

NATIONAL HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE (NHLS)

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

**You are hereby invited to submit Quotation for the requirements of
National Health Laboratory service**

RFQ number:	RFQ 2133911/22-23	
Closing date:	12 AUGUST 2022	
Closing time:	11:00AM	
RFQ validity period:	30 days (commencing from the RFQ Closing Date)	
Important	COMPULSORY SITE BRIEFING: 08 AUGUST 2022 @ 11H00 01 MODDERFONTEIN ROAD, SANDRINGHAM AND MEET AT NICD RECEPTION	
RFQ Description:	RE-ADVERT MAINTENANCE AND VALIDATION OF CLASS II (MICRO-) BIOLOGICAL SAFETY CABINETS AT NICD SANDRINGHAM	
EMAIL		Post/Hand Delivered at:
		NHLS, 1 MODDERFONTEIN ROAD, SANDRINGHAM, AT NICD STORES IN THE QUOTE BOX ON THE 12 AUGUST 2022 @ 11H00. (NB QUOTES THAT ARE DROPPED OFF AT NHLS QUOTE/TENDER BOX WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

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This RFQ is subject to the general conditions of the RFQ, National Treasury's general conditions of contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other special conditions of contract (SCC).

The following particulars must be furnished

Information of the Bidder

Name of bidder	
Registration number	
VAT registration number	
Contact person	
Telephone number	
Cell number	
E-mail address	
Postal address	
Physical address	

I certify that the information furnished on this form is true and correct.

I further accept that, in addition to cancellation of a contract, action may be taken against me should this declaration prove to be false.

Name of bidder (duly authorised)

Signature of bidder

Date

Capacity under which this RFQ is signed

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

- This document may contain confidential information that is the property of the NHLS and the Client. NHLS
- No part of the contents may be used, copied, disclosed or conveyed in whole or in part to any party in any manner whatsoever other than for preparing a proposal in response to this Bid, without prior written permission from NHLS Ltd and the Client.
- All Copyright and Intellectual Property herein vests with NHLS and its Client.
- Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
- Price Declaration must be completed, and Should the total RFQ prices differ, the one indicated on the price declaration shall be considered the correct price.
- Any bidder who has reasons to believe that the RFQ specification is based on a specific brand must inform NHLS before RFQ closing date.
- Bidders are required to submit a valid Tax Clearance Certificate and Tax clearance verification PIN, Failure to submit the Tax Pin and valid Tax Clearance Certificate will result in the invalidation of this RFQ.
It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that NHLS is in possession of the bidder’s valid Tax Clearance certificate. The onus is on the bidder to ensure that NHLS receives a valid Tax Certificate as soon as the validity of the said certificate expires.
A compulsory/non-compulsory pre-proposal RFQ/site meeting will be conducted at **[01 MOODERFONTEIN ROAD SANDRINGHAM NICD RECEPTION]** on the **08 AUGUST 2022]**, at **[11h00]**
- for a period of ± hours. The briefing session will start punctually and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late.

- A Certificate of Attendance in the form attached hereto must be completed and submitted with your Proposal as proof of attendance is required for a compulsory site meeting and/or RFQ briefing.
Respondents arriving after the allocated time of the briefing session **and** failing to attend the compulsory RFQ/Site briefing will be disqualified
- No services must be rendered or goods delivered before an official NHLS Purchase Order form has been received.
- This RFQ will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference point system prescribed by the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011.
- All questions regarding this RFQ must be forwarded to the buyer within 24 hours after the RFQ has been issued.
- It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that its response reaches NHLS on or before the closing date and time of the RFQ.

FOR HAND DELIVERIES OF RESPONSES, PLEASE SUBMIT THE RFQ DOCUMENT TO NHLS MAIN RECEPTION IN THE RFQ BOX.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT RFQ RESPONSES IN THE NHLS QUOTATION/TENDER BOX AS THE RFQ RESPONSES DEPOSITED IN THE TENDER BOX SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

The Bidder accepts the above terms and conditions and the General Conditions of Contract attached in Annex G.	Accept	Do not accept
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2. RESPONSE FORMAT

2.1 BIDDERS SHALL SUBMIT PROPOSED RESPONSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFIED BELOW. FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL RESULT DISQUALIFICATION THE BIDDER'S RESPONSE.

