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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**CORRECTION NOTICE: AMENDED CLOSING DATE****TENDER No: DSW 10/02 — SUPPLIES****A PENSION PAYMENT CONTRACTOR**

Suitably qualified organisation or consortia are invited to submit proposals to the Free State Department of Social Development for the payment of pensions in the Free State.

The Department has the responsibility of ensuring an efficient social security payment system for the payout of social grants and other benefits to persons entitled to receive these payments within the Free State Province. The aim of the payment process is that it be carried out in an efficient way to ensure payment to the correct beneficiary of the right amount with the least possible delay, and under the most humane circumstances.

This function is at present carried out by a private contractor in terms of a Service Agreement. Payment is made to approximately 244 000 beneficiaries with a monetary value of approximately R123 million per month at certain designated sites throughout the Province, with the beneficiary able to be paid at any of the 177 sites located throughout the Province.

The present contract is valid to 31 March 2003. The new contractor will be contracted for a period of five (5) years. The Department anticipates that the contract will commence on 1 April 2003 with a phased-in process over a minimum period of six (6) months.

The Pension Payment Contractor's scope of work is likely to entail the following: Beneficiaries are recorded on a database. They are provided with a pension (or other benefits) card and their fingerprints are scanned. At the time of payment, the pension card details and the fingerprints are matched and an electronic payment is effected with the issue of a receipt.

The following minimum range of skills is required of the Pension Payment Contractor. An understanding of the province's socio-economic and development objectives • Information management • Business expertise • Financial expertise • Appropriate information technology expertise • Ability to raise debt and equity and to provide security • Project management expertise and Risk Management.

Information concerning pre-qualification documentation is available at the cost of R2 000 per copy.

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Due: 28/10/2002.

Tender forms are available at this address: Project Officer, Department of Social Development, African Life Building, Room 120, St Andrew Street, Bloemfontein, 9300. Tel: (051) 409-0635.

Tender must be addressed and delivered at: African Life Building, Room 120, St. Andrew Street, Bloemfontein.

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