

SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

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

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

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

DATE:



national treasury

Department:
National Treasury
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

TERMS OF REFERENCE

NT015-2023

**APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,
IMPLEMENTATION, SUPPORT, AND MAINTENANCE OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL
STATEMENT CONSOLIDATION SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

CLOSING DATE: 01 DECEMBER 2023 AT 11:00 AM

VALIDITY PERIOD: 90 DAYS

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In terms of the PFMA Section 8(1) and 19(1), National and Provincial Treasuries must prepare consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally recognized accounting practice for each financial year in respect of public entities and departments. The Office of the Accountant General (OAG) and Provincial Accountant Generals (PAG) are responsible for the preparation of these consolidated financial statements.

National Treasury is currently utilizing a software solution and needs to procure a software solution that will streamline and simplify the consolidation process and ease the reporting burden on public entities and departments and those responsible for consolidation.

2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The National Treasury (NT) intends to appoint a service provider with sufficient knowledge and experience in financial systems software development to provide the National Treasury with a consolidation software tool to collate and prepare the national and provincial public entity and departments' consolidated annual financial statements.

The objective is to implement a software solution for the consolidation of public entities and departments annual financial statements and to receive support and maintenance from the service provider for the duration of the contract.

3. SCOPE OF THE WORK

The scope of this project includes the development, implementation/installation, support, and maintenance of the annual financial statements' consolidation software.

3.1 Scope of Work and Deliverables

The annual financial statements consolidation software needs to be installed in the National Treasury Office located at 240 Madiba Street, Pretoria.

3.1.1 General Activities

- a) Streamline, simplify, and automate the consolidation of public entity and department annual financial statements.
- b) Comply with GRAP and MCS Standards.
- c) Provide training to all the licensed users of the new system (National and Provinces).
- d) Be suitable and compatible with government consolidation policies, please see annexure 2 and 3 as a guide.
- e) Provide statutory and dynamic management reporting, analysis, drill-down, and evaluation.
- f) Provide complete and accurate audit trails for internal and external audits.
- g) After initial configuration, the solution will require minimal IT administration and accounting staff can manage, update, and create information as necessary.
- h) Allow for scalable consolidation and accommodate Microsoft Excel consolidation packs and uploads.
- i) Incorporate automated inter-company eliminations and the ability to process consolidation journal entries.

- j) Allow for export of data into various Microsoft Office applications, and
- k) Provide access controls that demonstrate the ability to improve automation of consolidation and improve the number of days until closure.

3.1.2 Specific activities

The Service Provider will have to perform the following activities to deliver the required software solution:

- a) Cooperate with the previous service provider during the handover process and ensure accurate and swift migration of information with limited impact on OAG deliverables.
- b) Install the consolidation software solution on the National Treasury infrastructure and avail the software link for the provincial users.
- c) Import all the data stored in the current system while still maintaining its integrity.
- d) Implement software for both public entities and departments.
- e) Issue the required number of software user licenses for national and provincial users.
- f) Provide support and maintenance of the software as and when required.

3.1.3 Project Resource Requirements

Bidders are required to submit proposals that demonstrate their technical capability to carry out the task at hand. This includes presenting a project implementation methodology that aligns with modern agile development practices, as well as maintenance and support services that ensure a 100% uptime and availability of the solution and its associated components. It is imperative that the service provider furnish a dedicated project manager who will oversee the activities of the development, maintenance, and support team. It is recommended that the team structure be comprised of various roles, including those for software development, and software maintenance and support. The resources required for the scope of work include the following roles:

Table 1: Project Team Expertise Requirements

#	Project Resource	Qualification and experience required
1	Business Solutions Director as a Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Diploma/NQF6 in ICT and related fields (IT, Computer Science, and Engineering discipline) and Project Management certification • Adequate experience in the ICT field and leading successful Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects at Executive Level or Senior Management Level.
2	Reporting Specialist/ Client Services Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree/NQF7 in Accounting or Finance-related field. Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation. • Should have adequate experience in audit, finance, and reporting, implementation of Management Reporting; Year End; Budgeting and forecasting. Proof of educational qualification(s) to be provided.

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#	Project Resource	Qualification and experience required
3	Reporting Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree/NQF7 in Accounting or Finance-related field. • Should have adequate experience in experience in systems analysis, finance, and reporting, support, and implementation of Management Reporting; Year End; Budgeting & Forecasting; Cash Flow and Statistical Data solutions.
4	Technical Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree/NQF7 in IT or any related field. Must be in possession of a Software Development certification. • Must have 5 years' experience in Full Stack software development and reporting solutions.
5	Application Specialist & Full Stack Developer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any relevant certification in IT or related field. • Must have more than 5 years' experience in Full Stack development and technical application support experience.

