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## INVITATION TO QUOTE

QUOTATION REFERENCE NUMBER: RFQ0001212

**THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER (SP) TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (DFFE) / MARINE LIVING RESOURCES FUND (MLRF) WITH THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A HISTOLOGY TISSUE PROCESSOR**

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### **NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

<b>Company name</b>	<b>Supplier registration number</b>	<b>Unique reference number</b>	
			<b>Main contractor</b>
			<b>Sub-contracted/ joint venture comp 1</b>
			<b>Sub-contracted/ joint venture comp 2</b>

**CLOSING DATE OF THE RFQ: 04 JUNE 2026 AT 11H00**

**Briefing session:**

N/A

**Address:** FORETRUST BUILDING  
FORESHORE  
CAPE TOWN  
8001

**Quotation document must be emailed to:**  
[MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za](mailto:MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za)

## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO QUOTE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES FUND

RFQ NUMBER: RFQ0001212

TIME: 11:00

CLOSING DATE: 04 JUNE 2026

**DESCRIPTION:**

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**The successful service provider will be required to fill in and sign a written Contract Form (SBD 7).**

**RFQ DOCUMENTS MUST BE EMAILED TO [MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za](mailto:MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za)**

**Bidders should ensure that RFQs are delivered timeously to the correct email address.**

ALL RFQS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS

THIS RFQ IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

**THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MUST BE FURNISHED  
(FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING DISQUALIFIED)**

NAME OF BIDDER .....

POSTAL ADDRESS .....

STREET ADDRESS .....

TELEPHONE NUMBER

CODE.....NUMBER.....

CELLPHONE NUMBER .....

FACSIMILE NUMBER

CODE ..... NUMBER.....

E-MAIL ADDRESS .....

VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER .....

HAS AN ORIGINAL AND VALID TAX COMPLIANT STATUS PIN CERTIFICATE BEEN SUBMITTED?  
NO

YES or NO

HAS A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE BEEN SUBMITTED? (SBD 6.1)

YES or NO

IF YES, WHO WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY?

AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA).....

A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS);

OR.....

A REGISTERED AUDITOR .....

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

**(A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE)**

ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE?  
IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS / SERVICES / WORKS OFFERED?  
or NO

YES

[IF YES ENCLOSE

PROOF]

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER .....

DATE .....

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED .....

TOTAL BID PRICE..... TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED .....

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**ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**

**Department: DFFE**

**Contact Person: Pinky Moloi**

**Tel: 066 471 1335**

**E-mail address: [MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za](mailto:MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za)**

**PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES  
(PURCHASES)**

**NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

**IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT**

Name of bidder.....	RFQ number: RFQ 0001212
Closing Time 11:00	Closing date: 04 June 2026

**OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 60 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF THE RFQ.**

TO APPOINT A SERVICE PROVIDER (SP) TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (DFFE) / MARINE LIVING RESOURCES FUND (MLRF) TO SUPPLY AND DELIVER RE-PONTOONING SERVICE FOR THE VESSEL ABYSS

Item #	Description	Quantity
	<b>Tissue Processor (Logos Evo or similar)</b>	
	<p><u><b>Tissue Processor – Technical Requirements</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The system must support both <b>conventional and microwave-assisted processing</b> within the same instrument, allowing flexible protocol selection.</li> <li>• The system must utilize non-ionizing microwave energy with controlled temperature feedback to ensure uniform reagent heating and accelerated processing.</li> <li>• The system must support flexible, high-throughput processing, enable <b>same-day (&lt;3 hours) and shorten overnight protocols</b>.</li> <li>• The system must have <b>dual retort for parallel runs</b></li> <li>• The system must be capable of processing high volumes of cassettes within a standard working day, through a combination of batch capacity and rapid processing protocols.</li> <li>• The system must be a <b>fully enclosed unit with active fume containment to minimize operator exposure to reagents</b>.</li> <li>• The system must support <b>validated xylene-free processing protocols</b>.</li> <li>• The system must incorporate <b>vacuum-assisted infiltration</b> to enhance reagent penetration.</li> <li>• The system must include <b>software-driven reagent tracking, monitoring, and process control</b>.</li> <li>• The system must allow flexible workflow management, enabling processing of urgent and routine specimens within the same workflow.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Service and support</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must include 1-year warranty</li> <li>• Installation, commissioning and user training must be included.</li> <li>• Must have local service and support.</li> <li>• Maintenance and repair must be performed by <b>OEM-trained and certified technicians.</b></li> <li>• The supplier must guarantee <b>availability of spare parts and consumables</b> for a minimum period of 10 years.</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bidder must be the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or an officially authorized distributor/reseller.</li> <li>• Where not the OEM a valid and current <b>letter of authorization</b> must be submitted, confirming the bidder's authority to supply, install and service the equipment in South Africa.</li> <li>• The supplier must demonstrate an established local presence with access to OEM-backed technical support.</li> </ul>	
<b>Certifications and compliance</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OEM must be certified to <b>ISO 13485</b> or <b>ISO 9001</b> for quality management.</li> </ul>	
<b>Technical and product assurance</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment must be <b>new unused and from a current production model.</b></li> <li>• The bidder must provide <b>manufacturer datasheets and technical specifications</b> confirming compliance with required performance criteria.</li> </ul>	

