

## PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NATIONAL TREASURY)					
BID NUMBER:	NT009-1-2024:	CLOSING DATE:	22/11/2024	CLOSING TIME:	11:00 AM
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF FORENSIC INVESTIGATING FIRMS, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS				
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?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS</b>					

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**

<b>1. BID SUBMISSION:</b>	
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2.	<b>ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.</b>
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.	<b>THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).</b>
<b>2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
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: .....



**national treasury**

Department:  
National Treasury  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**NT009-1-2024**

**APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF FORENSIC INVESTIGATING FIRMS FOR  
A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

**CLOSING DATE: 22 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

**VALIDITY PERIOD: 90 DAYS**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The National Treasury (NT) requires qualified professional firms to be co-sourced in the Office of the Accountant-General (OAG), to provide forensic investigation services in all spheres of government in the areas of financial management and public procurement.
- 1.2 The NT intends to carry out a procurement exercise to solicit proposals from experienced and professional forensic investigating firms. The firms selected will be required to provide their services through a dedicated team of qualified investigators and any other specific experience that will be required, based on the nature of the assignment to be investigated.
- 1.3 The NT will neither enter into any exclusive procurement agreement with any single firm nor any minimum quantity of services.
- 1.4 Appointment to the panel does not necessarily guarantee that the firm will be allocated work.

## 2. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

- 2.1 The forensic investigation will comprise but not limited to the following:
  - (a) Analysing the reports provided as the source to identify the possible fraud and corruption risks, detecting fraud and corruption, and any other incident of irregularities;
  - (b) Conducting forensic investigations of allegations of fraud and corruption and any other offences;
  - (c) Supporting disciplinary proceedings relating to incidents of fraud and corruption against State officials, including testifying during disciplinary proceedings (this includes period beyond term of their contract);
  - (d) Referring criminal allegations of fraud and corruption to the relevant law enforcement agency or other appropriate agencies/ bodies. In this regard the Office of the Accountant-General will pursue a formal arrangement with other law enforcement agencies, to ensure that the support of the relevant law enforcement agency is guaranteed; and
  - (e) Supporting criminal proceedings and giving expert testimony against State officials, service providers and other parties involved in fraud and corruption.
- 2.2 In addition to the above activities, the successful firm or consortium of forensic investigating of firm(s) will be expected to conduct investigations in all spheres of government mainly in the public procurement and government financial management systems;

- 2.3 Diagnostic tools: carrying out general reviews of activities to highlight risks arising either out of fraud or from any other source with the purpose of initiating reviews of particular areas, targeting specific threats to any organ of State; and
- 2.4 Depending on the circumstances, the forensic investigation will focus on one or more of the following aspects:
- (a) Broad financial management of State funds (e.g. examination of the use of State funds in all spheres of government on public procurement);
  - (b) Procedures (e.g. Supply Chain Management processes and regulation);
  - (c) Systems (e.g. internal control system, NT transversal systems); and
  - (d) Performance (economic acquiring of resources, efficiency and effectiveness in the utilization of State resources) and, or the role of staff and employees.

### 3. **CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS**

The successful firm or consortium of firm(s) is expected to apply the following guiding principles:

- (a) **Professionalism and Diligence:** A firm(s) shall, at all times, demonstrate a commitment to professionalism and diligence in the performance of its duties.
- (b) **Legal and Ethical:** A firm(s) shall not engage in any illegal or unethical conduct, or any activity which would constitute a conflict of interest.
- (c) **Integrity:** A firm(s) shall, at all times, exhibit the highest level of integrity in the performance of all professional assignments and will accept only assignments for which there is reasonable expectation that the assignment will be completed with professional competence.
- (d) **Objectivity:** A firm(s) will comply with lawful orders of the courts and will testify to matters truthfully and without bias or prejudice.
- (e) **Confidentiality:** A firm(s) shall, at all times, exhibit the highest level confidentiality in the performance of all professional assignments.
- (f) **Security clearance:** A firm(s) shall be subjected to security clearance.

### 4. **FORENSIC INVESTIGATION PROCESS AND DURATION**

#### 4.1 **FORENSIC INVESTIGATION PROCESS**

The forensic investigation assignments will be structured around phases based on consultation and agreement with the NT Project Management team, which will be responsible for the coordination of each assignment.

#### 4.2 **PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND CONTRACTING AUTHORITY**

The Project Management team will be controlled and directed by the Head of Specialised Audit Services within the Office of the Accountant-General and this will be the Firm's main point of contact in the NT.

#### 4.3 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- The National Treasury will become the owner of the information, documents, advice, recommendation and reports collected, furnished and/or compiled by the Service Provider for all projects/investigations conducted on behalf of the Specialised Audit Service.
- In the event where the appointed firm will be providing support to a criminal investigation and/or a criminal trial; all documentation gathered during this phase by both the firm and the South African Police Service, including the final forensic report will belong to the law enforcement agencies involved.

