



# APPOINTMENT OF 10 LEGAL FIRMS FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS.

Re-advertisement

BID NO. FTM/T06/20/21

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**CLOSING DATE:**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**TIME: 12H00**

**Non - Compulsory briefing: 30 January 2023**

**Time : 12h00 - Civic centre ( Burgersfort)**

FETAKGOMO TUBATSE  
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**PART A  
INVITATION TO BID**

<b>YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (FETAKGOMO TUBATSE MUNICIPALITY)</b>					
BID NUMBER:	FTM/T06/20/21	CLOSING DATE:	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	CLOSING TIME:	12h00
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF 10 LEGAL FIRMS FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS.				
<b>THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).</b>					
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT					
1 Kastania Street			or	Stand No. 1	
Burgersfort			Ga-Nkoana (Mashung)		
1150			0739		
<b>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</b>					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER		CODE		NUMBER	
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER		CODE		NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS		TCS PIN:		<b>OR</b>	CSD No:
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES &amp; QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]</b>					

<b>1. ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	<b>2. ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3 ]
<b>3. TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED</b>		<b>4. TOTAL BID PRICE</b>	R
<b>5. SIGNATURE OF BIDDER</b> .....		<b>6. DATE</b>	
<b>7. CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED</b>			
<b>BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:</b>		<b>TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:</b>	
DEPARTMENT	FINANCE	CONTACT PERSON	MATEMANE AT
CONTACT PERSON	LEKWADU NE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	Tel: 013 231 1000
TELEPHONE NUMBER	013 231 1000	FACSIMILE NUMBER	
FACSIMILE NUMBER		E-MAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:atmatemane@ftlm.gov.za">atmatemane@ftlm.gov.za</a>
E-MAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:nelekwadu@ftlm.gov.za">nelekwadu@ftlm.gov.za</a>		

## 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 ONLINE**
- 1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

#### 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 VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE [WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA](http://WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA).
- 2.4 FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.
- 2.5 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.6 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.7 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

#### 3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

- 3.1. IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?  
 YES  NO
- 3.2. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?  YES  
 NO
- 3.3. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?  
 YES  NO
- 3.4. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?  
 YES  NO
- 3.5. IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?  
 YES  NO

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

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID. NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STAT**

## **EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA:**

Evaluation of all bids received on time at closing date will be evaluated in the following three phases.

- A) Phase 1: Administrative Compliance,
- B) Phase 2: Evaluation of Functionality
- C) Phase 3: Pricing and B-BBEE

NB: All bidders are required to comply with all the requirements of administrative evaluation for them to proceed to the next phase of functionality and;

Successful Bidders must obtain at least 70% of the functionality to qualify for Further evaluation on pricing and B-BBEE.

## **COMPULSORY RETURNABLE REQUIREMENTS:**

A bid not complying with the peremptory requirements stated above will be regarded as “non-Responsive”, and as such will be disqualified. “Responsive” means any bid which, in all respects, complies with the conditions of the specifications as set out in the bid documents, including conditions as specified in the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2017, terms of which provision is made for this policy.

Bidders will be evaluated on the following administration compliance:

- Compliant tax status (the Municipality will verify tax compliance during evaluation and (adjudication stage).
- All pages of the tender document and General Condition of the contract must be initialed.
- MBD form must be Fully Completed and signed.
- Submit the tender document in hardcopy and an electronic copy in the form of USB must be attached.
- Company Registration Document (CK) or confirmation of registration with Legal Practice Council (LPC) must be attached.
- Power of attorney / authority of signatory and indicating who is authorized to sign the documents (if it's a JV, all directors must sign) must be attached.
- Signed Joint Venture Agreement, where applicable and the lead partner must have at least 51% or above shares in the company.
- Signing of the form of offer and must be completed in full.
- Certified ID Copies of all directors must be attached (For all directors of companies in case of joint venture).
- Latest submission of Municipal rates and taxes or municipal service invoice issued to the bidder and

all directors, by any other municipality or municipal entity. The rates and taxes charges must not be in arrears for more than three (03) months (90 days) for the company & directors.