**TOTAL COST:** .....

**PLEASE ATTACH A WRITTEN QUOTATION ON YOUR COMPANY LETTERHEAD**

- Required by: .....
- At: .....
- Brand and model: .....
- Country of origin: .....
- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? \*YES/NO



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# MARINE LIVING RESOURCES FUND

## REQUEST FOR PRICE QUOTATIONS

The Marine Living Resources Fund (MLRF), Schedule 3A entity, is an entity within the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby request your quotation on the goods/service/works listed hereunder.

<b>RFQ Number</b>	RFQ0001212
<b>Description</b>	THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT ("DFFE") / MLRF REQUIRES THE SERVICES OF A SERVICE PROVIDER (SP) TO DELIVER HISTOLOGY TISSUE PROCESSOR
<b>Detailed Specification/scope of work and functionality</b>	<p><b><u>Tissue Processor – Technical Requirements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The system must support both <b>conventional and microwave-assisted processing</b> within the same instrument, allowing flexible protocol selection.</li> <li>• The system must utilize non-ionizing microwave energy with controlled temperature feedback to ensure uniform reagent heating and accelerated processing.</li> <li>• The system must support flexible, high-throughput processing, enable <b>same-day (&lt;3 hours) and shorten overnight protocols</b>.</li> <li>• The system must have <b>dual retort for parallel runs</b></li> <li>• The system must be capable of processing high volumes of cassettes within a standard working day, through a combination of batch capacity and rapid processing protocols.</li> <li>• The system must be a <b>fully enclosed unit with active fume containment to minimize operator exposure to reagents</b>.</li> <li>• The system must support <b>validated xylene-free processing protocols</b>.</li> <li>• The system must incorporate <b>vacuum-assisted infiltration</b> to enhance reagent penetration.</li> <li>• The system must include <b>software-driven reagent tracking, monitoring, and process control</b>.</li> <li>• The system must allow flexible workflow management, enabling processing of urgent and routine specimens within the same workflow.</li> </ul>

Initials:

	<p><b><u>Service and support</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must include 1-year warranty</li> <li>• Installation, commissioning and user training must be included.</li> <li>• Must have local service and support.</li> <li>• Maintenance and repair must be performed by <b>OEM-trained and certified technicians.</b></li> <li>• The supplier must guarantee <b>availability of spare parts and consumables</b> for a minimum period of 10 years.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Supplier status</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bidder must be the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or an officially authorized distributor/reseller.</li> <li>• Where not the OEM a valid and current <b>letter of authorization</b> must be submitted, confirming the bidder's authority to supply, install and service the equipment in South Africa.</li> <li>• The supplier must demonstrate an established local presence with access to OEM-backed technical support.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Certifications and compliance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OEM must be certified to <b>ISO 13485</b> or <b>ISO 9001</b> for quality management.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Technical and product assurance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment must be <b>new unused and from a current production model.</b></li> <li>• The bidder must provide <b>manufacturer datasheets and technical specifications</b> confirming compliance with required performance criteria.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Local Production &amp; Content Requirements</b></p> <p><i>(To be completed by SCM)</i></p>	<p align="center">tools &amp; equipment-100%</p>
<p><b>Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)</b></p> <p><b>Minimum Category and level</b></p> <p><i>(To be completed by SCM)</i></p>	<p>Type text here</p> <p align="center">N/A</p>

