

**CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION AND TRAINING AUTHORITY**

**BID NO: 006 – 2015/2016**

**Situational Analysis of Skills Development Institutes in South Africa**

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Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total price (incl. VAT): R \_\_\_\_\_

**Advert Date: 26 June 2015**

**Compulsory Briefing session 03 July 2015 @ 13h30 (Head Office - Midrand)**

**Closing Date and Time: 16 July 2015 @ 11h00**

Bidder's Authorised Signatory:

Initials and Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPULSORY DOCUMENTS

Please note that failure to submit the following documents and/or proof will lead to immediate disqualification:

1. Original valid tax clearance certificate
2. Copies of company registration documents
3. Completed and signed:
  - SBD 3
  - SBD 4
  - SBD 6.1
  - SBD 7.2
  - SBD 8
  - SBD 9
  - General Conditions of Contract (GCC) – with every page initialled

## OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please note that failure to attach the following documents will result in the forfeiture of preference points:

- EMEs:

B-BBEE Certificate issued by an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the CCA or a Verification Agency accredited by the South African National Accreditation System (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.

- Bidders other than EMEs:

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.

**Please double-check that you have attached all the above documents before submitting your Bid.**

## BID DOCUMENTS CHECK LIST:

The contents of the BID/ TENDER document must be as follows, and numbered as per the numbering below, with each schedule punched, placed in a file and separated from the next schedule with a file divider.

Please complete the checklist below to verify your submission of the relevant documents:

<b>Schedules</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Submitted – Indicate YES or NO</b>
Schedule 1	Original Valid Tax Clearance Certificate	
Schedule 2	Copies of Company Registration Documents	
Schedule 3	B-BBEE Verification Certificate	
Schedule 4	Minimum of 3 Written Testimonials from Clients	
Schedule 5	Qualifications and CVs of key staff to be used in the project	
Schedule 6	Methodology and Project Approach	
Schedule 7	Cancelled Cheque or letter from the bank confirming banking details.	
Schedule 8	Pricing Schedule	

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

# **Situational Analysis of Skills Development Institutes in South Africa**

## 1. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The Skills Development Act (RSA, Act 97 of 1998) provides for the establishment of Skills Development Institutes and outlines key functions of such Institutes.

Paragraph 26 E of the Skills Development Act (which was inserted in the Act in 2008), states the following:

- (1) *The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, establish Skills Development Institutes in accordance with the prescribed requirements and may contribute the resources that are necessary for the effective performance of their functions.*
  
- (2) *A skills development institute may-*
  - (a) *provide advisory services on skills development, mentoring and the recognition of prior learning;*
  - (b) *provide learning programmes; and*
  - (c) *perform any other prescribed function necessary to promote skills development.*
  
- (3) *The Minister may make regulations concerning-*
  - (a) *the establishment, functions, operation, legal status, governance and funding of skills development institutes.*
  - (b) *any other matter that it is necessary or expedient to prescribe in order to enable skills development institutes to perform their functions.*
  - (c) *The Minister may make different regulations under subsection (2) with respect to different skills development institutes.*

It should also be noted that Paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 of the Skills Development Act provides for transitional measures in relation to **Training Centres**, that had been established by the then Manpower Training Act (RSA, 1981). Paragraph 5 (3) and (4) of Schedule 2 allows for a Training Centre to be registered as a “not for gain” Association in terms of the Section 21 of the Companies Act (Act 61 of 1973). Paragraph 5 (6) also permits a training centre to (under certain conditions), reconstitute itself as a *private training provider*.

It is evident from the above, that the current legislation provides for the establishment of structures that can provide skills training, outside of education and training institutions that are established in terms of other legislation. However, very little is known about the ‘size and shape’ of the skills development structures referred to above. This study is being undertaken to provide insights into this phenomenon.

## 2. TERMINOLOGY

For the purposes of this study, this Terms of Reference uses the term “Skills Development Institutes” to refer to a wide range of categories of training institutions, such as: Skills Development Centres, Skills Centres, Skills Academies, Skills Development Providers, Training Centres and Community Learning Centres. Hence all reference to “Skills Development Institutes” in this document is inclusive of an array of skills and training institutions, both public and private.

## 3. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Very little is known about Skills Development Institutes that exist in South Africa. Reports and research about such organisations are scant, and to date there is little evidence about the effects of the implementation of Paragraph 26 E of the Skills Development Act, which provides for the establishment of Skills Development Institutes. Nor is sufficient information available about “not for gain” training centres or private training providers. that were established in terms of the Manpower Act.

