

**PART A
INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NATIONAL TREASURY)					
BID NUMBER:	NT004-2023	CLOSING DATE:	15/06/2023	CLOSING TIME:	11:00 AM
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO ASSIST NATIONAL TREASURY TO IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS ON A STANDARD CHART OF ACCOUNTS (MSCOA) (NOTICE NO. 37577 ON 22 APRIL 2014) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AND THREE (3) MONTHS				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
NATIONAL TREASURY					
TENDER INFORMATION CENTRE (TIC)					
DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
240 Madiba Street, Pretoria, 0001					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Supply Chain Management		CONTACT PERSON	Supply Chain Management	
TELEPHONE NUMBER			TELEPHONE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	NTAdministrativeTenders@Treasury.gov.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	NTAdministrativeTenders@Treasury.gov.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]	
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?

YES NO

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

1. BID SUBMISSION:	
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2.	ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4.	THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3	APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.6	WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7	NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

Terms of Reference

Appointment of a service provider to assist National Treasury to improve compliance with the implementation of the Municipal Regulations on a Standard Chart of Accounts (*mSCOA*) (Notice No. 37577 on 22 April 2014) for a period of two (2) years and three (3) months.

Regulating the minimum business processes and system specifications for *mSCOA*

Intergovernmental Relations Branch: Local Government Budget Analysis Chief Directorate

PROJECT

for the

**NATIONAL TREASURY
Republic of South Africa**

CLOSING DATE: 15 JUNE 2023 AT 11:00 AM

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Background and Context:

The national budget reform process was initiated in 1998. Several regulations, circulars, and reporting structures have been put in place since 1998 to modernise the system of local government, municipal financial management and to improve service delivery.

The introduction of Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) (MFMA) in 2003 laid foundation for the Local Government budget and financial management. The need for a Standard Chart of Accounts for municipalities and municipal entities was identified to address inconsistencies in reporting, poor data integrity and irregular reporting that impacted on the accuracy of information on local government performance. The *m*SCOA Regulations was regulated on 22 April 2014 by the Minister of Finance. All municipalities and their entities had to comply with the *m*SCOA Regulations by 01 July 2017, giving municipalities a 3-year preparation period.

The objective of the *m*SCOA Regulations is to provide a national standard for the uniform recording and classification of municipal budget and financial information at a transaction level – *across all municipalities and financial systems*. It is a multi-segmental chart where Local Government information is classified according to project, fund, function, Item, costing and region dimensions to enhance “whole of government” reporting.

Unlike the National and provinces Standard Chart of Accounts (**SCOA**), municipalities are on accrual-base accounting (vs modified cash) and must plan, budget, report and generate the Annual Financial Statements (**AFS**) directly in the system. This facilitates seamless alignment between policy formulation, planning, budgeting, implementation, reporting, monitoring (accountability cycle).

A number of municipalities are not fully utilising the modules available and paid for on their core financial systems, but still budgeting, transacting, and reporting outside of the core systems in excel spreadsheets and then capture the information on the system at a later stage. The minimum business process and system requirements are not currently regulated. MFMA Circular No. 80 dated 08 March 2016 provides detailed guidance on the minimum business processes and system requirements for *m*SCOA.

An independent audit recommended that the minimum business processes and system specifications **which covers the 15 minimum business processes**, namely:

- Corporate Governance;
- Municipal Budgeting, Planning and Modelling;
- Financial Accounting;
- Costing and reporting;
- Project Accounting;
- Treasury and Cash Management;
- Procurement Cycle: Supply Chain Management, Expenditure Management, Contract Management and Accounts Payable;
- Grant Management;
- Full Asset Life Cycle Management including Maintenance Management;
- Real Estate and Resources Management;
- Human Resource and Payroll Management;
- Customer Care, Credit Control and Debt Collection;
- Valuation Roll Management;
- Land Use Building Control; and
- Revenue Cycle Billing.

The minimum business process and system components that must integrate seamlessly with the *m*SCOA general ledger and comply at a posting level to the *m*SCOA Regulations and GRAP are currently articulated in Annexure B of MFMA Circular No. 80. These minimum specifications have been issued in 2016 and therefore needs to be reviewed and updated to include legislation and other requirements that became/will

become applicable after the circular was issued. The minimum specifications will be regulated based on the updated specifications.

Towards this end, the Regulations state that the Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, determine minimum business process and system requirements for municipalities and municipal entities to enable implementation of the regulations.

2. Overall Objective of the Project:

National Treasury is seeking to appoint a service provider that can provide a highly qualified, skilled, and experienced project lead and technical team to do the technical work required to regulate the minimum business processes and system specifications for *mSCOA* as per the specific scope of work and project outcomes specified in the project proposal on page 8.

These terms of reference detail the general and specific qualifications, skills and experience requirements, the work that will be expected to be performed as well as other relevant contractual and working arrangements that will apply.

3. Requirements of Bid Proposal:

Bids will be accepted from consortiums and companies. The bidder must submit a project proposal that:

1. Details the methodology that will be followed to achieve the milestones of the project as articulated in the project proposal from page 8 to 12 of these terms of reference.
2. Specifies the timeframes applicable for each milestone of the project as articulated in in the project proposal from page 8 to 12 of these terms of reference.
3. Details of the cost, including cost of disbursements and VAT.
4. Team members must be identified by the bidding company and details of each team member (i.e., names, qualifications, relevant skills, and previous experience) must be completed as per the CV template provided.
5. A summary of the details of the project lead and technical team must be provided in table 2 to clarify the composition of the team and roles of team members; and
6. Preference points will be allocated in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 as provided for in Table 3.

