

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY

BID NUMBER: RFP004-2014

CLOSING DATE: 10 March 2014

CLOSING TIME: 12:00

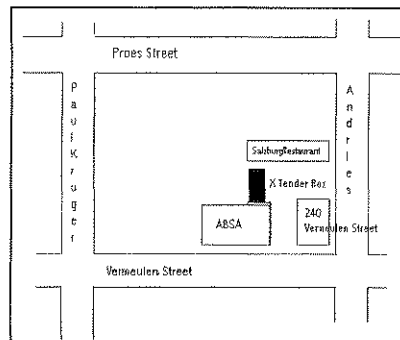
DESCRIPTION: APPOINTMENT OF A CONSULTANT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ONLINE APPLICATION, RETURN SUBMISSION PORTAL AND BACK OFFICE ANALYSIS SYSTEM FOR THE CBDA SUPERVISOR OF THE CORPORATIVE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CFIs)

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

BID DOCUMENTS MAY BE POSTED TO:
**DIRECTOR: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
PRIVATE BAG X115
PRETORIA
0001**

OR

HAND DELIVERED TO (STREET ADDRESS)
**National Treasury (SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT UNIT) 4th Floor, Reception
240 Madiba (Vermeulen) Street
Pretoria
Attention: Jabulile Sithole/ Dineo Ramukhufi**



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

The bid box is generally open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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); OR.....
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?
NO

YES or

[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: National Treasury

Contact Person: Ms Aletta Mbuyane

Tel: (012) 315 5285

Fax: (012) 315 5900.

E-mail address: aletta.mbuyane@treasury.gov.za

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Technical enquiries:

Contact person: David de Jong

Tel: (012) 315 5688

Email: David.DeJong@treasury.gov.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.
- 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.



Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate

Purpose

Select the applicable option Tenders Good standing

If "Good standing", please state the purpose of this application

Particulars of applicant

Name/Legal name (Initials & Surname or registered name)			
Trading name (if applicable)			
ID/Passport no	Company/Close Corp. registered no		
Income Tax ref no		PAYE ref no	7
VAT registration no	4	SDL ref no	L
Customs code		UIF ref no	U
Telephone no		Fax no	
E-mail address			
Physical address			
Postal address			

Particulars of representative (Public Officer/Trustee/Partner)

Surname			
First names			
ID/Passport no		Income Tax ref no	
Telephone no		Fax no	
E-mail address			
Physical address			

Particulars of tender (If applicable)

Tender number

Estimated Tender amount R

Expected duration of the tender year(s)

Particulars of the 3 largest contracts previously awarded

Date started	Date finalised	Principal	Contact person	Telephone number	Amount
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Audit

Are you currently aware of any Audit investigation against you/the company? YES NO
If "YES" provide details

Appointment of representative/agent (Power of Attorney)

I the undersigned confirm that I require a Tax Clearance Certificate in respect of Tenders or Goodstanding.

I hereby authorise and instruct to apply to and receive from SARS the applicable Tax Clearance Certificate on my/our behalf.

Signature of representative/agent

Date

Name of representative/agent

Declaration

I declare that the information furnished in this application as well as any supporting documents is true and correct in every respect.

Signature of applicant/Public Officer

Date

Name of applicant/Public Officer

Notes:

- It is a serious offence to make a false declaration.
- Section 75 of the Income Tax Act, 1962, states: Any person who
 - fails or neglects to furnish, file or submit any return or document as and when required by or under this Act; or
 - without just cause shown by him, refuses or neglects to-
 - furnish, produce or make available any information, documents or things;
 - reply to or answer truly and fully, any questions put to him ...
 As and when required in terms of this Act ... shall be guilty of an offence ...
- SARS will, under no circumstances, issue a Tax Clearance Certificate unless this form is completed in full.**
- Your Tax Clearance Certificate will only be issued on presentation of your South African Identity Document or Passport (Foreigners only) as applicable.

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER: BID NO.: RFP004-2014

CLOSING TIME 12:00 ON 10 MARCH 2014

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 90 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY INCLUSIVE OF VALUE ADDED TAX
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1. Services must be quoted in accordance with the attached terms of reference.

Total cost of the assignment (R inclusive VAT)

R.....