#### 4.4 THE DURATION OF THE PANEL

The panel contract will be valid for a period of three years.

#### 5. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

The type of qualifications and experience required from the experts will be informed by the type, scope and nature of the forensic investigation assignment required.

**Generally, the two (2) categories of experts will be considered as follows:**

##### **Category 1- Partner**

- Highly qualified experts, preferably certified by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) and/or Institute of Commercial Forensic Practitioners (ICFP), possessing relevant university qualifications (Commerce, Forensic Audit/Investigations, Public Finance, Policing, IT & Law) and assuming or having assumed important responsibilities in their area of specialization.

##### **Category 2- Investigation Manager**

- Qualified experts, possessing relevant university qualifications (Commerce, Forensic Audit/Investigations, Public Finance, Policing, IT & Law) and a good knowledge of the sector(s) concerned.

The service provider must provide profiles for every resource proposed for each phase of the assignment. If and when specialized expertise in a specific area of the assignment is required, this will be indicated in the specific terms of reference for the phase of the assignment concerned.

#### 6. EVALUATION PROCESS

The following will be the process that will be followed to evaluate the bids received for the appointment of the panel of NT forensic firms, as well as the selection of panel members for a forensic investigation to be executed during the three-year period of engagement.



## 6.1 Pre-Qualification Requirements/Mandatory Requirements

All bids received will be subjected to an administrative evaluation process and if the below mentioned documentation is not attached; such a bid will be eliminated from further evaluation:

- 6.1.1 Proof of company registration on Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD).
- 6.1.2 In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership a Valid Tax Clearance Certificate and/or SARS issued pin code for both companies must be submitted (which will be verified)
- 6.1.3 In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership, a signed teaming agreement must be submitted.
- 6.1.4 In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership a Consolidated or for both companies Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD) or both companies CSD are required.
- 6.1.5 CV's (**template provided**) must be signed by the proposed resource and not signed on behalf of the proposed resource. **Unsigned CVs and CVs submitted in a different template will not be considered.** It should be noted that no consideration will be made to any bidder, that has provided profiles for their resources, which are also provided by another competitor in this same bid, this is considered collusive tendering.
- 6.1.6 Copies of qualifications of personnel should be certified within the last six (6) months and should submit their **highest qualification** only, and in a case of foreign qualifications it is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure **SAQA accreditation is confirmed** and submitted.
- 6.1.7 **Valid work permit** and existing **security clearance** for foreign nationals are compulsory.
- 6.1.8 Digital/cyber resources must provide **certified copies of certifications** within the last six (6) months in relevant cyber and ICT related fields.
- 6.1.9 The use of consultants should be accompanied by a valid agreement or contract between the firm and that resource.

## **FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION**

### **NOTE: Required Administrative Documents (Not for elimination)**

- a) Proof of valid registration with Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disaster (COIDA).
- b) Service providers shall submit a proposal including the composition of the investigating team, the investigating team's profiles, and applicable fees for each category to be utilized in the assignments, prospective service providers should note that all applicable fees are in line with the **Auditor General SA rates.**

- c) Firms should limit the number of CVs to 3 per category, in the case where more than 3 CVs are submitted, only the first three will be evaluated.
- d) The scores of firms that have a number of personnel in a certain category will be scored on an average basis.

**6.2 Technical Evaluation**

Each panel member will individually evaluate all qualifying bids received. The combined scores of all panel members (for functionality) per individual bidder are added together and divided by the number of panelists to obtain an average score for technical evaluation (i.e. meeting the criteria specified for the assignment). The evaluation will be performed as per the table below:

**Table 1: Functionality Evaluation**

	<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Scoring Criteria</b>
1.	<p>Digital/Cyber</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed confirmation letters for projects completed in the recent 5 years within the public sector environment.</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>	<p><b>5</b> = 10 or more signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years, demonstrating relevant public sector experience.</p> <p><b>4</b> = 7 to 9 signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years.</p> <p><b>3</b> = 5 to 6 signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years.</p> <p><b>2</b> = 3 to 4 signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years.</p> <p><b>1</b> = 1 to 2 signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years, or no confirmation letters provided.</p>

