



SECTION 1 : QUESTIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO BRIEFING SESSION

Question 1

Please could you be so kind as to forward the tender documents as I cannot find it online anywhere.

Response 1

The bid document is not forwarded on email. Kindly download it on either the National Treasury website <http://www.treasury.gov.za/divisions/ocpo/ostb/CurrentTenders.aspx> and also on eTenders at <https://www.etenders.gov.za/Home/opportunities?id=1> under tender documents (zip folder)

Question 2

Please assist with the documents for the above tender

Response 2

An advertised bid document is not issued via email. Kindly download it at <http://www.treasury.gov.za/divisions/ocpo/ostb/CurrentTenders.aspx> and or at <https://www.etenders.gov.za/Home/opportunities?id=1>

Question 3

If I look at your main pricing schedule spreadsheet. Some item numbers have a series award code in column D. Does this mean we should only offer a bid for the items where the series awards block is blank?

Response 3

That is correct because if the items are not a series, unfortunately they cannot be awarded

Question 4

Can you kindly send me your contact telephone number? I would like to discuss this with you as I don't think we talking about the same thing?

Response 4

As it is indicated on the special conditions of contract that all bid enquiries must be on email, I request you adhere to that as all the queries received will also be published on the 2platforms where the bid is advertised

Kindly rephrase or detail the follow up question. I do believe we are talking about the same thing



Question 5

Do you have an address for me for the Briefing Session on RT24 on the 7th October 2021 at 10am?

Response 5

Kindly access the briefing session link on Section 3 page 6 of the Special Conditions of Contract.

Question 6

I have tried calling your offices several times and there is no answer. Please can you assist me with the correct link for the RT24 Supplementary Tender Briefing, scheduled for tomorrow, 7 October 2021 at 10am. The attachment is not correct.

Response 6

The supplementary bid is clear on the communication that it should be in writing to this email address, no telephonic or walk-ins

The briefing session link is on page 6 Section 3 of the Special Conditions of Contract. Kindly access it there, you will register first

Question 7

I hereby request your humble and urgent assistance in accessing the above-mentioned and below tender documents.

Response 7

On the same page where you have opened, the zip folder written RT24-1-2021 Supplementary Bid Documents is the bid document pack or you can download it at the National Treasury website at <http://www.treasury.gov.za/divisions/ocpo/ostb/CurrentTenders.aspx>

Question 8a

The items that have a series code should they be part of a Range or series of products?

Response 8a

Yes, we have RT24-2021 that has been awarded and started in May 2021. It can be accessed from our website <http://www.treasury.gov.za/divisions/ocpo/ostb/contracts/default.aspx>

The bid RT24-1-2021 is for all the items that were not awarded on the main bid RT24-2021. Please check the items awarded so you can see the group of series



Question 8b

We can offer a bid on any of these items providing that our product is part of a range or series of products?

Response 8b

You can offer any item if the series is complete. For an example: if you offer item RT24-02-003ME for Delivery Bed, Electric, you must offer it with RT24-02-005ME as it is a series

Question 9

Can you please also assist with the following:

Mattress, specification and compatibility as per item RT24-02-024ME
Mattress Cover, specification and compatibility as per item RT24-02-025ME
Mattress, specification and compatibility as per item RT24-02-022ME
Mattress Cover, specification and compatibility as per item RT24-02-023ME

This was not included in the technical specifications?

Response 9

They are not included because they are awarded on the main RT24-2021

Question 10

My understanding is that we should quote the bed with mattress included:

2	Standard Accessories:
2.1	Mattress, specification and compatibility as per item RT24-02-024ME
2.2	Mattress Cover, specification and compatibility as per item RT24-02-025ME
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2.2	Mattress Cover, specification and compatibility as per item RT24-02-023ME



Does this mean the electric beds price should exclude mattress? Item 17, 18 and 20?

Response 10

There is a main transversal contract started in May 2021. Attached is the contract pricing that lists all items that are awarded which is also published on our website.



2 RT24-2021
Annexure 1 Contract F

The supplementary transversal contract has listed all the items that were not awarded. Where an item indicates that it is a series with another item, it means a bidder must offer the PAIR as an item in a series will not be awarded separately

During the briefing session, an example was made with item 7 on Category 9 that it needs to be offered with item 8 and 9 as it is a series. None of the items can be awarded separately, it is the same principle for Category 2 items that are in a series

SECTION 2 : QUESTIONS RECEIVED DURING THE BRIEFING SESSION

Question 11

Item RT24-002-036 says series award with item R24-002-038 but R24-002-038 is not on the technical specifications

Response 11

As indicated during the technical specification's presentation that categories and items not on the technical specifications on the supplementary bid means they were awarded on the main transversal contract RT24-2021

In addition to the question, all the series items are added on the technical specifications where they were not included, please see revised Annexure 2 Technical Specifications and Pricing Schedule

Question 12

A concern raised that on beds the CE and ISO standards are the standards required but, on the mattress, and covers it is SANS and these items are in a series

It is a problem for the small companies to take these items for testing, import them then test them. Can National Treasury not review the testing requirement to be after the visual screening? Because when a bidder knows that it stands a better chance then the bidder can find means of resources to go and test at SABS. Let that not be a barrier of entry or a stumbling block for small companies before they bid. Why don't National Treasury accept ISO or OEM standards for submission purposes especially on category 2? For Phase 2 the quality certificates are obtainable after the items are tested.