The costing proposal must incorporate an additional 1/10th cost for possible unexpected enhancements or refinements that the project might need to incorporate into the system.

NB: Bidders are also advised to indicate a total cost breakdown for this assignment

The financial proposal for this assignment should cover for all assignment activities and outputs enumerated above.

Rates applicable should be in line with the hourly rates for consultants issued by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA).

2. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid _____
3. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period? Yes/No
4. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which Adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.

Any enquiries regarding bidding procedures may be directed to –

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PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, 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, shareholder², member):
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- 2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:
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- 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.

¹"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.

²"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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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

November 2011

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

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

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

1.2 The value of this bid is estimated to be less than R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 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	80
1.3.1.2 B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

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

- 2.1.1 “**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 2010 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

$$P_s 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

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-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	16
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	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 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

9.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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:

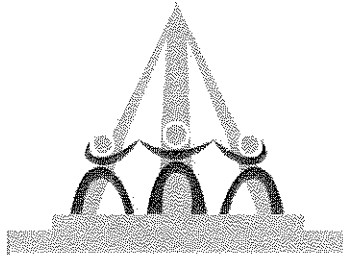
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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDER(S)

2.

DATE:.....
ADDRESS:.....

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Request for Proposal for the Appointment of a Consultant for the Implementation of an Online Application, Return Submission Portal and Back Office Analysis system for the CBDA Supervisor of Co-operative Financial Institutions (CFIs)

February 2014

1. BACKGROUND

The Co-operative Banks Development Agency (CBDA) is tasked with registration and supervision of Co-operative Financial Institutions (CFIs) including co-operative banks, building capacity in the CFI sector and promotion of co-operative banking.

As part of the regulatory and supervisory functions bestowed on it, the CBDA's Supervision Unit:

- a) Receives and processes application for registration as CFIs. Applications normally include completing an application form and submitting specific forms. These are mostly posted by the applying CFIs.
- b) Collects various fixed format data ("Returns") from registered CFIs. Many of these returns are statutory under the Exemption Notice 404 of 2012. Submission frequency of these returns is on a quarterly basis. Conventional form of returns submission follows traditional and non-system based modes of communication, viz. hard copies (MS Word or MS Excel) send through postal service, faxes and PDF files sent through e-mails.
- c) Uses WOCCU licenced PEARLS database analysis tool as an information management system.

As a step towards streamlining the process of applications and returns submission, and in order to provide innovative and efficient supervisory tools and techniques for the sector, the CBDA would like to implement an online application submission system (OASS) and an online returns filing system (ORFS) using the power of the internet to make document submissions, and data analysis. It is also envisaged that the proposed solution be able to integrate with the banking platform system for the CFIs.

2. PURPOSE

The CBDA Supervision Unit would like to engage a service provider to provide a project proposal for the implementation of an electronic supervision system with the following functionalities:

1. Online processing of applications for registration as a CFI

2. Online return submission
3. Back Office Analysis of submitted returns (i.e. generating standardised ratios (individual CFI level and consolidated), customised graphs, abridged returns (individual CFI level and consolidated),
4. Electronic database for warehousing Supervisory Information

It is expected that the proposal will include timelines, and expected costs of implementation.

3. SCOPE OF THE WORK

a) Develop Online processing of applications for registration as a CFI

- i) Development an online application submission system (OASS), preferably using a web based interface, and this should include receiving, processing, communicating results, storing as well as reporting of all financial data etc.
- ii) Allow for tracking and status notification by CFIs.
- iii) Allow for the checking of the Status of the application form: Received, Under Scrutiny, Accepted, Defect Status, Status after Rectification, Rejected with Valid Reasons
- iv) Allow for both new applicants registration system and renewal of existing licences.
- v) Electronic uploading and storage
- vi) Front end input system, with online login and security for all registered CFIs, allowing uploading/updating information i.e. new directors, etc.

b) Develop Online Return Filing System

- i) Development an online return filing system (OFRS), preferably a single window returns submission system which is web based.
- ii) This should include receiving, processing, communicating results and storing. Incorporating any change in the return template must require modification of the application software hosted centrally, at the CBDA and is

accessible using web technology, thus not require re-distribution of any software to the CFIs.