This study is being undertaken to assist the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) to understand how Skills Development Institutes contribute towards the national goal of developing a skilled and capable workforce. The Department further needs to comprehend the location of such organisations within the broader landscape of post-school education and training (PSET), which comprises three main vehicles for education and training, namely, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges and Community Colleges.

It is generally acknowledged that Skills Development Institutes could be public, private and/or “community-owned” establishments. Those in the public sector include Skills Centres operated by TVET colleges as well as those operating within the auspices of national, provincial and local government.

Examples of ‘skills institutes’ established and managed by government departments include the Department of Correctional Services’ training of inmates for re-integration into society, the National Defence Force training of ex-soldiers and the Department of Social Development funding of social programmes that include NGO-operated skills centres.

Skills institutes managed by TVET Colleges include the following: The Newcastle Training Centre managed by the Majuba FET College; the Engineering and Skills Training Centre managed by the Waterberg FET College, and the Esikhawini Development Centre managed by Umfolozi FET College.

Some TVET colleges have centres that offer both non-formal learning as well as formal training programmes. This is as a result of a need to respond to specific community skills needs that are either not catered for through mainstream education and training or where formal programmes are too complex or cumbersome to implement.

Some private organisations establish or support Skills Development Institutes in communities where they operate as part of their corporate social responsibility programmes. Such training organisations offer a variety of skills training programmes, ranging from basic vocational programmes to entrepreneurship programmes, as well as adult basic education programmes to enhance literacy and numeracy. For example, the mining company Kumba Iron Ore has helped to equip almost 3,000 members of the community surrounding its Sishen mine in the Northern Cape with a range of practical skills, through the TshipiSkills Training Centre.

Some Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) have begun establishing relationships with Skills Development Institutes in order to expand access to their sector specific programmes in local communities and rural areas. Currently, SETAs have established a working relationship with 179 centres<sup>1</sup> (not verified), on various learning programmes, which includes but not limited to: artisan development, skills programmes, learnerships etc. Some SETAs are accrediting Skills Development Institutes. For example, the Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education Training Authority (MERSETA) accredited the Total Facilities Management Company (TFMC) Training Academy as a provider (*Business Day*, 22 May 2014: *Recognising the value of investing in people*), while the Siyaya Skills Institute is accredited by Services SETA.

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<sup>1</sup>DHET, 2014. *Draft Strategy Skills Centres in South Africa*. Unpublished document.

## 4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to undertake a situational analysis of Skills Development Institutes in South Africa.

## 5. KEY FOCUS AREAS FOR THE RESEARCH

In order to obtain an overview of the terrain of skills training and development that occurs through Skills Development Institutes, it is expected that this study will, among others, focus on the following areas of research:

- 5.1 The institutional landscape: an idea of the number of 'skills development institutes' (public and private) existing in the country; their legal status; the number of centres accredited by SETAs; location by province and municipality; institutional type (public/private/community/other); "ownership"; physical conditions of the institutions; physical infrastructure; registration/accreditation status; governance models and structures; management structure; partnerships; role of Business; other forms of institutional categories etc.
- 5.2 Funding: fees (per programme); funding modalities and other sources of income.
- 5.3 Learner enrolment: a national overview of learner enrolment (disaggregated by province, race, age, gender, key programmes, employment status etc.)
- 5.4 Programmes, qualifications and courses: duration of programmes; nature of programmes offered; qualifications offered (where applicable); practical work undertaken by students; linkages to workplace experience; accreditation of programmes and qualifications; registration of qualifications with SAQA.
- 5.5 Curriculum: Articulation issues; quality assurance; student assessment; student certification etc
- 5.6 Staffing: Categories of staff employed; who is the employer; numbers of staff employed (per key category); qualifications of lecturing staff; salary ranges; part-time/full-time status; etc.
- 5.7 Fit within PSET landscape: How are Skills Development Institutes different from TVET Colleges and the envisaged Community Centres? Where and how do they fit in the PSET landscape?
- 5.8 Recommendations: Governance; location within PSET; funding etc.

## 6. SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH

The study should provide a national picture of Skills Development Institutes in the country. In order to do this, the study must include a document and literature review, and be undertaken in at least 5 Skills Development Institutes per province. The 'institutes' selected for the study should reflect diversity in terms of the range and type; legal status; accreditation status; governance and management arrangements, rural/urban divide etc.