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<b>Briefing Session</b>	N/A
<b>RFQ Publication date</b>	27 MAY 2026
<b>Responses MUST be submitted to</b>	<a href="mailto:MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za">MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za</a>
<b>RFQ Closing Details</b>	DATE: 04 JUNE 2026 TIME: 11:00 AM
<b>Delivery Address</b>	<b>Foretrust building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town, 8001</b>
<b>Quotation Validity Period</b>	<b>60 Days from the Closing Date</b>
<b>Mandatory Requirement/Pre-Qualification Criteria</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>See Annexure A.</b>
<b>NO HAND DELIVERED RFQ RESPONSES WILL BE ACCEPTED PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS MUST BE REGISTERED ON NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) PRIOR TO SUBMITTING BIDS AND THEIR TAX MATTERS MUST BE IN ORDER</b>	

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)

### 1. Terms and conditions of Request for Quotation (RFQ)

- 1.1 This document may contain confidential information that is the property of the Marine Living Resources Fund [MLRF].
- 1.2 No part of the contents may be used, copied, disclosed, or conveyed in whole or in part to any party in any manner whatsoever other than for preparing a proposal in response to this RFQ without prior written permission from MLRF.
- 1.3 All copyright and intellectual property herein vests with MLRF.
- 1.4 Late and incomplete submissions will not be considered. Submissions received after closing time and date will be classified as LATE and WILL NOT be considered.
- 1.5 No services must be rendered, or goods delivered, before an official MLRF Purchase Order form has been issued by a duly authorised official from the MLRF and received by the bidder. Please note that this is not an instruction to proceed with the supply of any goods or service unless the quotation is approved, and a Purchase Order is supplied to you.
- 1.6 Please note that if you receive the Purchase Order, delivery of goods or rendering of services must be done **within 60 days** of receiving the Purchase Order. Failing to deliver on agreed-upon times may result in your Purchase Order being cancelled.
- 1.7 This RFQ will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference point system if it is equal to or below R50 million.
- 1.8 Bidders are required to register on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) at [www.csd.gov.za](http://www.csd.gov.za) if they are not registered on the CSD.
- 1.9 All quotations must be forwarded to [MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za](mailto:MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za) within the prescribed closing date and time.
- 1.10 All questions regarding this RFQ must be forwarded [MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za](mailto:MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za) within 24 hours after the RFQ has been issued.
- 1.11 Any bidder who has reasons to believe that the RFQ specification is based on a specific brand must inform MLRF within two (2) days before the RFQ closing date.
- 1.12 Where quotations/proposals submitted are equal to or below R50 million, bidders are required to submit the original and valid proof for preference points claimed or certified copies thereof, to substantiate their preference points claims. SBD 6.1 must also be duly completed, signed, and submitted alongside the bid to claim preference points. Failure to do so will result in preference points being forfeited.

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1.13 As per section 4(1) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2022, the maximum 20 points may be awarded based on specific goals. The 20 points will be allocated as follows:

<b>SPECIFIC GOAL</b>	<b>POINTS TO BE ALLOCATED</b>
51% black owned	8 points
50% women	4 points
Youth	4 points
Disability	4 points
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>20 points</b>

1.14 Bidders are required to duly complete, sign and submit the new SBD 4 together with their quotations/proposals. Failure to do so may result in your quotation/proposal not being accepted.

1.15 All quotations/proposals submitted must be inclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT) if you are VAT registered and must be quoted in South African Rands (ZAR) and the price must be firm.

1.16 The full costs must be disclosed as there will be no variances that will be entertained, and no price adjustment will be entertained after the Purchase Order has been issued.

1.17 These terms and conditions supersede any terms and conditions that may be issued by the service provider/supplier on their quotations or any other document similar to that.

1.18 A full and updated CSD report must be submitted with the quotation and MLRF will only contract with suppliers/service providers whose tax matters are in order.

