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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS –RT32: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SURGICAL SUNDRIES TO THE STATE

#	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Sleeve protectors, pants and underwear not specified under local content threshold. q: will these products be accepted should they be imported?	Yes, these products will be acceptable provided they meet the required specification.
2	Our sabs testing was done on blue isolation gowns and not yellow gowns, the only thing that will change is the dye used in the coloring, do we still need to resubmit to sabs for testing?	The requirement of this bid for Isolation gown is yellow, kindly submit your yellow isolation gown for testing, this will also if the company submit a different colour
3	For item RT2-06-007 cap: please can you provide me with an example of the product as there are many different options, does it need to cover the mouth? or are the eyes and mouth open? also the requirement is for the hood to made up of 3 parts, most hoods are made up of 2 parts only will this still be acceptable?	Cap, theatre, balaclava type, single use. Light weight non-woven fabric between 18 and 22g/m ² . The hood material shall be fluid repellent and non-linting. Hood to fit over head , must be made of three pieces of non-woven material, i.e. one oval crown and two side pieces. Must not come apart on head. Must last at least 5 hours. Colour: Blue or Green, please comply with the above specification.
4	With regards to the isolation gowns, international standards are also accepted, does this mean the isolation gowns can be imported and are exempt from local content? and will international certificates be accepted, or do we have to submit sabs and international certificates?	Only local manufactured products will be acceptable.
5	Non-designated PPE commodities which can be locally procured using regulation 8.4 of preferential procurement regulations, 2017 product eg . goggles threshold is 80%	You are correct, the 20% can be either locally or imported

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	Please clarify, does this mean that 80% must be fully manufactured locally, and 20 % can be fully imported?	
6	<p>For items that show the threshold is less than 100%, for examples below.</p> <p>sanitisers 90%: disinfectants 80% ventilators c pap 90% bi pap 80% diagnostics molecular 60% serological 70%</p>	Not Applicable for this tender
7	For the above two categories, specifications for above show as “department of health specifications “ please can these specifications be shared?	Not applicable to RT32 bid, please check annexure 2 to get the items advertised
8	If our overseas manufacturer only has a CE certification and not an ISO registration, would that product be disqualified?	Please refer to Quality Assurance Certificate Par 5.5.5 of the SCC. CE is not acceptable
9	We have two alternative offers for items RT32-12-001 – RT32-12-004, can we offer alternatives and how do we go about presenting alternative offers for this tender?	Refer to Annexure 2 , the pricing schedule, If the bidder has more than one offer, additional rows may be added below offer one
10	Sanitary towels are exempt from vat. from previous experiences on this tender, it has caused a lot of confusion when awarded as pricing always included vat which this took some time to resolve. please clarify if we are permitted to provide pricing excluding vat under column	Please be advised that the annexure 2 – pricing schedule is amended, we have divided the pricing schedule into to parts, the revised documents is published on treasury website and eTenders
11	Please confirm if you require the bid documents to be handwritten or electronically inputted (typed out and printed).	Please refer to part B of SBD 1, terms, and conditions for bidding par 1.2. all bids must be submitted on the official forms provided – (not to be re-typed) or online