Important to note:

- The basis for the evaluation will be on the qualifications, skills, and experience of the project lead and individual technical team members (hereafter referred to as the project team) included in the bid is specified in these terms of reference.
- The project team members identified in this bid proposal cannot be replaced without the written approval from the Chief Director: Local Government Budget Analysis and replacements must comply with all the requirements specified in this bid. The bidder should therefore ensure that the team members they have included in the proposal are available and have committed themselves to be part of the project team for the period required. Should it be necessary to replace a project team member with another equally qualified, skilled, and experienced resource for whatever reason, the bidder should have access to additional resources to do so.
- The project requires extensive consultation with the relevant officials and advisors within the National Treasury, municipalities, and external stakeholders. The following consultations will be required:
 - A compulsory one-day physical briefing session and inception meeting at the National Treasury offices in Pretoria between the National Treasury and the project team to agree on the final timeframes, methodology and reporting formats.
 - Ten virtual quarterly Project Steering Committee (PSC) meetings to present progress over the duration of the project.
 - Eight virtual Integrated Consultative Forums (ICFs) with all stakeholders to present research and proposed amendments and obtain comments.
 - Three virtual consultation sessions to stakeholders on the draft Regulations.
 - Six virtual training sessions as indicated in the outputs of these Terms of Reference.

The above consultations exclude engagements required during the research and review phase of the project and impromptu virtual project related consultation with the National Treasury Project Manager.

4. Mandatory Requirements

- a) Proof of company registration on Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD).
- b) Letter of Good Standing from the Office of the Compensation Commissioner as required by the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA). The letter should be issued by the Department of Labour.
- c) Proof of educational qualification(s). All copies of qualification(s) must be certified, and the certification must be valid for 6 months from the required bid submission date. International qualification(s) must be accompanied by certified South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) accreditation.
- d) Profile of the potential bidder(s) must be submitted in the prescribed format in the CV template. **Bidders who do not provide the information in the required CV template will not be considered.**
- e) Bidders must ensure that the CV template is signed by individual team members, confirming their availability for the project and that they are not part of another bid. **CVs that are not signed will not be considered.**
- f) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership Valid Tax Clearance Certificate and/or SARS issued pin code for both companies (which will be verified) must be submitted.
- g) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership, a signed teaming agreement must be submitted.
- h) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium or Partnership a Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD) report of each of the members/partners is required.

5. Restrictions:

- CVs from persons who are in the service of the state¹ will not be considered.
- Non-submission of proof of educational qualification and SAQA accreditation for international qualifications will lead to disqualification of the bidder.
- Certificate of membership to professional bodies will not be considered if not accompanied by certified educational qualifications will lead to disqualification of the bidder.
- Individual team members will only be considered as part of one bid proposal. Where the name of an individual appears in more than one bid proposal, National Treasury reserves the right to confirm with the individual which bid he/she must be evaluated on. Bidders should therefore ensure that the team members listed in their bid proposal is not included in another bid proposal.

6. Non-disclosure agreement:

The service provider and technical support team members will be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement with the National Treasury prior to the commencement of the project.

7. Copyright and Intellectual Property Rights:

- Copyright of all documentation resulting from contracts arising from this contract belongs to National Treasury. The service provider may not disclose any information, documentation, or products to other clients, or to any other party, without the written approval of the government client concerned.

¹ State means –

- a) Any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999). This includes individuals who are currently contracted to GTAC on the MFIP III programme.
- b) Any municipality or municipal entity.
- c) Provincial Legislature
- d) National Assembly or The National Council of Provinces, or
- e) Parliament

- The intellectual property rights arising from the execution of a contract shall vest in the government client concerned and the service provider undertakes to honour the client's intellectual property rights and all future rights by keeping the know-how and all published and unpublished material confidential.

The intellectual property associated with the service offering will remain that of the service provider, but all data and associated information is sole ownership of Local Government and would be provided to Local Government as and when required with no cost implications.

8. Contractual Conditions:

Contracting Authority

The service provider will contract directly with the National Treasury.

Contract Fees

- The contract value should be inclusive of all costs, VAT, and all disbursements.
- Travel and disbursement fees should not exceed 10 per cent of the contract value and should be calculated at National Treasury's cost containment rates.
- National Treasury will not pay relocation costs or an additional allowance for accommodation for successful bidders placed outside of their hometown.

Facilities to be provided by service provider.

The appointed service provider will be responsible for the provision of office space, any computer equipment (portable computers etc.), connectivity, and all other administrative needs that may be required over the duration of the contract.

9. Bid Validity Period:

This bid will be valid for a period of 90 (ninety) days.

10. Reporting and Monitoring Requirements:

The project lead will be responsible for the management of the technical team to meet the deliverables timeously and will report directly to the Chief Director: Local Government Budget Analysis and the National Treasury Project Manager at National Treasury's Intergovernmental Relations Branch.

A compulsory one-day briefing session and inception meeting with the core team will be required within one week after the appointment of the service provider to agree on the final timeframes, methodology and reporting formats.

The successful bidder will be required to provide the National Treasury Project Manager with a payment plan for approval that provides for the breakdown of payments over the contract period and that is linked to specific milestones prior to the inception meeting.

The successful bidder will also be required to develop and maintain a detailed Gantt chart to track the progress of the project.

A monthly progress report in the format prescribed by the National Treasury must be submitted on the 1st working day of every month to track progress against milestones and due dates and motivate and recommend deviations (where required). This monthly report must be discussed and agreed with National Treasury's Project Manager for mSCOA.