1.19 The winning bidder must be registered on the MLRF Oracle ERP system in order for a Purchase Order to be generated. The bidder is required to complete the Oracle Registration Form and submit all relevant supporting documents **within seven (7) days** of receiving the form from MLRF. Failure to complete the registration process within the stipulated timeframe may result in the bidder's proposal being deemed non-responsive

1.20 The MLRF pays within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of a valid tax invoice and after approval of the relevant invoice and reports and does not make upfront payments or deposits.

1.21 It is the responsibility of prospective bidders to ensure that all bid documents are submitted before the closing date and time of the RFQ.

1.22 All the conditions specified in the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) will apply, and where the conditions in the Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) contradict the conditions in the General Conditions of Contract, the Special Conditions of Contract will prevail.

1.23 The winning bidder will be required to complete and sign the following

1.23.1 Vetted agreement and/or

1.23.2 An official contract form SDB7.1 for the purchase of goods/works

1.23.3 An official contract form SDB7.2 for rendering of services

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1.23.4 An official contract form SDB7.3 for the sale of goods/works

1.24 The MLRF reserves the right to enter into negotiations for price and other terms and conditions of contracting for this RFQ with the bidders.

1.25 The MLRF reserves the right not to award the RFQ.

1.26 The MLRF reserves the right to cancel the RFQ under the following circumstances:

1.26.1 If there are insufficient funds,

1.26.2 If there is no longer a requirement for the items or services to be procured,

1.26.3 If no acceptable tender has been received,

1.26.4 If irregularities have occurred in the procurement process.

**2. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

In responding to this RFQ, MLRF acknowledges that it may obtain and have access to personal data of the respondents. MLRF agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by bidders in their response to this RFQ for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law. Furthermore, MLRF will not otherwise modify, amend, or alter any personal data submitted by Respondents or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any Third Party without the prior written consent from the Respondents. Similarly, MLRF requires Respondents to process any personal information disclosed by MLRF in the bidding process in the same manner.

**MLRF RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO MAKE ANY APPOINTMENT AND SHALL NOT ENTERTAIN ANY CLAIM FOR COSTS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN INCURRED IN THE PREPARATION AND THE SUBMISSION OF THIS QUOTATION/PROPOSAL**

**Approvals of RFQ**

End User	Requester	N. John	Rank	Office Administrator	Cost Centre Manager	DIRECTOR	Rank	
	Signature		Date	29/04/2026	Signature		Date	28/4/26
It is hereby certified that all the information supplied in this form is correct, that the requirement may be procured and that funds are available.								
<b>SCM Only</b>								
Official verifier (buyer)	Name	P. Molozi	Signature		Date			26/05/2026
Approver as per Delegations	Name	NMATIWANE	Signature		Date			20260519



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THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES FUND, A SCHEDULE 3A PUBLIC ENTITY ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 1999 (ACT NO 1 of 1999) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT ("DFFE") (IN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES ENSHRINED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1996) ADHERES TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 5 OF 2000 ("PPPF") AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022.

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (DFFE) / MARINE LIVING RESOURCES FUND (MLRF) REQUIRES A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUPPLY AND DELIVER HISTOLOGY TISSUE PROCESSOR (LOGOS EVO OR SIMILAR).

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## 1. PURPOSE

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (“DFFE”) / MLRF requires the services of an accredited Service Provider (SP) to supply and deliver histology tissue processor (logos evo or similar).

## 2. SPECIFICATIONS

Item #	Description	Quantity
<b>Tissue Processor (Logos Evo or similar)</b>		
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- **Accreditation and Compliance:** Supplier must provide proof of recognised accreditation (e.g., ISO 9001 or equivalent quality management certification) and demonstrate compliance with relevant South African regulatory standards for laboratory supplies.
- **Demonstrable Track Record:** Minimum of 5 years' experience supplying laboratory labware to reputable institutions (e.g., universities, research institutes, or commercial laboratories). Supplier to provide evidence of this from sales records or with a letter of supported from at least one verifiable client reference.

- **Technical Expertise and Product Knowledge:** Supplier must demonstrate in-depth knowledge of laboratory applications and provide technical support, including product specifications, suitability guidance, and after-sales service where applicable.
- **Quality Assurance and Certification of Products:** All labware must meet internationally recognised standards (e.g., ISO) and be accompanied by certificates of conformity or quality where relevant.
- **Supply Capacity and Reliability:** Proven ability to fulfil orders consistently within agreed timelines, including evidence of stock availability, supply chain stability, and contingency measures for backorders or delays.
- **After-Sales Support and Warranty:** Provision of clear return policies, product warranties (where applicable), and responsive after-sales support to address defects, replacements, or technical queries.

