Request for Proposals for a Service Provider to provide ICT Support Services to the SALGA Production Server, Networking & Storage Environment

BID NO. SALGA/50/2017

Closing date and time: 7 September 2017 at 11:00
Bid Validity Period: 120 days

TENDER BOX ADDRESS:
Menlyn Corporate Park
c/o Garsfontein and Corobay Avenue
Waterkloof Glen
TEL: (012) 369 8000
EMAIL: scm@salga.org.za
WEBSITE: www.salga.org.za
1. INTRODUCTION

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) is a public entity established by the Organised Local Government Act (Act 52 of 1997) to assist in the comprehensive transformation of local government in South Africa. SALGA is managed within the framework of the Public Finance Management Act (Act 1 of 1999) and is listed as a schedule 3A public entity. Its main objectives are to:

- Represent, promote and protect the interests of local government;
- Transform local government to enable it to fulfil its developmental role;
- Enhance the role and status of its members as provincial representatives and consultative bodies of local government;
- Enhance the role and status of municipalities;
- Be recognised by national and provincial governments to be the representative and consultative body in respect of all matters concerning local government and to make representations to both provincial and national governments in respect of any matter concerning local government;
- Ensure the full participation of women in organised local government;
- Be the National Employers’ Association representing all municipal members and, by agreement, associate members.

2. SALGA MANDATE

Developmental Local Government is an essential component of the machinery of government. In accordance with its constitutional mandate, SALGA is obliged to transform the local government sector to one that has the required capacity to make a meaningful contribution to poverty alleviation, economic development and all socio-economic opportunities that the state has geared itself to provide for its people. SALGA also serves as the representative voice of all 257 municipalities in the country. For the past 20 years, since its establishment, SALGA has endeavoured to bring focus to its mandate of supporting local government transformation in a complex environment, characterised by a highly diverse and diffuse membership base of municipalities. In terms of its amended Constitution, SALGA is a unitary body that consists of a national association and nine provincial offices. Its mandate rests on six primary pillars:

(1) **Representation, Advocacy and Lobbying** refers to representing the interests of members in legislatures and other policy making and oversight structures. It also refers to engaging with various stakeholders, public debates etc. in the interest of Local Government.

(2) **Employer Body** refers to being an effective employer representative for members. Employer representation is carried out through collective bargaining (in terms of the Labour Relations Act) in various structures including but not limited to those established in the South African Local Government Bargaining Council.

(3) **Capacity Building** refers to facilitating capacity building initiatives through among others; representing member interests in the Local Government Sector Education Authority (LGSETA). SALGA strives to facilitate a coherent, well-co-ordinated capacity building programme for municipal councillors and officials.
4. **Support and Advice** refers to the provision of tools and services that enable municipalities to understand and interpret trends, policies and legislation affecting Local Government and to implement the said policies and plans.

5. **Strategic Profiling** of Local Government refers to enhancing the profile and image of local government as an important and credible agent for the delivery of services. Profiling focuses within South Africa, the African continent and the rest of the world.

6. **Knowledge and Information Sharing** refers to building and sharing a comprehensive hub of Local Government knowledge and intelligence that will enable informed delivery of other SALGA mandates. The knowledge hub is also a useful reference point for all who seek Local Government information.

Diagrammatically the mandate is depicted as follows:

3. **BACKGROUND**

SALGA currently consists of 9 Provincial offices and 1 National office situated in Gauteng, Pretoria. Currently SALGA has got a centralised Production Environment running on VmWare situated at SALGA National in Pretoria.

All 9 Provincial offices have an on-site file server and domain controller, and connect to the National office, and internet via an MPLS network.
During the course of the last 6-7 years SALGA has established and created a stable ICT environment, on Windows 7, Windows 8, Server 2012, SQL, MS SharePoint, using Cisco systems in production, HP BL Servers; HP DL Servers, HP ML Servers, HP Laptop and Desktops, Apple MacBook; Lenovo ThinkPad notebooks; 3 PAR Storage; MSA 2000; HP C3000 Enclosure and VmWare.