An invoice must be submitted as per the approved payment plan and the monthly report(s) and required documentation that was submitted and completed during the invoice period will be used to verify work done and invoiced for.

Any issues identified by the project lead that may hamper the timely achievement of these milestones must be escalated immediately to the National Treasury Project Manager who will endeavour to address it promptly where possible.

Although some of the outputs are dependent on others, it is expected that developments will proceed in parallel and in an efficient manner so as not to delay the project concluding on time.

A close out report is required at the end of the assignment specifying the work done, the outputs generated, the institutions and individuals consulted, overall successes and failures, lessons learnt, and recommendation for future assignments of this nature.

Reports shall be written in English; and all reports, files, notes, electronic files, and documents shall be structured, formatted, and completed according to the requirements of the National Treasury.

11. Scope and Extent of Work:

The National Treasury is seeking to appoint a service provider that can provide a highly qualified, skilled, and experienced project team to perform the technical work required to regulate the minimum business processes and system specifications for *mSCOA* as specified in the project milestones outputs and of this scope of work.

The project team must consist of a project lead, supported by five (5) technical project team members. All communication pertaining to the technical work required on this project between National Treasury and the successful bidder will be done through the project lead. The project lead will be required to manage the project deliverables, technical team and quality assure all progress reports, presentations, and relevant project documentation.

12. Project outputs:

The project outputs are:

- (a) Project preparation, reporting and governance including:
 1. Meetings with National Treasury project manager to agree on reporting and presentation templates.
 2. Quarterly reports and presentations on project progress to Project Steering Committee (PSC).
 3. Close-out report on conclusion of the project.
- (b) Review current SOPs, business processes, *mSCOA* system requirements, ITC due diligence assessment and research and incorporate improvements and new requirements. Specific outputs are:
 1. Participation in eight (8) ICF meetings where the project team will present research and proposals on new/improved SOPs, business processes and *mSCOA* system specifications and take notes and key resolutions at forum meetings.
 2. Drafting of a consolidated report for discussion purposes on review and research findings on minimum business processes, standard operating procedures (SOPs) and system specifications and proposed amendments.
 3. Final position papers (3) on updated minimum business processes, standard operating procedures (SOPs) and *mSCOA* system specifications.
 4. Revised ICT due diligence assessment aligned to Regulations.
- (c) Consultation on proposed amendments to minimum business processes and system specifications for *mSCOA* SOPs:
 1. Participate in eight (8) integrated consultative forums (ICF) with key stakeholders.
 2. Present research and proposals on new/improved SOPs and business processes to the ICF.
 3. Taking notes and key resolutions at ICFs.
- (d) Develop Regulations on the minimum business processes and *mSCOA* system specifications.: Outputs are
 1. Draft gazette on regulations to publish for comments.
 2. Conduct three (3) consultation sessions with key stakeholders on draft regulations.
 3. Documentation of comments received, and responses issued.

4. Finalize gazette on regulations for promulgation.

(e) Six (6) virtual training sessions on the new Regulations and SOPs to ensure that there is a fair understanding of the new regulation by stakeholders.

Cognisance should be taken that the category of municipality determines functionality requirements. Municipalities are divided into the following categories:

- Category A – Metros
- Category B1 – Secondary cities.
- Category B2 – Large towns
- Category B3 – Small towns
- Category B4 – Mostly rural
- Category C1 – Districts without billing
- Category C – Districts with billing

The successful bidder will also be required to develop and maintain a Gantt chart to track progress and provide monthly and quarterly progress reports in the format required by the National Treasury. The key project milestones and activities for the project are indicated from page 6 to 7 of these terms of reference.

Activity milestones													
Milestone Number	Milestone Description	Planned to take place during:											
		FY23/24				FY24/25				FY25/26			
				Q3: Oct to Dec	Q4: Jan to March	Q1: April to June	Q2: July to Sept	Q3: Oct to Dec	Q4: Jan to March	Q1: April to June	Q2: July to Sept	Q3: Oct to Dec	Q4: Jan to March
4.2	Arrange sessions												
4.3	Present at training/briefing sessions												
4.4	Document key issues raised for future consideration												

13. Evaluation criteria:

The evaluation committee members will evaluate the project proposals received against the evaluation criteria as set out below. The functionality evaluation will be conducted via a technical desktop evaluation as per the following requirements:

(a) Functionality Evaluation (refer to Table 1)

Specific expertise required

This assignment will be led by a **project lead supported by a technical team** of adequate and suitably qualified, skilled, and experienced resources to perform the technical work required within the required time frame.

The project lead and technical team must have educational qualifications at a NQF level 7 or higher in Accounting.

The technical team must have an extensive knowledge of the *m*SCOA Regulations and Circulars, MFMA Circulars No. 80 and No. 88, as well as experience related to:

- Municipal accounting
- Municipal business process/workflow analysis
- Municipal financial system solutions in a *m*SCOA environment

14. General capabilities required

In addition, the project lead and each team member should have the following general capabilities:

- Collaborative team player with excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to effectively interact with stakeholders.
- Logical, creative, innovative, analytical, lateral thinking, and problem solving.
- Communication skills (verbal and written) with the ability to work independently.
- Ability to work under consistent and continuous pressure from varied sources yet be able to maintain general stakeholder management etiquette and achieve outputs.
- Computer skills including detailed knowledge and use of the Microsoft Office Suite; and
- A clear understanding of the desired outcomes of the local government financial management and budget reform agenda.