- 2.2 **Schedule Index**
- 2.2.1 **Schedule 1:** RFQ document
- 2.2.2* **Schedule 2: valid Tax Clearance Certificate and Tax verification PIN**
- 2.2.3 **Schedule 3:** Price (Submit the price **in a sealed envelope.**)
- 2.2.4 **Schedule 4:** Preferential Procurement Claim form and the **Certified copy of the B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate (SBD 6)**
- 2.2.5 **Schedule 5:** Declaration of interest **(SBD 4)**
- 2.2.6 **Schedule 8:** Declaration of Bidders' past supply chain practices **(SBD 8)**
- 2.2.7 **Schedule 7:** Certificate of independent bid determination **(SBD 9)**
- 2.2.8 **Schedule 8:** General Conditions of Contract
- 2.2.9 **Schedule 9:** Local Content Declaration of the Local Content designated **(SBD 6.2)**
- 2.2.10 **Schedule 10:** Attendance for a compulsory briefing session, if applicable

1.ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE

The following will be used to evaluate bids administratively:

- Fully completed and signed SBD4
- Submission of and valid tax clearance and Tax Verification Pin
- Proof of registration on Central Supplier Database (CSD)
- Preferential Procurement Claim form
- Copy of the B-BBEE Verification Certificate(s) issued by an authorised body or person, or a sworn affidavit prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.
- The service providers to have agree with NHLS general contract terms conditions

1.2 Next step of evaluation is the “technical” or so called “functional” evaluation which

is purely based on NHLS specifications and Scope of Work. NHLS end-user department (who *requested the RFQ*), Procurement Services, Finance and subject specialists are part of the Cross Functional Evaluation Team (CFET) meeting which is chaired by the Procurement Officer. Functionality is the technical evaluation of the bidders’ proposal.

Should functionality be included in the RFQ as a threshold, the RFQ document must clearly state the minimum score to be achieved if bidders are to be further evaluated on price and preference. Responses that do not meet the threshold for technical will not progress further.

(if applicable)

1.3 The final stage of evaluation is done after the CFET has reached their verdict and is done by NHLS Procurement Services. B-BBEE score (commercial evaluation) is added in order to get the final order of merit for the bidders being evaluated.

1.3.1 The evaluation of the Proposal shall be based on the price and B-BBEE scorecard

Price points	80
B-BBEE status level contribution	20
Total	100 points

2. RFQ SPECIFICATIONS (BIDDER MUST TICK WHETHER THEY COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS, IF NOT THE BIDDER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED)

NICD (M)BSC Maintenance and Validation

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS	REQUIREMENTS	TICK REQUIREMENTS
Decontamination		
Availability/Supply of approved chemicals, equipment, sealing materials, process indicators	Paraformaldehyde, Ammonium Carbonate, Heat sources, Humidification, sealing sheet/cover, adhesive tape, electrical extension cord, Process indicator	✓
PPE	Sufficient Chemical PPE shall be used during the decontamination process, i.e. Chemical respirator, eye protection, Chemical gas tight coverall, Rubber boots/shoes, appropriate cartridges, suitable rubber gloves	✓
Decontamination process	To be started in PM, BSC to be Hermetically sealed, formaldehyde to have a minimum 6 hr contact time, Ammonium Carbonate at minimum 1 hr adsorption	✓
Area demarcation	Highly visible signs to be placed at room entrances to prevent accidental gas exposure (in an event of failure)	✓
Proof of decontamination	A Chemical process indicator shall be handed to the Lab Manager or representative to proof successful decontamination	✓
Decontamination report	Must complete the NHLS Clearance Certificate with Lab representative (POLS 0009 Form 29)	✓
Servicing of (M)BSC		
Post Decontamination Clean	Remove all decontamination materials, all adhesive tape and marks, Chemical deposits.	✓
Cleaning/preparation for Validation tests	Remove work-surface and clean, clean the sump area, remove all foreign materials, Check and adjust sash, location of (M)BSC, stability of (M)BSC, All checks according to the NHLS standard report form (attached), replacement of pre-filter(s)	✓
Set-up (Calibrate) (M)BSC		
Downflow air-velocity measurement	Measured according to relevant standard(s) and mean location marked.	✓
Inflow air velocity measurement	Measured according to relevant standard(s) and mean location marked.	✓
Calibration of sensors and alarm(s)	Using Downflow and inflow mean locations calibrate sensors according to manufacturers specifications, set all relevant alarms	✓

FORM OF QUOTATION

SUPPLIER: _____

QUOTATION NO: _____

DESCRIPTION: MAINTENANCE AND VALIDATION OF CLASS II (MICRO-) BIOLOGICAL SAFETY CABINETS AT NICD SANDRINGHAM (Amended)