3.1.4 Company Experience, Certification, Expertise and Qualification

- (a) The Supplier represents that,
 - (i) it has the necessary expertise, skill, qualifications, and ability to undertake the work required in terms of the scope of work or system requirements;
 - (ii) it is committed to providing the Products or Services; and
 - (iii) perform all obligations detailed herein without any interruption to the Customer.
- (b) The Supplier must provide the service in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with the practices and high professional standards used in well-managed operations performing services similar to the services.
- (c) The Supplier must perform the Services in the most cost-effective manner consistent with the level of quality and performance as defined in the scope of work or System requirements.
- (d) At least 5 years' experience in consolidation software development and engineering.
- (e) Proven track record of consolidation software project implementation within the private and public sector (client references)
- (f) Sufficient capacity to provide support and maintenance of software solution (Support structure/organogram)
- (g) Submission of a detailed Project Approach and Methodology document.
- (h) A brief narrative profile of the potential bidder must be submitted in the prescribed format in **(Annexure B)** as part of the bid documentation and attached supporting documentation.
- (i) Bidders are required to submit proof of educational qualification(s) for all resources required.
- (j) All copies of qualification(s) must be certified, and the certification must be valid for six (6) months from the required bid submission date.
- (k) All foreign qualifications must be accompanied by South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) certificate of evaluation.

3.1.5 Transition period

- a) The objective of the transition period is to enable the takeover of the services from the existing service provider.
- b) The transition period shall be at most the first four (4) calendar months of the contract's duration and shall commence after the contract start date.
- c) During this period of knowledge acquisition, the service provider seeks to understand the existing procedures.
- d) The service provider shall also make use of this opportunity to create the documents and make necessary recommendations to the National Treasury for any possible improvement that can be made to the existing procedures.
- e) At the end of the transition period, the National Treasury will review recommendations.

4. PRODUCT / SERVICE / SOLUTION REQUIREMENTS

The bidder is expected to ensure that the solution conforms to the below requirements:

- a) The system should allow for multiple versions of data to be saved when "Implement version control" is selected. This will allow the administrator to keep a common version of the templates for all users even after updates.
- b) Consolidation functions should include the following:
 - (i) Creation of financial statements
 - (ii) Consolidation of financial statements
 - (iii) Review, drill down, and export financial data
- c) The system should produce audit trails, user activity reports, system administrator reports, and custom reports for external audit processes i.e., columns and line-item reports.
- d) The system should allow the administrator to set the default version when users log in. This will allow users to consolidate data using one version.
- e) There must be a function for formula overrides input to unprotect formula cells which is arranged as follows:
 - (i) Protected cells - These cells should not be edited in the Consolidation module.
 - (ii) Input cells - These are unprotected cells that the user can input data into.
 - (iii) Unprotected formula cells - These are cells that have a formula in them but are not protected.
- f) The system should cater for the import of general ledger data if required and archive data that is no longer in use.
- g) The system should house auto consolidation which will be used for inter-group elimination.
- h) The system should allow for the locking of entities once users are satisfied that the information is accurate and only the administrator should unlock it.
- i) The system should allow for the creation of new users who will be linked to the application and user group i.e., National or Provincial Treasuries. The system should only be accessed by users with the username assigned by the administrator and passwords as arranged in line with the NT IT policy i.e., password pattern and resetting arrangements.
- j) The system should allow for user data to be imported from MS Excel worksheets.
- k) Users should be able to access different modules of the templates, capture reports, columnar, and line-item reports.
- l) The system should allow users to create reviews of operational results and necessary publication reports.

- m) The system should allow users to load live templates for both departments and public entities in view and capture mode.
- n) The system should allow users to perform batch saving for any updates on the templates after uploading and provide copy data functionality.
- o) The system should allow users to request offline reports as a control merger public entities template to be distinguished by unique properties. If a template contains inappropriate properties, the system should reject it automatically.
- p) For the department only templates that were flattened through the upload tool should be allowed to be uploaded by the system. The system should have an additional upload tool software.

5. SYSTEM LIVE DEMONSTRATION AND EVALUATION

5.1 The bidder must confirm that they comply with the following system live demonstration and user evaluation checklist as indicated below as this is a mandatory requirement and shortlisted bidders may be required to perform a live demonstration.

Table 2: Evaluation Checklist

No.	Product or Service Technical Requirements	Comply/Not Comply
1.	Setup and customization of software for consolidation of national and provincial departments and entities. System accessibility to users nationally and provincially.	
2.	User creation, login rights, and access permissions	
3.	Consolidation functions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create financial statements • Consolidate financial statements • Review, drill down, and export financial data 	
4.	Consolidation reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate department and public entity financial statements • Create custom reports for consolidation processes 	
5	Audit trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User activity reports • System administrator reports • Create custom reports for external audit processes 	

5.2 Skills transfer and training

- (a) The Supplier must provide hands-on training on the proposed solution or product to technical staff and operators to enable National Treasury and Provincial Treasury to operate and support the product or solution after implementation.
- (b) The basic hands-on training to be done for National Treasury and Provincial Treasury operators and the technical team.

6 BID EVALUATION PROCESS

6.1 Bid Evaluation Stages

The bid evaluation process consists of three stages, a bidder must qualify for each stage to be eligible to proceed to the next stage of the evaluation. The stages are:

Table 3: Bid Evaluation Stages

Stage	Description
Stage 1	Administrative Requirements Evaluation
Stage 2	Functionality/Technical Evaluation
Stage 3	Preference Points System (Price and Specific Goals) Evaluation

6.2. STAGE 1: ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

6.2.1 Mandatory Requirements Evaluation

An administrative evaluation will be carried out on all the bids received and if the under-mentioned documentation is not fully completed, signed, and/or attached such a bid will be eliminated and not considered for any further evaluation.