4. **INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS**

4.1 **General Instructions**

This document constitutes a Request for Proposal (RFP), which specifies SALGA’s requirements for a service provider to provide ICT Technical Support Services to SALGA Production Server, Networking and Storage environment. The information contained herein provides a format to facilitate bidder’s responses to this RFP. It is important that the format be followed closely to help maintain the decision making timetable. Responses must be presented in the same order as the requirements appear, section by section, and numbered accordingly, with acknowledgement of all clauses. All pricing information should be fully disclosed with all charges clearly defined, i.e. a per unit fee based on activity.

4.2 **Objectives**

SALGA’s objective in the call for proposals is to appoint a service provider to provide ICT technical Support Services to the Internal SALGA ICT Systems Administrators on all Production Server, Networking, and Storage Environment Hardware.

4.3 **Terms of Contract**

The duration of the contract shall be for a duration of 36 months.

4.4 **Questions during Proposal Process**

Enquiries regarding this RFP should be directed to scm@salga.org.za, located at the SALGA National Office – 012 369 8000. Questions will only be taken up to **Thursday, 31 August 2017**.

No further addenda will be issued by SALGA after 12:00 noon, five business days prior to RFP closing without providing an extension of time.

4.5 **Submission of Proposal**

Submit four copies, one original of the proposal and a soft copy, in sealed opaque envelopes and clearly marked “Request for Proposals for a Service Provider to provide ICT Support Services to the SALGA Production Server, Networking & Storage Environment”.

**Physical address:**

_South African Local Government Association (SALGA)_  
_Menlyn Corporate Park_  
_Block B; 175 Corobay Avenue_  
_corner Garsfontein & Corobay Avenue_  
_Waterkloof Glen ext. 11_  
_PRETORIA, 0181_
Proposals will be received at the reception desk on the first floor, during regular business hours only, up to. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Bidders remain solely responsible for the method of conveyance of their proposal to the receiving point. Fax transmissions or any other electronic communications are not acceptable.

SALGA will not be responsible for any costs incurred by the bidders associated with the preparation of responses to the RFP.

Proposals received past the time stated above will not be considered, and may be returned to the bidder unopened.

All proposals will remain in force and will be irrevocable for one hundred twenty days (120) after the proposal closing.

Proposals shall stipulate sums without escalator clauses or other qualifications.

4.6 Contract Award
SALGA reserves the right to accept any proposal submitted, or reject all proposals.

Any proposal submitted, that is not in complete compliance with the requirements of the proposal documents may be accepted or disqualified, at the discretion of SALGA.

4.7 Termination of Contract
SALGA reserves the right to terminate the agreement within 30 days written notice to the winning bidder subject to the following:

4.7.1 the winning bidder fails to perform in accordance with the specified service requirements as set out in the RFP;

4.7.2 the winning bidder fails to provide project deliverables as defined under part 0 below without written explanation;

4.7.3 the winning bidder otherwise violates the provisions of the RFP to a substantial degree.

4.8 Liability
SALGA will not be held liable for any actions of the winning bidder and/or its employees.

4.9 Important Dates
31 August 2017 - Last day for questions
7 September 2017 - Proposal submissions due 11H00AM
TBA - Presentations if necessary
4.10 BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

To be considered, a candidate must provide Enterprise Server, Networking, and Storage support:

4.10.1 have extensive experience in HP Blade System Networking & MSA Storage;
4.10.2 have extensive experience in HP C3000 & C7000 Blade Enclosure & 3PAR Storage;
4.10.3 have extensive experience in HP BL; DL & ML Servers;
4.10.4 have extensive experience in HP SAN Storage Design & Management;
4.10.5 have extensive experience in ESX; ESXi;
4.10.6 have extensive experience in VmWare; Vcenter Server & VSpHERE Client configuration; McAfee AV; UPS & Environmental Monitoring Systems;
4.10.7 be registered on National Treasury’s Central Supplier Database (CSD);
4.10.8 have extensive experience in CISCO Networking, switching, and router configuration;