### 3. EVALUATION METHOD

#### 3.1. PHASE 1: Preferential Points (80/20 system)

- 3.1.1. An evaluation of Price and Specific Goals Preference points on the suppliers, that successful qualified to this stage of evaluation.
- 3.1.2. **Calculation of points for price** - The Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) prescribes that the lowest acceptable bid will score 80 points (for tenders under R50m) or 90 points (for tenders above R50m) for price. Suppliers that quoted higher prices will score lower points for price on a pro-rata basis. Where functionality is set as criteria, only bid proposals that meets functionality requirements will be considered for evaluation on price and specific goals preference points.
- 3.1.3. The 80/20 as an appropriate preference point system will be used in the evaluation and adjudication of this quote. However, it must be extended that the lowest acceptable quote will be used to determine the applicable preference point system as per regulation (Section 3(2)(b) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations (PPR) 2022, which states: "If it is unclear which preference point system will be applicable, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable proposal will be used to determine the applicable preference point system". Therefore, either 80 or 90 points, depending on the rand value of the proposal, will be awarded to the suppliers who offers the lowest price, and proportionately fewer points are awarded to those with higher prices. Either 20 or 10 points are then available as preference points for Specific Goals, as applicable. The contract will be awarded to the suppliers that scores the highest total number of adjudication points per category.

## Calculating of points for Specific Goals

- 3.1.4. Points will be awarded to a supplier for specific goals. Bidders are required to submit the original and valid proof for preference points claimed or certified copies thereof; to substantiate their preference points claims. SBD 6.1 must also be duly completed, signed, and submitted alongside the bid to claim preference points. Failure to do so will result in Specific Goals preference points being forfeited.
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- 3.1.6. Points will be awarded to a supplier for specific goals in accordance with the table below:

<b>B.</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>C.</b>	<b>Specific Goal</b>	<b>Number of points (20)</b>
	51% black ownership	8
	50% women ownership	4
	Youth ownership	4
	Disability	4
	Non-compliant contributor	0

- 3.1.7. The SCM unit of the DFFE / MLRF will allocate preferential points (Specific Goals) to each company for its contribution towards empowerment of the black designated groups as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2022, women, people with disabilities, youth as well as local economic development.

- 3.1.8. A supplier will not be disqualified from the quotation process if the suppliers does not submit supporting documents substantiating the specific goals preference points claimed or is a non-compliant contributor. Such some suppliers will score 0 for Specific Goals.
- 3.1.9. Suppliers will be subject to SCM conditions of the Department – MLRF and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 issued in terms of section 5 of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act No 5 of 2000) (PPPFA).
- 3.1.10. The PPPFA prescribes that the lowest acceptable bid will score 80 or 90 points for price (as explained above, depending on whether the bid prices is more or less than R50million). Suppliers that quoted higher prices will score lower points for price on a pro-rata basis. Where functionality is set as a criterion, only bid proposals that meets functionality requirements will be considered to be evaluated on price and Specific Goals.
- 3.1.11. The contract will be awarded to the supplier scoring the highest points subject to section 2(1) (f) of the PPPFA, 2000.

#### **4. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- 4.1 Suppliers should ensure that the following submission requirements, which will be needed for evaluation purposes are included in their bid proposal and are as follows:
  - 4.1.1 The SP must draft a table of content which will indicate where each document is located in the proposal.
  - 4.1.2 The proposal shall consist of two parts, namely the technical bid and the pricing bid (master and copies).
  - 4.1.3 Add documents that are required to be submitted with the bids. These documents include those included in phase one (1) and two (2) of evaluation criteria.
  - 4.1.4 Standard bidding documents (SBD1, 2, 3.1/3.3, 4, 6.1) completed and signed.
    - A valid copy of the Tax Clearance Certificate/ Tax Compliance Status Pin issued by SARS to the supplier/copy of Central Supplier Database (CSD)/ MA supplier Number must be submitted together with the bid.
    - In case of bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved; such must be clearly indicated and each party must submit a separate copy of a valid Tax Clearance Certificate or copy of Tax Compliance Status Pin or CSD/ MAAA supplier Number together with the bid.
    - Certified copies of identity documents of directors and shareholders of the company.
    - Entity registration Certificate (CK1).
    - Letter of Authority to sign documents on behalf of the company.

