies must contain the nature of the			

<p>assignment, timelines, process undertaken, and outcomes achieved.”</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 or more years proven experience delivering similar trademark/IP services. ▪ Five or more detailed case studies meeting ALL the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trademark searches and availability opinions - CIPC filings and prosecution - Handling objections and oppositions - Trademark portfolio management - Demonstrated successful outcomes (approved registrations, resolved oppositions, etc.) <p>Excellent references from multiple clients.</p> <p>5 Excellent</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 years relevant experience. ▪ Four case studies demonstrating full trademark workflows (searches, filings, oppositions, renewals). ▪ Strong track record with reputable clients in both private and/or public sector. <p>4 Very Good</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 years relevant experience in trademark prosecution. ▪ Three case studies showing similar work (trademark searches, filings, renewals). ▪ Demonstrated experience in CIPC filings and trademark portfolio management. <p>3 Good</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 years relevant experience. ▪ Two reference letters or case studies. ▪ Limited experience in trademark searches and filings. 			

	<p>Minimal experience dealing with CIPC Trade Marks Office.</p> <p>2 Average</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 year or less relevant experience. ▪ Only one reference or case study submitted. ▪ Case study does not demonstrate trademark filings or CIPC processes. ▪ Evidence provided is incomplete or not comparable to TOR requirements. <p>1 Poor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No proof of qualifications and experience of staff <p>0 (Very poor)</p>			
3.	Methodology	30		
3.1	<p>The bidder must demonstrate an understanding of the ToR, Clarity and conceptualization of methodology, appropriateness of approach within the current water and sanitation sector context.</p> <p>Project plan and broad methodologies in line with the task descriptions outlined under project scope / task description, with clear milestones and timeframes for each task to be completed.</p> <p>The following items must be clearly indicated in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Control Plan • Project Execution Plan • Broad methodologies in line with the task descriptions outlined under project scope/ task description. • Clear milestones, and timeframes for each task to be completed. <p>Evaluation and supervision of work.</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology documented and clearly indicates step-by-step explanation of the proposed process with diagrams, along with research, benchmarking, and innovative products - 5 (Excellent). 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology documented and clearly indicates step-by-step explanation of the proposed process with diagrams- 4 (Very Good). Methodology documented and clearly indicates step-by-step explanation of the proposed process- 3 (Good). 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology documented but the step-by-step explanation of the proposed process is not clear or not detailed- 2 (Average). 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methodology not documented- 1 (Poor). 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No methodology provided 0 (Very poor) 			
MAXIMUM POINTS	100		

Only bidders who obtain at least 65 % under Functional / Technical Evaluation will be considered for further evaluation.

PHASE 2: The 80/20 Principle based on Price and Specific Goals.

Price

A maximum of 80 points are allocated for price on the following basis:

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

Where:

P_s = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

P_t = Comparative price of bid under consideration

P_{\min} = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

Preference Point System (Specific Goals)

SPECIFIC GOALS	NUMBER OF POINTS TO BE ALLOCATED
Women	5
People with disability	5
Youth (35 and below)	5

Location of enterprise (Province)	2
B-BBEE status level contributors from level 1 to 2 which are QSE or EME	3
Total points for SPECIFIC GOALS	20

Documents requirement for verification of points allocation:

Procurement Requirement	Required Proof Documents
Women	Full CSD Report
Disability	Full CSD Report
Youth	Full CSD Report
Location	Full CSD Report
B-BBEE status level contributors from level 1 to 2 which are QSE or EME	Valid BBBEE certificate/sworn affidavit Consolidated BEE certificate in cases of Joint Venture Full CSD Report

The definition and measurement of the goals above is as follows:

Women, disability, and youth:

This will be measured by calculating the pro-rata percentage of ownership of the bidding company which meets this criterion. E.g., Company A has five shareholders each of whom own 20% of the company. Three of the five shareholders meet the criterion, i.e. they are women/disability/youth. Therefore, this bidder will obtain 60% of the points allowable for this goal.

Location of enterprise

Local equals province. Where a project cuts across more than one province, the bidder may be located in any of the relevant provinces to obtain the points.

B-BBEE status level contributors from level 1 to 2 which are QSE or EME

Measured in terms of normal BBBEE requirements.