<p>2.</p>	<p>Demonstration of a sound Forensic investigation approach and methodology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The firm is expected to provide a thorough forensic investigation approach/ methodology and demonstrate the ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, time sheets, monthly invoicing, adhering to project deadline.</li> <li>The firm should demonstrate innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence.</li> </ul>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>5=</b> Excellent (Meets and exceeds the expected ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing, adhering to project deadline and being innovative and creative in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>4=</b> Very Good (Above average to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing and adhering to project deadline).</p> <p><b>3=</b> Good (Satisfactory ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing).</p> <p><b>2=</b> Average (Limited ability to conduct investigation projects in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing).</p> <p><b>1=</b> Poor (Unacceptable, no demonstration of forensic investigation approach and methodology submitted or the submitted demonstration does not meet set criteria).</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Experience of the firm. Previous experience <b>(Signed and verifiable reference letters)</b> of completed forensic investigations within the Public Sector in the last five (5) years. (Provide the nature of the investigation, the names of the organs of State/projects conducted and the project value)</p>	<p><b>40</b></p>	<p><b>5 =</b> Provide procurement investigation letters within the public sector to the value of above 100 million rands (cumulative value).</p> <p><b>4=</b> Provide procurement investigation letters within the public sector to the value of above 80 million rands (cumulative value).</p> <p><b>3=</b> Provide procurement investigation letters within the public sector to the value of above 50 million rands (cumulative value).</p> <p><b>2=</b> Provide procurement investigation letters within the public sector to the value of above 30 million rands (cumulative value).</p>

			<b>1= Less than 30 million</b> procurement investigation letters within the public sector provided.
4.	<p>Level of qualifications of all personnel that will be directly engaged in the execution of the project. (The investigating team will be required to have qualifications in any of the following disciplines: Commerce, Forensic Audit/Investigations, Public Finance, Policing, IT and Law, <b>Please Only provide Highest Qualification</b>)</p> <p>1.1 Partner (10 points)</p> <p>1.2 Investigation Manager (10 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please note that if the firm intends to utilize foreign nationals, it must observe Act No. 4 of 2014: Employment Services Act, and Act No. 13 of 2002 IMMIGRATION ACT. The firm will also be expected to prove that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The firm has exhausted all avenues to acquire that skill within the country.</li> <li>➤ The personnel will only work on projects, if they are granted a positive South African security clearance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>20</b>	<p>Partner</p> <p><b>5=</b> NQF Level 9+  <b>4=</b> NQF Level 8  <b>3=</b> NQF Level 7  <b>2=</b> NQF Level 6  <b>1=</b> NQF Level 4 and 5</p> <p>Investigations Manager</p> <p><b>5=</b> NQF Level 9+  <b>4=</b> NQF Level 8  <b>3=</b> NQF Level 7  <b>2=</b> NQF Level 6  <b>1=</b> NQF Level 4 and 5</p>
5.	<p>Experience of the personnel that will be directly engaged in the execution of the project <b>(Limit the number of CVs to a maximum of 3 per category using template provided)</b></p>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>Partner</b></p> <p><b>5=</b> 15 and above years of experience as a partner  <b>4=</b> 12-14 years of experience as a partner  <b>3=</b> 10-11 years of experience as a partner</p>

	1.1 Partner (5 points) 1.2 Investigation Manager (5 points)		<p><b>2=</b> 5-9 years of experience as a partner <b>1=</b> 1-4 years of experience or less as a partner</p> <p><b>Investigation Manager</b> <b>5=</b> 15 and above years of experience as an Investigations Manager <b>4=</b> 12-14 years of experience as an Investigations Manager <b>3=</b> 10-11 years of experience as an Investigations Manager <b>2=</b> 5-9 years of experience as an Investigations Manager <b>1=</b> 1- 4 years of experience or less as an Investigations Manager</p>
	<b>Maximum Score</b>	<b>100</b>	
	<b>Minimum Threshold</b>	<b>70%</b>	
<b>Bidders who did not meet the minimum threshold of 70% on Functionality Evaluation will be disqualified for further evaluation on virtual presentation.</b>			

### 6.3 VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Bidders who meet the minimum threshold of 70% in the functionality evaluation will be invited for a virtual presentation session. A case study will be provided to the bidders 30 minutes before the presentation.

Presentations will be used to verify the bidder’s specific knowledge, experience and abilities in area/s of work that they are offering their services.

**Table 2: Virtual Presentation Criteria**

	<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Scoring Criteria</b>
1.	<b>Implementation Plan</b>	<b>50</b>	<p><b>5</b> = Implementation plan is comprehensive, detailing all phases, timeframes, team profiles, fees, and deliverables with a strong understanding of public procurement and government financial management.</p> <p><b>4</b> = Implementation plan covers all aspects, but with moderate gaps in details or understanding of public procurement and financial management.</p> <p><b>3</b> = Implementation plan addresses most areas but lacks depth in key</p>