- a) If staying in a non-rate-able area, please attach original SAPS affidavit or letter from the tribal authority/ Headman for the company and directors.
  - b) If you are renting, attach a copy of signed lease agreement.
  - c) If you are residing in someone's property, please submit an original SAPS affidavit stating such arrangement or a confirmation letter from the owner of the property (not older than three months).
- Submission of company profile.
  - Price amendment without signature will amount to disqualification

***NB Please note that all certified documents must not be older than 6 months.***

**Special requirements**

- Originally certified copies of B-BBEE Level Contribution Certificate (from SANAS accredited agencies) or original affidavit only for preference points. **Only EME or QSE will be considered for this bid.**
- Bidders who do not comply with above will be scored zero

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE FTLM PANEL OF ATTORNEYS.

### **1. OBJECTIVE**

The Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality herein under referred to as FTLM wishes to appoint a panel of attorneys to provide legal advisory and litigation services to the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

One of the strategic objectives of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality is to ensure that it complies with all applicable law and that it manages its legal risks efficiently. The Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality was established in terms of Section 12(1) read with Section 14(2) and 19(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, Act 117 of 1998, with the seat of administration at 1 Kastania Street Burgersfort 1150.

The Legal Unit of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality is responsible for the provision of legal and governance compliance services to the organization. The matters and enquiries that the unit sometimes require expert legal opinion on some matters and requires that the organization is defended in the courts and in various other quasi-judicial forums.

Accordingly, the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality is seeking to procure the services of qualified and experienced service providers to assist the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality in rendering legal services on an ad hoc basis for specific assignments.

### **3. Project Proposal**

Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality requests suitable service providers of good standing within the legal fraternity to submit proposals to assist Legal and Governance Unit with legal services.

Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality is seeking to procure the services of qualified and experienced service providers (law firms) to assist Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality in rendering legal services on an ad hoc basis for specific assignments. The successful bidders will not be entitled to a retainer fee. Based on the quality of the proposals submitted, the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality intends to select at least ten (10) law firms to conclude a Service Level Agreement with each successful service provider for a period of three (3) years.

Attorneys who are already on the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality's database should also submit their proposal.

### 3.1 Skills Transfer

The firms of attorneys will also be required to ensure transfer of skills to in house legal advisors of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality.

### 3.2 Reporting

The respective firms of attorneys will report to the Legal and Governance Manager of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality.

## 4 Scope of Work

4.1 The successful bidders shall be required to assist Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality's Legal Division with the services in the following categories:

- Commercial and Contract Law;
- Commercial and Civil Litigation;
- Labour and Employment Law;
- Constitutional Law;
- Administrative Law;
- Construction Law;
- Corporate Law;
- Insurance Law;
- Corporate Governance;
- Supply Chain Management;
- Mining and Environmental Law;
- By-Laws Reviews and
- Conveyancing

N.B Bidders are required to select four areas of specialization/s, and be supported by appointment letters with reference letter for similar work done (failure to submit support document will result into zero score).

No	Area of specialization

4.2 The services that may be required from the service providers include but are not limited to the following:

4.2.1 Drafting of legal opinions on various legal aspects pertaining to the mandate of FTLM, performance and related matters.

4.2.2 Advising and representing FTLM in industrial relations matters which may include, inter alia, the



appearance at CCMA, Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court and handling of disciplinary actions and proceedings.

4.2.3 Advising and representing FTLM on any litigious matter that may be brought against or initiated by FTLM in the execution of its mandate, protection of its goodwill and/or acting in the public interest.

4.2.4 Drafting pleadings, notices, and legal documents.

4.2.5 Attending to any other matters related to legal issues relevant to the execution of the mandate of FTLM.

### **4.3 Essential Specialized Field of Law**

#### **4.3.1 Commercial and Civil Litigation**

4.3.1.1 Attorneys will attend to Civil Litigation on behalf of the FTLM, either in the court of law or through arbitrations. Attorneys are required to have an in-depth practical knowledge of civil litigation procedures through arbitration or in the High Court and Magistrates' Court.

4.3.1.2 Attorneys are required to have practical knowledge of:

- the entire spectrum of Public Sector law, and the related regulatory environment, but not limited to the knowledge of relevant legislation, including the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Skills Development Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and Municipal Finance Management Act (including all relevant practice notes and regulations).

