

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	SCM003/2020	CLOSING DATE:13 NOVEMBER 2020		CLOSING TIME:11:00	
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES ON THE USE OF INDIVIDUAL-LINKED SAVINGS FACILITY (ILSF) FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
Batho Pele House,					
546 Edmond Street,					
(C/O Hamilton Street),					
Arcadia					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Lorraine Masenya / Mmapula Kotsokoane		CONTACT PERSON	Johannes Rantete	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 336 1126/1389		TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 336 1102	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A	
E-MAIL ADDRESS			E-MAIL ADDRESS	Johannes.rantete@dpsa.gov.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
[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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					

PART B

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED--(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER: BID NO.: SCM003/2020

CLOSING TIME 11:00

CLOSING DATE... 13/11/2020

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

DESCRIPTION: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES ON THE USE OF INDIVIDUAL-LINKED SAVINGS FACILITY (ILSF) FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY

NO

**** (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)**

1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.
 2. Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project. R.....
 3. PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)
 4. PERSON AND POSITION
- | | HOURLY RATE | DAILY RATE |
|-------|-------------|------------|
| | R..... | |
| | R..... | |
| | R..... | |
| | R..... | |
| | R..... | |
5. PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT
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| | R..... | days |
| | R..... | days |
| | R..... | days |
| | R..... | days |
- 5.1 Travel expenses (specify, for example rate/km and total km, class of airtravel, etc). Only actual costs are recoverable. Proof of the expenses incurred must accompany certified invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
.....	R.....
.....	R.....
.....	R.....
.....	R.....

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

Name of Bidder:

- 5.2 Other expenses, for example accommodation (specify, eg. Three star hotel, bed and breakfast, telephone cost, reproduction cost, etc.). On basis of these particulars, certified invoices will be checked for correctness. Proof of the expenses must accompany invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
.....	R.....
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.....	R.....
.....	R.....
TOTAL: R.....			

6. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid
 7. Estimated man-days for completion of project
 8. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract? *YES/NO
 9. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.

SBD 4

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 an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written price quotation). 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 in full and submitted with the bid. Failure to fully complete the questionnaire and duly sign the declaration will result in your bid being disqualified.**
 - 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, member):
 - 2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:
 - 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.

SBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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 / NA**

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

(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, 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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SBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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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?

YES/NO

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?

YES/NO

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

[illegible]

SBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4 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 SHOULD THIS
DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000.00 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000.00 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2

- a) The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000.00 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable;

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:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

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.

SBD 8: DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document **must** form part of all bids invited. **Failure to fully complete the questionnaire and duly sign the declaration will result in your bid being disqualified.**
- 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.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
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 <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied). The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website(www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

SBD 8: DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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.**

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Signature

.....
Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

SBD 9: CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) **must** form part of all bids¹ invited. **Failure to fully complete this document and duly sign the declaration will result in your bid being disqualified.**
- 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.

SBD 9: 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 consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.

³ 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.

SBD 9: CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

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.
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.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

.....
Name of Bidder

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THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

BID CHECK LIST

Tax Status verified against CSD Report (Tax Compliant).	YES	NO
Is the SBD 6.1 form signed by the duly authorized person? (Failure to sign the SBD 6.1 will result in the invalidation of your bid)	YES	NO
Are the following SBD forms completed and signed? 1. SBD 1 2. SBD 3.3 3. Declaration of Interest (SBD 4) 4. SBD 6.1 5. SBD 8 6. SBD 9	YES	NO

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Signature

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Date:

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HOUSING
SCHEME (GEHS)**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

**THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER
TO PROVIDE REASEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES ON
THE USE OF INDIVIDUAL-LINKED SAVINGS FACILITY (ILSF)
FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) seeks to appoint a Service Provider to provide research and advisory services regarding the use of Individual-linked Savings Facility (ILSF) funds for the benefit of Government employees.