## 7. RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

### a) Analysis of policy and legislation on Skills Development Institutes

Review relevant policy and legislation (including the Skills Development Act, Skills Development Amendment Act, the Manpower Act and the White Paper on Post-School Education and Training).

**b) Conceptual framework**

Provide a conceptual framework for the study.

**c) Literature and documentation review**

Review the South African literature and relevant documents (research papers, research reports, conference reports, strategic plans, annual reports and other organisational reports etc), and provide an analysis of the landscape of skills development institutes, based on the literature and documentation review.

**d) Site visits**

Visit at least 5 'skills institutes' per province to address the research questions referred to above, through observations, interviews and examination of key documents.

**e) Stakeholder Interviews**

Undertake interviews with key informants (SETAS, Public Technical Vocational Education and Training Colleges, Premiers offices, Department of Labour, DHET, South African Local Government Association (SALGA), National Skills Authority (NSA), Department of Public Works, Parastatals such as Transnet, Eskom and Randwater, key Employers/Employer bodies etc)

**f) Data collection from SETAs**

Obtain data from SETAs and other sources regarding institutions that are accredited/registered.

**g) Stakeholder validation workshops**

Organise two workshops with key stakeholders. The service provider will present the findings of the research at the first workshop and will present recommendations from the research at the second workshop. The service provider will prepare workshop reports, and utilise the workshop feedback to finalise the report and its main recommendations.

**8. DELIVERABLES**

- a) A Business Plan, which will serve as a basis for the contract between the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) and the service provider. The DHET will provide a template for the plan.
- b) Conceptual framework for the study.
- c) Findings, analysis and implications of the policy and legislative review.
- d) Findings, analysis and implications of the literature and documentation review.
- e) Findings from site visits and interviews.
- f) Data collection instruments and other tools.
- g) Monthly progress reports.
- h) Other technical or process reports, e.g. field work reports.
- i) Draft report of the full study.
- j) Two stakeholder workshops.
- k) Two stakeholder workshop reports.
- l) The final report in hard copies (100 printed copies) and an electronic version.
- m) An abstract of approximately 450 words.
- n) A summary report (3-5 pages).



- o) Submission of all datasets, metadata and survey documentation (including interview transcripts); and;
- p) PowerPoint or audio-visual presentations of the research study.

## **9. LEVEL OF EFFORT**

The level of effort is a maximum of 300 **person days** for the entire project; 200 days for project management and research and 100 days for fieldworkers.

## **10. TIME FRAME FOR THE PROJECT**

The research will be undertaken between dates of appointment until March 2016.

## **11. PRICING SCHEDULE**

- A table showing daily rates of different categories of persons that will be involved in the project.
- An activity-based budget (in South African Rand, including VAT).
- All prices must be inclusive of 14% Value Added Tax (VAT). All prices should be valid for at least three months from the proposal closing date. Price escalations and the conditions of escalation should be clearly indicated.

## **12. GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **a) *Project Management***

The Project Leader for the study are Mr Z Mvalo: Acting DDG: Skills Development and Mr Thapelo Madibeng, Core Business Executive, CETA. The Project Managers are Dr Hersheela Narsee: Director (Research Coordination Monitoring and Evaluation) and Mr Robert Thibela (Core Business Manager, CETA). The Project Assistants are Ms Mmaphake Ramasodi, Assistant Director for Research Coordination Monitoring and Evaluation and Mr Phumudzo Nethengwe (Research and Skills Planning Specialist, CETA). The service provider should report to the Project Manager.

### **b) *Project Management Committee***

A Project Management Committee (PMC) led by the CETA will be established to facilitate the smooth implementation of the project and to ensure that the objectives of the project are met. The PMC will comprise officials from the DHET, representatives from the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) and the service provider. The PMC will be convened as needed by the CETA. The DHET will determine the Terms of Reference for this committee.

### **c) *Reference Group***

The CETA and the Department will establish a Reference Group to advise on the key deliverables of the project. It will include key stakeholders and experts. The TOR for the Reference Group will be developed by both the CETA and the Department of Higher Education and Training.

## **13. KNOWLEDGE, COMPETENCIES, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

The following knowledge, competencies, skills and experience are required for this study:

- a) Knowledge of the Post-School Education and Training system, in particular the SETA/ skills system of the country.

- b) Strong project management skills, including leading and managing a research team effectively.
- c) A good knowledge of research methodologies, and experience in applying them.
- d) Excellent computing skills including detailed knowledge and use of: Word, Excel, Power Point, Microsoft Project or similar compatible software.
- e) Knowledge and understanding of ethical issues relating to research, including potential or actual conflict of interest, protecting confidentiality/anonymity, and obtaining informed consent from research participants.
- f) Ability to write research reports that are credible, useful and actionable, that address the key research questions and that reflect good quality analysis, interpretation and synthesis.