#### **4.3.2 Commercial Contract Drafting**

Practical knowledge is required of all spheres of commercial and municipal applicable laws including but not limited to knowledge and application of the standard forms of contract, including the Government Procurement General Conditions of Contract and Special Conditions of Contract. Over and above the above-mentioned standard forms of contract, Attorneys may be required to attend to drafting, negotiation and interpretation of commercial agreements more specifically, but not limited to:

- Service Level Agreements (SLA);
- Memorandum of Agreements (MOA);
- Bursary Agreements ;
- Employment Agreements ;
- Memorandum of Understandings (MOU);
- Lease Agreements; and
- Cession Agreements

### 4.3.3 Labour and Employment Law

Expertise in labour and employment law matters are required, more specifically:

- Ability to prosecute employees in disciplinary hearings;
- Ability to chair disciplinary hearings
- Advise on procedural and substantive issues relating to disciplinary hearings conducted;
- Advise on disciplinary codes, policies and governing legislation;
- Representation at the SALGBC, CCMA, Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court;
- Advise and assist in process and compliance with South African Labour Law procedures;
- Negotiation and settlement of labour disputes whether with individual employees or the bargaining unit represented by a union;
- Provision of legal opinions;
- Investigation of alleged misconduct and other labour relations disputes.

## 5 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 5.1 Service delivery levels and quality of the work will be a measure of appointment and retention in the panel;
- 5.2 A panel of attorneys assigned any work may not cede, assign or sub-contract any part thereof to any person unless with the written consent of the FTLM or as may be required by the applicable laws, for instance, in cases where correspondent attorneys may be necessary;
- 5.3 Fees shall be charged in accordance with the FTLM Service Level Agreement and Milestones mentioned therein. The Service Level Agreement will be signed with the successful bidders;

There will be no guarantee that attorneys will receive instructions if they are appointed onto the FTLM's panel;

- 5.4 All instruction(s) to the panel attorneys shall be given, in writing, by duly authorized representatives of the FTLM;
- 5.5 The panel will be reviewed on a 3 yearly basis and attorneys on the panel may have to resubmit their proposals;
- 5.6 The FTLM shall be entitled in its discretion to remove a firm of attorneys from the panel before the expiry of the said 3 years period by written notice and recall all the files in the possession of the said law firm;
- 5.7 The bidders shall have at least 5 years' experience. In the case of a new firm or labour law consultancy, the attorneys and who will be dealing with the FTLM matters shall have at least five years' post admission experience;
- 5.8 The general conditions of tender, contract and order will be applicable to this tender.
- 5.9 Intellectual property rights:
  - 5.9.1 All copyright and intellectual property rights that may result as consequences of the work to be performed will be become the property of the FTLM;
  - 5.9.2 Firms of attorneys must hand over all documents and information in any format, including

copies thereof, that it received from the FTLM or that it had access to during the assignment immediately after completion of the assignments to the FTLM;

5.9.3 Firms of attorneys shall deliver to the FTLM, on completion of an assignment, any security devices, passwords or protective mechanisms to the soft versions of documents that were written and the FTLM will have the right to amend and change these without obligation whatsoever to the firms of attorneys upon completion of the assignment.

5.10 The FTLM reserves the right, under exceptional circumstances, to appoint attorneys outside the panel attorneys.

## **6 COMPANY PROFILE / PROPOSAL**

Your company profile must be a maximum of 20 pages and address the following areas / headings in the following order:

### **6.1 HISTORY**

Provide a brief history of the firm and an outline of the firm's organogram, indicating names of resources and geographic structure (provincial/regional offices within the Republic of South Africa) (excluding alliances or affiliation or associates you may have with other law firms)

### **6.2 CLIENT BASE**

Provide a list of clients for whom legal services were rendered on a regular basis in the past 3 years. The most recently served clients must be mentioned first and specify the nature of all work done.

### **6.3 FIELD OF EXPERTISE**

Each proposal must include the specialist fields of law of the firm, with specific reference to the fields as set out in paragraph 4 above. If a firm has expertise in more than one field of law, all relevant fields must be indicated in the proposal together with demonstrated experience in the specified areas of law. Clearly indicate for which of the specialist fields (as set out in paragraph 4 above) your firm tenders to provide legal services to the FTLM.