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12	<p>RT32-17-001 – RT32-17-025, RT32-17-030 – RT32-17-034 (isolation gown, hospital gown, reinforced surgical gown, basic surgical gown, scrub suit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> these are all the items requiring sans 53795 approval: we want to know if will you accept a sabs test report? (See example report attached-annexure a). please note in both RT32-2019 and RT32-1-2019, the sabs test report was accepted. 	<p>The test report from the accredited testing institution that meet the requirements will be accepted. The test reports must not be older than twenty-four (24) months at the closing date of the bid.</p>
13	<p>RT32-17-014 – RT32-17-025 (reinforced surgical gown, basic surgical gown)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the description reads that the gown 'must have certification that states the material mass'. sans 53795 is required for this item; however, sans 53795 does not test material mass (see example report attached-annexure a). will you therefore accept an internal material mass report which is authorized and signed off by a product/chemical engineer? 	<p>Submit the certificate from the manufacturer of the material</p>
14	<p>RT32-01-001, RT32-01-002 (surgical masks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> given that sabs cannot test respirators or masks, will you accept the PROTECHNIK (sans 1866-1 + sans 1866) test reports for these items, and would it be sufficient for the items to comply? please see attached example test reports (annexures b and c). please note in both RT32-2019 and RT32-1-2019, the PROTECHNIK test report was accepted. 	<p>Yes, the test report is acceptable, the test report from the accredited testing institution that meet the requirements will be accepted. The test reports must not be older than twenty-four (24) months at the closing date of the bid.</p>
15	<p>RT32-01-005 – RT32-01-031 (respirators)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> given that sabs cannot test respirators or masks, will you accept the PROTECHNIK (sans 50149) test reports for these items and would it be sufficient for the items to comply? Please see attached example test reports (annexures d and e). please note in both RT32-2019 and RT32-1-2019, the PROTECHNIK test report was accepted. If you will accept the PROTECHNIK (sans 50149) test report, can we produce one report for a particular size range? by range i mean for example RT32-01-014 – RT32-01-016: respirators (N95) mask duckbill. 	<p>Yes, the test report is acceptable, the test report from the accredited testing institution that meet the requirements will be accepted. The test reports must not be older than twenty-four (24) months at the closing date of the bid.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> considering that we have both the license to manufacture with SAHPRA and PROTECHNIK (sans 50149) approval, is it necessary to have NRCS approval for these items? 	
16	RT32-12-001 – RT32-12-008 (vaginal speculums) RT32-12-005 – RT32-12-008 seem to be duplicated and only RT32-12-001 - RT32-12-004 should exist. please advise.	It's a duplication of items, it should be RT32-12-001 to RT32-12-004. Annexure 2 is amended, and the revised documents are published on ETenders and Treasury website
17	what does "SAHPRA: class a non- sterile – exclusion from SAHPRA Licence" mean?	
18	When can we expect site inspection to take place?	It will take place from phase 2 evaluation
19	With reference to tender # RT32, please advise if can we type on the bid documents, or should they be only filled with ink pen?	Yes, you can type on the documents that are advertised with this bid. Please do not use your own documents.
20	Please advise: if we should draft a written confirmation ourselves confirming that SARS may on an on-going basis during the tenure of the transversal contract disclose the bidder's tax compliance status.	Please refer to Par 5.1.6.3 It is a requirement that bidders grant a written confirmation when submitting this bid response that SARS may on an on-going basis during the tenure of the transversal contract disclose the bidder's tax compliance status and by submitting this bid such confirmation is deemed to have been granted.
21	Historical data – we followed the instruction but it's not giving us the stipulated	Par 17.7 Rates of Exchange (RoE) – Base and average rates Please note that the SCC is amended, and the revised SCC is published on ETenders and Treasury website
22	Tongue depressor is not part of the technical specification, is it on a different tender?	Not part RT32 bid.
23	Cost breakdown duplicate – are we allowed to do an excel spreadsheet that will have all the items we are bidding for as the space on the sheet provided will not be enough.	Make copies of the annexure 3 to avoid having documents that are not advertised.
24	Do we get a different link for any changes or updates made on the bid?	No, use the same link where the bid is initially advertised, the documents will be renamed as revised
25	For the CFDA, can it be in Chinese as they don't send it in English or do, we need to translate it to English.	Please request the manufacture to translate the CFDA
26	We have SANS 53795 test report from DEFCON, is it acceptable?	Yes, the test report from accredited testing institutions are acceptable
27	How many samples of each item will you be requesting?	It will be communicated in the later stage

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28	DEFCON test report does not include different sizes for gowns, do we need to send each size of the same product for testing pls?	Please request them to state the sizes on the teste report.
29	Do we need to bid for everything under the category?	No, you don't have to bid for everything
30	Item RT-32-09-004 is only for yellow will the other colours be advertised later or?	No, we only have yellow for adult
31	when I am sourcing my products from local manufactures, I have to put all items on annex c	Please indicate the items that are designated or non-designated for local production and content. All the items that are locally manufactured please indicate them on pricing schedule
32	Regarding the verification of the material mass for the gowns, can we submit a report from the material manufacturer? or must it be a third-party certification?	Please submit a certification from the manufacturer
33	Annexure 2 (pricing) should we only complete what the bidder submits, and the rest be omitted? print, sign and submit it as part of original and also in excel?	Yes, you can quote for items that you are interest to bid
34	If the bidder only submits items that are only imported, should we submit and the sbd6.2 if we do how do we submit?	SBD 6.2 DECLARATION CERTIFICATE FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT FOR DESIGNATED SECTORS is only applicable for local production and local content
35	I want to find out do you accept actual SAHPRA license only or you will also accept the letter confirming that you have registered for SAHPRA license.	Only SAHPRA will be acceptable.
36	Do you still need import permit for non-PPE items submitted?	Bidders are required to provide the Chinese manufacturer export permit letter from China National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) or China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) for the relevant PPE medical related items which are sourced from China. This is to confirm the manufacturer has permission from Chinese government to export medical PPE.
37	Do we need to also submit the full bid document in a USB or only technical spec and price?	If your USB has enough space, you can submit the full documents, Your Technical and Pricing Schedule to be in an XLSX excel sheet format, on a memory stick. Please refer to Par 9 of the SCC
38	May you please advise when the samples should reach the testing board?	We will communicate with the shortlisted bidders to submit their samples to the accredited testing institution
39	Please advise about the SAHPRA Licence in connect with the PPE we have been advised that it is not applicable for the PPE only for medicine	SAHPRA License is Mandatory
40	Can a manufacturer supply more than one bidder in this tender as well as themselves?	Yes, it is an open bid

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41	Is there a possibility for extension of the closing date, due to the number of line items?	No extension will be granted
42	Please can you clarify, by which date are samples required to be submitted. will samples only be requested after passing phase 2 of evaluation or before closing date of tender?	Please note that only short-listed bidders will be required to submit test report. Refer to SCC Par 5.5.6
43	For the designated items, do we need to submit both ISO and SANS?	Please refer to Annexure 2 of the Technical Specification the standard for compliance is stated, and if we evaluate your product further to phase 3 the products need to comply with Quality Assurance Certificate, ISO 9001 and ISO 13485
44	For category 3, thermometers why did you not include the gun type which is clinically critical?	We only advertise the requirements as received from the state institutions