- a) Proof of company registration on Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD).
- b) The bidder must confirm compliance to the functional product/service functional requirements for the financial statements consolidation software by completing the checklist (**Table 2**)
- 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 Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD) for both companies or proof of company registration on Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD) for each company must be submitted.

NOTE: FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE BID WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.

6.2.2 Additional Required Documents (Not for elimination)

- a) Proof of valid registration with Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disaster (COIDA).
- b) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership a Tax Compliant Status 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 Consolidated B-BBEE certificate for all members is required.

6.3 STAGE 2: FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION

- a) Bids will be evaluated strictly according to the bid evaluation criteria stipulated in the terms of reference.
- b) Bidders must, as part of their bid documents, submit supportive documentation for all technical requirements as indicated hereunder. The panel responsible for scoring the respective bids will evaluate and score all bids based on their submissions and the information provided.
- c) Bidders will not rate themselves but need to ensure that all information is supplied as required. The Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) will evaluate and score all responsive bids and will verify all documents submitted by the bidders.
- d) The (BEC) panel members will individually evaluate the responses received against the following criteria as set out in the table below.
- e) Individual value scores will be multiplied with the specified weighting for the criterion to obtain the marks scored for all elements. These marks will be added and expressed as a fraction of the best possible score for all criteria.
- f) The technical /Functionality proposal will be scored out of 100 points, with a minimum threshold of 65% required. Bidders that do not meet the minimum functionality threshold of 65% will not be considered for further evaluation. Bidders will be evaluated on the functionality evaluation criteria in the table below:

Table 4: Functionality Evaluation Criteria

NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORING CRITERIA
1	<p>Company Experience</p> <p>The bidder must have previously successfully supplied or installed or configured or maintained and supported similar projects (financial statements consolidation software) in the past 5 years.</p> <p>The list and evidence must address successfully completed project/s as the following:</p> <p>Description of the project, Client name, Client contact (i.e., email and office number), Project start date, project end date, and contract value. Furthermore, attach a completion certificate signed by the client or a letter from the client confirming the successful completion of the project. completion certificate or reference letters should be on referral client letterhead and signed. Refer to Annexure C as attached.</p>	35	<p>5= Excellent List five (5) or more signed completion certificates or reference letters of similar projects completed.</p> <p>4= Very good List four (4) signed completion certificates or reference letters of similar projects completed.</p> <p>3= Good List three (3) signed completion certificates or reference letters of similar projects completed.</p> <p>2= Average List two (2) signed completion certificates or reference letters of similar projects completed.</p> <p>1= Poor List one (1) signed completion certificate or reference letter of a similar project completed.</p>

NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORING CRITERIA
<p>2 Key Project Expertise, Qualification and Experience</p>			
<p>Bidder(s) are required to submit a certified proof/copy of educational qualification(s) for all resources required. Proof of SAQA evaluation must be provided in the case of foreign qualifications. CVs of the proposed/nominated resource(s) must be submitted in the prescribed format in (Annexure A) The bidder must provide a CV for the nominated Project manager/ Business Solutions Director and a CV for the Reporting Specialist. CVs must be signed by the proposed resource and not signed on behalf of the proposed resource.</p>			
<p>2.1. Business Solutions Director (Project Manager) Qualifications and Experience</p>			
<p>National Diploma/NQF6 in ICT and related fields (IT, Computer Science, and Engineering discipline) and Project Management certification with at least 5 years or more proven experience in the ICT field and leading successful Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects and must have Project Management experience. The project manager will be required to have the minimum qualifications and the required experience.</p>			
<p>2.1.1</p>	<p>Business Solutions Director (Project Manager) Qualifications</p> <p>National Diploma/NQF6 in ICT and related fields (IT, Computer Science, and Engineering discipline) and Project Management certification with a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>5 = Honours degree or Post Graduate Diploma (NQF 8) or higher plus Project Management certification with minimum experience</p> <p>4= Bachelor's Degree/ Advance Diploma (NQF 7) plus Project Management certification with minimum experience</p> <p>3 = National Diploma/NQF6 plus Project Management certification with minimum experience</p> <p>2= Matric plus Project Management certification with minimum experience</p> <p>1= Matric without project management certification</p>
	<p>Business Solutions Director's Experience</p> <p>At least 5 years or more proven experience in the ICT field and leading successful Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects and must have Project Management</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>5= 8 and more years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects.</p> <p>4= 6-7 years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements</p>