	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	Cost excl. vat
1.	Chemicals for Decontamination of BSC	1 ea	101		
2.	Sealing, demarcation, process indicators for Decon.				
3.	Adsorbtion and certification of Decon. (next day)				
4.	Cleaning, service and routine maintenance (pre-filters)	1 ea	101		
5.	Location assessment and pre-Validation assessment				
6.	Record all assessments on the NHLS std. report form				
7.	Initial Downflow/Inflow air velocity measurements	1 ea	101		
8.	Calibration and programming of all sensors and alarms				
9.	Measure/record Downflow/inflow measurements				
10.	Record cabinet conditions (gauge/display)				
11.	4 step Smoke test and demonstration				
12.	Filter Integrity Tests				
13.	Full report and certificates/documents				
A-Total bi-annual validation cost as per above items (1-13)		6 Month cycle (R)			
B-Total annual validation costs as per above items (1-13) 2 cycles		1 year cycle (R)			
Additional costs to be considered for repairs					
14.	Downflow and exhaust HEPA Filters for 4ft Bioflow II (FWH) H14	set of 2 filters			
15.	Downflow and exhaust HEPA Filters for 4ft Healforce H14	set of 2 filters			
16.	Downflow and exhaust HEPA Filters for 4ft ESCO (AC2-4S1) U15	set of 2 filters			
17.	Downflow and exhaust HEPA Filters for 4ft NuAire (incl. HEPEX) H14	set of 2 filters			
18.	Call out charges incl. Travel	1			
19.	Labor charges per Hour	1 hr			

Note:

Price and allow for all requirements listed in the approved specifications listed in Annex A.

All work must be according to acceptable local and international good practices.

Note To Procurement – Lead time from Site briefing to submission closure should be at least 4 weeks due to contractors needing to supply validated informantion requested.

Administrative Mandatory Documents

No.	Mandatory Requirement	Comply	Not Comply
1	CSD FORM		
2	B-BBEE Certificate and/or Affidavit		
3	Tax Clearance Certificate and/or TAX Verification PIN		
4	Local Content (If applicable) 5.1 The bidder must complete and submit the SBD6.2 and Annexure C for Local Content If a bidder fails to meet, the minimum stipulated threshold for local production and content will be considered an unacceptable tender.	N/A	
5	Three(3) copies of contactable reference or completion certificate for similar work done, on client's letterhead, with contact details, valid e-mail address, office telephone, cell phone and business address		

Technical Mandatory Requirements (If the bidder does not meet any of the below mentioned requirements will be disqualified)

Mandatory 1:

Applicable training for at least supervisory staff (senior position) regarding:	Comply	Not Comply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Servicing (Pre-Validation) • Maintenance • Calibration (Setting of alarms/display readings/Gauges) • Validation (Referring to manufacturers specifications and Standards) <p>Bidders must provide proof of external training certificates that comply to NSF/ANSI 49 and/or EN12469:2000</p>		

Mandatory 2:

Provide internal training program were the training and competency for all relevant staff is demonstrated for the service and validation of Biological Safety Cabinets and competency criteria to be specified.	Comply	Not Comply
<p>Bidders must provide a training program as part of their submission. (If all relevant staff are trained in accordance to mandatory 1 this mandatory 2 shall fall away.)</p>		

Mandatory 3:

<p>In the event that a Biological Safety Cabinet is deemed dangerous to the operator or any other person the Laboratory Manager or appointed representative shall immediately be informed of the situation and advised in writing that the bio-safety cabinet should be removed from service with immediate effect. The correspondence shall include detailed reasons for the removal of the cabinet from service and shall be left with the Laboratory Manager at the time of the decision. The cabinet should also be marked clearly as “not safe for use” with a reason.</p> <p>Bidders must provide the above mentioned “removal/failure” form and signage as part of their submission.</p>	Comply	Not Comply
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Mandatory 4:

<p>Should any Biological Safety Cabinets be located in a position or be found to be maintained in such a manner as to cause risk to the user or any other person the supplier must report same together with recommendations on the NHLS standard report in the prescribed manner and also discussed with the Laboratory Manager or the appointed representative.</p> <p>Bidders must supply written demonstration for the placement of cabinets as per relevant standards and how to evaluate external interference.</p>	Comply	Not Comply
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Mandatory 5:

<p>Only appropriately calibrated equipment shall be used to certify or calibrate cabinets. Validation certificates or calibration logs for the said equipment must be submitted with this application.</p> <p>Bidders must provide calibration logs/certificates valid for at least 6 (six) months from date of RFQ, for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photometer(s) and • Anemometer(s). 	Comply	Not Comply
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Mandatory 6:

<p>When the Service/Validation of the Biological Safety Cabinet has been done, copies of all equipment calibration certificates shall form part of the documents handed / forwarded to the laboratory manager or representative with the validation report, including Decontamination certificate/report.</p> <p>Bidder must provide a Decontamination procedure for decontaminating Biological Safety Cabinets. This procedure to include the following:</p>	Comply	Not Comply
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validated decontamination method with a validation report. Working cards or decontamination report that include STEL and LTEL (Short and long term exposure) values and released values at decontamination. Validation of CI by BI that include Methods, references and 3x test data with reproducible results. Service records of decontamination equipment. Decontamination materials to be recorded by batch identification and expiry dates for relevant decontamination method. PPE register including inspection reports for relevant decontamination method. Procedure and report of post decontamination cleaning and consumable disposal. 		
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Mandatory 7:

<p>No work shall be undertaken unless by a person trained as in Mandatory 1 above and the supplied supporting documentation is provided. If the person is deemed competent as per Mandatory 2 the person stated in Mandatory 1 shall sign off all work done on our premises.</p> <p>The Bidder shall supply a list of competent staff with their relevant training records/certificates as part of this bid.</p>	Comply	Not Comply
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Mandatory 8:

<p>During the term of this agreement, The Supplier shall take all steps to ensure that the site remains clear of waste and any hazardous material or substances and on completion of such work.</p> <p>The bidder shall include a written demonstration that they are aware of Healthcare Risk Waste management. The Supplier shall make good and leave the site and equipment serviced clean and tidy (including fumigation residues, tape marks etc.).</p> <p>Please note, the supplier shall provide all consumables other than the necessary Laboratory PPE as determined the documented risk assessment applicable to that facility (including cleaning materials etc.)</p>	Comply	Not Comply
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Mandatory 9:

Compulsory additional documentation to be submitted with this RFQ:	Comply	Not Comply
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintenance procedure for Class-II A2 microbiological safety cabinet that were manufactured in South African borders, sold/built by local manufacturers (homologations certificate). This procedure must include all the relevant steps (step by step) to complete a validation of a Biological Safety Cabinet that was manufactured in South African borders.Maintenance procedure for Class-II A2 microbiological safety cabinet that were manufactured outside of South African borders, sold with a sales permit. This procedure must include all the relevant steps (step by step) to complete a validation of a Biological Safety Cabinet that was manufactured outside of South African borders. <p>All two (2) procedures/methods must accompany this bid.</p>		

Mandatory 10:

Details of a proposed method of ensuring that booking for appointments for decontamination and validation including repairs.	Comply	Not Comply
Bidder must provide a procedure/method to contact and arrange/book appointment with the relevant labs.		

Mandatory 11:

Only HEPA filters that are within specifications of the manufacturer requirements for the said Biological Safety Cabinet shall be used without modification or forceful insertion.	Comply	Not Comply
Bidder must supply Specifications for the eight (8) (4 complete sets) of HEPA filters requested in the pricing schedule and reference it to the required manufacturers.		

Mandatory 12:

By submitting RFQ, the supplier confirms that: (for each item below mandatory 12 to 19)

The appropriate standard report form as drafted by the NHLS/NICD must be completed and delivered to the Laboratory Manager or the appointed representative within 2 working days of the service having been completed. Copies of standard reporting forms are available from NICD Procurement (Xxxxxxx) email: xxxxxx@nicd.ac.za	Comply	Not Comply

Mandatory 13:

Reasons together with justifying measurements must be recorded on the NHLS report template for any HEPA filter replaced. The certificate of manufacture for any replaced HEPA filters shall be delivered to the Laboratory Manager or the appointed representative within 2 working days of the service having been completed. The filter serial numbers of both the removed and the replacement HEPA filters shall be recorded on the same report document including the revalidation information.	Comply	Not Comply

Mandatory 14

Once the facility manager or appointed representative has been shown the old HEPA filter that has been replaced, the HEPA filter will be placed in the plastic covering and then the box which previously contained the new HEPA filters, it must be clearly marked with the relevant NHLS health care risk waste details and taped shut with bio-safety tape and then given to the facility manager or their representative for disposal by the NHLS through our health care risk waste disposal stream. (The NHLS Laboratory Manager will supply the necessary health care risk waste details, relevant sticker and tape to ensure compliance with the NHLS policy).	Comply	Not Comply