Table 1: Functional Evaluation Criteria (Stage 1: Technical evaluation)

NO	CRITERIA	SCORING	WEIGHT
1.	<p>UNDERSTANDING THE BRIEF (based on proposed methodology to achieve the outputs)</p> <p>Demonstrated the following components in the project plan to achieve the scope of work within the required timeframe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifies the methodology that will be followed. • Details resource (i.e., names of project lead and core team members <u>and duties of each to motivate the composition</u> of the team). • An understanding of the scope of work is demonstrated. • The timeframes stipulated are realistically achievable. 	<p>5 = Excellent (demonstrated all four components)</p> <p>4 = Good (good demonstrated three components)</p> <p>3 = Average (average demonstration of three components)</p> <p>2 = Below Average (demonstrated less than three components)</p> <p>1 = Poor (Demonstrated no understanding of the project requirements)</p>	35
2.	CAPABILITY OF CORE TEAM (including combined years' experience in required fields and relevant qualifications)		
2.1	QUALIFICATIONS		
	<p>Project lead Project lead must have educational qualification at a NQF level 7 or higher in Accounting.</p>	<p>5 = Postgraduate/NQF8 or higher</p> <p>4 = Bachelor's degree/Advanced Diploma/NQF7</p> <p>3 = National Diploma/Advanced Certificate/NQF6</p> <p>2 = Higher Certificate/NQF 5 plus Relevant</p> <p>1 = Matric or less</p>	10
	<p>Technical Team technical team must have educational qualification at a NQF level 7 or higher in Accounting.</p>	<p>5 = Postgraduate/NQF8 or higher</p> <p>4 = Bachelor's degree/Advanced Diploma/NQF7</p> <p>3 = National Diploma/Advanced Certificate/NQF6</p> <p>2 = Higher Certificate/NQF 5 plus Relevant</p> <p>1 = Matric or less</p>	10
2.2	GENERAL EXPERIENCE		
	<p>Project team must have at least 5 years' experience in the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Municipal</u> accounting • <u>Municipal</u> business process/workflow analysis • <u>Municipal</u> financial system solutions in a mSCOA environment; 	<p>5 = Project team members have 8 years and above experience in the indicated fields</p> <p>4 = All project team members have between 6 to 7 years' experience in the indicated fields</p> <p>3 = All project team members have 5 years' experience in the indicated fields</p>	30

NO	CRITERIA	SCORING	WEIGHT
		<p>2 = Most project team members have less than 5 years' experience in the indicated fields</p> <p>1 = One or more team member do not have any experience in the indicated fields</p>	
3.	SPECIFIC EXPERTISE		15
	<p>Proven Record</p> <p>Provide a list and evidence of three (3) or more similar projects than were executed in a time period, in the past five years as per the scope of work.</p> <p>The list and evidence must address successfully completed project/s in the following sequence:</p> <p>Copy of an appointment letter/s, description of the project. Client name, Client contact (i.e., email and office number), Project start date, project end date, contract value. Furthermore, attach a completion certificate signed by client or letter from the client confirming successful completion of the project.</p>	<p>5 points= 5 or more projects with contactable references .</p> <p>4= points: 4 projects with contactable references.</p> <p>3 point =3 projects with contactable references.</p> <p>2 points= 2 projects with contactable references.</p> <p>1 point = 1 project with contactable references.</p>	
TOTAL			100
Threshold			65%

(b) Summary of Core Project Team Members

The following information must be provided in terms of the template provided for in table 2. Failure to provide this information will result in a disqualification of the bid by the bidder.

Table 2: Summary of Core Project Team Members

Name of Team Member	Role of Team Member	Highest Relevant Qualification	Total Years of Relevant Experience in Specific Role
Team Leader:			
1.			
Team Members:			
2.			
3.			

4.			
5.			

(c) Preference points in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022

The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.
The 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.

Before completing this form, tenderers must study the general conditions, definitions and directives applicable in respect of the tender and preferential procurement regulations, 2022)

#	Specific goals	Allocated Preference Points	Required proof/ documents to be submitted for evaluation purposes
1	<p>More than 51% owned by people who are women (ownership)* = 10</p> <p>Less than 51% owned by people who are women (ownership)* = 5 points</p> <p>0% owned by people who are women (ownership)*= 0 point</p>	10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Registration Certification (CIPC) • Identity documentation of company director/s • CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)
2	<p>More than 51% owned by Black people (ownership)* = 10</p> <p>Less than 51% owned by Black people (ownership)* = 5 points</p> <p>0% owned by Black people (ownership)*= 0 point</p>	10 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Registration Certification (CIPC) • Identity Documentation of company director/s • CSD report/(MAAA number)



Special Conditions of Contract

NT004-2023

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CLOSING DATE: 15 JUNE 2023 AT 11:00 AM

VALIDITY PERIOD: 90 DAYS

S U P P L Y C H A I N M A N A G E M E N T

A LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

This bid and all contracts will be subject to the General Conditions of Contract issued in accordance with of the Treasury Regulations 16A published in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999), Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), NT SCM policy and any other applicable legislation. The Special Conditions of Contract are supplementary to that of the General Conditions of Contract. Where, however, the Special Conditions of Contract are against the General Conditions of Contract, the Special Conditions of Contract takes precedence.

B. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

1. EVALUATION PROCESS

1.1. All bids will be evaluated in terms of functionality and preference point system which comprises of the following:

1.1.1 Phase 1A: Initial screening process

- a) In terms of National Treasury Instruction No. 4A of 2016/2017 regarding the National Central Supplier Database (CSD), all bidders must register on the CSD to provide the following information to be verified through the CSD:
- Business registration, including details of directorship and membership.
 - Bank Account holder information.
 - In the service of the State status.
 - Tax compliance status.
 - Identity number.
 - Tender default and restriction status; and
 - Any additional and supplementary verification information communicated by National Treasury.
- b) **Administrative compliance**
Duly completed and signed.
- Invitation to bid – SBD 1
 - Pricing schedule SBD 3.3
 - Declaration of interest–SBD 4
 - Preference Point Claim Form – SBD 6.1

- Provide ID copies for all managing Directors.
- CIPC

1.1.2 Phase 1B: Functionality evaluation as per attached Terms of Reference

- a) Bids will be evaluated strictly according to the bid evaluation criteria stipulated in the terms of reference.
- b) Bidders must, as part of their bid documents, submit supportive documentation for all technical requirements as indicated hereunder. The panel responsible for scoring the respective bids will evaluate and score all bids based on their submissions and the information provided.
- c) Bidders will not rate themselves but need to ensure that all information is supplied as required. The Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) will evaluate and score all responsive bids and will verify all documents submitted by the bidders.
- d) The panel members will individually evaluate the responses received against the following criteria as set out below:

Functionality Evaluation

A service provider that scores less than 65 points out of 100 as per evaluation criteria categories, listed on Table 2, in respect of functionality will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive proposal and will be disqualified for further evaluation.

Summary of functional/Technical Evaluation Criteria

NO.	CRITERIA	SCORING	WEIGHT
1.	<p>UNDERSTANDING THE BRIEF (based on proposed methodology to achieve the outputs)</p> <p>Demonstrated the following components in the project plan to achieve the scope of work within the required timeframe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifies the methodology that will be followed. • Details resource (i.e., names of project lead and core team members <u>and duties of each to motivate the composition</u> of the team). • An understanding of the scope of work is demonstrated. • The timeframes stipulated are realistically achievable. 	<p>5 = Excellent (demonstrated all four components)</p> <p>4 = Good (good demonstrated three components)</p> <p>3 = Average (average demonstration of three components)</p> <p>2 = Below Average (demonstrated less than three components)</p> <p>1 = Poor (Demonstrated no understanding of the project requirements)</p>	35

NO.	CRITERIA	SCORING	WEIGHT
2.	CAPABILITY OF CORE TEAM (including combined years' experience in required fields and relevant qualifications)		
2.1	QUALIFICATIONS		
a.	Project lead Project lead must have educational qualification at a NQF level 7 or higher in Accounting.	5 = Postgraduate/NQF8 or higher 4 = Bachelor's degree/Advanced Diploma/NQF7 3 = National Diploma/Advanced Certificate/NQF6 2 = Higher Certificate/NQF 5 plus Relevant 1 = Matric or less	10
b.	Technical Team technical team must have educational qualification at a NQF level 7 or higher in Accounting.	5 = Postgraduate/NQF8 or higher 4 = Bachelor's degree/Advanced Diploma/NQF7 3 = National Diploma/Advanced Certificate/NQF6 2 = Higher Certificate/NQF 5 plus Relevant 1 = Matric or less	10
2.2	GENERAL EXPERIENCE		
	Project team must have at least 5 years' experience in the following fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Municipal</u> accounting • <u>Municipal</u> business process/workflow analysis • <u>Municipal</u> financial system solutions in a mSCOA environment; 	5 = Project team members have 8 years and above experience in the indicated fields 4 = All project team members have between 6 to 7 years' experience in the indicated fields 3 = All project team members have 5 years' experience in the indicated fields 2 = Most project team members have less than 5 years' experience in the indicated fields 1 = One or more team member do not have any experience in the indicated fields	30
3.	SPECIFIC EXPERTISE		
	Proven Record Provide a list and evidence of three (3) or more similar projects than were executed in a time period, in the past five years as per the scope of work. The list and evidence must address successfully completed project/s in the following sequence:	5 points= 5 or more projects with contactable references . 4= points: 4 projects with contactable references. 3 point = 3 projects with contactable references. 2 points= 2 projects with contactable references. 1 point = 1 project with contactable references.	15

NO.	CRITERIA	SCORING	WEIGHT
	Copy of an appointment letter/s, description of the project. Client name, Client contact (i.e., email and office number), Project start date, project end date, contract value. Furthermore, attach a completion certificate signed by client or letter from the client confirming successful completion of the project.		
TOTAL			100
Threshold			65%

- e) Individual value scores will be multiplied with the specified weighting for the criterion to obtain the marks scored for all elements. These marks will be added and expressed as a fraction of the best possible score for all criteria. This score will be converted to a percentage and only bidders that have met or exceeded the minimum threshold of 65% for functionality will be evaluated and scored in terms of pricing and socio-economic goals as indicated hereunder.
- f) The value scored for each criterion will be multiplied with the specified weighting for the relevant criterion to obtain the marks scored for each criterion. These marks will be added and expressed as a fraction of the best possible score for all criteria.
- g) This score will be converted to a percentage and only bidders that have met or exceeded the minimum threshold of 65% for functionality will be evaluated and scored in terms of pricing.

1.1.4 Phase 1C: Price/Financial stage and Specific goals

Price/ Financial proposals must be submitted in South African Rand.

NT reserves the right to negotiate rates submitted by bidders.

NB: The Cost /fee structure must contain the pricing schedule (SBD 3.3), which includes: the total bid prices for stated time frame and bill of quantities/scope of work for procurement of goods and services, the recurring, the maintenance cost, and the disbursement cost if applicable.