			<p>aspects like deliverables, timeframes, or understanding of financial management.</p> <p><b>2</b> = Plan submitted is incomplete, with significant gaps in timeframes, team profiles, or understanding of procurement processes.</p> <p><b>1</b> = No plan submitted or fails to address critical elements (e.g., timeframes, team profiles, or understanding of procurement processes).</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Investigation approach and methodology (in line with the provided case study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The firm is expected to provide a thorough forensic investigation approach/ methodology and demonstrate the ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, time sheets, monthly invoicing, adhering to project deadline.</li> </ul>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>5=</b> Excellent (Meets and exceeds the expected ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing, adhering to project deadline and being innovative and creative in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>4=</b> Very Good (Above average to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing and adhering to project deadline).</p> <p><b>3=</b> Good (Satisfactory ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing).</p> <p><b>2=</b> Average (Limited ability to conduct investigation projects in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing).</p> <p><b>1=</b> Poor (Unacceptable, no demonstration of forensic investigation approach and methodology submitted</p>

			or the submitted demonstration does not meet set criteria).
3.	<p>Innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence (digital forensics)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The firm should demonstrate innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence.</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>	<p><b>5=</b> Excellent (Meets and exceeds the expected innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>4=</b> Very Good (Above average to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>3=</b> Good (Satisfactory ability to perform the necessary investigation in terms of innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>2=</b> Average (Limited ability to conduct investigation projects in terms of innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>1=</b> Poor (Unacceptable, no demonstration of innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p>
	<b>Maximum Score</b>	<b>100</b>	
	<b>Minimum Threshold</b>	<b>70%</b>	

**7. BRIEFING SESSION**

A briefing session will be conducted using Microsoft Teams. To express your interest in joining the session, please send an email to [NTAdministrativeTenders@treasury.gov.za](mailto:NTAdministrativeTenders@treasury.gov.za). The meeting details are as follows:

Date: **06 November 2024**

Time: **11:00-12:00 South African Standard Time (SAST)**

Venue: **MS Teams**

Link: **Kindly refer to link on eTenders and NT website**

**8. PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM**

In terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022, Regulation 5(1) the applicable Preference Point System for this tender is **90/10, Price (90), and Specific Goals (10)**. In terms of Regulation 5 (2-5) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. The bidder must provide the relevant proof/ required documents for each preference point system indicated.

**9. SPECIFIC GOALS**

For this tender, the bidder will be allocated points based on the goals stated and should be supported by proof/ documentation stated in Table 3 below.

Specific goals for the tender and points to be claimed are indicated in the table below:

**Table 3: Specific Goals allocation table**

#	Specific goals	Score	Required proof/ documents to be submitted for evaluation purposes
1.	<p><b>The company owned by Youth.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% company owned by people who are Youth = 5 points</li> <li>• ≥51% and &lt;100% company owned by people who are Youth = 3 points</li> <li>• &gt;0% and &lt;51% company owned by people who are Youth = 2 point</li> <li>• 0% company owned by people who are Youth = 0 point</li> </ul>	5 points	<p><b>Proof of claim as declared on S BD 6.1 (one or more of the following will be used verifying the tenderer’s status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification/document (CIPC)</li> <li>• Company Shareholders certificate</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> <li>• B-BBEE Certificate of the tendering company.</li> <li>• Consolidated B-BBEE certificated if the tendering company is a Consortium, Joint Venture, or Trust (Issued by verification agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System).</li> <li>• Agreement for a Consortium, Joint Venture, or Trust.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>The company owned by Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI) (Black).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% company owned by HDI (blacks) = 5 points</li> <li>• ≥51% and &lt;100% company owned by HDI (blacks) = 3 points</li> <li>• &gt;0% and &lt;51% company owned HDI (blacks) = 2 point</li> <li>• 0% company owned by HDI (blacks) = 0 point</li> </ul>	5 points	

**Notes to the Bidders (NB)**

• **Price Evaluation**

- (a) The financial proposal must be based on the fees stated in the framework contract for each category of the investigating team, the proposed fees should be compatible



with the professional rates, as published by the office of the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA). If the proposed fees for the expert or resource is not catered for in the AG rates, NT has the discretion to decide on the fee category that the expert or resource will fall in the AG rates. The travel costs by air will be reimbursed based on the most economic tariff (economic class). The service provider should retain evidence of travel and accommodation expenses and other travel documents (for example invoice from hotel for accommodation). Such documents must be attached to the invoice as supporting documents for reimbursement purposes by NT. Other transport costs are reimbursed in accordance with the rules applicable for service contracts.

- (b) The financial proposal must be submitted in South African Rand.
- (c) National Treasury reserves the right to negotiate hourly charge-out rate submitted by bidders.
- (d) The price proposal will be noted, but not evaluated at this stage. Quotations will be sourced when the Specialised Audit Services (SAS) is selecting from the panel for a specific assignment after the establishment of the panel.

#### 10. **NOTES TO ACCEPTED BIDDERS**

##### **a. Implementation plan**

The recommended bidder will be required to develop an implementation plan for each phase of the investigation assignment before execution for review and consideration by the NT Project Management Team.