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (SPECIFICATIONS)

5.1 SPECIFIC SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER

5.1.1 Hardware support: Networking, Server and Storage Support

- Assistance with Enterprise Architecture, Design and Documentation to be done once off;
- HP BL; DL & ML Server Support;(quarterly)
- MSA 2000 & 3 PAR Storage Support,
- C3000 & C7000 enclosure support;
- Cisco Switch & Router support
- Quarterly Networking & Server equipment firmware updates
- Advise on warranty renewals
- Advice on end-of-life equipment

- Service Provider to provide technical support to SALGA as and when required (this only applies to items or requirements that are not covered in this specification. Each request will be dealt with as if it’s a new project and will be quoted for on an hourly rate (rate per hour (office & after hours) to be supplied as part of the pricing schedule);

- Quarterly Networking & Server equipment firmware updates to be done by the Service Provider.

- A dedicated technical support engineer to conduct site visits at SALGA National to sit with the ICT Systems Administrator as part of Networking & Server Maintenance, and to provide advice and insight on latest technologies.

Supplier to submit fixed rate per hour for the duration of the contract.
5.1.2 **Software Support: Monitoring, Management and Security Software**

- VMWare Software monitoring Support (Vcenter; VSphere; ESX);
- Annual Software upgrade and licensing;
- Environmental Monitoring Support (Currently have a T-3 monitoring system manufactured by T-Systems);
- Quarterly UPS & Fire Suppression Maintenance & Support
- McAfee AV & Endpoint Protection

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- Annual VMWare Software upgrade and licensing to be quoted for and be part of the pricing schedule;

- A dedicated technical support engineer to conduct site visits at SALGA National to sit with the ICT Systems Administrator as part of the VMWare maintenance, ESX Host patch management and Version updates. (rate per hour to be supplied as part of the pricing schedule);

- Quarterly UPS & Fire Suppression to be serviced (To be serviced once a quarter, rate per service to be supplied as part of the pricing schedule)

6 **TECHNICAL SUPPORT DURATION**

Upon successful appointment, the Service Provider is to enter into a 36 months Service Level Agreement with SALGA. *(For all Capital Hardware Acquisitions, a competitive bidding process will be followed by means of obtaining 3 quotes and adhering to the PFMA and National Treasury Regulations.)*

7. **EVALUATION**

The following evaluation method will be used:

- After the closing date of the bid invitation, an appointed evaluation committee of SALGA officials and possibly other external parties will evaluate the proposals of the bidders.
- The committee will individually evaluate each of the bid proposals received against the appointed criteria as provided for in Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act of 2005 (as amended).

All proposals submitted will be evaluated on three categories:

- Functionality (technical content)
- Price
- B-BBEE status level of contribution

Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the preferential procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), using the 80/20 split.
Firstly, the assessment of functionality will be done in terms of the evaluation criteria and the minimum threshold value of 70 points. A bid will be disqualified if it fails to meet the minimum threshold value for functionality as per the bid invitation.

A Bid Evaluation Committee will review and evaluate the proposals. Bidders may be invited to present their proposal for the purpose of providing clarification and answers to questions by the committee. If presentations are necessary they will be made on (time and location to be advised).

Thereafter, only the qualifying bids after the presentation will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference points systems, 80 points will be used for price only and the 20 points will be used for B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.

A recommendation for the awarding of the contract will be made at the meeting of the Bid Adjudication Committee to be confirmed, where applicable.

For functionality, the following criteria will be applicable and the maximum value of points breakdown for each criterion using these scale level descriptors:

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Point’s breakdown:

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<td>Experience in similar projects (At least 5 signed letters to be submitted from companies where similar service has been conducted)</td>
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<td>Specialist Expertise and Experience of Project Team (Detailed CV’s, qualification and copies of certificates of team members that will be directly allocated to SALGA must be submitted)</td>
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CRITERIA FOR FUNCTIONALITY

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Bidders who score 70 (average) points and above will be considered in phase 2 of the evaluation.