2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- a. In terms of regulation 5 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act 5 of 2000), responsive bids will be adjudicated by the State on the 80/20-preference point for Specific goals in terms of which points are awarded to bidders on the basis of:

- The bid price (maximum 80 points)

- Specific goals (maximum 20 points)
- b. The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price in respect of bidders with a Rand value up to R50 000 000:

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

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration;

P_t = Price of tender under consideration; and

P_{\min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender.

A maximum of 20 points may be awarded to a tenderer for the specific goal specified for the tender. The points scored for the specific goal must be added to the points scored.

for price and the total must be rounded off to the nearest two decimal places. Subject to section 2(1)(f) of the Act, the contract must be awarded to the tenderer scoring the highest points.

- c. The State reserves the right to arrange contracts with more than one contractor.

2.1 POINTS

The Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 were gazetted on 4 November 2022 (No. 47452) with effect from 16 January 2023. The 80/20 preference points systems will be applied in accordance with the formula and applicable points provided for in the respective status level contributor tables in the Regulations.

Note to organs of state: 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

#	Specific goals	Allocated Preference Points	Required proof/ documents to be submitted for evaluation purposes
1	<p>More than 51% owned by people who are women (ownership)* = 10</p> <p>Less than 51% owned by people who are women (ownership)* = 5 points</p> <p>0% owned by people who are women (ownership)*= 0 point</p>	10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Registration Certification (CIPC) • Identity documentation of company director/s • CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)

2	<p>More than 51% owned by Black people (ownership)* = 10</p> <p>Less than 51% owned by Black people (ownership)* = 5 points</p> <p>0% owned by Black people (ownership)*= 0 point</p>	10 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Registration Certification (CIPC) • Identity Documentation of company director/s • CSD report/(MAAA number)
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***NB: Points will be allocated based on % ownership to the Company (main tendering entity). Please attach proof/ required documents.**

Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

- d. The points scored by a bidder in respect of points indicated above will be added to the points scored for price.
- e. Bidders are requested to complete the various specific goals forms in order to claim points.
- f. Only a bidder who has completed and signed the declaration part of the preference claim form will be considered for specific goals.
- g. National Treasury may, before a bid is adjudicated or at any time, require a bidder to substantiate claims made with regard to their specific goals.
- h. Points scored will be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimals.
- i. In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the contract will be awarded to the bidder scoring the highest number of points for the bid. Should two or more bids be equal in all respects, the award shall be decided by drawing of lots.
- j. A contract may, on reasonable and justifiable grounds, be awarded to a bid that did not score the highest number of points.

3. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1** An administrative evaluation will be carried out on all the bids received and if the under mentioned documentation is not signed and/or attached such a bid will be eliminated from any further evaluation. Documents Required:
 - a) Proof of company registration on Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD).

- b) A valid letter of Good Standing from the Office of the Compensation Commissioner as required by the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA). The letter should be issued by the Department of Labour.
- c) Proof of educational qualification(s). All copies of qualification(s) must be certified, and the certification must be valid for 6 months from the required bid submission date. International qualification(s) must be accompanied by certified South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) accreditation.
- d) Profile of the potential bidder(s) must be submitted in the prescribed format in the CV template. **Bidders who do not provide the information in the required CV template will not be considered.**
- e) Bidders must ensure that the CV template is signed by individual team members, confirming their availability for the project and that they are not part of another bid. **CVs that are not signed will not be considered.**
- f) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership Valid Tax Clearance Certificate and/or SARS issued pin code for both companies (which will be verified) must be submitted.
- g) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership, a signed teaming agreement must be submitted.
- h) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium or Partnership a Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD) report of each of the members/partners is required.

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION

4. TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS

Bids received from bidders with a non-compliant tax status may be disqualified with failure to update the Tax Status within 7 days.

5. VALUE ADDED TAX

All bid prices must be inclusive of 15% Value-Added Tax where applicable.

6. CLIENT BASE

- 6.1** National Treasury reserves the right to contact references during the evaluation and adjudication process to obtain information.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Successful service providers will enter into a service level agreement with National Treasury

8. COMMUNICATION

National Treasury may communicate with bidders for, among others, where bid clarity is sought, to obtain information or to extend the validity period. Any communication either by letter or electronic mail or any other form of correspondence to any government official, department or representative of a testing institution or a person acting in an advisory capacity for the National Treasury in respect of this bid between the closing date and the award of the bid by the bidder is prohibited.

9. LATE BIDS

Bids received at the address indicated in the bid documents, after the closing date and time will not be accepted for consideration and where applicable, be returned unopened to the bidder.

10. COUNTER CONDITIONS

Bidders' attention is drawn to the fact that amendments to any of the Special Conditions by bidders will result in such bids being disqualified.

11. PROHIBITION OF RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES

- a. In terms of section 4(1) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder(s) is/ are or a contractor(s) was/were involved in:
 - directly or indirectly fixing a purchase or selling price or any other trading condition;
 - dividing markets by allocating customers, suppliers, territories or specific types of goods or services; or
 - collusive bidding.
- b. If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), in the judgment of the purchaser, has/have engaged in any of the restrictive practices referred to above, the purchaser may, without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered or terminate the contract in whole or in part and refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.

11. FRONTING

- a. The National Treasury supports the spirit of broad based black economic empowerment and recognizes that real empowerment can only be achieved through individuals and businesses conducting themselves in accordance with the Constitution and in an honest, fair, equitable, transparent, and legally compliant manner. Against this background the National Treasury condemns any form of fronting.