### **6.4 YOUR TEAM**

CV's of your core service team that will be attending to the FTLM assigned work with specific reference to their educational/ professional background and their relevant experience.

A contingency plan for any instances when identified team members may not be available for a specific requirement at a specific time.

A list of Junior and Senior Counsel who are associated with the firm of attorneys and their

track records in line with the requirements of FTLM. Preference will be given to Counsel who have experience and/or knowledge in the selected categories.

**6.5 A PRICING SCHEDULE**

**Firm of Attorneys**

A pricing schedule should cover the hourly rate for each of the team members in the following manner: - Partner or Director - Junior and/or Senior Associate - Junior and/or Senior Attorney.

6.5.1 Travel and all other reimbursable costs.

6.5.2 Any other relevant information in support of or elucidating the proposal.

**PRICING/SCHEDULE OF FEES**

<b>NO</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>UNIT PRICE</b>
		<b>Rate per hour</b>
1	Professional team	
2	Director/Partner	
3	Senior Associate	
4	Candidate Attorney	
<b>5</b>	<b>Other costs as follows</b>	<b>Rate per page</b>
5.1	Copy per page	
5.2	Telephone call per minute	
5.3	Preparing a letter	
5.4	Document perusal per page	
5.5	Travel Costs per kilometre	
5.6	Fax per page	
5.7	Email per page	
<b>6</b>	<b>Disbursement costs (Supporting Schedule to be provided).</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	

	<b>VAT</b>	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	

NB: FTLM will not accept the services to be rendered by a candidate attorney. Certified Copies of team members' qualification certificates must be provided.

## **7 PAYMENT**

The amount quoted must be denominated in South African Rand value and should include VAT. Payment conditions will be stipulated in the Service Level Agreement (SLA). The amount quoted should include all the expenses related to this project. No additional fees will be entertained thereafter.

## **8 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- 8.1. Proposals for the appointment of the bidder will be evaluated on functionality, in accordance with the Supply Chain Management Procurement policies (Preferential Point System).
- 8.2. The following criteria will be used in particular as the criteria for appointment, apart from those laid down in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2001 pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000. Bids will be evaluated individually on score sheets by a representative evaluation panel according to the evaluation criteria indicated below.
- 8.3. The 80/20 preference points system as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) will be applied to evaluate this bid. The lowest acceptable bid will score 80 points for price maximum and 20 points will be awarded for attaining Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) status level contribution

**Evaluation on Quality/Functionality = 100%**

Bidder evaluation criteria	Weight	Sub- Criteria	Points
<p><b>Capacity (attached company profile)</b></p> <p>Non-attachment of the company profile will result in zero score</p> <p>Non-attachment of the proof that the bidder has been in existence and practice will result in zero score</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>The bidder must have the following in the legal services.</b></p> <p>Company profile</p> <p>Proof of existence and practice in legal services for the period of ten years and above.</p> <p>Proof of existence and practice in legal services for the period of 5-9 years</p> <p>Proof of existence and practice in legal services for the period of 2-4 years</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8</p> <p>6</p> <p>4</p>
<p><b>Proof of infrastructure and confirmation of premises from which the bidder conduct its business.</b></p> <p>None confirmation of premises of the bidder where he/she conduct the business, communication and documents service facilities, fixed address, telephone, facsimile and computer system will results in zero score.</p> <p>Please note that verification will be conducted</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p>Confirmation of the premises from which the bidder conducts its business, communication and documents service facilities, fixed address, lead attorneys email address, telephone and facsimile number and computer system</p>	<p>20</p>
<p><b>Previous experience (Knowledge and expertise of the lead attorney(s)).</b></p> <p>None-attachment of curriculum vitae of lead attorneys incorporating proof of qualifications and admission as an attorney will result in zero score.</p> <p>None demonstration of experience in the identified area</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>Curriculum vitae of the lead attorney(s) incorporating.</b></p> <p>a. Proof certified qualifications and admission as an attorney.</p> <p>b. A record of finalized four matters that were ruled in your favour, attended to by the lead attorney(s) under the last three (3) years prior to the closing date of this request and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 or more</li> <li>- 4 to 6</li> <li>- 1 to 3</li> </ul> <p>c. Proof of the lead attorneys five (5) years post admission experience</p>	<p>5</p> <p>15</p> <p>10</p> <p>5</p> <p>5</p>