Note: Formula for calculating points for specific goals

Preference points for entities are calculated on their percentage shareholding in a business, provided that they are actively involved in and exercise control over the enterprise. The following formula is prescribed:

$$PC = Mpa \times \frac{P\text{-own}}{100}$$

100

Where

PC= Points awarded for specific goal

Mpa= The maximum number of points awarded for ownership in that specific category

P-own = The percentage of equity ownership by the enterprise or business

NOTES TO BIDDERS

- **Outlined below are the terms and conditions applicable all the bidders.**
 - ✓ **The Department will not be liable to reimburse any costs incurred by applicants in preparing their proposals.**
 - ✓ **Late quotations will not be considered.**
 - ✓ **The service providers are entitled to seek clarity or ask questions about the terms of reference from the date the request of quotation is issued until the closing date. Once the closing date has passed, no questions or clarity seeking will be entertained.**
 - ✓ **The service providers are also notified that the quoted price may be open for negotiations.**
 - ✓ **The Department does not bind itself into making an appointment from proposals and offers received.**
 - ✓ **The Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel this request for proposals, presentations, and price or not to make any appointment at all.**
 - ✓ **The successful bidder shall provide the service required based on the set timelines and as per the schedule to be agreed upon by both parties.**
 - ✓ **The department reserves to write to engage with the successful service provider to negotiate the prices as submitted.**
 - ✓ **If it is envisaged that negotiations will be conducted only with the successful supplier, the negotiations will be based on a best estimate of the cost of the service.**

Bidding Special Condition:

The department reserves to write to engage with the successful service provider to negotiate the prices as submitted.

If it is envisaged that negotiations will be conducted only with the successful supplier, the negotiations will be based on a best estimate of the cost of the service/works.

8. Contact Details

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RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR COMPANY /CLOSE CORPORATION/ PARTNERSHIP

RESOLUTION of a meeting of the Board of *Directors / Members / Partners of:

_____ (legally correct full name and registration number, if applicable, of the Enterprise)

Held at _____ (place)

on _____ (date)

RESOLVED that:

1. The Enterprise submits a Bid / Tender to the Department of Water and Sanitation in respect of the following project:

_____ (project description as per Bid / Tender Document)

Bid / Tender Number: _____ (Bid / Tender Number as per Bid / Tender Document)

2. *Mr/Mrs/Ms: _____

in *his/her Capacity as: _____ (Position in the Enterprise)

and who will sign as follows: _____

be, and is hereby, authorized to sign the Bid / Tender, and any and all other documents and/or correspondence in connection with and relating to the Bid / Tender, as well as to sign any Contract, and any and all documentation, resulting from the award of the Bid / Tender to the Enterprise mentioned above.

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Resolution of Board of Directors

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The bidding enterprise hereby absolves the Department of Water and Sanitation from any liability whatsoever that may arise as a result of this document being signed.

Note:

1. * Delete which is not applicable.
2. **NB:** This resolution must, where possible, be signed by all the Directors / Members / Partners of the Bidding Enterprise.
3. In the event that paragraph 2 cannot be complied with, the resolution must be signed by Directors / Members / Partners holding a majority of the shares / ownership of the Bidding Enterprise (attach proof of shareholding / ownership hereto).
4. Directors / Members / Partners of the Bidding Enterprise may alternatively delegate a person to sign this document on behalf of the Bidding Enterprise, which person must be so authorized by way of a duly completed Delegation of Authority letter, signed by the Directors / Members / Partners holding a majority of the shares / ownership of the Bidding Enterprise (proof of shareholding / ownership and Delegation of Authority letter are to be attached hereto).
5. Should the number of Directors / Members / Partners exceed the space available above, additional names and signatures must be supplied on a separate page.

ENTERPRISE STAMP



RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ENTER INTO CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES

RESOLUTION of a meeting of the Board of *Directors / Members / Partners of:

(Legally correct full name and registration number, if applicable, of the Enterprise)

Held at _____ (place)

on _____ (date)

RESOLVED that:

1. The Enterprise submits a Bid /Tender, in consortium/Joint Venture with the following Enterprises:

(List all the legally correct full names and registration numbers, if applicable, of the Enterprises forming the Consortium/Joint Venture)

to the Department of Water and Sanitation in respect of the following project:

(Project description as per Bid /Tender Document)

Bid / Tender Number: _____ (Bid / Tender Number as per Bid / Tender Document)

2. *Mr/Mrs/Ms: _____

in *his/her Capacity as: _____ (Position in the Enterprise)

and who will sign as follows: _____

be, and is hereby, authorised to sign a consortium/joint venture agreement with the parties listed under item 1 above, and any and all other documents and/or correspondence in connection with and relating to the consortium/joint venture, in respect of the project described under item 1 above.

3. The Enterprise accepts joint and several liability with the parties listed under item 1 above for the due fulfilment of the obligations of the joint venture deriving from, and in any way connected with, the Contract to be entered into with the Department in respect of the project described under item 1 above.

4. The Enterprise chooses as its *domicilium citandi et executandi* for all purposes arising from this joint venture agreement and the Contract with the Department in respect of the project under item 1 above:

Physical address: _____

_____ (code)



Resolution of Board of Directors to enter into Consortia or Joint Ventures

Postal Address: _____

_____ (code)

Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____

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The bidding enterprise hereby absolves the Department of Water and Sanitation from any liability whatsoever that may arise as a result of this document being signed

Note:

- * Delete which is not applicable.
- NB:** This resolution must, where possible, be signed by all the Directors / Members / Partners of the Bidding Enterprise.
- In the event that paragraph 2 cannot be complied with, the resolution must be signed by Directors / Members / Partners holding a majority of the shares / ownership of the Bidding Enterprise (attach proof of shareholding / ownership hereto).
- Directors / Members / Partners of the Bidding Enterprise may alternatively delegate a person to sign this document on behalf of the Bidding Enterprise, which person must be so authorized by way of a duly completed Delegation of Authority letter, signed by the Directors / Members / Partners holding a majority of the shares / ownership of the Bidding Enterprise (proof of shareholding / ownership and Delegation of Authority letter are to be attached hereto).
- Should the number of Directors / Members / Partners exceed the space available above, additional names and signatures must be supplied on a separate page.