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NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORING CRITERIA
	<p>experience with Bachelor's degree / Advance Diploma (NQF 7) in ICT and related fields (IT, Computer Science, and Engineering discipline)</p>		<p>Consolidation Software or related projects.</p> <p>3= 5 years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects.</p> <p>2= 3 - 4 years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects with relevant qualifications</p> <p>1= less than 2 years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects.</p>
<p>2.2</p>	<p>Qualifications for Reporting Specialist</p> <p>Bachelor's degree/NQF7 in Accounting or Finance-related field. Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>5= Honours degree or Post Graduate Diploma (NQF 8) or higher plus Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with minimum experience</p> <p>4 = Bachelors' Degree/ Advance Diploma (NQF 7) plus Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with minimum experience</p> <p>3 = Bachelors' Degree/ Advance Diploma (NQF 7) without Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with minimum experience</p> <p>2 = National Diploma/(NQF6) without Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with minimum experience</p> <p>1 = Matric with minimum experience</p>

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NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORING CRITERIA
	<p>Reporting Specialist's Experience</p> <p>The Reporting Specialist must have at least 5 years adequate experience in systems analysis, finance, and reporting, support, and implementation of Management Reporting, Year End; Budgeting & Forecasting, Cash Flow and Statistical Data solutions.</p>	10	<p>5 = 8 or more years relevant experience</p> <p>4 = 6 to 7 years relevant experience</p> <p>3 = 5 years relevant experience</p> <p>2 = 3 to 4 years relevant experience</p> <p>1 = 1-2 years relevant experience</p>
3.	<p>Project Methodology and Approach</p> <p>Bidders should provide a Project Plan with a well-articulated methodology, timeframe, and demonstrated capacity of the project team to execute the assignment. A plan should articulate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Timelines for the installation of the consolidation software solution on the National Treasury server b) Timeframes for the implementation of software for both public entities and departments c) Organogram of the project team and their roles, qualifications, and working experience d) Detailed maintenance and ongoing support plan on the software 	20	<p>5 Excellent = Listed four and exceeds all elements required</p> <p>4 Very good = Listed three elements of the listed requirements.</p> <p>3 Good = Listed two elements of the listed requirements.</p> <p>2 Average = Project plan with one element of the listed requirements.</p> <p>1 Poor = No project plan</p>
TOTAL SCORE		100%	
THRESHOLD		65%	

N.B. Bidders who did not meet a minimum score of 65 points on Functionality Evaluation Criteria will not be considered for further evaluation.

6.4 STAGE 3: Preference Point System

In terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022, Regulation 4(1) the applicable Preference Point System for this tender is **80/20, Price (80), and Specific Goals (20)**. In terms of Regulation 4(2-4) 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.

6.4.1 Pricing Evaluation

- a) The Service Provider must cost for the work to be done regarding license fees, system maintenance and support. For financial evaluation purposes, the service provider must provide a pricing schedule.
- b) The Financial Proposal must contain the financial proposal (SBD 3.3), which includes: cost for the work to be done regarding license fees, system maintenance and support, and the disbursement cost if applicable.
- c) The National Treasury reserves the right to negotiate rates submitted by bidders.

6.4.2 Specific Goals

For the purposes of this tender, the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated and should be supported by proof/ documentation stated in Table 5 below. Specific goals for the tender and points to be claimed are indicated in the table below:

Table 5: Specific goals allocation table

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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are Black = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are Black = 0 point 		<p>outh African Accreditation System).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement for a Consortium, Joint Venture, or Trust.
3	<p>The company owned by people who are women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are women = 5 points • • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are women = 3 points • • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are women = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are women = 0 point 	5 points	
4	<p>The company owned by people who are disabled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are disabled = 5 points • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are disabled = 3 points • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are disabled = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are disabled = 0 point 	5 points	

***NB: Points will be allocated based on % ownership of the Company (Please attach proof/ required documents).**

Failure to submit the required proof will lead to a zero (0) status level for non-compliant service providers. The points scored by a bidder in respect of the points indicated above will be added to the points scored for price. Only a bidder who has completed and signed the declaration part of the preference claim form will be considered. National Treasury may, before a bid is adjudicated or at any time, require a bidder to substantiate claims made regarding the required proof. A trust, consortium, or joint venture will qualify for points as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits the required proof.

7 PROJECT MONITORING, EVALUATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Definition of indicators

The project indicators and means of verification will be defined in the Inception Report and in conjunction with the National Treasury: Office of the Accountant General (AOG)

7.2 Monitoring and Evaluation

The project will be monitored and evaluated in line with the approved project plan, terms, and conditions of the contract.

7.3 Reporting requirements

The service provider will submit the following reports in English in one original and in electronic format:

- a) Initial Inception Report
- b) Project Approach and Methodology document
- c) Monthly Progress Report
- d) Handover report on completion of the contract

7.4 Submission and Approval of Progress Reports

All required reports must be written in English and submitted to the attention of the Programme Director at the National Treasury (Office of the Accountant-General, Pretoria) in one original and electronic format.