(s) of the law and ability to conduct research and provide solutions		in the identified area (s) of service as per Par. 4.1 (letter of good standing)	
<p><b>Previous experience (Signed reference letters for similar work) indicating the area specialization.</b></p> <p>Non-attachment of signed reference letters will result into zero score.</p> <p>The reference letter must stipulate email address, telephone/cell phone and the period. Failure to include these details in the reference letter will result in zero score.</p> <p>Please pair (put together) each appointment letter with its corresponding reference letter on the area of your specialization</p> <p>All area of specialization selected by the bidder should be accompanied by an appointment letter and reference letter</p>	<b>45</b>	<p>10 and above signed reference letters and above in similar projects on client's letterhead, rendered in the last three years prior to the closing date of this request.</p> <p>7 to 9 signed reference letters and above in similar projects on client's letterhead, rendered in the last three years prior to the closing date of this request.</p> <p>4 to 6 signed reference letters and above in similar projects on client's letterhead, rendered in the last three years prior to the closing date of this request.</p> <p>1 to 3 signed reference letters and above in similar projects on client's letterhead, rendered in the last three years prior to the closing date of this request.</p>	<p>45</p> <p>35</p> <p>25</p> <p>15</p>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>

## COMPULSORY MUNICIPAL BID DOCUMENTS

### **MBD 2: TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

**It is a condition of bid that the taxes of the successful bidder must be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.**

1. In order to meet this requirement bidders are required to complete in full form TCC001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate Requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit bids. Copies of form TCC 001 are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za).
2. SARS will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of approval.
3. The Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted together with the bid. Failure to submit the TCC pin/ number will result in the invalidation of the bid.
4. In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved; each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.
5. Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za).



**MBD 4**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

- 1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state<sup>1</sup>.
- 2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favoritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorized representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.

3 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

3.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:.....

3.2 Identity Number: .....

3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder<sup>2</sup>):.....

3.4 Company Registration Number: .....

3.5 Tax Reference Number:.....

3.6 VAT Registration Number: .....

3.7 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.

**3.8** Are you presently in the service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars. ....

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<sup>1</sup>MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

- (a) a member of –
  - (i) any municipal council;
  - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
  - (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or
- (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature

<sup>2</sup> Shareholder” means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the company or business and exercises control over the company.

**3.9** Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months? ..... **YES / NO**

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars.....

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**3.10** Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? ..... **YES / NO**

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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**3.11** Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? ..... **YES / NO**

3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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**3.12** Are any of the company’s directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? ..... **YES / NO**

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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**3.13** Are any spouse, child or parent of the company’s directors trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? ..... **YES / NO**

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.14 Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders, or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other related companies or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract.

**YES / NO**

3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars:

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 .....

**(a) 4. Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.**

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

.....  
**Signature**

.....  
**Date**

.....  
**Capacity**

.....  
**Name of Bidder**

## **BROAD-BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT (B-BBEE) STATUS LEVEL CERTIFICATES**

**Bidders are required to submit original and valid B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificates or certified copies thereof together with their bids. to substantiate their B-BBEE rating claims.**

Bidders who do not submit B-BBEE Status T Level Verification Certificates or are non-compliant contributors to B-BBEE do not qualify for preference points for B-BBEE but should not be disqualified from the bidding process. They will score points for out of 90 or 80 for priceonly and zero points out of 10 or 20 for B-BBEE.

