



BRIEFING SESSION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RT50-2023

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MEDICAL AND INDUSTRIAL GASES TO
THE STATE FOR A PERIOD OF 60 MONTHS**

30 NOVEMBER 2023

All questions received in writing to date

<p>1. Is the historical data of cylinders in terms of allocation and size available?</p>	<p>Annexure G, which is the historical data indicates consumption quantities of utilized cylinder sizes per end-user Institutions.</p>
<p>2. Bidders request information regarding ownership, installation, and maintenance of Tankers to be provided in Annexure G</p>	<p>Bidders are advised to utilize Annexure G which reflects the usage of both cylinders and available tankers as the requested information of ownership, installation and maintenance is not available.</p>
<p>3. Will the cylinders and tankers and their accessories be removed by the state or the service provider?</p>	<p>The outgoing and ingoing service provider will engage in terms of handover and the transition process that is beneficial for both parties. The agreement should allow business continuity for the end-user institutions.</p>
<p>4. Would two companies involved in a Joint Venture need to obtain their BBEE certificate from an independent institution or can they calculate it themselves?</p>	<p>Bidders are required to submit proof of valid B-BBEE status level verification certificates or certified copies from verification agencies accredited by SANAS or registered auditors approved by IRBA.</p>
<p>5. Can bidders supply less than four (4) tons tank size where it states a minimum of four (4) tons considering some rural hospitals use less than for (4)?</p>	<p>The tank sizes required by each user institution will be proposed by the service provider based on the end-user analysis, however the final tank size approval must be a minimum of 4 tons as per clause 5.3.3(a) of the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) and the required approval must be made by the relevant end user institution.</p>
<p>6. Can a healthcare group or hospital group reference letters be used for all provinces or letters should be from hospital per province</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The letters must be from the customers demonstrated on Previous Work experience per province. • Letters must be per province and should reflect the projects that were undertaken in the respective province that the bidder has quoted for to indicate compliance for functional evaluation requirements. Reference letters obtained from a national level won't be accepted.



7. What happens when a BBBEE Certificate is due to expire in December when the bid is due to close?	The closing date of the bid must fall within the expiry date of the BBBEE certificate.
8. How do we deal with split awards from a SAPHRA's point of view	<p>The provision for split award as per paragraph 8.5 of the SCC will be based on allocation of provinces.</p> <p>The requirement for medical gases which have a SAHPRA requirement will be grouped as a series as per paragraph 6.7.3 of the SCC within a province.</p>
9. Who is responsible for payment and the placing of orders	As per paragraph 15 of the SCC, Orders will be placed by participating departments who will be responsible for the payment to contractors for goods delivered and/or services rendered.
10. What are the payment terms	Treasury Regulation 8.2.3 states that: "Unless determined otherwise in a contract or other agreement, all payments due to creditors must be settled within 30 days from receipt of an invoice or, in the case of civil claims, the date of settlement or court judgement".
11. Will Annexure G stipulate whether the tanks are owned by government or service provider	Annexure G does not indicate ownership of tanks.
12. Will outgoing suppliers be open to selling the bulk tanks to new providers at various institutions	National Treasury will facilitate the hand over process between the outgoing and incoming contractor within 30 days of the commencement date of the contract where both parties will be required to engage in the handover process.
13. Annexure E: There is no estimation of volumes on the cylinders and tanks rentals, how is this going to be incorporated in the calculation of the price used for the points formula?	Where estimated volumes are reflected as N/A or one (1) the group series total value will be based on a quantity of one when evaluating for Price & BBBEE.



14. The Clause refers to Annexure G which details "Consumption Quantities per institution". We are missing Annexure G	Annexure G is available on published tender documents on National Treasury and etenders website.
15. Adjudication process - from 5.2.3.1 seems like volumes are considered, can we ask NT to show us an example of a winning and losing bid?	The evaluation for Price & BBBEE will be as the formula and criteria reflected on paragraph 6.7.2 and 6.7.3 of the SCC.
16. The Clause refers to "the number of cylinders requirements for each province" and "technical specification". Where do we find this information referred to?	The referred information can be located on Annexure E and G of the advertised tender documents.
17. Bidders are required to complete a mandatory Pricing Schedule Annexure A as a response on how much the items offered will be charged. No submission of the Pricing Schedule Annexure B will invalidate the bid response. - Is this an errata, should Annexure B actually say Annexure A?	The required document is Annexure A which is the pricing schedule.
18. <i>"The letters must be from some of the customers demonstrated on Previous Work experience indicated in paragraph Error! Reference source not found.(a) above."</i> errata - to clarify which paragraph is being referred to	The referenced paragraph is paragraph 6.5.9.1 of the SCC
19. The numbering of section 8.5 omits 8.5.1. Is there missing information, or is it a numbering error?	There are no paragraphs that were omitted on paragraph 8.5. Paragraphs 8.5.1.1 and 8.5.1.2 form part of paragraph 8.5
20. Please precise what is a Consolidated BBBEE status level for a Joint Venture.	It is a consolidated BBBEE status level score card from two or more entities.
21. How many Departments owned are there in each province? What size? Pressure? Technical characteristics	The requested information of ownership and pressure is not available however bidders are advised to utilize annexure E and G that refers to historical data.

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