Response 12a

Evaluation criteria formulation is based on the type of commodity. It considered the objectives to be achieved by the evaluation criteria set as an example, safety, quality etc of the items.

Phases 2 is about the functionality, which is the technical capability of a bidder to execute the transversal contract.

Bidders are not requested to submit samples at the closing date because there are requirements per evaluation phase. There is no need for National Treasury to request bidders for samples at the closing date whereas a bidder may fail (disqualified) at Phase 1 as example.

If a bidder meets the requirements of Phase 1 then a bidder progresses to the evaluation on Phase 2 up until the last Phase.

Phases 1 and 2 are evaluations of the bidder and the disqualification is on a bidder level. Phases 3 to 5 are evaluations of the item, and the disqualification is on an item level.

Response 12b

In terms of item standards, proof of compliance for the item is required and not system management report. The proof of compliance must show results of the test conducted. It can be any report and not only from SABS if it mentions the test conducted. Therefore, the international standards are also accepted such as CE, ISO, and others.

Question 13

With regards to references, how does that influence the evaluation?

Response 13

The technical specifications and the references define what is an expectation for the item required. National Treasury do not create a bid for suppliers that have been in the industry for long but for any bidder who can provide the goods or services required and that is the reason on the Special Conditions of Contract there is a background, technical specifications and other requirements that details the requirements for the items. The references are more about the items so that the item requirements are understood and clarified.

Question 14

Do we need experience specifically for hospital furniture or it can be also for school furniture to be considered for evaluation?

Response 14

The question indicates that the Special Conditions of Contract has not been read. The request to bidders is the reading of the Special Conditions of Contract with its annexures to fully understand the requirements of the supplementary bid. The requirements are clear. Functionality requirement on Phase 2 is clear on what will be evaluated to test the technical capability of bidders where experience is mentioned.



Question 15a

Request for clarity: when we send an email for the certification, we will be sent back with the form AA88 to complete? If we have a cash account does it mean in 1 day we will get the test report?

Response 15a

The 1 day is not to issue the test report but to open an account so a bidder can be linked to the system for quote generation.

Question 15b

If we want to submit a cot, must we bring the whole cot or spare parts of the cot or both?

Response 15b

A representative sample can be submitted. In your enquiry a bidder must indicate the item for testing for clear requirements on the submission for testing. If it's a cot it might be needed but if it's a stainless steel, a piece of the steel can be submitted.

Question 16

Over a year ago we submitted items for testing like mattresses, mattress covers etc. for the main tender. It is an expensive exercise as previously mentioned by another bidder. The supplementary bid does state that test reports must be less than a year old. Is it possible to extend that period slightly coz we have been through that exercise for the main tender?

Response 16

The set evaluation phases, and its criterion cannot be changed now because if we change the evaluation criterion at the conclusion of the supplementary bid it might be declared irregular because we issued out a Special Conditions of Contract that indicates 12 months and yet we accept test reports beyond the 12months validity. National Treasury will investigate the request, but it must be remembered that the bid requirements haven't changed from the main bid, we are just addressing the items that were not awarded on the main bid with this supplementary bid. A response will be provided to all bidders on the 11th of Oct 2021.

Question 17

Are we allowed to transfer some of the processes undertaken for the main tender to the supplementary bid such as the DTIC exemptions or do we have to apply for exemption again?

Response 17

The supplementary is a bid on its own. Bidders must respond to the supplementary bid requirements and the documents of the main bid must not be used or referenced, all references must be for the supplementary bid RT24-1-2021 and not the main bid RT24-2020.



Question 18

Is it possible to access the recording of the briefing session preferably tomorrow (8 October 2021)?

Response 18

All questions and answers together with the presentation will be published on both platforms where the supplementary bid is advertised by the 11th of Oct 2021

SECTION 3 : QUESTIONS RECEIVED POST THE BRIEFING SESSION

Question 19a

When looking through all the tender documents, I was unable to locate the TCBD 1 form – can you please advise where we can find this?

Response 19a

The zip folder with all supplementary bid document, TCBD 1 is there as a word document numbered 3h part of Annexure 1, although I have noted that it is had the main bid number that we will update but it can be used

Question 19b

Lastly, do you kindly have contact details for the person or department at the DTIC that would be responsible for the DTIC exemption letter/s, if needed?

Response 19b

At DTIC kindly contact the following people:

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Question 20a

I understand that some items is part of a series like the delivery beds. **Thank you for confirmation of understanding**

Regarding the electric beds item 002-017, 18 and 20 the mattress is not part of the series but your specification ask that the mattress forms part of the accessories for the bed but you did not provide the specifications of the mattress to the specifications. The question remains then should the mattress be included in the price for Item 17,18 and 19? If the mattress should be included, then **please send us the specifications for the mattress?**

Response 20a

Thanks for the question. Item 002-22 and 24 are series with other awarded items and they also should be included as a series for the advertised items like 17, 18 and 20. The technical specifications and pricing schedule will be updated to include those items



Question 20b

Regarding item 002-017 and 18.

