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QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Request for estimate or minimum quantity requirement, manufacturers need this in order for them to quote us properly.	The bidder must indicate the estimate or minimum quantity for the participating department to procure.
According to the documents available from the National Treasury website, this tender excludes Gauteng, Western Cape, KZN, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape & Northwest. As this therefore excludes approximately 90 % of the national purchasing potential, we need to ask if this is correct. Is there any possibility that more provinces will become participants?	The provinces mentioned in the email below are not excluded, however they have not submitted their participation letter, please note that transversal contracting is optional.
Confirmation of tender closing date for tender of National Treasury Transversal Contracting, tender number RT284-2026.	The closing date for RT284-2026 has been extended to 20 January 2026.
Contact details for SABS officials to assist with testing.	<p>The officials from SABS to assist with test report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lindelwa Mhlomi, T: + 27 12 428 6668, Email- MhlomiL@SABS.CO.ZA 2. Doreen Ntlhane, T: +27 12 428 6360, Email- Doreen.Ntlhane@sabs.co.za 3. Barnard Molatladi, T: +27 12 428 6812, Email - barnard.molatladi@sabs.co.za
So, we get samples and then we send them for testing so that by the time we submit samples to the state, there are also test reports or proof of submission for testing. Is that correct?	Yes, when you should at least have your proof when you are submitting for a tender, you must at least have that proof from the testing institution that we have submitted.
The test reports to the samples have to be tested here in South Africa, especially for those of us who import.	Yes, they have to be tested in South Africa.
There is no tab in the E-tender portal to submit brochures, SCC, GCC, product labels, Company profile, business ownership and pictures.	Tabs will be created on the E-tender portal.



Items that bidders submitted during request for information (RFI) are different to the price schedule, does it mean the other items did not make it?	The RFI is not a tender process, the purpose was to request the industry to guide in the specifications.
On the pricing schedule, there are blank spaces, and it does not indicate if a test report is required or not.	The pricing schedule will be amended, and the new version will be published on NT website and E-tenders.
Are we allowed to complete and sign the document electronically including the special conditions this actual signature fields on the SBD forms, completing the SBD forms electronically?	Yes, bidders are allowed to complete the documents electronically.
TCD 13.2 tab on the E-tenders portal has five responses, so does it mean each and every letter of authorization we are uploading it per supplier name or what?	The additional tabs are meant to assist the bidders because we found that sometimes bidders would have multiple documents, So, when you load more than one, it overrides the first one. The multiple tabs are to assist bidders to load in accordance with the suppliers.
Is the ISO supposed to be for the company that where I'm going to be sourcing the products from or the ISO is supposed to be for or my company?	The ISO should be from the manufacturer.
Must the test report still be submitted even when bidders have ISO certificate?	Yes, bidders must still submit test report.
Are the cost considered for test report?	The requirements are from the end users who are clinicians.
Can bidders submit one sample to represent all different sizes for sample evaluation?	No, one sample for each size must be submitted.
Can bidder submit test report which shows one size instead of multiples sizes where the same item is required in different sizes?	No, test report for each size must be submitted.
Submission of test report should be at the end of the process, at least bidders will have a guarantee that the items will be compliant.	The concern was noted; the end users will be notified.
How long must the test report be valid for?	The test report must be valid for 12 months.



Clause 6.6.1.6 of the SCC indicates that pricing schedule needs to be submitted hard copy, is this an error?	Yes, it is an error, all tender documents must be submitted online, the SCC will be amended and published on NT website and E-tenders.
Which provinces are participating?	The participating department are listed on the SCC.
We have identified that there are 289 items listed on the Pricing Schedule; however, page 11 of the Special Conditions reflects a total of 291 items.	The first tab on the pricing schedule has 289 items and second tab has 2 items; the total items is 291.
Request that the requirement for submission of SABS test reports be amended to the end of the process.	The test report or proof of sample submission from a SANAS-accredited testing institution must be submitted together with the bid.
if we have already had international testing done on the samples such as CE or FDA approved is it still a requirement to have them tested at sanas or sabs approved testing centre	Yes, it is still a requirement to submit test reports from a South African National Accreditation System (SANAS) Accredited Institution.
Is it permissible for a company to submit its own bid while also participating as a third-party supplier to another bidder?	Yes. It is permissible.
Will a signed delivery note be accepted as proof of sample submission?	No, Sample receipt confirmation letter from SABS will be accepted as proof sample submission.
Are the test reports required for items listed on Notice 3 only?	Yes, only items listed on notice 3 will need test report and the pricing schedule has been amended and published on E-Tenders and NT website.
Which institutions are recognized by the South African government as legitimate and accredited to test the quality of medical products?	Refer to clause 6.5.7 of the SCC.
SABS has informed us that they do not conduct testing of biopsy needles.	Refer to notice 3 published on E-tenders and NT website.
in an event the manufacturer is doing their own sterilization, will you accept a declaration stamped and signed from their side, or do you need an actual ISO 11135 certificate.	The actual ISO certificate must be submitted.