2. BACKGROUND ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HOUSING SCHEME (GEHS)

- 2.1 The Government Employees Housing Scheme (GEHS) was established in terms of the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council (PSCBC) Resolution 7 of 2015 in order to assist Government employees to achieve home ownership. It was apparent during the establishment of the Scheme that many employees who received housing allowance as part of their conditions of employment were finding it extremely difficult to access home loans to acquire homes without additional assistance. Others found it difficult to find houses within their affordability range in their preferred areas.
- 2.2 As a result, the GEHS was established with the aim of achieving the following objectives:
- To support, educate and advise employees on housing options and opportunities;
 - To enhance employees' access to affordable housing;
 - To promote home ownership and facilitate asset security among employees;
 - To assist employees to rent houses with a view to buy and own homes;
 - To assist employees to access affordable housing loans and finance.
- 2.3 The PSCBC expects the GEHS to assist employees to access affordable housing finance that would enable them to purchase houses. From the on-set the GEHS combined various finance solutions to help employees meet their housing finance requirements. These solutions included the housing allowance that is paid to employees who have applied, access to housing subsidies from the Department of Human Settlements, negotiated home loans from SA Home Loans and the use of savings that are saved on behalf of employees in the Individual-linked Savings Facility (ILSF).
- 2.4 With almost R9.6 billion saved in the ILSF the GEHS has been advised to explore the possibility of utilizing part of these funds to create more benefits and value for employees. With about R150 million deposited into the ILSF on a monthly basis, financial experts have indicated that the fund could be used as a revolving instrument that could simultaneously release savings to employees who are ready to purchase houses while at the same time being able to offer additional benefits that could enhance employees housing needs.

- 2.5 It is against this background that the GEHS seeks to appoint a service provider to undertake research and advisory services on the use of ILSF funds for the benefit of government employees.

3. PROJECT OVERVIEW

- 3.1 Since the start of the GEHS in 2016, Government employees have been assisted by the GEHS to access and utilize their housing allowances for the purpose of acquiring home ownership. This allowance has increased from R600 in 2016 to R1 456.94 in 2020. By June 2020 a total of 692 503 employees were receiving the housing allowance for home ownership while 259 399 were receiving the housing allowance for rental. By June 2020, a total of R9.6 billion had been saved in the ILSF.
- 3.2 During 2016 the DPSA entered into a partnership protocol with the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) through which the Government Pension Fund (GEPF) invested money to SA Home Loans for the latter to provide home loans to Government employees. By June 2020 a total of 15 321 home loans were issued by SA Home Loans to the tune of R9.9 billion.
- 3.3 In addition to the above, some qualifying employees are being assisted by the GEHS to access Finance-linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) subsidies managed by the National Housing Finance Corporation of the Department of Human Settlements.
- 3.4 The combination of the above housing finance solutions is helping a number of employees to enhance their opportunities to access home ownership.
- 3.5 The ILSF fund with a value of R9.6 billion presents an opportunity to explore options that could further enhance employees access to housing finance and home ownership. Some of the major challenging areas where enhancement is required on the entire value chain of employee access to home ownership include, but not limited to,
- (a) Having sufficient deposit to access home loans;
 - (b) High interest rates on home loans;
 - (c) Employee over-indebtedness;
 - (d) Unavailability of affordable housing stock within the affordability range of low-paid employees ;
 - (e) Unavailability of affordable housing in appropriate locations;
 - (f) Lack of education on housing finance and housing opportunities;
 - (g) Unaffordable transfer costs, bond registration costs and other management costs in the home ownership pipeline;
 - (h) Lengthy home loan repayment periods;
 - (i) Lack of serviced stands mostly in rural areas; and
 - (j) Increasing appetite amongst lowly paid employees for non-mortgage home loans, which can be repaid within reasonable timeframes.
- 3.6 It is against this background that the GEHS seeks the services of a service provider to provide research and advisory on the use the ILSF for the benefit of Government employees on a variety of areas as ventilated in item 3.5 above.

4. SCOPE OF WORK

4.1 The appointed Service Provider is expected to do the following:

- (a) Design and obtain approval for the research study, research methodology and project plan;
- (b) Identify the stakeholders to be engaged in the research study, including amongst others the National Treasury, the Reserve Bank, Human Settlements Development Bank and other financial institutions;
- (c) Undertake interviews with identified relevant stakeholders;
- (d) Undertake desktop study;
- (e) Conduct local and international benchmark studies;
- (f) Analyse current home loan financing instruments and identify gaps;
- (g) Analyse current investment instruments;
- (h) Identify and motivate possible strategic option/s on the use of the ILSF for the benefit of Government employees;
- (i) Make proposals on the implementation mechanism of the proposed possible strategic option/s;
- (j) Propose sustainability strategies for turning the fund into a revolving credit that satisfies the dual requirements of paying out savings to employees ready to access savings for their housing purposes and at the same time generating sufficient interests/profits that could sustain programmes, projects or solutions aimed at enhancing employees' housing conditions;
- (k) Compile a comprehensive report.

5. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

- 5.1. Diagnostic Report on the state of the ILSF and home loan finance in the public service.
- 5.2. Options Report that includes the benchmark report and implementation mechanism of the recommended option.