The 80/20 points system will be used when evaluating this Request for Proposal.

The remaining 20 points will be allocated in terms of Regulation 5(2) and 6(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:

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8. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The following should be noted by interested parties:

- Intellectual property and ownership of all materials and products developed in the execution of the contract will be vested in SALGA.
- Materials and products may not be made available to any unauthorized person or institution or sold for profit without prior written consent from SALGA.
- On completion or termination of the agreement, all materials and products must be handed over to SALGA.
- No information concerning the tender or award of the tender may be made available by the bidder to other parties without prior consultation and written approval from SALGA.
- SALGA may at its own discretion vary this instruction to include more scope / work or to exclude work/service areas. In the case of the latter, the bidder shall not be entitled to claim for any work not required and may engage SALGA on the pricing of the additional work/service proposed.
- All copyright and intellectual property rights that may result as a consequence of the work to be performed shall reside with SALGA and the service provider shall be required to sign an agreement of confidentiality.
- SALGA may dictate the framework in which documents (policies, plans, report etc.) shall be submitted; however the service provider should be able to submit a proposal on the lay-out of his/her choice for consideration by SALGA.
- SALGAs (general conditions of bid, contract and order) shall be applicable to this bid.
- The service provider shall be required to conclude and sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) after the appointment.
- SALGA reserves the right not to award the bid to any bidder at its own discretion.
9. ANNEXURE A – PRICING SCHEDULE

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YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SALGA)

**BID NUMBER:** SALGA/50/2017  **CLOSING DATE:** 7 SEPTEMBER 2017  **CLOSING TIME:** 11:00

**DESCRIPTION**

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE ICT SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE SALGA PRODUCTION SERVER, NETWORKING AND STORAGE ENVIRONMENT

**THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).**

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT *(STREET ADDRESS)*

**SALGA NATIONAL OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK B, MENLYN CORPORATE PARK, C/O GARSFONTEIN AND COROBAY AVENUE, WATERKLOOF GLEN**

**SUPPLIER INFORMATION**

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**TCS PIN:** OR **CSD No:**

**B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE** *(TICK APPLICABLE BOX)*

- Yes
- No

**B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT** *(TICK APPLICABLE BOX)*

- Yes
- 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)
- A REGISTERED AUDITOR

**[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) 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?** *(TICK APPLICABLE BOX)*

- Yes
- No

**ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?** *(IF YES ANSWER PART B:3 BELOW)*

- Yes
- No

**SIGNATURE OF BIDDER**

………………………………

**DATE**

**CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED** *(Attach proof of authority to sign this bid; e.g. resolution of directors, etc.)*

**TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED**

**TOTAL BID PRICE (ALL INCLUSIVE)**

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## 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. BIDDERS MUST REGISTER ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) TO UPLOAD MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS; AND BANKING INFORMATION FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES). B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.
   1.4. WHERE A BIDDER IS NOT REGISTERED ON THE CSD, MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID DOCUMENTATION. B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.
   1.5. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER LEGISLATION OR 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 TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) 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.
   2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
   2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE PROOF OF TCS / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
   2.6 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 BIDDER A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? □ YES □ NO
   3.2. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? □ YES □ NO
   3.3. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? □ YES □ NO
   3.4. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? □ YES □ NO

   IF THE ANSWER IS “NO” TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN, IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS / TAX COMPLIANCE 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.
TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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 the attached form TCC 001 “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.

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 original Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted together with the bid. Failure to submit the original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate will result in the invalidation of the bid. Certified copies of the Tax Clearance Certificate will not be acceptable.

4. In bids where Consortia/Joint Ventures/Sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.

5. Copies of the TCC 001 “Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate” form are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website www.sars.gov.za.