Mandatory 15:

In the event of another date having to be set for repair work such date shall be agreed with the Laboratory Manager for the repair of the cabinet prior to departure from the facility. (Commitment to adherence to this requirement, require a yes answer)	Comply	Not Comply

Mandatory 16:

General guidelines The Supplier hereby certifies that all electrical or mechanical equipment, which will be brought onto the site and used during the course of the Agreement, conforms to the relevant standards and regulations and is safe to use. Further, The Supplier understands that should it come to the attention of the company's officials/representatives that such equipment does not meet the required standards, The NHLS may order cessation of work until such time as the equipment is repaired satisfactorily. This is to be in alignment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act no 85 of 1993 (OHSACT) and the regulations framed there under as well as the appropriate standards and specifications including VC 8041, SANS 12469:2002 and SANS 10226:2009.	Comply	Not Comply

Mandatory 17:

<p>General guidelines The NHLS reserves the right to monitor, audit or check any work, testing or validation process being performed or done on any equipment and also question any technician working on any piece of equipment to assess their level of competency and confirm that they are trained and understand the impact of their work as per the supplied supporting documentation. The NHLS also reserves the right to employ a third party to conduct the audit, check or tests. This monitoring may not necessitate the presence of the Service provider.</p>	Comply	Not Comply
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Mandatory 18:

All the equipment stated in Mandatory 5 shall conform to all relevant standards and regulations applicable to Biological Safety Cabinets	Comply	Not Comply
Successful bidder to supply a complete "Site Safety File" prior to commencement of any work.		

Mandatory 19:

The bidder shall commence work at NICD within a week of being awarded this RFQ.	Comply	Not Comply
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If these compulsory requirements and documents have not been met or made available with the RFQ submission, then the bidder will be disqualified.

INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

3.1 Price Declaration Form

Please indicate your total RFQ price including vat here: _____(compulsory)

Important:

It is mandatory to indicate your total RFQ price as requested above. This price must be the same as the total RFQ price you submit in your pricing schedule. Should the total RFQ prices differ, the one indicated above shall be considered the correct price.

The following must be noted:

- All prices must be VAT inclusive and must be quoted in South African Rand (ZAR).
- All prices must be firm and fixed from the tender closing date and for the duration of the contract
- All the consortium or joint venture partners must submit a complete set of the latest audited financial statements.
- All bidders must cost according to the costing template provided or this will lead to disqualification.
- The cost of delivery, labour etc. must be included in this proposal.
- Bidders must keep all items listed below in stock.

We undertake to hold this offer open for acceptance for a period of **60 days** from the date of submission of offers. We further undertake that upon final acceptance of our offer, we will commence with delivery when required to do so by the Client.

RFQ Number

Name of bidder

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4 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

If a bidder does not comply fully with each of the mandatory requirements, it shall be regarded as mandatory non-performance/non-compliance and the proposal shall be disqualified. No "unanswered" questions will be allowed. If a response to a question has been indicated as comply but not elaborated upon or substantiated it shall be regarded as mandatory non-performance/non-compliance and the bid shall be disqualified. Bidders shall provide full and accurate answers to the mandatory questions posed in this document, and, where required, explicitly state either "Comply/Accept (with a "Yes")" or "Do not comply/do not accept (with a "No")" regarding compliance to the requirements. Bidders must substantiate their responses to all mandatory questions. PLEASE NOTE: If the response does not substantiate any of the points or requirements in the body of the tender, it will be deemed to not comply, even if the 'Comply' field has been marked. Costs for evaluation studies in each laboratory will be paid by the supplier Please note: All documentation to substantiate the mandatory requirements has to be sup

5.PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT CLAIM FORM SBD 6.1

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2011

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: Prior to completing this form, bidders must study the general conditions, definitions and directives applicable in respect of B-BBEE, as prescribed in the preferential procurement regulations, 2011.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The following preference point systems are applicable to all Bids:

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 - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value equal to above R30 000 and up to R50 million
 - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 million and above including taxes:
- 1.3 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:
 - Price; and
 - Specific contract participation goals, as specified in the attached forms.
- 1.5. 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**
 - 2.1 "all applicable taxes" includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
 - 2.2 "B-BBEE" means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
 - 2.3 "B-BBEE status level of contributor" means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance using the relevant scorecard contained in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