6. COMPETENCIES AND EXPERTISE REQUIRED

- 6.1. In depth knowledge and expertise in financial management, financial services and the banking sector;
- 6.2. In depth knowledge and experience in investment instruments;
- 6.3. In depth knowledge and experience in development funding and related project management.
- 6.4. Research and advisory experience.
- 6.5. Knowledge or experience in actuarial services.

7. TIMEFRAME

- 7.1 The deliverable must be delivered within three (3) months after the appointment of the Service Provider.

8. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT

- 8.1 Prior to appointment, the prospective Service Provider will provide the Department of Public Service and Administration with the proposed work-plan, which will include the timeframes and planned costs.
- 8.2 The preferred Service Provider must be prepared to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) as well as to sign the confidentiality agreement with the DPSA. A contract for this project will only be awarded on condition that all data and information, in whatever format, raw or analysed will belong to the Department of Public Service and Administration, as will any original questionnaires, results, transcripts, and final documents. None of the information can be used without the written consent of the DPSA.

9. TECHNICAL DATA TO BE SUBMITTED BY PROSPECTIVE SERVICE PROVIDERS

9.1 General Information

- 9.1.1. The DPSA requires the services of interested and competent service provider/s organization/s or companies that are experienced in the finance, banking and investment sectors. The Service Provider is expected to provide proof of expertise to ensure an accurate well researched report.

9.2. Requisites of the Service Provider:

9.2.1. A detailed proposal:

- Understanding of the terms of reference;
- Approach and methodology;
- Team composition and competency (attach CVs and indicate roles of individuals);
- Capacity development elements (meaningful use of PDIs and young professionals in the team);
- Quality Assurance measures (process and control)
- Reference Letters (not older than 5 years)

- Summary of projects executed and completed within specified timelines.
(as per table 9.3.1)

9.3. Documents to be submitted.

The following is required to be submitted by prospective service providers:

- 9.3.1. During the last 5 financial years, the company/organization or any of the required team members must have completed three (3) research projects and advisory services in the related field. The bidder must submit a summary of the projects in the format presented in the table below:

PROJECTS COMPLETED (LAST 5 YEARS)				
Name of Project	Project Description	Contract Value (Incl. VAT)	Client Name	Client Contact Tel

- 9.3.2 Provide project details of three of your projects in section 9.3.1 that were successfully completed in the last five (5) years in the format below. For each of the three (3) projects, a "happy letter" of successful completion of the project must be provided by the client, on the client's letterhead, and signed off by an authorised delegated employee of the client.

IMPORTANT: The DPSA may request reports of previous projects.

Project Details
Name of Project: Name of Client: Client Contact Details Contact person: Role in Project: Contact Tel No: Contact Cell:

E-mail Address: Project Start Date: Project Completion Date: Contract Amount (incl. VAT): Summary of Project (maximum 200 words). Note: Please attach a letter from the client indicating successful completion of the Project as per the client's brief.

9.3.3 Capabilities of Service Provider Team Members

- **1 - Project Manager** with 5 years working experience in a similar field.
- **1- Principal Researcher** who will be the primary person responsible for the technical work and will manage the design and implementation process. This researcher must hold a minimum Master's degree in any of the relevant disciplines with 5 years working experience
- **1- Specialist** in the field of finance, banking and/ or investment.

Key personnel may only be replaced over the life of the contract with written permission of the DPSA.

Please complete a summary detail of the main Project Team in the format shown below:

PROJECTS COMPLETED (LAST 5 YEARS)				
Full Name	Current Academic Qualifications*	Key Area of Specialisation	Years Experience in Research	
1. Project Manager				
2. Principal Researcher				
3. Specialist				

*Please attach certified copies of academic qualifications

Note: In addition, please provide CV for each Project Team members highlighting specific and relevant qualifications and experience.

9.4. Project Proposal

In addition to the above, a detailed project proposal must also be submitted.

- 9.4.1. The proposal document must outline the intended/proposed approach to the project, which will include a relevant title.
- 9.4.2. The approach and methodology must be clearly stipulated.

- 9.4.3. A Project Plan with proposed milestone and deliverables dates. The project plan should indicate key tasks and activities.