Under the amended B-BBEE codes, Accounting officers and verification professionals are no longer permitted to issue B-BBEE certificates to Exempt Micro Enterprises (EMEs) and black controlled and owned Qualifying Small Enterprises (QSEs). **Only the sworn affidavits and certificates issued by SANAS accredited agencies are acceptable.**

**PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017**

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

**NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.**

**1. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.21.2

- a) The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or
- b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows: 80/20 or 90/10

	POINTS	POINTS
<b>PRICE</b>	80	90
<b>B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR</b>	20	10
<b>Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

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

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) “**B-BBEE**” means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) “**B-BBEE status level of contributor**” means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) “**bid**” means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) “**Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act**” means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) “**EME**” means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad- Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (f) “**functionality**” means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) “**prices**” includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) “**proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor**” means:
  - 1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
  - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
  - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) “**QSE**” means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (j) “**rand value**” means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

## 3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

### 3.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

$$P_S = 80 \left( 1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_t - P_{\min}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_S = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_t - P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration  
Pt = Price of bid under consideration  
Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable bid

**4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR**

4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

**5. BID DECLARATION**

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

**6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1**

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . = .....(maximum of 10 or 20 points)  
 (Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.)

**7. SUB-CONTRACTING**

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(Tick applicable box)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted..... %
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....



iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....

iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

**(Tick applicable box)**

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

<b>Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:</b>	<b>EME</b>	<b>QSE</b>
	√	√
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
<b>OR</b>		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

**8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM**

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

**8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM**

- Y Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
  - Y One person business/sole propriety
  - Y Close corporation
  - Y Company
  - Y (Pty) Limited
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
  - Supplier
  - Professional service provider
  - Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

**Municipality where business is situated:**

.....

**Registered Account Number:** .....

**Stand Number:**.....

8.8 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.9 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we 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 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
  - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding 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 bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury 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.

WITNESSES
1. ....
2. ....

.....
SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
DATE: .....
ADDRESS .....
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CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

**THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SERVICE PROVIDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.**

PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER)

1. I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached bidding documents to (name of the institution) ..... in accordance with the requirements and task directives / proposals specifications stipulated in Bid Number ..... at the price/s quoted. My offer(s) remain(s) binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the bid.
  
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:
  - (i) Bidding documents, viz
    - Invitation to bid;
    - Tax clearance certificate;
    - Pricing schedule(s);
    - Filled in task directive/proposal;
    - Preference claims for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment StatusLevel of Contribution in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011;
    - Declaration of interest;
    - Declaration of Bidder's past SCM practices;
    - Certificate of Independent Bid Determination;
    - Special Conditions of Contract;
  - (ii) General Conditions of Contract; and
  - (iii) Other (specify)
  
3. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the services specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.
  
4. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.
  
5. I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.
  
6. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

NAME (PRINT) .....

CAPACITY .....

SIGNATURE .....

NAME OF FIRM .....

DATE .....

WITNESSES	
1	.....
2	.....
DATE: .....	

**CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES**

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

1. I, ..... in my capacity as .....

accept your bid under reference number ..... dated..... for the rendering of services indicated hereunder and/or further specified in the annexure(s).

2. An official order indicating service delivery instructions is forthcoming.

3. I undertake to make payment for the services rendered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of an invoice.

a. DESCRIPTION OF b. SERVICE	PRICE (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	COMPLETION DATE	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT (if applicable)

4. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

SIGNED AT .....ON

.....

NAME (PRINT) .....

SIGNATURE .....

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

1 .....

2 .....

DATE: .....

**DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

1. This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
2. It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
3. The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
  - a) abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
  - b) been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
  - c) willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
  - d) been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
4. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector?</p> <p>(Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).</p> <p><b>The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website (<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</b></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)?</p> <p><b>The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</b></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	<p>Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

## CERTIFICATION

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)**

.....

**CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM TRUE AND CORRECT.**

**I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.**

.....  
**Signature**

.....  
**Date**

.....  
**Position**

.....  
**Name of Bidder**

**CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids<sup>1</sup> invited.
  
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).<sup>2</sup> Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
  
- 3 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
  - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
  - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
  - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
  
- 4 This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid rigging.
  
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

<sup>1</sup> Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

<sup>2</sup> Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.



**CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

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(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

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(Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of:

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that:  
(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate.
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect.
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder.
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder.
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
  - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
  - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
  - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder.
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>3</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
  - (a) prices;
  - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation);
  - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
  - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit a bid;

- (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid;  
or
- (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.

- 8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 9. 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.

<sup>3</sup> **Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.**

- 10. 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.