- 2.4 **"bid"** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of services, works or goods, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- 2.5 **"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act"** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- 2.6 **"comparative price"** means the price after the factors of a non-firm price and all unconditional discounts that can be utilised have been taken into consideration;
- 2.7 **"consortium or joint venture"** means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract;
- 2.8 **"contract"** means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by an organ of state;
- 2.9 **"EME"** means any enterprise with annual total revenue of R5 million or less;
- 2.10 **"Firm price"** means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;
- 2.11 **"functionality"** means the measurement according to predetermined norms, as set out in the bid documents, of a service or commodity that is designed to be practical and useful, working or operating, taking into account, among other factors, the quality, reliability, viability and durability of a service and the technical capacity and ability of a bidder;
- 2.12 **"non-firm prices"** means all prices other than "firm" prices;
- 2.13 **"person"** includes a juristic person;
- 2.14 **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in South African currency, calculated at the time of bid invitations, and includes all applicable taxes and excise duties;
- 2.15 **"sub-contract"** means the primary contractor's assigning, leasing, making out work to, or employing, another person to support such primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract;
- 2.16 **"total revenue"** bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and promulgated in the Government Gazette on 9 February 2007;
- 2.17 **"trust"** means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person; and
- 2.18 **"trustee"** means any person, including the founder of a trust, to whom property is bequeathed in order for such property to be administered for the benefit of another person.

3. Adjudication using a point system

- 3.1 The bidder obtaining the highest number of total points will be awarded the contract.
- 3.2 Preference points shall be calculated after prices have been brought to a comparative basis taking into account all factors of non-firm prices and all unconditional discounts;
- 3.3 Points scored must be rounded off to the nearest two (2) decimal places.
- 3.4 In the event that two or more Bids have scored equal total points, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.
- 3.5 However, when functionality is part of the evaluation process and two or more Bids have scored equal points including equal preference points for B-BBEE, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest score for functionality.
- 3.6 Should two or more Bids be equal in all respects; the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.
- 4. Bidders who qualify as EMEs in terms of the B-BBEE Act must submit a certificate issued by an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the CCA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor. Registered auditors do not need to meet the prerequisite for IRBA's approval for the purpose of conducting verification and issuing EMEs with B-BBEE Status Level Certificates.
 - 4.1 Bidders other than EMEs must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof, substantiating their B-BBEE rating issued by a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.
 - 4.2 A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
 - 4.3 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid.
- 5. Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialised scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.
 - 5.1 A person will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract
 - 5.2 A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract

6 **Bid declaration**

6.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE status level of contribution must complete the following:

7 **B-BBEE status level of contribution claimed in terms of paragraphs 1.3.1.2 and 5.1**

7.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: _____ = _____ (maximum of 20 points)
(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 5.1 and must be substantiated by means of a B-BBEE certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the CCA).

8 **Sub-contracting (Refer to paragraphs 5.7 and 5.8 above)**

8.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? YES / NO (delete which is not applicable)

8.1.1 If yes, indicate:

8.1.1.1 what percentage of the contract will be subcontracted?
_____ %

8.1.1.2 the name of the sub-contractor?

8.1.1.3 the B-BBEE status level of the subcontractor?

8.1.1.4 whether the sub-contractor is an EME? YES / NO (delete which is not applicable)

9 **Declaration with regard to company/firm**

9.1 Name of company/firm _____

9.2 VAT registration number

9.3 Company registration number

9.4 Type of company/ firm
Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
One-person business/sole propriety
Close corporation
Company
(Pty) Limited
[Tick applicable box]

9.5 Describe principal business activities

9.6 Company classification

Manufacturer

Supplier

Professional service provider

Other service providers, e.g. transporter.

[Tick applicable box]

9.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business?