8 DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

8.1 The successful bidder will be appointed for a period of three (3) years.

9 PENALTIES/WARRANTIES

- a) If it is shown that errors or shortcomings exist within the service provided, the bidder shall be notified in writing and shall be required to perform corrective services within seven (7) days to remedy such errors at no cost to the National Treasury.
- b) The National Treasury reserves the right to reject work that does not meet the required standard and engage a different service provider to complete the work. National Treasury shall serve thirty (30) days written notice for termination of contract in the case of non-performance.
- c) Should any audit or inspection reveal that the Contractor has not complied with any of the terms of this contract, the Contractor will be liable for the cost of the audit or inspection as well as the cost of any losses incurred by the National Treasury associated with such non-compliance.
- d) The National Treasury also has the right to terminate the contract at any stage if there is substantive proof of inefficiency in the delivery of the service.

10 PROPOSAL TENDER COSTS

The Bidder will be liable for all costs incurred in response to this request.

11 BIDDERS RESPONSIBILITY

- a) The bidder is expected to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions, requirements, and specifications of the National Treasury before submitting a completed response. Failure to

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do so will be at the bidder's own risk and the Bidder cannot secure relief on the grounds of any mistake.

- b) The selected bidder(s) will be required to enter into a written agreement with the National Treasury. This RFP or any part thereof may be incorporated into and made part of such an agreement.
- c) The National Treasury shall not incur any obligation or liability towards the selected bidder(s) until a written contract has been signed by the duly authorized National Treasury representative and the bidder(s).

12 CONTACT AND TENDERING DETAILS

Postal address:

The National Treasury
Supply Chain Management, 4th floor.
Private Bag x 115,
Pretoria,
0001

Physical address:

240 Madiba Street, Pretoria

For General enquiries: NTAdministrativeTenders@treasury.gov.za

13 LATE SUBMISSIONS

Proposals submitted after the specified closing date and time will not be considered.

14 DECLARATION

I/We the undersigned hereby declare that I/We have read and understand the above and agree to be bound by the stated terms and conditions.

Name of Bidder	
Name of contact Person	
Capacity	
Signature	Date

ANNEXURE A: CURRICULUM VITAE TEMPLATES

Notes

- The CV format provided must be strictly adhered to. Non-compliance will result in the CV being rejected.
- The CVs must specifically and clearly address the resource requirements (table 3.1) for evaluation purposes. Only one CV must be submitted per resource requirements.
- Only CVs may be submitted if the employee is employed or affiliated with the company submitting the CV. Proof of employment or affiliation with the company could be requested.
- CVs must be signed by the proposed resource.
- Resources may only be submitted by one company. Please ensure that provided CVs do not appear in more than one bid, failing which the CV will be disqualified.

NOMINATED INDIVIDUAL'S CV

Nominated Individual's First Names	
Nominated Individual's Surname	
Nominated Individual's Date of Birth (yyyy-mm-dd, e.g. 2010-03-04)	
Nominated Individual's Nationality	
Nominated Individual's ID Number or Passport Number for Non-residents	
Service Provider's Name	
Reference Position of Nominated Individual	

Pen Portrait

(Describe below, in a maximum of 50 words, significant highlights of your professional experience and achievements in respect to the nominated position. Please type the description in the field below)

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Education/Qualifications

Institution	From Date	To Date	Qualification Obtained (Include the discipline e.g., BSc Computer Engineering)

Language Skills			
(Enter the languages below and indicate your competency: level, excellent, average, or basic.)			
Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing

Membership of Professional Bodies
(Describe in full, do not use acronyms or abbreviations)

Other Skills (e.g., Business Communication, Technical writing, etc.)	
Present Position in Service Provider's	
Years with the in-Service Provider's	

Professional Experience (work history in descending order of years)			
From Date	To Date	Company/Organization	Position

Areas of Specialisation

Other Relevant Information (e.g., publications)

Full Current Contact Details of Three References to be Provided				
Full Name	Position	Company/ Organization	Telephone No. (with country and area code)	Cell Phone No. (with country code)

<p>Declaration by the Nominated Individual Described in this CV.</p> <p>I declare that the above information is accurate and can be supported by documents and references on request. I declare that my CV is not included in the proposal of any other bidder.</p>		
Name	Signature	Date

Notes:

The CV must be signed by the nominated individual whose details are given and submit the signed copy as part of the bid.

ANNEXURE B: DETAILS OF SERVICE PROVIDER

Item	Detail	Description
Service Provider's Name		Name of the organisation or individual submitting this bid
Central Supplier Database (CSD) Number		Reference number for the CSD system
Service Provider's Postal Address		Box number
		Suburb
		Postal code
Service Provider's Street Address		Number and street name
		Suburb
		Town/city
		Postal code
Service Provider's Telephone Number		Code and number, e.g., 012 488 9999
Service Provider's Facsimile Number		Code and number, e.g., 012 488 9999
Service Provider's		Company registration number if Applicable
Service Provider's VAT Registration		If applicable
Service Provider's SARS Tax Number		
Service Provider's Tax Clearance Certificate Expiry Date		yyyy-mm-dd, e.g., 2010-03-04
Contact Person		Contact person for this bid
Contact Person's Cell Phone Number		Number, e.g., 088 345 6789
Contact Person's Email Address		
Name of Person Signing this Bid		Full name
Date of Signature of the Bid		yyyy-mm-dd, e.g., 2010-03-04
Capacity Under which this Bid is Signed		Director, member, individual, etc.
Signature		Sign here



Special Conditions of Contract

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SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

CLOSING DATE: 01 DECEMBER 2023 AT 11:00 AM

VALIDITY PERIOD: 90 DAYS

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

A LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

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

B. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

1. EVALUATION PROCESS

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

1.1.1 Phase 1A: Initial screening process

a) In terms of National Treasury Instruction No. 4A of 2016/2017 regarding the National Central Supplier Database (CSD), all bidders must register on the CSD to provide the following information to be verified through the CSD:

- Business registration, including details of directorship and membership.
- Bank Account holder information.
- In the service of the State status.
- Tax compliance status.
- Identity number.
- Tender default and restriction status; and
- Any additional and supplementary verification information communicated by National Treasury.

b) **Administrative compliance**

Duly completed and signed.