ENTERPRISE STAMP

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF CONSORTIA OR JOINTVENTURES

RESOLUTION of a meeting of the duly authorized representatives of the following legal entities who have entered into a consortium/joint venture to jointly bid for the project mentioned below: *(legally correct full names and registration numbers, if applicable, of the Enterprises forming a Consortium/Joint Venture)*

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Held at _____

_____ (place)

_____ (date)

RESOLVED that:

- A. The above-mentioned Enterprises submit a Bid in Consortium/Joint Venture to the Department of Water and Sanitation in respect of the following project:

(Project description as per Bid /Tender Document)

Bid / Tender Number: _____ *(Bid / Tender Number as per Bid /Tender Document)*

- B. *Mr/Mrs/Ms: _____ in _____ *his/her Capacity as: _____ *(Position in the Enterprise)* and who will sign as follows: _____

be, and is hereby, authorized to sign the Bid, and any and all other documents and/or correspondence in connection with and relating to the Bid, as well as to sign any Contract, and any and all documentation, resulting from the award of the Bid to the Enterprises in Consortium/Joint Venture mentioned above.

- C. The Enterprises constituting the Consortium/Joint Venture, notwithstanding its composition, shall conduct all business under the name and style of:

- D. The Enterprises to the Consortium/Joint Venture accept joint and several liability for the due fulfilment of the obligations of the Consortium/Joint Venture deriving from, and in any way connected with, the Contract entered into with the Department in respect of the project described under item A above.

- E. Any of the Enterprises to the Consortium/Joint Venture intending to terminate the consortium/joint venture agreement, for whatever reason, shall give the Department 30 days written notice of such intention. Notwithstanding such decision to terminate, the Enterprises shall remain jointly and severally liable to the Department for the due fulfilment of the obligations of the Consortium/Joint



Venture as mentioned under item D above.

- F. No Enterprise to the Consortium/Joint Venture shall, without the prior written consent of the other Enterprises to the Consortium/Joint Venture and of the Department, cede any of its rights or assign any of its obligations under the consortium/joint venture agreement in relation to the Contract with the Department referred to herein.
- G. The Enterprises choose as the *domicilium citandi et executandi* of the Consortium/Joint Venture for all purposes arising from the consortium/joint venture agreement and the Contract with the Department in respect of the project under item A above:

Physical address: _____

(code) Postal Address: _____

_____ (code)

Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____

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Resolution of Board of Directors to enter into Consortia or Joint Ventures

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The bidding enterprise hereby absolves the Department of Water and Sanitation from any liability whatsoever that may arise as a result of this document being signed.

Note:

1. * Delete which is not applicable.
2. **NB:** This resolution must be signed by all the Duly Authorized Representatives of the Legal Entities to the consortium/joint venture submitting this tender, as named in item 2 of **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ENTER INTO CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES**
3. Should the number of the Duly Authorized Representatives of the Legal Entities joining forces in this tender exceed the space available above, additional names, capacity and signatures must be supplied on a separate page.
4. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ENTER INTO CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES**, duly completed and signed, from the separate Enterprises who participate in this consortium/joint venture, must be attached to this **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES**



Sole Proprietor: LOA

LETTER OF AUTHORITY FOR SOLE PROPRIETOR OR SOLE TRADER

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

Signature: Sole owner.....

Date.....

Witnesses:

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Date :

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ENTERPRISE STAMP

**GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT
July 2010**

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 compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

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

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

1.25 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.

2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.

2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

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

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

4. Standards

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

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

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

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

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

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

6. Patent rights

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

7. Performance

7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award,

security

the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

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

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

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

(b) a cashier's or certified cheque

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

**8. Inspections,
tests and
analyses**

8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.

8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.

8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.

8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.

8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.

8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.

8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the

cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

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

9. Packing

9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

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

10. Delivery and documents

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

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

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

12. Transportation

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

13. Incidental services

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

- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
- (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
- (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties,

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

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

14. Spare parts

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

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

15. Warranty

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

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

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

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

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser

may have against the supplier under the contract.

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

22. Penalties

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

23. Termination for default

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

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

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

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

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the

envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

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

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

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

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

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

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

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

25. Force Majeure

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

26. Termination for insolvency

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

27. Settlement of Disputes

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

28. Limitation of liability

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

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

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

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