10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 10.1. The evaluation criteria for the assessment of the proposals will be based on both qualitative and financial aspects of the proposal.
- 10.2. Bidders will be evaluated on functionality and the bidders that score points which exceed the minimum threshold provided on functionality will further be evaluated on price and on Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Status Level Certificates provided in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000 and Regulations of 2017.
- 10.3. The bid documents will be evaluated individually on score sheets, by representatives in the evaluation panel, and according to the evaluation criteria indicated in the Terms of Reference. **All bidders who score less than 65 out of 100 points on functionality will not be considered further.**
- 10.4. This bid is **not** expected to exceed **R500 000.00** and **therefore the 80/20 Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status level contributor shall be applicable.**
- 10.5. **B-BBEE Status level Contributor (20)**

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

- 10.6. The following criteria will be used in particular as the criteria for appointment, apart from those laid down in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000. The applicable values that will be utilized when scoring is reflected in the table below.

CRITERIA	GUIDELINES FOR CRITERIA APPLICATION	WEIGHT
Proven experience and expertise of the service provider supported by references of a similar project	<p>(5)= 5 and more years experience with 5 and more references and knowledge and experience of research and advisory in the field of finance, banking and investment.</p> <p>(4)= 4-5 years experience with 3-4 and more references and knowledge and experience of research and advisory in the field of finance, banking and investment.</p> <p>(3)= 3-4 years of experience with 3-4 references and knowledge and experience of research and advisory in the field of finance, banking and investment.</p> <p>(2)= 1-2 years of experience with 1-2 references and some knowledge and experience of</p>	30

	<p>research and advisory in the field of finance, banking and investment.</p> <p>(1)= Less than 1 year experience with no references and no clear knowledge and experience of research and advisory in the field of finance, banking and investment.</p>	
Quality of Project Proposal	<p>Provision of a sound project proposal that clearly demonstrate the service required, the research project and its related methodology and approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of terms of reference. • Approach and methodology • Capacity • Quality assurance measures. <p>5 = Excellent 4=Very good 3=Good 2=Average 1=Poor 0=Non-compliance.</p>	50
Appropriateness and quality work plan/ project plan	<p>(5)= Comprehensive work plan/ project plan with detailed timelines describing all activities in logical sequence with clear time frames</p>	20

	<p>commensurate with the terms of reference.</p> <p>(4)= Work plan/ project plan which describes some high level activities, in logical sequence with clear timeframes commensurate with the terms of reference.</p> <p>(3)= Work plan/Project plan which describes all high level activities in logical sequence with no clear timeframes commensurate with terms of reference.</p> <p>(2)= Work plan/Project plan which describes high level activities with timeframes not compatible with terms of reference.</p> <p>(1)= Work plan activities do not commensurate with the deliverables in the terms of reference.</p>	
TOTAL POINTS ON FUNCTIONALITY MUST ADD TO 100		100

11. RULES OF BIDDING

- DPSA reserves the right not to procure from the service provider with the lowest price.
- The DPSA reserves the right not to award the bid/contract.
- The DPSA reserves the right to call for presentation with short-listed bidders at their own cost before final selection. Prospective Service Providers will be re-evaluated on individual score cards in terms of the functionality criteria.
- Late submissions will not be considered.

12. CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS

The successful Service Provider will be appointed by the DPSA and will be required to enter into a Service Level Agreement.

13. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- Company profile and proposals.
- Financial Proposal.
- A list of relevant references with detailed contact details in terms of the functional evaluation criteria.
- All standard bidding documentation (SBD form) to be fully complemented and duly signed.
- *Prospective bidders responding to this bid must be registered as a service provider on the Central Supplier Database (CSD). If your company is not registered on the CSD, proceed to complete the registration of your company prior to submitting your proposal. Refer to <https://secure.csd.gov.za/> to register your company. Ensure that all documentation on the database is updated and valid. Evidence of registration of the CSD must be provided.*
- *No bid will be awarded to a Supplier/Service Provider who has not registered on the CSD.*

NB: Failure to provide any of the above-mentioned mandatory submission requirements and attendance of the compulsory briefing session will lead to disqualification and the bidder will not be considered for further evaluation.

14. CONTACT DETAILS

Any request for clarification must be submitted by e-mail to the relevant contact person

14.1. SCM Enquiries:

Ms Lorraine Masenya/ Ms Mmapula Kotsokoane
Tel: 012 336-1126/1389

14.2. Technical Enquiries

Mr. Johannes Rantete
Tel: 012 336-1102
Email: johannes.rantete@dpsa.gov.za

14.3. Delivery Address:

The proposals should be labelled “**research and advisory services on the use of the Individual-linked Savings Facility (ILSF) funds for the benefit of Government employees**” and hand delivered to the **Department of Public Service and Administration’s** bid/tender box at Batho-Pele House, 546 Edmond Street, Arcadia, 0083

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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

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	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>
32. Taxes and duties	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>

- 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.

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