**5. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

- 5.1 On appointment, the performance measures for the delivery of the agreed services will be closely monitored by Department / MLRF.
- 5.2 The Department / MLRF will not be held responsible for any costs incurred by the SPs in the preparation, presentation and submission of the proposal.
- 5.3 All the conditions specified in the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) will apply and where the conditions in the special conditions of contract contradicts the conditions in the general conditions of contract, the special conditions of contract will prevail.

**6. PAYMENT TERMS**

- 6.1 The DFFE / MLRF undertakes to pay out in full or as per deliverables within 30 (thirty) days all valid claims for work done to its satisfaction upon presentation of a substantiated claim and the required reports stipulated in special conditions. No payment will be made where there is outstanding information/work not submitted by the Service Provider/s until that outstanding information is submitted.
- 6.2 Payment by the DFFE / MLRF shall be made by means of an electronic transfer into the SP's bank account.
- 6.3 Payment requirements
  - The successful Service Provider shall render services to the DFFE / MLRF in accordance with the Project Plan and Project Scope.
  - The amounts are inclusive of VAT and all disbursements shall be paid in South African Rands.

**7. ENQUIRIES**

7.1 Should you require any further information in this regard, please do not hesitate to email:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Email address</b>
Pinky Moloi	MLRFQUOTATIONS@dffe.gov.za

Type text here

(NOTE: Please circle or tick your answer)

## BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

### 2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest<sup>1</sup> in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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### **3 DECLARATION**

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

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>2</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring

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

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

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

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

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

..... Signature	..... Date
..... Position	..... Name of bidder

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

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

**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
  - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 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 |
|--|--------|
| <b>PRICE</b>                                     | 80     |
| <b>SPECIFIC GOALS</b>                            | 20     |
| <b>Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS</b> | 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 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

$$Ps = 80 \left( 1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right) \text{ or } Ps = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

Where

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

### 3.2. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

#### 3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$Ps = 80 \left( 1 + \frac{Pt - Pmax}{Pmax} \right) \text{ or } Ps = 90 \left( 1 + \frac{Pt - Pmax}{Pmax} \right)$$

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration  
Pt = Price of tender under consideration  
Pmax = Price of highest 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.**

***(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.***

***Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each***

preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
51% Black Ownership	N/A	8	N/A	
50% Women Ownership	N/A	4	N/A	
Youth Ownership	N/A	4	N/A	
Disability Ownership	N/A	4	N/A	
Non-compliant contributor	N/A	0	N/A	

**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

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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:** .....

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# **THE NATIONAL TREASURY**

**Republic of South Africa**



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## **GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

**July 2010**

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

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

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

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## General Conditions of Contract

### 1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
  - 1.1 “Closing time” means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
  - 1.2 “Contract” means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
  - 1.3 “Contract price” means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
  - 1.4 “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
  - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
  - 1.6 “Country of origin” means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
  - 1.7 “Day” means calendar day.
  - 1.8 “Delivery” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
  - 1.9 “Delivery ex stock” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
  - 1.10 “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
  - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the

RSA.

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

obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

1.25 “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

**2. Application**

2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.

2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.

2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

**3. General**

3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.

3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from [www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za)

**4. Standards**

4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

**5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.**

5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier’s performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.

5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier’s records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

**6. Patent rights**

6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

**7. Performance security**

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

**8. Inspections, tests and analyses**

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

analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

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

**9. Packing**

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

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

**10. Delivery and documents**

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

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

**11. Insurance**

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

**12. Transportation**

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

**13. Incidental services**

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

- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
- (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
- (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

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

#### **14. Spare parts**

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

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

#### **15. Warranty**

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

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

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

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

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take

such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

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

supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

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

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

## **22. Penalties**

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

## **23. Termination for default**

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

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

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

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

- (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.
- 33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)** 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.
- 34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices** 34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) 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 collusive bidding (or bid rigging).
- 34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may 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.

- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.