The implementation plan will cover the following:

- (a) The scope and objective of the phase.
- (b) The proposed timeframes to conduct the phase.
- (c) The profiles of the firm's project team to execute the phase.
- (d) The estimated fees for the phase; and
- (e) The deliverables of the phase.

##### **b. Professional Registration**

Where applicable, proof of professional registration of the service provider must be submitted in the form of certified copies of the relevant registration documents.

##### **c. Fraud and Corruption**

All prospective service providers are to take note of the implications of contravening the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No.12 of 2004 and any other applicable legislation.

##### **d. Rights to procure elsewhere & with more than one contractor.**

National Treasury reserves the right to procure its requirements elsewhere should the minimum contract specified by the bidder be more than that of the institution's requirements or if services are promptly required and not appropriate available from panel members, or in other cases or urgency.

The National Treasury reserves the right to arrange contracts with more than one contractor.

**e. Appointment**

Should the bid be acceptable, a written letter of acceptance will be issued by the Department and in addition a formal agreement will be entered into between the NT and the appointed firm(s) based on an approved implementation plan for each phase of the assignment.

## CURRICULM VITAE TEMPLATE

### 1. Personal Details

<b>Personal Information:</b>	<b>Surname</b>	
	<b>First names</b>	
	<b>Identity / Passport Number</b>	
	<b>Gender</b>	
	<b>Nationality</b>	
	<b>Current Position/Tittle in the organization</b>	

### 2. Relevant Qualifications

<b>Name of Qualification</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Professional Registration (Optional)</b>

- International qualifications must be accompanied by SAQA accreditation. Non-submission of a certified SAQA accreditation certificate will result in disqualification.
- Strict compliance with Act No. 13 of 2014: Employment Services Act and Act No. 13 of 2002: Immigration Act should be observed, in case of foreign nationals.

### 3. Employment History

(Add additional entries if required. *Please start with the most recent employment and include the start date (MM/YY) and end date (MM/YY) related to each employment under the first column.*)

<b>Experience</b>						
<b>Name of Employer</b>	<b>Position Held</b>	<b>Role description</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Number of Experience</b>	<b>Years'</b>

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Experience					
Name of Employer	Position Held	Role description	Start Date	End date	Number of Years' Experience

- Please start with the most recent employment
- For evaluation purposes experience not relevant to services required in this bid will not be considered or counted in the overall number of years' experience.

**4. References**

Please provide at least three employment references.

1	Name of referee	
	Organisation	
	Position of referee in organisation	
	Contact details of referee	
2	Name of referee	
	Organisation	
	Position of referee in organisation	
	Contact details of referee	
3	Name of referee	
	Organisation	
	Position of referee in organisation	
	Contact details of referee	

I ..... **HEREBY CONFIRM THAT I AM AVAILABLE TO BE PART OF THE PROJECT AND THAT I AM NOT INCLUDED AS A TEAM MEMBER IN ANOTHER BID PROPOSAL FOR THIS PROJECT. (EXCEPTION WILL ONLY BE MADE FOR CO-SOURCED CYBER FORENSIC FIRMS)**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Special Conditions of Contract**

**NT009-1-2024**

**APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF FORENSIC INVESTIGATING FIRMS, FOR A PERIOD  
OF THREE (3) YEARS**

**CLOSING DATE: 22 NOVEMBER 2024 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**

- Bids will be evaluated strictly according to the bid evaluation criteria stipulated in the terms of reference.
- 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.
- 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.
- The panel members will individually evaluate the responses received against the following criteria as set out below:
- 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.
- The technical proposal will be scored out of 100 points, with a minimum threshold of 70% required. Bidders that do not meet the minimum functionality threshold of 70% will not be consider for further evaluation. Bidders will be evaluated on the functionality evaluation criteria in a table below:

**Table 1:** Summary of functional/Technical Evaluation Criteria

	<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Scoring Criteria</b>
1.	Digital/Cyber <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed confirmation letters for projects completed in the recent 5 years within the public sector environment.</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>	<p><b>5</b> = 10 or more signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years, demonstrating relevant public sector experience.</p> <p><b>4</b> = 7 to 9 signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years.</p> <p><b>3</b> = 5 to 6 signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years.</p> <p><b>2</b> = 3 to 4 signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years.</p> <p><b>1</b> = 1 to 2 signed confirmation letters for projects completed within the last 5 years, or no confirmation letters provided.</p>