The National Treasury, in ensuring that bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the bid evaluation processes, conduct, or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations to determine the accuracy of the representation made in bid documents. Should any of the fronting indicators as contained in the Guidelines on Complex Structures and Transactions and Fronting, issued by the Department of Trade and Industry be established during such enquiry/investigation, the onus will be on the bidder / contractor to prove that fronting does not exist. Failure to do so within a period of 14 days from date of notification may invalidate the bid/contract and may also result in the restriction of the bidder/contractor to conduct business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten years, in addition to any other remedies the National Treasury may have against the bidder/contractor concerned.

11. PRESENTATION

National Treasury may require presentations/interviews from short-listed bidders as part of the bid process.

12. TIMEFRAMES AND FORMAL CONTRACT

Successful bidder(s) will enter into formal contract with the National Treasury.

13. PACKAGING OF BID

The bidder shall place both the sealed Technical Proposal and Price/ Financial Proposal envelopes into an outer sealed envelope or package, and must be clearly marked as follow:

14.1 FUNCTIONALITY/TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Bid No: NT004-2023

Description: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO ASSIST NATIONAL TREASURY TO IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS ON A STANDARD CHART OF ACCOUNTS (MSCOA) (NOTICE NO. 37577 ON 22 APRIL 2014) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AND THREE (3) MONTHS

Bid closing date and time: 15 JUNE 2023 AT 11H00

Name and address of the bidder:

In this envelope, the bidder shall only address the technical aspects of the bid.

14.2 PRICE/ FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Bid No: NT004-2023

Description: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO ASSIST NATIONAL TREASURY TO IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS ON A STANDARD CHART OF ACCOUNTS (MSCOA) (NOTICE NO. 37577 ON 22 APRIL 2014) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AND THREE (3) MONTHS

Bid closing date and time: 15 JUNE 2023 AT 11H00

Name and address of the bidder:

In this envelope, the bidder shall provide the price/ financial proposal.

The Technical Proposal envelope must contain one original hard copy document, clearly marked “1 Original”, and four (4) hardcopies, clearly marked “Copy”. Bidders may attach soft copies in a USB format.

15 CONTACT DETAILS

Supply Chain Management, 4th floor at National Treasury,

Private Bag x 115, Pretoria, 0001

Physical address: 240 Madiba Street (Vermeulen), Pretoria

For General enquiries: NTAdministrativeTenders@Treasury.gov.za

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER:	BID NO: NT004-2023
CLOSING TIME 11:00 ON 15 JUNE 2023	

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

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY INCLUSIVE OF <u>VALUE ADDED TAX</u>
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APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO ASSIST NATIONAL TREASURY TO IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS ON A STANDARD CHART OF ACCOUNTS (MSCOA) (NOTICE NO. 37577 ON 22 APRIL 2014) FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS AND THREE (3) MONTHS

Services must be quoted in accordance with the attached terms of reference.

Total cost of the assignment (R inclusive VAT) R.....

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.

- 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 –

Department: National Treasury

Any enquiries regarding technical enquiries may be directed to –

Contact Person: NTAdministrativeTenders@Treasury.gov.za

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

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship

¹ the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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.....

3 DECLARATION

I, _____ the _____ undersigned, (name)..... in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 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 consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring

² 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.

institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

- 3.6 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.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature Date

.....
Position Name of bidder

**PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL
PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022**

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and

1.2 **To be completed by the organ of state**

a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

1.4 **To be completed by the organ of state:**

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“tender”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations,

competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;

- (b) “**price**” means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) “**rand value**” means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) “**tender for income-generating contracts**” means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) “**the Act**” means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—

- (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
- (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to

determine the applicable preference point system,
then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

The 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
More than 51% owned by people who are women (ownership)* = 10 Less than 51% owned by people who are women (ownership)* = 5 points 0% owned by people who are women (ownership)*= 0 point	10 points	
More than 51% owned by Black people (ownership)* = 10 Less than 51% owned by Black people (ownership)* = 5 points 0% owned by Black people (ownership)*= 0 point	10 Points	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name of company/firm.....

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
 - One-person business/sole propriety
 - Close corporation
 - Public Company
 - Personal Liability Company
 - (Pty) Limited
 - Non-Profit Company
 - State Owned Company
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

- 4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I 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 paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
 - iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering 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) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted 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, if deemed necessary.

<p>.....</p> <p>SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)</p>
<p>SURNAME AND NAME:</p>
<p>DATE:</p>
<p>ADDRESS:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

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PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE A OR B

**Contractors'/Suppliers' Questionnaire – Individuals:
Questionnaire A**

Please answer the questions by marking the appropriate column with an “X”.
Please do not leave out any question relating to your specific circumstances.