.....  
Signature

.....  
Date

.....  
Position

.....  
Name of Bidder

**FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE**

**Form of Offer**

The employer, identified in the acceptance signature block, has solicited offers to enter into a contract for the procurement of: **FTM/T05/22/23 Project No Appointment of 10 legal firms for the provision of legal services for a period of 36 months**

The tenderer, identified in the offer signature block, has examined the documents listed in the tender data and addenda thereto as listed in the returnable schedules, and by submitting this offer has accepted the conditions of tender.

By the representative of the tenderer, deemed to be duly authorized, signing this part of this form of offer and acceptance, the tenderer offers to perform all of the obligations and liabilities of the contractor under the contract including compliance with all its terms and conditions according to their true intent and meaning for an amount to be determined in accordance with the conditions of contract identified in the contract data.

**\*THE OFFERED TOTAL OF THE PRICES INCLUSIVE OF VALUE ADDED TAX IS:**

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(rands)(in words);

**R**..... (in figures)

This offer may be accepted by the employer by signing the acceptance part of this form of offer and acceptance and returning one copy of this document to the tenderer before the end of the period of validity stated in the tender data, whereupon the tenderer becomes the party named as the contractor in the conditions of contract identified in the contract data.

Signature Block: Tenderer	
Signature .....	Date .....
Name .....	
Capacity .....	
Name of organization .....	
Address of organization .....	
.....	
Signature of witness .....	Date .....
Name of witness .....	

**BIDDERS HAVE TO COMPLETE THE OFFERED TOTAL OF THE PRICES IN WORDS AS WELL AS IN FIGURES**

**Form of Acceptance**

By signing this part of this form of offer and acceptance, the employer identified below accepts the tenderer's offer. In consideration thereof, the employer shall pay the contractor the amount due in accordance with the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. Acceptance of the tenderer's offer shall form an agreement between the employer and the tenderer upon the terms and conditions contained in this agreement and in the contract that is the subject of this agreement.

Deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the tender data and any addenda thereto as listed in the tender schedules as well as any changes to the terms of the offer agreed by the tenderer and the employer during this process of offer and acceptance, are contained in the schedule of deviations attached to and forming part of this agreement. No amendments to or deviations from said documents are valid unless contained in this schedule.

The tenderer shall within two weeks after receiving a completed copy of this agreement, including the schedule of deviations (if any), contact the employer's agent (whose details are given in the contract data) for delivery of any bonds, guarantees, proof of insurance and any other documentation to be provided in terms of the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. Failure to fulfil any of these obligations in accordance with those terms shall constitute a repudiation of this agreement.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this agreement comes into effect on the date when the tenderer receives one fully completed original copy of this document, including the schedule of deviations (if any). Unless the tenderer (now contractor) within five working days of the date of such receipt notifies the employer in writing of any reason why he cannot accept the contents of this agreement, this agreement shall constitute a binding contract between the parties.

<b>Signature Block: Employer</b>	
Signature .....	Date.....
Name .....	
Capacity .....	
<b>for the Employer</b>	Fetakgomo Tubatse Municipality P.O. Box 206, Burgersfort, 1150
Signature of witness .....	Date.....
Name of witness .....	

**Schedule of Deviations**

- 1     Subject:  
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      Details:  
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- 2     Subject:  
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      Details:  
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- 3     Subject:  
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      Details:  
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- 4.    Subject:  
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      Details:  
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- 5     Subject:  
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      Details:  
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By the duly authorised representatives signing this agreement, the employer and the tenderer agree to and accept the foregoing schedule of deviations as the only deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the tender data and addenda thereto as listed in the tender schedules, as well as any confirmation, clarification or changes to the terms of the offer agreed by the tenderer and the employer during this process of offer and acceptance.

It is expressly agreed that no other matter whether in writing, oral communication or implied during the period between the issue of the tender documents and the receipt by the tenderer of a completed signed copy of this Agreement shall have any meaning or effect in the contract between the parties arising from this agreement.

**GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT**  
**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

**15 NOTES**

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

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

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## General Conditions of Contract

### 1. Definitions

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



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

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

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

**8. Inspections,  
tests and  
analyses**

- 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.
- 8.1 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 actor 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.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard

the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
  - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
  - (iii) the period of restriction; and
  - (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

**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

ability 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.

**33. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme**

33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.