6. 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.
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………………………………………  Bid number…………………………………………………………
Closing Time 11:00                           Closing date…………………………………………………………

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

ITEM NO.  QUANTITY  DESCRIPTION  BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY ** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- Required by: .................................................................
- At: ...............................................................................
- Brand and model .............................................................
- Country of origin .............................................................
- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)?  *YES/NO
- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s) .............................................................
- Period required for delivery .............................................................  *Delivery: Firm/not firm
- Delivery basis .............................................................

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

** “all applicable taxes” includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

*Delete if not applicable
DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or

- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

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

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

2.2 Identity Number: ...................................................................................................................

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²): .................................

2.4 Company Registration Number: ..........................................................................................

2.5 Tax Reference Number: ........................................................................................................

2.6 VAT Registration Number: ...................................................................................................

2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / persal numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

¹"State" means –
(a) 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);
(b) any municipality or municipal entity;
(c) provincial legislature;
(d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
(e) Parliament.

²"Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.
2.7  Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state?  YES / NO

2.7.1  If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder / member: ..................................................
Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: ..................................................
Position occupied in the state institution: ..................................................

Any other particulars:
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2.7.2  If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector?  YES / NO

2.7.2.1  If yes, did you attached proof of such authority to the bid document?  YES / NO

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.)

2.7.2.2  If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:
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2.8  Did you or your spouse, or any of the company’s directors / trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months?  YES / NO

2.8.1  If so, furnish particulars:
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2.9  Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?  YES / NO
2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3 Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

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DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME)………………………………………………………………………

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

…………………………………..  ……………………………………..
Signature  Date

…………………………………..  ……………………………………..
Position  Name of bidder

May 2011
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.


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).

1.2 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

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:

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<td>PRICE</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td><strong>Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed</strong></td>
<td><strong>100</strong></td>
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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 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

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

Where

\( P_s \) = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

\( P_t \) = Price of bid under consideration

\( P_{\text{min}} \) = 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:

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<th>B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor</th>
<th>Number of points (90/10 system)</th>
<th>Number of points (80/20 system)</th>
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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: \( \ldots = \ldots \) (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)*

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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted: \( \ldots \)%

ii) The name of the sub-contractor: \( \ldots \)

iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor: \( \ldots \)

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

*(Tick applicable box)*

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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017:

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<td>Black people who are military veterans</td>
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**OR**

| 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

☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
☐ One person business/sole propriety
☐ Close corporation
☐ Company
☐ (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 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business: ...........................................

8.8 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-BBEE 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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DECLARATION OF BIDDER’S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1 This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.

2 It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions 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 disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
   a. abused the institution’s supply chain management system;
   b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
   c. failed to perform on any previous contract.

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

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<th>Question</th>
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| 4.1  | 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?  
(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 audi alteram partem rule was applied).  
The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury’s website ([www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za)) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page. | Yes | No |
| 4.1.1| If so, furnish particulars:                                                                                                                                                                           |     |    |
| 4.2  | 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)?  
The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury’s website ([www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za)) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page. | Yes | No |
| 4.2.1| If so, furnish particulars:                                                                                                                                                                           |     |    |
| 4.3  | Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years? | Yes | No |
| 4.3.1| If so, furnish particulars:                                                                                                                                                                           |     |    |
4.4 | Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract? | Yes | No

4.4.1 | If so, furnish particulars:

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)…………………………………………………………………………………..
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS 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

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Position Name of Bidder Js365bW
CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ 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).² Collusive bidding is a pe se prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.

3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:

a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution’s supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.

b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.

4 This SBD 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 (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² 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:

________________________________________________________________________

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

________________________________________________________________________

(Name of Institution)

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

I certify, on behalf of:_______________________________________________________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 consortium⁹ 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.

⁹ 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.
1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this SCM Treasury Instruction is to prescribe the utilisation of the mandatory Central Supplier Database (CSD) to Accounting Officers and Accounting Authorities.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The National Treasury identified the registration of prospective service providers on each and every Organ of state’s individual list of prospective suppliers as one of the processes that makes it difficult for service providers to do business with the State.