Contractor/Supplier Name:	
Natural Persons:	
Surname:	
Initials:	
First two names:	
Title:	
ID number or passport number:	
Nationality:	
Income Tax reference number:	
Date of birth:	
If not a citizen of the RSA, furnish a certified copy of a work permit:	
Postal address and code:	
Residential address and code:	
Telephone numbers:	
Facsimile numbers:	
E-mail address:	
If in possession of a tax clearance certificate or exemption certificate (IRP30), furnish a certified copy thereof:	
Jurisdiction in which contractor is “ordinarily resident” i.e. place of permanent residence:	

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	Question	Yes	No
1.	Do you supply services on behalf of a Labour Broker?		
2.	Are you subject to the control or supervision of the National Treasury (NT)? Including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The manner of duties performed; • The hours of work; • The quality of work. 		
3.	Are you paid at regular intervals i.e. daily, weekly, monthly etc? (If the payments are made at regular intervals or by a rate per time period)		
4.	Will payment to you include any benefits? Including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave pay; • Medical aid; • Training; • Sick Leave. 		
5.	Will, or have you be/been in the full time employment of the NT?		
6.	Will you require of the NT to provide any equipment, tools, materials or office space, in order to fulfil the contract?		
7.	Do you supply these, or similar, services only to the NT and not to any other client or the general public?		
8.	Will you be required to work more than 22 hours per week?		
8.1	If "yes", will payment be made on an hourly, daily weekly or monthly basis?		
8.2.1	Will you work solely for the NT?		
8.2.2	Will you provide a written statement to this effect?		
Non-Residents of the RSA			
9.	Will you return to your jurisdiction of residence upon the termination of the contract?		
10.	Is the contract to exceed a period of three years?		
11.	Will you be returning to the jurisdiction of residence during the course of the contract? If so, for what periods of time?		
12.	Is your employer resident in the Republic of South		

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Question		Yes	No
	Africa or does a permanent establishment or branch represent the employer in the Republic?		
13.	If a permanent establishment or branch represents the employer in the Republic, will your salary be paid from such permanent establishment or branch?		
14.	Will you be required to perform any work outside of the Republic?		
15.	Do you agree to submit copies of your passport should the NT, so require?		

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Representative's Full Names:	Capacity:	Contact number:
Signature:		Date:

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PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE A OR B

**Contractors'/Suppliers' Questionnaire – All Service Providers
(excluding Individuals): **Questionnaire B:****

Please answer the questions by marking the appropriate column with an "X".
Please do not leave out any question relating to your specific circumstances.

Contractor/Supplier Name:	
Corporate Contractors (including companies, close corporations and trusts):	
Registered name and furnish a certified copy of registration:	
Nature of legal entity:	
Trade name:	
Registration number:	
Date of incorporation:	
Jurisdiction of incorporation:	
Jurisdiction where effective management is performed:	
Income tax reference number:	
Employees' Tax reference number:	
Value Added Tax number and furnish a certified copy of VAT 103 Certificate:	
Postal address and code:	
Physical address and code:	
Telephone numbers:	
Facsimile numbers:	
E-mail address:	

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Question		Yes	No
1.	Are you a "Labour Broker" i.e. do you provide payment for supplying the National Treasury (NT) with a person/s? If so, furnish a certified copy of an IRP30, which is valid for the period of the contract.		
2.	Is the service to be rendered personally by any person, who is a connected person, in relation to the entity? (For example a shareholder, member or their direct family)		
3.	Do you employ four or more employees on a full time basis throughout the year, excluding connected parties? If so, are these employees engaged in rendering the service to the NT? (For example secretarial employees would NOT be so engaged)		
4.	Would you be regarded as an employee of the NT if the service was rendered by the person directly to the NT, other than on behalf of the contractor?		
5.	Do you, the Company, Close Corporation or Trust receive any form of training supplied or paid for by NT? If "yes", please specify the nature and extent of the training:		
6.	Are you, the Company Close Corporation or Trust free to choose which tools or equipment, or staff, or raw materials, or routines, patents and technology to use in performing your main duties?		
7.	In order to perform your main duties, do you, or does such a person, Company, Close Corporation or Trust, use any tools or equipment supplied or paid for by NT? If "yes", please state the nature thereof:		
8.	Are you subject to the control or supervision of the NT, as to the manner in which, or hours during which, the duties are performed or are to be performed in rendering the service?		
9.	Will the amounts paid or payable in respect of the service consist of, or include, earnings of any description, which are payable at regular daily, weekly, monthly, or other intervals?		
10.	Will more than 80% of your income, during the year		

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Question		Yes	No
	of assessment, from services rendered, consist of or be likely to consist of amounts received directly or indirectly from any one client , or any associated institution, in relation to the client?		
11.	Does your contract contain any elements of an employment contract? [i.e. Job titles, reporting structure in organisation, fixed working hours, employment benefits, performance bonuses (excluding bonus and penalties for early or late delivery)]		
12.	Does your contract contain any clause that will enable you to receive payment, even if no work was done?		
13.	Have you ever been classified as a Labour Broker or personal services company (including Close Corporation and Trust) by SARS or any other client?		
14.	If the answer to question 13 was "yes", did anything change that no longer classifies you as a labour broker or personal services company? If "yes", elaborate:		

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GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
 - 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
 - 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable.

Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.

- 1.13 “Fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 “Goods” means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 “Imported content” means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 “Local content” means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 “Manufacture” means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 “Order” means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 “Project site,” where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 “Purchaser” means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 “Republic” means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 “Services” means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.25 “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

- 2. Application**
- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.
- 3. General**
- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za
- 4. Standards**
- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.
- 5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.**
- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.
- 6. Patent rights**
- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.
- 7. Performance security**
- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
- (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
 - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

**8. Inspections,
tests and
analyses**

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with

supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental services

13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:

- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
- (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
- (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and

- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

- 16. Payment**
- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.
- 17. Prices**
- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.
- 18. Contract amendments**
- 18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.
- 19. Assignment**
- 19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.
- 20. Subcontracts**
- 20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.
- 21. Delays in the supplier's performance**
- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- (a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable

difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him

25. Force Majeure

25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.

27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.

27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.

27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,

(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and

(b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;

(a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss

or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

- (b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing language

29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable law

30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

31. Notices

31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice

31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and duties

32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.

32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.

32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.