<p>2.</p>	<p>Demonstration of a sound Forensic investigation approach and methodology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The firm is expected to provide a thorough forensic investigation approach/ methodology and demonstrate the ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, time sheets, monthly invoicing, adhering to project deadline.</li> <li>The firm should demonstrate innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence.</li> </ul>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>5=</b> Excellent (Meets and exceeds the expected ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing, adhering to project deadline and being innovative and creative in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>4=</b> Very Good (Above average to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing and adhering to project deadline).</p> <p><b>3=</b> Good (Satisfactory ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing).</p> <p><b>2=</b> Average (Limited ability to conduct investigation projects in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing).</p> <p><b>1=</b> Poor (Unacceptable, no demonstration of forensic investigation approach and methodology submitted or the submitted demonstration does not meet set criteria).</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Experience of the firm. Previous experience <b>(Signed and verifiable reference letters)</b> of completed forensic investigations within the Public Sector in the last five (5) years. (Provide the nature of the investigation, the names of the organs of State/projects conducted and the project value)</p>	<p><b>40</b></p>	<p><b>5 =</b> Provide procurement investigation letters within the public sector to the value of above 100 million rands (cumulative value).</p> <p><b>4=</b> Provide procurement investigation letters within the public sector to the value of above 80 million rands (cumulative value).</p> <p><b>3=</b> Provide procurement investigation letters within the public sector to the value of above 50 million rands (cumulative value).</p> <p><b>2=</b> Provide procurement investigation letters within the public sector to the value of above 30 million rands (cumulative value).</p> <p><b>1= Less than 30 million</b> procurement</p>



			investigation letters within the public sector provided.
4.	<p>Level of qualifications of all personnel that will be directly engaged in the execution of the project. (The investigating team will be required to have qualifications in any of the following disciplines: Commerce, Forensic Audit/Investigations, Public Finance, Policing, IT and Law, <b>Please Only provide Highest Qualification</b>)</p> <p>1.1 Partner (10 points)</p> <p>1.2 Investigation Manager (10 points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please note that if the firm intends to utilize foreign nationals, it must observe Act No. 4 of 2014: Employment Services Act, and Act No. 13 of 2002 IMMIGRATION ACT. The firm will also be expected to prove that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The firm has exhausted all avenues to acquire that skill within the country.</li> <li>➤ The personnel will only work on projects, if they are granted a positive South African security clearance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>20</b>	<p>Partner</p> <p><b>5=</b> NQF Level 9+  <b>4=</b> NQF Level 8  <b>3=</b> NQF Level 7  <b>2=</b> NQF Level 6  <b>1=</b> NQF Level 4 and 5</p> <p>Investigations Manager</p> <p><b>5=</b> NQF Level 9+  <b>4=</b> NQF Level 8  <b>3=</b> NQF Level 7  <b>2=</b> NQF Level 6  <b>1=</b> NQF Level 4 and 5</p>
5.	<p>Experience of the personnel that will be directly engaged in the execution of the project (<b>Limit the number of CVs to a maximum of 3</b>)</p>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>Partner</b></p> <p><b>5=</b> 15 and above years of experience as a partner  <b>4=</b> 12-14 years of experience as a partner  <b>3=</b> 10-11 years of experience as a partner</p>

	<p><b>per category using template provided)</b>                  1.1 Partner (5 points)                  1.2 Investigation Manager (5 points)</p>		<p><b>2=</b> 5-9 years of experience as a partner  <b>1=</b> 1-4 years of experience or less as a partner</p> <p><b>Investigation Manager</b>  <b>5=</b> 15 and above years of experience as an Investigations Manager  <b>4=</b> 12-14 years of experience as an Investigations Manager  <b>3=</b> 10-11 years of experience as an Investigations Manager  <b>2=</b> 5-9 years of experience as an Investigations Manager  <b>1=</b> 1- 4 years of experience or less as an Investigations Manager</p>
	<b>Maximum Score</b>	<b>100</b>	
	<b>Minimum Threshold</b>	<b>70%</b>	
<p><b>Bidders who did not meet the minimum threshold of 70% on Functionality Evaluation will be disqualified for further evaluation on virtual presentation.</b></p>			

**VIRTUAL PRESENTATION**

Bidders who meet the minimum threshold of 70% in the functionality evaluation will be invited for a virtual presentation session. A case study will be provided to the bidders 30 minutes before the presentation.

Presentations will be used to verify the bidder’s specific knowledge, experience and abilities in area/s of work that they are offering their services.