2.2 Cabinet approved steps to accelerate the modernisation of public procurement as per a Cabinet Resolution dated 10 December 2014. Amongst the ensuing modernisation initiatives, the National Treasury established the CSD on behalf of all Departments, Constitutional Institutions and Public Entities listed in Schedule 2 and 3 of the PFMA. The CSD’s purpose is to avoid the multiple registrations by prospective suppliers with each individual Organ of State they intend doing business with.

2.3 In terms of Section 38 (1) (a) (iii) and 51 (1) (iii) of the PFMA, the Accounting Officer of a Department or Constitutional Institution and the Accounting Authority of a Public Entity listed in Schedule 2 and 3 to the PFMA must ensure that their respective Institutions have and maintain an appropriate procurement and provisioning system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective.

2.4 National Treasury Circular No 3 of 2015/2016 informed Accounting Officers and Accounting Authorities of Departments, Constitutional Institutions and all Schedule 2 and 3 Public Entities of the transitional arrangements prior to the mandatory application of the CSD on 1 April 2016. Through this SCM Instruction, the date is extended to 1 July 2016.

2.5 The registration and verification of supplier information has not been uniform and standardised for all Organs of State, which complicated the process of doing business with the state. Therefore, the National Treasury established the CSD in
September 2015 to administer supplier registration and facilitate the verification of supplier information.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

3.1 In order to give effect to the mandatory requirements of this SCM Instruction, Accounting Officers and Accounting Authorities must ensure that:

3.1.1 The current supply chain management system and policies of their respective organs of state are aligned with the provisions of this SCM Instruction note;

3.1.2 Price quotations are invited and accepted from prospective suppliers listed on the CSD; and

3.1.3 Key information of prospective suppliers is verified on the CSD in line with PFMA and regulatory requirements. The following information must be verified:

   a) Business registration, including details of directorship and membership;
   b) Bank account holder information;
   c) In the service of the state status;
   d) Tax compliance status;
   e) Identity number;
   f) B-BBEE status level;
   g) Tender defaulting and restriction status; and
   h) Any additional and supplementary verification information communicated by the National Treasury.

3.2 Accounting Officers and Accounting Authorities must not award any bid for price quotations to a bidder(s) not registered on the CSD, excluding transactions mentioned in paragraph 3.3.

3.3 Transactions concluded through petty cash, sundry payments and foreign suppliers with no local registered entity may be concluded even if the supplier is not registered on the CSD.

3.4 If it is not possible to obtain price quotations from the list of prospective suppliers listed on the CSD, organs of state must conduct a market analysis to identify possible supplier(s), record the process and submit the list of prospective suppliers obtained through market analysis to the Accounting Officer or Accounting Authority or an appropriately delegated Official for approval. The identified supplier(s) should be registered on the CSD before orders are finalised.

3.5 Organs of state must ensure that a supplier that has been contracted in respect of emergency procurement procedures of the organ of state and that is not registered on the CSD, is registered as soon as possible, but not later than 7 calendar days after the order was issued to the supplier.

3.6 With effect from 1 July 2016, organs of state may not extend any existing contracts that may be in existence for computerised systems that are used to record details of

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1 Bank account information is verified for ease of transacting and complaint financial management and not as a mandatory requirement for sourcing and procurement processes.

2 "In the service of the state": Please note this check is currently done on state employees who have a PERSAL number, but will be also verified for municipalities, municipal entities and public entities from 1 October 2016.

3 B-BBEE will only be verified from 1 October 2016.
their prospective suppliers and may not institute any new computerised system for the management of their list of prospective suppliers without written approval from the National Treasury.

3.7 In line with paragraph 3.6 above, any computerised systems in Organs of State that are operational at the date that this Instruction takes effect, may be used up until the expiry of contracts related to such systems.

3.8 Organs of State must ensure that existing systems integrate with the CSD to ensure systematic verification of supplier records. In cases where system integration is not possible, Organs of State must verify supplier records through the online CSD search function and attach a copy of the verification report to the procurement transaction.