#### **14. STRUCTURE OF PROPOSAL**

The service provider must provide the following information in the research proposal. **Failure to provide this will disadvantage your proposal:**

- a) Understanding of the terms of reference.
- b) Approach, design and methodology for the research (including suggestions for elaboration or changes to the scope and methodology outlined in the TOR, examples of research questions, and process elements).
- c) An activity-based plan (including number of person days per activity and time frame linked to activities).
- d) An activity-based budget (in South African Rand, including VAT).
- e) A table showing daily rates of different categories of persons that will be involved in the project.
- f) Team members (name, surname, organisation (where applicable), roles and level of effort of each person involved in the project).
- g) Quality assurance plan (to ensure that the process and products are of good quality).
- h) Research policy nexus (indicate how the research findings can be engaged with to promote utilisation).
- i) Reporting.
- j) Risks/mitigation measures.
- k) The following attachments:
  - References for related research undertaken by the service providers;
  - CVs of key personnel;
  - Completed supply chain forms as indicated below:
    - Invitation to bid (SBD1)
    - Applicable if tax certificate is not available (SBD 2)
    - Pricing schedule (SBD 3)
    - Declaration of interest (SBD 4)
    - Reference Points Claim (SBD 6.1)
    - Declaration of past supply chain management practices (SBD 8)
    - Certificate of Independent Bid Determination (SBD 9)
    - Valid B-BBEE status level certificates bearing SANAS accreditation logo (Original or Certified Copy)
    - Valid tax clearance certificate (Original- no copies permitted)
    - Copies of company registration documents

## **15. BIDDERS COMPULSORY BRIEFING**

Service providers are requested to participate in a compulsory briefing meeting to provide an opportunity to respond to queries regarding the TOR, specifications of format requirements and length; deadline and mode of transmission of proposals.

The meeting will take place on **03 July 2015 at 13h30 at CETA Head Office, Midrand. Bidders who did not attend the briefing session will not be considered for evaluations.**

Proposals must be submitted to the Construction Education and Training Authority on **16 July 2015 by 11h00 (electronic copy on a CD-ROM or flash drive together with one (01) original hard copy.**

Short-listed service providers will be invited to make an in-person audio-visual presentation of their proposal at CETA Head Offices in Midrand as part of the selection process.

## **16. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR PROPOSALS**

There are four stages for evaluating proposals: a) assessment of administrative compliance; b) assessing the quality of the proposal and the capacity of the service provider to undertake the task (functionality); c) presentation and d) assessment of price.

### **a) Criterion 1: Administrative compliance**

- Only proposals that comply with all the administrative requirements will be considered acceptable for further evaluation in the subsequent functional evaluation phase. Incomplete and late proposals will not be considered.
- Proposals must include all components set out in page 2
- Service providers must provide all completed supply chain forms;
- Service providers must attend the compulsory Bidders Meeting.

### **b) Criterion 2: Functionality**

Functionality is worth 70 points. The minimum threshold is 50 points. Bidders who score less than 50 points on functionality will therefore be disqualified. Those who score more than 50 points will be invited for presentations which is worth 30 points. The functionality evaluation is broken down as follows:

<b>A: Experience of research team</b>	<b>Total – 20 points</b>
• Qualifications of team members in relation to their roles and level of effort	5
• Evidence of experience in at least five major research projects undertaken on any aspect of post-school education and training, in the last 5 years	10
• Evidence of the ability to write good quality research reports	5
<b>B: Understanding of the research request</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
Evidence that the service provider has understood the research	
<b>C: Research approach and methodology</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
• Insightful approach, design and methodology for the research	5
• Evidence that the service provider understands ethical issues relating to research	5
<b>D: Project planning and management</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
• Evidence of experience in managing large –scale projects	3
• Reference to the management of fieldworkers and the fieldwork programme	2
• Quality of activity-based plans aligned with budgets and deliverables	5
<b>E. Quality assurance plan (to ensure that the process and products are of good quality).</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
<b>F. Research policy nexus (indicate how the research findings can be engaged with to promote utilisation).</b>	<b>10 Points</b>

### C) Criterion 3 – Presentations

Bidders who score more than 50 on functionality points will be invited for presentation which is worth 30 points, the threshold for presentations is 25 points. Bidders who score more than 25 points will be further evaluated in terms of price and preference and those who score less than 25 points will be disqualified. Presentation breakdown is as follows:

• Recap of company profile explaining why company will be the best to deliver, maybe supported by 3 success stories, further explain how delivery will be achieved	02 Points
• Evidence of commitment to knowledge transfer to customer/clients	02 Points
• Any advice to CETA in terms of technology investment for the products bid for	02 Points
• Company performance (if possible supported by audited financial statement)	02 Points
• Solution delivery master plan showing any additional service made available to CETA	02 Points
• Risks/mitigation measures	10 Points
• An activity-based plan (including number of person days per activity and time frame linked to activities).	10 Points

#### D) Criterion 4: Price and Preference Evaluation evaluation (The PPPFA)

Bidders who score more than 25 points on presentations will be further evaluated in terms of Price and Preference points (B-BBEE status level of contributor). As per the table below, price is evaluated over 90 points and preference points over 10:

<b>Price Assessment</b>	<b>90 Points</b>
TOTAL	90
<b>Preferential Elements</b>	<b>10 Points</b>
B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points
1	10
2	09
3	08
4	05
5	04
6	03
7	02
8	01
Non-compliant contributor	0

#### E) INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights relating to all of the outputs of this project, irrespective of whether in a completed form or otherwise, will vest in the state.

The material compiled by the service provider for this project may not be used in any form or for any purpose other than the purpose stipulated in the contract. If the service provider wishes to use such material in any other form or for any other purpose, including, but not limited to, workshops, media releases and the like, it must submit to the Department of Higher Education and Training, a written motivation for such use. Only once the Department has granted written approval will the service provider have permission for such usage.

The Service Provider will give due recognition to CETA and the DHET in all publications and materials developed. The Service Provider will include a disclaimer on its publications that the findings, interpretations and conclusions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of CETA or DHET.

The Service Provider will hand over all materials developed for the project (reports, presentations, policy briefs, instruments, datasets, metadata, field reports etc.) to the CETA and DHET. The Service Provider will not disseminate the findings of the research to the public or media without the consent of the CETA and DHET.

## INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION AND TRAINING AUTHORITY)

BID NUMBER: **006 – 2015/2016**

CLOSING DATE: **16 July 2015**

CLOSING TIME: **11:00**

DESCRIPTION: **SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES IN SOUTH AFRICA**

VALIDITY PERIOD: 90 DAYS AFTER CLOSING DATE

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

DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (*STREET ADDRESS*):

**Unit 5**  
**Midrand Business Park**  
**563 Old Pretoria Main Road**  
**Midrand**  
**1685**

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

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

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

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

NAME OF BIDDER.....

POSTAL ADDRESS.....

STREET ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER CODE..... NUMBER.....

.CELLPHONE NUMBER.....

FACSIMILE NUMBER.....CODE.....NUMBER.....

E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER.....

HAS AN ORIGINAL AND VALID TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE BEEN SUBMITTED? (SBD 2) YES or NO

HAS A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE BEEN SUBMITTED?(SBD 6.1)  
YES or NO

IF YES, WHO WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY?

AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA).....

A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS); .....

A REGISTERED AUDITOR .....  
[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

**(A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE 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? YES or NO

[IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER .....

DATE .....

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED .....

TOTAL BID PRICE..... TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED.....

**ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**

**Department: Supply Chain Management Unit**

**Contact Person: Nokwanda Dlamini**

**Tel: 011 265 5900**

**Fax: 011 265 5924/5**

**E-mail: Nokwanda@ceta.co.za**

## TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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

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



**PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES**  
(PURCHASES)

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

Name of bidder..... Bid number.....

Closing Time 11:00 Closing date.....

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

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY ** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
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- 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.

### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state<sup>1</sup>, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written price quotation). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

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

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative: .....

2.2 Identity Number:.....

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder<sup>2</sup>, member):  
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2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:.....

2.5 Tax Reference Number: .....

2.6 VAT Registration Number: .....

2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / PERSAL numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

<sup>1</sup>“State” means –

- (a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (b) any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) provincial legislature;
- (d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
- (e) Parliament.

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

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state? **YES / NO**

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member: .....  
Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed : .....  
Position occupied in the state institution: .....

Any other particulars:  
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.....

2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? **YES / NO**

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid document? **YES / NO**

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors/ trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months? **YES / NO**

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES/NO**

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.  
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 .....

2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....