- iii) Minimise manual intervention in reporting data and maintaining audit trail for building authenticity in reporting processes.
- iv) The system must incorporate digital signature for additional data security during data transmission as well as online validation checks to improve the quality of information.
- v) Provide time window for submission of each return taking into account the practices of various CFIs. Each CFI must be able to enter data or upload return online through the web based front-end, access of which is given to CFIs through a user based access policy. Returns submitted by CFIs first reaches a central data pool, which is then pushed to the relevant user in the CBDA.
- vi) Provide for issuance of infringement notices and system updates to the CFI community.
- vii) Proof of Filing. An acknowledgment must be issued when the return is received and accepted

c) Develop Back Office Analysis of Submitted Returns

- i) Reporting of all financial data, (i.e. generating standardised ratios (individual CFI level and consolidated), customised graphs and dashboards, abridged returns (individual CFI level and consolidated)
- ii) Modelling in an early warning system (solvency, capital adequacy and liquidity)
- iii) Compare performance and condition data between individual CFI, peer groups, and time periods

d) Electronic database for warehousing supervisory information

- i) Improve the data management infrastructure and inventorying of supervisory information
- ii) Enhanced data analytics to support core supervisory needs.
- iii) Provide for archiving of supervisory information

In developing the proposal, the consultant must consider:

- (a) The general functions of the Supervisor;
- (b) The nature, size and risk profile of regulated co-operative financial institutions (CFIs);
- (c) The ability of CFIs to submit electronic returns cost effectively;
- (d) The current practice within similar regulatory institutions dealing with similar reporting issues; and
- (e) The possibility of a system that can be integrated with the PEARLS System and Core Banking Systems.
- (f) The Proposed solution should be compatible with the following technologies:
 - Operating Systems – Windows Server 2008 and 2012
 - Web Server – IIS 7
 - Database Server - SQL 2008 R2 and SQL 2012

4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND DELIVERABLES:

The CBDA requires the service provider to implement the following:

- a) Online application submission system (OASS)
- b) Online returns filing system (ORFS) with provision for data analysis.
- c) Online supervisory database

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The CBDA will give priority to professionals registered on the National Treasury database. The technical evaluation will use the following evaluation scorecard.

Evaluation Criteria	Max points
Bidders for being considered for appointment as a Consultant for the above business must meet the following eligibility requirements:	

1.	Provide most recent examples of knowledge of work done in domain, technical and legal areas within Banking and Information Technology. Domain areas include all facets of banking, including delivery channels, components of Core Banking system such as Application Software, Hardware, Operating systems (desktops as well as servers), Middleware, RDBMS, IBM Mainframe, MQ Series, Web based technologies, Desktop tools, Networking, IS Security, Gap Analysis, Identification of Customization requirements, Business Process Reengineering, User Acceptance test and application roll out.	25
2.	Provide the Project Management methodology and plan to be implemented in this project. This should reflect the Project Planning, Review, Resource Planning, Role and Responsibility Definition, Coordination across multiple teams, Project Risk Analysis and containment measures.	25
3.	The proposal must include guarantees, timelines and how support will be provided should programing rectifications need to be addressed.	10
4.	Provide prior experience in providing of end to end consultancy services for assisting in implementation and commissioning of similar project (as per the "scope of work" detailed elsewhere in this RFP) in at least one project in SA over the past three (3) years. Documentary proof and references are to be enclosed.	10
5.	Provide examples of work done in the financial co-operative sector demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the environment.	5
6.	Provide the CV of the key personal who will be implementing his project, demonstrating their qualification, knowledge and skills to	5

implement successfully.	
7. The costing proposal must incorporate an additional 1/10 th cost for possible unexpected enhancements or refinements that the project might need to incorporate into the system.	

6. PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS:

The documents / bids for the Assessments are due by

**Bids must be sealed in an envelope clearly stating:
 Bid for CBDA Implementation of an Online Application, Return Submission Portal and Back Office Analysis system.**

Enquiries can be directed to

DOCUMENTS CAN BE POSTED TO:

**NT TENDERS
 PRIVATE BAG X115
 PRETORIA
 0001**

OR EMAILED TO: CBDA@treasury.gov.za

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ 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).² 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:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² 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 consortium³ 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.

³ 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

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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