3.9 Organs of State must ensure that suppliers awarded business with the State, excluding instances mentioned in paragraph 3.3, are registered on the CSD prior to award letter/purchase order/signed contract being issued.

4. SUBMISSION OF COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS BY PROSPECTIVE SUPPLIERS

4.1 Organs of State need to notify bidders when sourcing price quotations or bids (open tenders) that they are not required to submit hard copies of compliance information as this information can be accessed and verified on the CSD in accordance with provisions of paragraph 3.8.

4.2 Organs of State must indicate in their Request for Bids that prospective suppliers must be register on CSD prior to submitting bids (open tenders).

4.3 Proof of registration, certification or accreditation with any industry or board not provided by the CSD must be verified through the submission of physical documentation and verified through manual procedures.

5. PROSPECTIVE SUPPLIERS' REGISTRATION SUPPORT

Organs of State must provide CSD registration support to prospective suppliers who are unable to self-register or require assistance with registration.

6. TAX STATUS REQUIREMENTS FOR PRICE QUOTATIONS AND COMPETITIVE BIDS

Accounting Officers/Authority must verify the tax compliance status of bidders on the CSD for all price quotations and competitive bids.

7. ACCESS TO THE CSD AS A USER BY DESIGNATED OFFICIALS

7.1 The National Treasury will grant access to Organs of State and their respective designated Official(s) on the CSD to identify prospective suppliers for price quotations and/or verify supplier’s key information.

7.2 Accounting Officers and Accounting Authorities must utilise Organ of State System Account Application Form attached as Annexure A to request access rights on the CSD.
7.3 For legibility and accuracy purposes, the form must be completed electronically. The form may be accessed under buyer’s area on the OCPO website/supplier management/documents: http://ocpo.treasury.gov.za.

7.4 Completed forms must be forwarded to business.support@csd.gov.za.

8. TRAINING AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

8.1 All Training and support requirements need to be forwarded to business.support@csd.gov.za

8.2 For telephonic support the OCPO call centre can be contacted on 012 406 9222.

8.3 The National Treasury will facilitate access to the system and provide training.

9. APPLICABILITY

This SCM Instruction applies to all Departments, Constitutional Institutions and Public Entities listed in Schedule 2 and 3 to the PFMA.

10. REPEAL OF NATIONAL TREASURY PRACTICE NOTE AND REFERENCE

10.1 This instruction repeals:

a) National Treasury SCM Instruction 4 of 2016/2017;
b) Paragraph 5 and 6 of National Treasury practice note no 8 of 2007/2008 on threshold values for the procurement of goods, works and services by means of petty cash, verbal/written price quotations or competitive bids dated 29 November 2007;

10.2 The list of prospective suppliers referred to in paragraph 3.2 and 3.3 of the National Treasury practice note no 8 of 2007/2008 must be regarded as the list of prospective suppliers established through the CSD.

11. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS INSTRUCTION

11.1 Heads of Provincial Treasuries are requested to bring the contents of this SCM Instruction to the attention of Accounting Officers and Supply Chain Management Officials of their respective provincial departments;

11.2 Accounting Officers of National and Provincial Departments are requested to bring the contents of this SCM Instruction to the attention of Supply Chain Management Officials in their Departments and Accounting Authorities that report to the Executive Authority of their Department.

11.3 Accounting Authorities of Public Entities listed in Schedules 2 and 3 of the PFMA are requested to bring the contents of this SCM Instruction to the attention of the Supply Chain Management Officials of their Public Entities.
12 NOTIFICATION TO THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

The Auditor-General will be notified of the contents of this Instruction.

13 AUTHORITY FOR THIS INSTRUCTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This SCM Instruction is issued in terms of section 76(4) (c) of the PFMA takes effect from 1 July 2016. Institutions that have adopted the implementation of the CSD before 1 July 2016, may continue to utilise the CSD.

14 CONTACT INFORMATION

Enquiries related to this Instruction may be directed to:
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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
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

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 (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.

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.