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

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

**4 DECLARATION**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....  
 Signature

.....  
 Date

.....  
 Position

.....  
 Name of Bidder

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

**NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2011.**

### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 The value of this bid is estimated to exceed R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 90/10 system shall be applicable.

1.3 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.

1.3.1 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
1.3.1.1 PRICE	.....90.....
1.3.1.2 B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	.....10.....
<b>Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed</b>	<b>100</b>

1.4 Failure on the part of a bidder to fill in and/or to sign this form and submit a B-BBEE Verification Certificate from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS) or a Registered Auditor approved by the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors (IRBA) or an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the Close Corporation Act (CCA) together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

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 utilized 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 an 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 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. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE**

**4.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS**

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

**80/20 or 90/10**

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

Where

$P_s$  = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

$P_t$  = Comparative price of bid under consideration

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

**5. Points awarded for B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution**

5.1 In terms of Regulation 5 (2) and 6 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

<b>B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor</b>	<b>Number of points (90/10 system)</b>	<b>Number of points (80/20 system)</b>
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	8	16
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5.2 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.

- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialized scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.
- 5.7 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.
- 5.8 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 10 or 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**

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

8.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- (i) what percentage of the contract will be subcontracted? .....%
- (ii) the name of the sub-contractor?.....
- (iii) the B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor? .....
- (iv) 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 .....

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9.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Company
- (Pty) Limited

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9.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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9.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Professional service provider
- Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

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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:

- (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 paragraph 7, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- (iv) If the B-BBEE status level of 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 –
  - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
  - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;

- (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
- (d) 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 10 years, after the audi alteram partem (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
- (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution

**WITNESSES:**

1. ....

2. ....

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDER(S)

DATE:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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### CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SERVICE PROVIDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.

#### PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER)

I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached bidding documents to CETA in accordance with the requirements and task directives / proposals specifications stipulated in Bid Number 001-2013/2014 at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the bid.

The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:

Bidding documents, viz

Invitation to bid;

Tax clearance certificate;

Pricing schedule(s);

Filled in task directive/proposal;

Preference claims for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Status Level of Contribution in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011;

Declaration of interest;

Declaration of bidder's past SCM practices;

Certificate of Independent Bid Determination;

Special Conditions of Contract;

General Conditions of Contract; and

Other (specify)

I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the services specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.

I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.

I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.

I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

NAME (PRINT) .....

CAPACITY .....

SIGNATURE .....

NAME OF FIRM .....

DATE .....

<b>WITNESSES</b>	
1	.....
2	.....
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CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

I..... in my capacity as.....

accept your bid under reference number ..... dated.....for the rendering of services indicated hereunder and/or further specified in the annexure(s).

An official order indicating service delivery instructions is forthcoming.

I undertake to make payment for the services rendered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of an invoice.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	PRICE (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	COMPLETION DATE	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT (if applicable)

4. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

SIGNED AT .....ON.....

NAME (PRINT) .....

SIGNATURE .....

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

1 .....

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2 .....

## DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
  - a. abused the institution's supply chain management system;
  - b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
  - c. failed to perform on any previous contract.
- 4 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

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

4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:
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**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

.....  
 Date

.....  
 Position

.....  
 Name of Bidder

## CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids<sup>1</sup> invited.

- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).<sup>2</sup> Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
  - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
  - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 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.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

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

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

**CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

I, the undersigned, in submitting the 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)

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



6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>3</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
  - (a) prices;
  - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
  - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
  - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
  - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
  - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

<sup>3</sup> Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

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

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Signature

.....  
Date

.....  
Position

.....  
Name of Bidder

# GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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 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 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](http://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 security**

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
  - (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
  - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

## **8. Inspections, tests and analyses**

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or 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.



<b>18. Contract amendments</b>	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.
<b>19. Assignment</b>	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.
<b>20. Subcontracts</b>	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.
<b>21. Delays in the supplier's performance</b>	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.
<b>22. Penalties</b>	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.
<b>23. Termination for default</b>	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>

- 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**

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be

<b>Majeure</b>		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.
<b>26. Termination for insolvency</b>	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.
<b>27. Settlement Disputes</b>	of 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.
	28.1	Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6; (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and (b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.
<b>28. Limitation of liability</b>		
<b>29. Governing language</b>	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.
<b>30. Applicable Law</b>	30.1	The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
<b>31. Notices</b>	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

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.

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| <b>32. Taxes and duties</b>                                  | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>33. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme</b> | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>34. Prohibition of Restrictive Practices</b>              | 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. |