**Table 2: Virtual Presentation Criteria**

	<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Scoring Criteria</b>
1.	<b>Implementation Plan</b>	<b>50</b>	<p><b>5 =</b> Implementation plan is comprehensive, detailing all phases, timeframes, team profiles, fees, and deliverables with a strong understanding of public procurement and government financial management.</p> <p><b>4 =</b> Implementation plan covers all aspects, but with moderate gaps in details or understanding of public procurement and financial management.</p> <p><b>3 =</b> Implementation plan addresses most areas but lacks depth in key aspects like</p>

			<p>deliverables, timeframes, or understanding of financial management.</p> <p><b>2</b> = Plan submitted is incomplete, with significant gaps in timeframes, team profiles, or understanding of procurement processes.</p> <p><b>1</b> = No plan submitted or fails to address critical elements (e.g., timeframes, team profiles, or understanding of procurement processes).</p>
2.	<p>Investigation approach and methodology (in line with the provided case study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The firm is expected to provide a thorough forensic investigation approach/ methodology and demonstrate the ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, time sheets, monthly invoicing, adhering to project deadline.</li> </ul>	<b>30</b>	<p><b>5=</b> Excellent (Meets and exceeds the expected ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing, adhering to project deadline and being innovative and creative in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>4=</b> Very Good (Above average to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing and adhering to project deadline).</p> <p><b>3=</b> Good (Satisfactory ability to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing).</p> <p><b>2=</b> Average (Limited ability to conduct investigation projects in terms of project planning, execution, reporting, timesheets, monthly invoicing).</p> <p><b>1=</b> Poor (Unacceptable, no demonstration of forensic investigation approach and methodology submitted or the submitted demonstration does not meet set criteria).</p>

3.	Innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence (digital forensics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The firm should demonstrate innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence.</li> </ul>	20	<p><b>5=</b> Excellent (Meets and exceeds the expected innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>4=</b> Very Good (Above average to perform the necessary investigation project in terms of innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>3=</b> Good (Satisfactory ability to perform the necessary investigation in terms of innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>2=</b> Average (Limited ability to conduct investigation projects in terms of innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p> <p><b>1=</b> Poor (Unacceptable, no demonstration of innovation and creativity in the absence of physical evidence).</p>
	<b>Maximum Score</b>	<b>100</b>	
	<b>Minimum Threshold</b>	<b>70%</b>	

- 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 70% during site inspection will be evaluated and scored in terms of pricing and socio-economic goals as indicated hereunder.
- 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.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- Successful bidder(s) must be able to commence work as soon as the letter of appointment is issued.
- National Treasury reserves the right to screen and vet shortlisted service providers before

appointment.

- National Treasury reserves the right to terminate the contract if there is enough information for the termination of the contract.
- National Treasury shall appoint one person (Service Provider) for each Treasury sector.
- National Treasury reserves the right to communicate with the service providers pertaining to information submitted on the closing date and time.

## 2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- a) In terms of regulation 5 (1) 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 90/10-preference point for Specific goals in terms of which points are awarded to bidders on the basis of:
- The bid price (maximum 90 points)
  - Specific goals (maximum 10 points)
- b) The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price in respect of bidders with a Rand value above R50 000 000:

$$P_s = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

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 10 points may be awarded to a tenderer for the specific goals 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 90/10 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: 90/10 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.)**

**Table 3: Specific Goals Criteria**

#	Specific goals	Score	Required proof/ documents to be submitted for evaluation purposes
1	<p><b>The company owned by Youth.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% company owned by people who are Youth = 5 points</li> <li>• ≥51% and &lt;100% company owned by people who are Youth = 3 points</li> <li>• &gt;0% and &lt;51% company owned by people who are Youth = 2 point</li> <li>• 0% company owned by people who are Youth = 0 point</li> </ul>	5 points	<p><b>Proof of claim as declared on SBD 6.1 (one or more of the following will be used verifying the tenderer’s status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Registration Certification/document (CIPC)</li> <li>• Company Shareholders certificate</li> <li>• Certified identification documentation of company director/s</li> <li>• CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number)</li> <li>• B-BBEE Certificate of the tendering company.</li> <li>• Consolidated B-BBEE certificated if the tendering company is a Consortium, Joint Venture, or Trust (Issued by verification agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System).</li> <li>• Agreement for a Consortium, Joint Venture, or Trust.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>The company owned by Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI) (Black).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% company owned by HDI (black) = 5 points</li> <li>• ≥51% and &lt;100% company owned by HDI (black) = 3 points</li> <li>• &gt;0% and &lt;51% company owned HDI (black) = 2 point</li> <li>• 0% company owned by HDI (blacks) = 0 point</li> </ul>	5 points	

**\*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.

- a) The points scored by a bidder in respect of points indicated above will be added to the points scored for price.
- b) Bidders are requested to complete the various specific goals forms in order to claim points.
- c) Only a bidder who has completed and signed the declaration part of the preference claim form will be considered for specific goals.
- d) The 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.
- e) Points scored will be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimals.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.

- a) Proof of company registration on Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD).
- b) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership a Valid Tax Clearance Certificate and/or SARS issued pin code for both companies must be submitted (which will be verified)
- c) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership, a signed teaming agreement must be submitted.
- d) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership a Consolidated or for both companies Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD) or both companies CSD are required.
- e) CV's (**template provided**) must be signed by the proposed resource and not signed on behalf of the proposed resource. **Unsigned CVs and CVs submitted in a different template will not be considered.** It should be noted that no consideration will be made to any bidder, that has provided profiles for their resources, which are also provided by another competitor in this same bid, this is considered collusive tendering.
- f) Copies of qualifications of personnel should be certified within the last six (6) months and should submit their **highest qualification** only, and in a case of foreign qualifications it is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure **SAQA accreditation is confirmed** and submitted.