- Invitation to bid – SBD 1
- Pricing schedule SBD 3.3
- Declaration of interest–SBD 4
- Preference Point Claim Form – SBD 6.1
- Provide ID copies for all managing Directors.

- CIPC

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

- 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:

Functionality Evaluation

A service provider that scores less than 65 points out of 100 as per evaluation criteria categories, listed on Table 1, in respect of functionality will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive proposal and will be disqualified for further evaluation.

Table 1: Summary of functional/Technical Evaluation Criteria

NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORING CRITERIA
1	<p>Company Experience</p> <p>The bidder must have previously successfully supplied or installed or configured or maintained and supported similar projects (financial statements consolidation software) in the past 5 years.</p> <p>The list and evidence must address successfully completed project/s as the following:</p> <p>Description of the project, Client name, Client contact (i.e., email and office number), Project start date, project end date, and contract value. Furthermore,</p>	35	<p>5= Excellent List five (5) or more signed completion certificates or reference letters of similar projects completed.</p> <p>4= Very good List four (4) signed completion certificates or reference letters of similar projects completed.</p> <p>3= Good List three (3) signed completion certificates or reference letters of similar projects completed.</p> <p>2= Average List two (2) signed completion certificates or reference letters of similar projects completed.</p>

NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORING CRITERIA
	attach a completion certificate signed by the client or a letter from the client confirming the successful completion of the project. completion certificate or reference letters should be on referral client letterhead and signed. Refer to Annexure C as attached.		1= Poor List one (1) signed completion certificate or reference letter of a similar project completed.
2 Key Project Expertise, Qualification and Experience			
Bidder(s) are required to submit a certified proof/copy of educational qualification(s) for all resources required. Proof of SAQA evaluation must be provided in the case of foreign qualifications. CVs of the proposed/nominated resource(s) must be submitted in the prescribed format in (Annexure A) The bidder must provide a CV for the nominated Project manager/ Business Solutions Director and a CV for the Reporting Specialist. CVs must be signed by the proposed resource and not signed on behalf of the proposed resource.			
2.1. Business Solutions Director (Project Manager) Qualifications and Experience National Diploma/NQF6 in ICT and related fields (IT, Computer Science, and Engineering discipline) and Project Management certification with at least 5 years or more proven experience in the ICT field and leading successful Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects and must have Project Management experience. The project manager will be required to have the minimum qualifications and the required experience.			
2.1.1	Business Solutions Director (Project Manager) Qualifications National Diploma/NQF6 in ICT and related fields (IT, Computer Science, and Engineering discipline) and Project Management certification with a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience.	10	5 = Honours degree or Post Graduate Diploma (NQF 8) or higher plus Project Management certification with minimum experience 4= Bachelor's Degree/ Advance Diploma (NQF 7) plus Project Management certification with minimum experience 3 = National Diploma/NQF6 plus Project Management certification with minimum experience 2= Matric plus Project Management certification with minimum experience 1= Matric without project management certification

NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORING CRITERIA
	<p>Business Solutions Director's Experience</p> <p>At least 5 years or more proven experience in the ICT field and leading successful Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects and must have Project Management experience with Bachelor's degree / Advance Diploma (NQF 7) in ICT and related fields (IT, Computer Science, and Engineering discipline)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>5= 8 and more years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects.</p> <p>4= 6-7 years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects.</p> <p>3= 5 years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects.</p> <p>2= 3 - 4 years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects with relevant qualifications</p> <p>1= less than 2 years' experience in project management in the ICT field and Financial Statements Consolidation Software or related projects.</p>
<p>2.2</p>	<p>Qualifications for Reporting Specialist</p> <p>Bachelor's degree/NQF7 in Accounting or Finance-related field. Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with a minimum of 5 years of relevant experience.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>5= Honours degree or Post Graduate Diploma (NQF 8) or higher plus Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with minimum experience</p> <p>4 = Bachelors' Degree/ Advance Diploma (NQF 7) plus Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with minimum experience</p> <p>3 = Bachelors' Degree/ Advance Diploma (NQF 7) without Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with minimum experience</p> <p>2 = National Diploma/(NQF6) without Registered CA/CIMA or any equivalent accreditation with minimum experience</p> <p>1 = Matric with minimum experience</p>

NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT	SCORING CRITERIA
	<p>Reporting Specialist's Experience</p> <p>The Reporting Specialist must have at least 5 years adequate experience in systems analysis, finance, and reporting, support, and implementation of Management Reporting, Year End; Budgeting & Forecasting, Cash Flow and Statistical Data solutions.</p>	10	<p>5 = 8 or more years relevant experience</p> <p>4 = 6 to 7 years relevant experience</p> <p>3 = 5 years relevant experience</p> <p>2 = 3 to 4 years relevant experience</p> <p>1 = 1-2 years relevant experience</p>
3.	<p>Project Methodology and Approach</p> <p>Bidders should provide a Project Plan with a well-articulated methodology, timeframe, and demonstrated capacity of the project team to execute the assignment. A plan should articulate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Timelines for the installation of the consolidation software solution on the National Treasury server b) Timeframes for the implementation of software for both public entities and departments c) Organogram of the project team and their roles, qualifications, and working experience d) Detailed maintenance and ongoing support plan on the software 	20	<p>5 Excellent = Listed four and exceeds all elements required</p> <p>4 Very good = Listed three elements of the listed requirements.</p> <p>3 Good = Listed two elements of the listed requirements.</p> <p>2 Average = Project plan with one element of the listed requirements.</p> <p>1 Poor = No project plan</p>
TOTAL SCORE		100%	
THRESHOLD		65%	

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

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

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

NT reserves the right to negotiate rates submitted by bidders.

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

2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- a. In terms of regulation 4 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act 5 of 2000), responsive bids will be adjudicated by the State on the 80/20-preference point for Specific goals in terms of which points are awarded to bidders on the basis of:
 - The bid price (maximum 80 points)
 - Specific goals (maximum 20 points)
- b. The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price in respect of bidders with a Rand value up to R50 000 000:

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

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration;

P_t = Price of tender under consideration; and

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender.

A maximum of 20 points may be awarded to a tenderer for the specific goal specified for the tender. The points scored for the specific goal must be added to the points scored for price and the total must be rounded off to the nearest two decimal places. Subject to section 2(1)(f) of the Act, the contract must be awarded to the tenderer scoring the highest points.

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

2.1 POINTS

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

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

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

#	Specific goals	Score	Required proof/ documents to be submitted for evaluation purposes
1	<p>The company owned by people who are Youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are Youth = 5 points • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are Youth = 3 points • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are Youth = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are Youth = 0 point 	5 points	<p>Proof of claim as declared on SB D 6.1 (one or more of the following will be used verifying the tenderer's status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Registration Certification/document (CIPC) • Company Shareholders certificate • Certified identification documentation of company director/s • CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number) • B-BBEE Certificate of the tendering company. • Consolidated B-BBEE certificated if the tendering

2	<p>The company owned by people who are Black.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are Black = 5 points • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are Black = 3 points • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are Black = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are Black = 0 point 	5 points	<p>companyisa Consortium, Joint Venture, or Trust (Issued by verification agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement for a Consortium, Joint Venture, or Trust.
3.	<p>The company owned by people who are women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are women = 5 points • • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are women = 3 points • • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are women = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are women = 0 point 	5 points	
4.	<p>The company owned by people who are disabled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are disabled = 5 points • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are disabled = 3 points • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are disabled = 1 point 	5 points	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0% company owned by people who are disabled = 0 point 		
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***NB: Points will be allocated based on % ownership to the Company (main tendering entity). Please attach proof/ required documents.**

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

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

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

3. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 An administrative evaluation will be carried out on all the bids received and if the under mentioned documentation is not signed and/or attached such a bid will be eliminated from any further evaluation. Documents Required:

- a) Proof of company registration on Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD).
- b) The bidder must confirm compliance to the functional product/service functional requirements for the financial statements consolidation software by completing the checklist (Table 2)
- 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 Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD) for both companies or proof of company

registration on Central Supplier Database Registration (CSD) for each company must be submitted.

NOTE: Additional Required Documents (Not for elimination)

- a) Proof of valid registration with Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disaster (COIDA).
- b) In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium, Trust, or Partnership a Tax Compliant Status 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 Consolidated B-BBEE certificate for all members is required.

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

4. TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS

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

5. VALUE ADDED TAX

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

6. CLIENT BASE

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

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

8. COMMUNICATION

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

9. LATE BIDS

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

10. COUNTER CONDITIONS

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

11. PROHIBITION OF RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES

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

11. FRONTING

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

The National Treasury, in ensuring that bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the bid evaluation processes, conduct, or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations to determine the accuracy of the representation made in bid

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

11. PRESENTATION

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

12. TIMEFRAMES AND FORMAL CONTRACT

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

13. PACKAGING OF BID

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

14.1 FUNCTIONALITY/TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Bid No: **NT015-2023**

Description: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, SUPPORT, AND MAINTENANCE OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONSOLIDATION SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

Bid closing date and time: **01 DECEMBER 2023 AT 11H00**

Name and address of the bidder:

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

14.2 PRICE/ FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

Bid No: **NT015-2023**

Description: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, SUPPORT, AND MAINTENANCE OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONSOLIDATION SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

Bid closing date and time: **01 DECEMBER 2023 AT 11H00**

Name and address of the bidder:

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

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

15 CONTACT DETAILS

Supply Chain Management, 4th floor at National Treasury,

Private Bag x 115, Pretoria, 0001

Physical address: 240 Madiba Street (Vermeulen), Pretoria

For General enquiries: NTAdministrativeTenders@Treasury.gov.za

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER:	BID NO: NT015-2023
CLOSING TIME 11:00 ON 01 DECEMBER 2023	

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

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

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

2. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid _____

3. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period? Yes/No

4. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which Adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.

