



national treasury

Department:
National Treasury
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

CONFIDENTIAL

Private Bag X115, Pretoria, 0001 | 40 Church Square, Pretoria, 0002 | Tel: +27 12 315 5111



@Treasury_RSA



National Treasury RSA



National Treasury RSA



@treasuryrsa

www.treasury.gov.za

BRIEFING SESSION - QUESTION AND ANSWERS

RT284-2027: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HYPODERMIC SYRINGES, NEEDLES AND BLOODLETTING DEVICES AND RELATED ITEMS TO THE STATE FOR THE PERIOD OF 60 MONTHS

No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	The RT284-2027 bid requires bidders to provide a Third-Party Authorization Letter of Undertaking issued by the product's original manufacturer. In a situation where K manufactures the product, but K is a subsidiary of Z, the parent company that owns K and several other international manufacturers, whose letter of authorization should be submitted?	The bidder must submit the Third-Party Authorization Letter of Undertaking from the original product manufacturer of the product. The Quality Assurance certificate from the original product manufacturer of the product must also be submitted.
2.	Will SABS test reports submitted for RT284-2026 be accepted, given that the tender was cancelled, or must new SABS reports be provided?	SABS reports will be accepted if they remain valid within the prescribed 18-month period, as the new items are aligned with and correlate to the items from the previous tender.
3.	Are bidders allowed to submit electronically signed bid documents, or is a handwritten ink signature mandatory?	Bidders may use either electronic or ink signatures, as both forms of signature are acceptable for the completion and submission of bid documents.
5.	It was mentioned that test reports would only be requested from bidders within one month after the bid closing date. Given that the eTender portal contains a tab for test reports, should these reports be submitted with the bid, or should bidders wait until they are formally requested?	Bidders who have met the requirements of Phase 1 to Phase 3, Part A of the evaluation will be notified via email to submit their SABS test reports.

No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
6.	In terms of Paragraph 6.4.8.5 of the SCC, all test reports must be obtained from a SANAS-accredited testing institution We understand that SABS is a SANAS-accredited testing institution. However, when requesting a quotation from SABS, a note appears stating that the specific test method is not SANAS accredited. In this circumstance, would testing conducted by SABS still be acceptable, or must bidders obtain test reports from a testing institution whose specific testing methods are SANAS accredited?	Test Reports from SABS will be accepted.
7.	Where compliance with specific standards is required, will international standards be accepted as an alternative?	No, only SANAS standard is accepted.
8.	The bid specifications prescribe certain packaging quantities. For example, if an item is required to be supplied in boxes of 100 units, but my manufacturer packages the product only in boxes of 50 units, would I still be eligible to submit a bid?	Where the packaging quantity offered differs from the quantity specified, bidders must clearly disclose the actual packaging size in their submission. For example, if a product is supplied in boxes of 50 units instead of the required 100 units, this must be indicated so that the appropriate conversion can be applied during the evaluation. End users should also be made aware that the product is being supplied in boxes of 50 units instead of the specified boxes of 100 units. A column (Column M) is added to the pricing schedule to indicate the bidder's unit of measure.
9.	If a bidder intends to submit bids for two items sourced from two different manufacturers, will they be permitted to provide and upload the details of both manufacturers, or are bidders limited to bidding with products from a single manufacturer?	Bidders are permitted to bid for items from multiple manufacturers. However, the required supporting documentation, including Third-Party Authorization Letters of Undertaking and applicable quality assurance certificates, must be provided for each manufacturer. If there are any challenges with uploading the documentation, bidders are advised to contact eTenders for assistance.



No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
10.	Where a bidder wishes to offer more than one product for a single item, is the bidder allowed to submit multiple offers for that item?	Where a bidder wishes to submit multiple offers for the same item, an additional row should be inserted below the item to capture the alternative offer. An additional column (Column D) has been incorporated into the pricing schedule for alternative offers.
11.	On the eTender Portal, bidders are required to complete the SBD 1 form online and are not required to print and complete it manually. The form contains a section relating to B-BBEE, where bidders must indicate whether they possess a sworn affidavit or a B-BBEE certificate, and it also refers to supporting proof. Please clarify whether bidders are required to upload their B-BBEE affidavit or certificate to claim preference points. If this is required, where should the document be uploaded, given that there is no specific upload field for B-BBEE documentation on the portal?	No supporting documents need to be uploaded in respect of the SBD 1 form provided on the eTender Portal. Bidders should, however, ensure that the documents uploaded by the office are properly completed, signed, and submitted.
12.	Paragraph 6.4.5. of the SCC - Sterility certificate from the manufacturer. Please provide clarification regarding the requirement for the submission of a sterility validation report.	Where compliance with any of the sterilisation standards indicated on paragraph 6.4.5.2 is reflected on the manufacturer's ISO 13485 certificate, such certification will be accepted as proof of compliance. However, bidders are also required to submit the manufacturer's sterilisation validation document or validation report as supporting evidence by the bid closing date and time.
13.	Will the RT284-2027 items be awarded to different brands?	Yes, RT284-2027 items will be awarded on a multiple-award basis, allowing for awards to be given to different brands and suppliers where applicable.
14.	In a case where you have a company that manufactures products and outsource the sterilization from a different company, do you require letters that are dated and signed by both the manufacturer and the Third-Party provider?	The letter must be dated and signed by both the manufacturer and the third-party service provider.

No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
15.	If we cannot quote on a complete series, but only parts of it, will our tender be disqualified?	Where items are grouped into a series, bidders must submit offers for all items within that group. Failure to bid on every item in the series will result in the disqualification of the entire group series.

Kind regards

MS ZANELE MKHWANAZI
DIRECTOR – TRANSVERSAL CONTRACTING
DATE:

For more information contact:
Name: Ms Baningi Masilela
Email: Baningi.Masilela@treasury.gov.za
Ref: 19/1/1/3/1