- g) Valid **work permit** and existing **security clearance** for foreign nationals are compulsory.
- h) Digital/cyber resources must provide **certified copies of certifications** within the last six (6) months in relevant cyber and ICT related fields.
- i) The use of consultants should be accompanied by a valid agreement or contract between the firm and that resource.

**FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS STATED ABOVE WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION**

**NOTE: Required Administrative Documents (Not for elimination)**

- a) Proof of valid registration with Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disaster (COIDA).
- b) Service providers shall submit a proposal including the composition of the investigating team, the investigating team's profiles, and applicable fees for each category to be utilized in the assignments, prospective service providers should note that all applicable fees are in line with the **Auditor General SA rates**.
- c) Firms should limit the number of CVs to 3 per category, in the case where more than 3 CVs are submitted, only the first three will be evaluated.
- d) The scores of firms that have a number of personnel in a certain category will be scored on an average basis.

**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. BRIEFING SESSION**

A briefing session will be conducted using Microsoft Teams. To express your interest in joining the session, please send an email to [NTAdministrativeTenders@treasury.gov.za](mailto:NTAdministrativeTenders@treasury.gov.za). The meeting details are as follows:

Date: **06 November 2024**

Time: **11:00-12:00 South African Standard Time (SAST)**

Venue: **MS Teams**

Link: **Kindly refer to link on eTenders and NT website**

## **10. 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.**

## **11. 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.

## **12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. TIMEFRAMES AND FORMAL CONTRACT**

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

**15. 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 follows:

**16.1 FUNCTIONALITY/TECHNICAL PROPOSAL**

Bid No: **NT009-1-2024:**

Description: APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF FORENSIC INVESTIGATING FIRMS, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

Bid closing date and time: **22 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 11H00AM**

Name and address of the bidder:

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

## 16.2 PRICE/ FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Bid No: **NT009-1-2024**

Description: APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF FORENSIC INVESTIGATING FIRMS, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.

Bid closing date and time: **22 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 11H00AM**

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.**

## 17. 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](mailto:NTAdministrativeTenders@Treasury.gov.za)

**PRICING SCHEDULE**  
**(Professional Services)**

NAME OF BIDDER: .....	BID NO: NT009-1-2024
<b>CLOSING TIME 11:00 AM ON 22 NOVEMBER 2024</b>	

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 PANEL OF FORENSIC INVESTIGATING FIRMS, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

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.

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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](mailto: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 interest<sup>1</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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:

.....  
.....

**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 consortium<sup>2</sup> 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

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

.....  
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 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value of above 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 90/10 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
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>SPECIFIC GOALS</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS</b>	<b>100</b>

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 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

**90/10**

$$Ps = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

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 90/10 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 (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
<p><b>The company owned by Youth.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% company owned by people who are Youth = 5 points</li> <li>• ≥51% and &lt;100% company owned by people who are Youth = 3 points</li> <li>• &gt;0% and &lt;51% company owned by people who are Youth = 2 point</li> <li>• 0% company owned by people who are Youth = 0 point</li> </ul>	5 points	
<p><b>The company owned by Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI) (Black).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% company owned by HDI (blacks) = 5 points</li> <li>• ≥51% and &lt;100% company owned by HDI (blacks) = 3 points</li> <li>• &gt;0% and &lt;51% company owned HDI (blacks) = 2 point</li> <li>• 0% company owned by HDI (blacks) = 0 point</li> </ul>	5 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.

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

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

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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"> <li>• The manner of duties performed;</li> <li>• The hours of work;</li> <li>• The quality of work.</li> </ul>		
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"> <li>• Leave pay;</li> <li>• Medical aid;</li> <li>• Training;</li> <li>• Sick Leave.</li> </ul>		
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?		
<b>Non-Residents of the RSA</b>			
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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<b>Question</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	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?		

**PARTICULARS OF PERSON ACTING AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENTERPRISE**

I, the undersigned, confirm that the information provided above is accurate, and that while in receipt of payment from NT, will inform NT of any changes that take place pertaining the information provided above.

<b>Representative's Full Names:</b>	<b>Capacity:</b>	<b>Contact number:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>

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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.

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

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<b>Question</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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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<b>Question</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	of assessment, from services rendered, consist of or be likely to consist of amounts received directly or indirectly from <b>any one client</b> , 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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<b>Representative's Full Names:</b>	<b>Capacity:</b>	<b>Contact number:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>

**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](http://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.