9.8 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 contribution indicated in paragraph 7 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

9.8.1 The information furnished is true and correct;

9.8.2 The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form.

9.8.3 In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraph 7, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;

9.8.4 If the B-BBEE status level of contribution 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 –

9.8.4.1 disqualify the person from the bidding process;

9.8.4.2 recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;

9.8.4.3 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;

- restrict the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

Witnesses:

• _____

Signature(s) of bidder(s)

• _____

Date:

Address: _____

TAX CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS SBD 2

- 1 It is a condition of Bid that the taxes of the successful bidder must be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.
- 2 In order to meet this requirement bidder are required to complete in full the attached form TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The tax clearance certificate requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders/individuals who wish to submit Bids.
- 3 SARS shall then furnish the bidder with a tax clearance certificate that shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of approval.
- 4 The original tax clearance certificate must be submitted together with the Bid. Failure to submit the original and valid tax clearance certificate shall result in the invalidation of the Bid. Certified copies of the tax clearance certificate shall not be acceptable.
- 5 In Bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / subcontractors are involved, each party must submit a separate tax clearance certificate.
- 6 Copies of the TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" form are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website www.sars.gov.za.
- 7 Applications for the tax clearance certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, taxpayers shall need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website www.sars.gov.za.

5.DECLARATION OF INTEREST SBD 4

BIDDER’S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder’s declaration

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

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:
.....
.....

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.

2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES/NO

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....
.....

3 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name)..... in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the 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.

² Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

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

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

.....
Signature Date

.....
Position Name of bidder

SCHEDULE 9: Declaration Certificate for Local Production and Content for Designated Sectors (SBD 6.2)

DECLARATION CERTIFICATE FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT FOR DESIGNATED SECTORS

This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a declaration form for local content (local production and local content are used interchangeably).

Before completing this declaration, bidders must study the General Conditions, Definitions, Directives applicable in respect of Local Content as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 (Edition 1) and the Guidance on the Calculation of Local Content together with the Local Content Declaration Templates [Annex C (Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule), D (Imported Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annex C) and E (Local Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annex C)].

1. General Conditions

- 1.1 Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 (Regulation 8) make provision for the promotion of local production and content.
- 1.2 Regulation 8. (2) prescribes that in the case of designated sectors, organs of state must advertise such tenders with the specific bidding condition that only locally produced or manufactured goods, with a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content will be considered.
- 1.3 Where necessary, for tenders referred to in paragraph 1.2 above, a two stage bidding process may be followed, where the first stage involves a minimum threshold for local production and content and the second stage price and B-BBEE.
- 1.4 A person awarded a contract in relation to a designated sector, may not sub-contract in such a manner that the local production and content of the overall value of the contract is reduced to below the stipulated minimum threshold.
- 1.5 The local content (LC) expressed as a percentage of the bid price must be calculated in accordance with the SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286: 2011 as follows:
$$LC = [1 - x / y] * 100$$

Where

x = is the imported content in Rand

y = is the bid price in Rand excluding value added tax (VAT)

Prices referred to in the determination of x must be converted to Rand (ZAR) by using the exchange rate published by South African Reserve Bank (SARB) on the date of advertisement of the bid as indicated in paragraph 3.1 below.

The SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 is accessible on http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial_development/ip.jsp at no cost.

1.6 A bid may be disqualified if this Declaration Certificate and the Annex C (Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule) are not submitted as part of the bid documentation;

2. The stipulated minimum threshold(s) for local production and content (refer to Annex A of SATS 1286:2011) for this bid is/are as follows:

Description of services, works or goods Stipulated minimum threshold

3. Does any portion of the goods or services offered have any imported content?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Tick

applicable box)

3.1 If yes, the rate(s) of exchange to be used in this bid to calculate the local content as prescribed in paragraph 1.5 of the general conditions must be the rate(s) published by SARB for the specific currency on the date of advertisement of the bid.

3.2 The relevant rates of exchange information is accessible on www.resbank.co.za.

3.3 Indicate the rate(s) of exchange against the appropriate currency in the table below (refer to Annex A of SATS 1286:2011):

Currency	Rates of exchange
US Dollar	
Pound Sterling	
Euro	
Yen	
Other	

NB: Bidders must submit proof of the SARB rate (s) of exchange used.

3. Where, after the award of a bid, challenges are experienced in meeting the stipulated minimum threshold for local content the dti must be informed accordingly in order for the dti to verify and in consultation with the AO/AA provide directives in this regard.