Any enquiries regarding bidding procedures may be directed to –

Department: National Treasury

Any enquiries regarding technical enquiries may be directed to –

Contact Person: NTAdministrativeTenders@Treasury.gov.za

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND THE PRICING GUIDLINES BELOW:

PRICING GUIDELINES

N.B: Bidders are required to indicate a total cost breakdown for this project, and the financial proposal must cover all assignment activities and outputs specified below:

1. The Service Provider shall:
 - 1.1. Install, Manage & Operate Annual Financial Statement Consolidation Software delivered to the customer as a Service.
 - 1.2. Provide maintenance and ongoing updates and monthly billing to end customers.
 - 1.3. First-level support to customers & Log Support Calls to consolidation software.
 - 1.4. Provide requested or necessary support on specific projects linked to the current consolidation software and the annual consolidation process;
 - 1.5. Be available during normal working hours for on-site and telephonic assistance as and when required.
 - 1.6. Be available after hours for on-site and telephonic assistance as and when required.

 2. Service Hours and Notice Period
 - 2.1. The normal service hours are between 08h00 and 17h00 on Mondays to Fridays. The support hours can either be used in accordance with a schedule agreed to by the Parties or can be used at any given time in the month, provided the National Treasury has given the Service Provider at least 48 (forty-eight) hours' notice.
 - 2.2. In the event of the National Treasury requiring on-site support outside the normal service hours, and provided that the National Treasury has given the Service Provider at least 2 (two) working days' notice of such a requirement, the 'outside service hours' hourly rates will apply.
 - 2.3. In the event of the National Treasury requiring emergency support where the response time has to be immediate and where the support hours fall outside of the service hours referred to in clauses 2.1 and 2.2 above, the emergency hourly rate will apply.
 - 2.4. The National Treasury may also make a standing arrangement with the Service Provider for a recurring day and time. The arrangement shall be formally communicated to the Service Provider's relationship manager.
 - 2.5. In the event that the standing arrangement is not required, the National Treasury shall notify the Service Provider 2 (two) workdays in advance.
 - 2.6. For all onsite service-related disbursements i.e., travel and subsistence allowance, the service provider will have to align their billing with the National Treasury Cost Containment Measures.ⁱⁱ
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BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder's declaration

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

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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

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

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

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....
.....

3 DECLARATION

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

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring

² Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

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

- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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

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

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Signature Date

.....
Position Name of bidder

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

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

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

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

2. DEFINITIONS

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

competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;

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

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

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

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:
- 4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
 - (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
 - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to

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

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

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

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

#	Specific goals	Score	Required proof/ documents to be submitted for evaluation purposes
1	<p>The company owned by people who are Youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are Youth = 5 points • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are Youth = 3 points • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are Youth = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are Youth = 0 point 	5 points	<p>Proof of claim as declared on SBD 6.1 (one or more of the following will be used verifying the tenderer's status:</p> <p>Company Registration Certification/document (CIPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Shareholders certificate • Certified identification documentation of company director/s • CSD report/ CSD registration number (MAAA number) • B-BBEE Certificate of the tendering company. • 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). • Agreement for a Consortium, Joint Venture, or Trust.
2	<p>The company owned by people who are Black.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are Black = 5 points • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are Black = 3 points • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are Black = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are Black = 0 point 	5 points	
3	<p>The company owned by people who are women.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are women = 5 points • • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are women = 3 points • • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are women = 1 point 	5 points	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0% company owned by people who are women = 0 point 		
4	<p>The company owned by people who are disabled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% company owned by people who are disabled = 5 points • ≥51% and <100% company owned by people who are disabled = 3 points • >0% and <51% company owned by people who are disabled = 1 point • 0% company owned by people who are disabled = 0 point 	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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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)	
SURNAME AND NAME:
DATE:
ADDRESS:

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL TREASURY



PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE A OR B

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL TREASURY

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL TREASURY

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

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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL TREASURY



PLEASE COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE A OR B

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL TREASURY

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

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

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

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

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

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

**8. Inspections,
tests and
analyses**

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

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

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

9. Packing

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

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

10. Delivery and documents

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

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

11. Insurance

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

12. Transportation

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

13. Incidental services

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

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

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

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

14. Spare parts

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

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

15. Warranty

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22. Penalties

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

23. Termination for default

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

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

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

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

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

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

25. Force Majeure

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

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

26. Termination for insolvency

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

27. Settlement of Disputes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28. Limitation of liability

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

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

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

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

29. Governing language

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

30. Applicable law

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

31. Notices

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

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

32. Taxes and duties

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

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

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