We find that your height range might be wrong as the lowest height is very low and highest height should be higher. Can you please confirm if your specification is correct: The height of the mattress support shall be adjustable in the range 260 – 600 mm (measured from the floor to the top of the mattress support) Tolerance ± 40 mm

The problem with the lowest height is that we would like to offer you full length Polyethylene safety sides with integrated controls but with this lowest height of 260 we are forced to use Metal epoxy coated safety sides with hand control units. The highest height of 600mm is very low-ideally you want the bed to go higher to prevent nursing staff from bending down to the patient.

Response 20b

The height of the mattress support shall be adjustable in the range (minimum 260 to 490) and (highest 500 to 800) mm - measured from the floor to the top of the mattress support as stated on item RT24-002-020

Question 20c

Regarding item 02-003 Electric delivery bed

Your specification: Height adjustable: 260 – 600mm ± 40 mm

Just want to make sure on your height range-normally the delivery bed range is +/- 600-900mm

Response 20c

The dimensions for height adjustable has been revised from 260 – 600mm to 600 - 900mm

Question 20d

My understanding here is that we should then buy the mattress from one of the companies that was awarded the mattress and include this in the price of our bed.

Response 20d

The items will be on the technical specifications, and we do not prescribe where it should be procured from, all we need are the items meeting the technical specifications as set including the local content if they are in a designated sector



Question 21

I have relooked at the original zip folder sent and I cannot see the TCBD1 word document. Can you kindly indicate where I can locate the TCBD 1 form in the above?

Name	Type
1 RT24-1-2021 Special Conditions of Contract	Adobe Acrobat Document
2 RT24-1-2021 General Conditions of Contract	Adobe Acrobat Document
3a RT24-1-2021 Annexure 1 SBD 1 Invitation to Bid	Adobe Acrobat Document
3b RT24-1-2021 Annexure 1 SBD 4 Declaration of Interest	Adobe Acrobat Document
3c RT24-1-2021 Annexure 1 SBD 5 NIPP	Adobe Acrobat Document
3d RT24-1-2021 Annexure 1 SBD 6.1 Preference Points	Adobe Acrobat Document
3e RT24-1-2021 Annexure 1 SBD 6.2 Local Content	Adobe Acrobat Document
3f RT24-1-2021 Annexure 1 SBD 8 Declaration of Past SCM Practises	Adobe Acrobat Document
3g RT24-1-2021 Annexure 1 SBD 9 Certificate of Independent Bid Determination	Adobe Acrobat Document
3h RT24-1-2021 Annexure 1A Subcontractors List	Adobe Acrobat Document
4 RT24-1-2021 Annexure 2 Technical Specifications and Pricing Schedule	Microsoft Excel Worksheet
5 RT24-1-2021 Annexure 3 Cost Breakdown	Adobe Acrobat Document
6a RT24-1-2021 Annexure 4 Appendix P	Adobe Acrobat Document
6b RT24-1-2021 Annexure 4 Annexure L&H	Adobe Acrobat Document
6c RT24-1-2021 Annexure 4 Appendix F	Adobe Acrobat Document
6d RT24-1-2021 Annexure 4 Appendix G	Adobe Acrobat Document
6e RT24-1-2021 Annexure 4 Appendix H	Adobe Acrobat Document
6f RT24-1-2021 Annexure 4 Appendix K	Adobe Acrobat Document
7 RT24-1-2021 Annexure 5 Form 1 for References	Microsoft Word Document
8 RT24-1-2021 Annexure 6 for Non-Designated Locally Manufactured Items	Adobe Acrobat Document
9 RT24-1-2021 Annexure 7 Guide for Online Bid Submission	Adobe Acrobat Document
10a RT24-1-2021 Annex C Local Content Declaration - Summary Schedule	Adobe Acrobat Document
10b RT24-1-2021 Annex D Imported Content Declaration	Adobe Acrobat Document
10c RT24-1-2021 Annex E Local Content Declaration - Supporting Schedule to Annex C	Adobe Acrobat Document

Response 21

You welcome, kindly access the websites now and let me know if you cannot find it. The document is there on the zip folder and was added

Question 22

I wish to submit an offer on the 2 stretchers RT24-02-043 and RT24-02-044

On the main pricing schedule, it states that these 2 items are a series award with a mattress, RT24-02-046

However, this mattress does not appear on the pricing schedule nor does the cover, RT24-02-047.



The stretcher mattress and cover were awarded on the main RT24 award to Arjo and Ziggy and I am assuming that this is why they are not on the supplementary tender.

But this situation basically excludes any other bidders from offering the stretchers on the supplementary award because they cannot offer a complete series.

The same applies to the electric beds and infant cots.

Response 22

Thank you for your email, we have already spotted the series items that should be on the technical specifications, and all will appear on the technical specification's annexure advertised

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