LOCAL CONTENT DECLARATION
(REFER TO ANNEX B OF SATS 1286:2011)

ANNEX C

Note: VAT to be excluded from all calculations

(C1) Tender No.:					
(C2) Tender description:					
(C3) Designated product(s):					
(C4) Tender Authority:					
(C5) Tendering Entity name:					
(C6) Tender Exchange Rate:	Pula		EU		GBP
(C7) Specified local content %					

Tender item no's	List of items	Calculation of local content						Tender summary			
		Tender price - each (excl. VAT)	Exempted imported value	Tender value- net of exempted imported content	Imported value	Local value	Local content % (per item)	Tender Qty	Total tender value	Total exempted imported content	Total Imported content
<i>(C8)</i>	<i>(C9)</i>	<i>(C10)</i>	<i>(C11)</i>	<i>(C12)</i>	<i>(C13)</i>	<i>(C14)</i>	<i>(C15)</i>	<i>(C16)</i>	<i>(C17)</i>	<i>(C18)</i>	<i>(C19)</i>

Tender item no's	List of items	Calculation of local content						Tender summary			
		Tender price - each (excl. VAT)	Exempted imported value	Tender value- net of exempted imported content	Imported value	Local value	Local content % (per item)	Tender Qty	Total tender value	Total exempted imported content	Total Imported content
(C8)	(C9)	(C10)	(C11)	(C12)	(C13)	(C14)	(C15)	(C16)	(C17)	(C18)	(C19)
(C20) Total tender value									R0		
(C21) Total Exempt imported content										R0	
(C22) Total Tender value net of exempt imported content										R0	
(C23) Total Imported content											R0
(C24) Total local content											R0
(C25) Average local content % of tender											

Signature of tenderer from Annex B: _____

Date: _____

Declaration of Bidders Past Supply Chain Practices SBD 8

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all Bids invited.
- 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.
- The Bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - failed to perform on any previous contract.

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	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector?</p> <p>(Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).</p>	Yes	No
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)?</p> <p>To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, www.treasury.gov.za, click on the icon "Register for Tender Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 3265445.</p>	Yes	No
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the RSA) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes	No
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of State terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes	No
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

**I, the undersigned (full name) _____
certify that the information furnished on this declaration form is true and correct.**

**I accept that, in addition to cancellation of a contract, action may be taken against me
should this declaration prove to be false.**

Signature

Position

Date

Name of bidder

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CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION SBD 9

This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all Bids invited.

1. 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). Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
2. 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 authorises accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - 2.1 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.
 - 2.2 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.
3. 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.
4. In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid number and description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of institution)

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

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:

(Name of bidder)

- I have read and I understand the contents of this certificate;
- I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- I am authorised by the bidder to sign this certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;

- Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorised by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- For the purposes of this certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organisation, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - 5.1 has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - 5.2 could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - 5.3 provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder.
- 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 will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - prices;
 - geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - 5.4 methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - 5.5 the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - 5.6 the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - 5.7 bidding with the intention not to win the Bid.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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Government Procurement: General Conditions of Contract – July 2011

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 GCC 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 GCC. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. Definitions

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 anything 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 organisation purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the RSA.
- 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, SCC are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.

2.3 Where such SCC 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.

• **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.

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:
- 7.3.1 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
- 7.3.2 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 organisation 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 analysed 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:
- 13.1.1 performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - 13.1.2 furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - 13.1.3 furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
 - 13.1.4 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
 - 13.1.5 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:
- 14.1.1 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
 - 14.1.2 in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - 14.1.2.1 Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - 14.1.2.2 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 authorised 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 contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

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:

- 23.1.1 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;
- 23.1.2 if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- 23.1.3 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:
- 23.6.1 the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
- 23.6.2 the date of commencement of the restriction
- 23.6.3 the period of restriction; and
- 23.6.4 the reasons for the restriction.
- 23.7 These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.
- 23.8 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,

27.5.1 the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and

27.5.2 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;

28.1.1 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

28.1.2 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 SARSs.

33 **National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme**

33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the DTI 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.

The above General Conditions of Contract (GCC) are accepted by:

Name:	
Designation:	-
Bidder:	
Signature:	
Date:	

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Section 5: CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFQ, TERMS & CONDITIONS & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

By signing this certificate, the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with, and agrees with all the conditions governing this RFP. This includes those terms and conditions contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof, including but not limited to the documents stated below. As such, NHLS will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such condition or failed properly to take it into account for the purpose of calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:

1	NHLS' General Bid Conditions*
2	NHLS' Terms and Conditions of Contract for the supply of Services to NHLS

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in the RFQ unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted Bid. Any such submission shall be subject to review by NHLS' Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be. A material deviation from any term or condition may result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid, which they intend to respond on, before submitting the bid. The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFQ was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

The bidder understands that his/her Bid will be disqualified if the Certificate of Acquaintance with RFQ documents included in the RFQ as a returnable document, is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

SIGNED at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20__

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2- _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____