



BID NUMBER: LTA005-22/23

APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF TRAVEL AGENCIES TO PROVIDE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO LIMPOPO TOURISM AGENCY (LTA) FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.

The following conditions will apply:

- 1) Price offer to be valid for 120 days from the closing date of the bid.
- 2) Price(s) quoted must be firm and inclusive of VAT.
- 3) The bid will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference point system as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Regulations (2017) and for this purpose the enclosed forms SBD 3.1, SBD 4, & SBD 6.1, must be scrutinized, completed and submitted together with your bid.
- 4) The successful bidder will be the one scoring the highest points in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations (2017)

<p>ISSUED BY:</p> <p>THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER LIMPOPO TOURISM AGENCY P.O. BOX 2814 POLOKWANE 0700</p> <p>Tel: (015) 293 3600 Fax: (015) 293 3651</p>	<p>CONTACT PERSON(S)</p> <p>MS. SEWELA NYAKA / MR. PHUSETSI MALOTHANE</p> <p>Tel: 015 293 3600 (ext 3729) / 072 906 4921</p> <p>E-mail: sewelan@golimpopo.com / phusetsim@golimpopo.com</p>
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Name of Bidder: _____

BID AMOUNT: R _____

BID AMOUNT IN WORDS: _____

<p>NO BRIEFING SESSION</p>	<p>CLOSING DATE: 31 JANUARY 2023 TIME: 11H00</p>
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“PART A”

INVITATION TO BID

SDB 1

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE LIMPOPO TOURISM AGENCY					
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DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF TRAVEL AGENCIES TO PROVIDE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO LIMPOPO TOURISM AGENCY (LTA) FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
ERF 92/688 PORTION 2					
SOUTHERN GATEWAY EXT 4					
N1 MAIN ROAD					
POLOKWANE					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	MR PHUSETSI MALOTHANE		CONTACT PERSON	SEWELA NYAKA	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	072 906 4921		TELEPHONE NUMBER	015 293 3600 (3729)	
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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]					
1. 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]		2. ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

1. BID SUBMISSION:
<p>1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).</p>
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
<p>2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.</p> <p>2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.</p> <p>2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.</p> <p>2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.</p> <p>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."</p>

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

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CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

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

DATE:

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TERMS OF REFERENCE/SPECIFICATIONS

LTA005-22/23

Appointment of a Panel of Travel Agencies to provide Travel Management Services to Limpopo Tourism Agency (LTA) for a period of three (3) years.

1. INTRODUCTION

Limpopo Tourism Agency invites experienced, reputable, capable, effective and suitably qualified Travel Management Companies (TMC) to submit proposals for the provision of travel management services.

2. PURPOSE

The primary objective in issuing the request is to enter into agreement with successful bidders who will achieve the following:

- a) Provide LTA with the Travel management services that are consistent and reliable and will maintain a high level of traveller satisfaction in line with the service levels;
- b) Achieve significant cost savings for LTA without any degradation in the services;
- c) Appropriately contain LTA's risk and traveller's risk.

3. DEFINITION

Accommodation means the rental of lodging facilities while away from one's place of abode, but on authorised official duty.

After-hours service refers to an enquiry or travel request that is actioned after normal working hours, i.e. 17h00 to 20h00 on Mondays to Fridays and twenty-four (24) hours on weekends and public holidays.

Air travel means travel by airline on authorised official business.

Authorising Official means the employee who has been delegated to authorise travel in respect of travel requests and expenses, e.g. line manager of the traveller.

Car Rental means the rental of a vehicle for a short period of time by a Traveller for official purposes.

Conference package means the booking of a venue inclusive of catering, PA and sound system, notepad and pens, podium, etc.

Domestic travel means travel within the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

Emergency service means the booking of travel when unforeseen circumstances necessitate an unplanned trip or a diversion from original planned trip.

International travel refers to travel outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

Purchase Order is the official document utilised by the institution reflecting the detail and order number of the trip that is approved by the relevant authorising official.

Quality Management System means a collection of business processes focused on consistently meeting customer requirements and enhancing their satisfaction. It is expressed as the organizational structure, policies, procedures, processes and resources needed to implement quality management.

Regional travel means travel across the border of South Africa to any of the SADC Countries, namely; Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Service Level Agreement (SLA) is a contract between the TMC and LTA that defines the level of service expected from the TMC.

Shuttle Service means the service offered to transfer a traveller from one point to another, for example from place of work to the airport.

Traveller refers to an LTA official, consultant or contractor travelling on official business on behalf of LTA.

Travel Booker is the person coordinating travel reservations with the Travel Management Company (TMC) consultant on behalf of the traveller, i.e. Supply Chain Management Office.

Travel Management Company or TMC refers to the company contracted to provide travel management services (Travel Agents).

Travel Voucher means a document issued by the Travel Management Company to confirm the reservation and/or payment of specific travel arrangements.

Value Added Services are services that enhance or complement the general travel management services e.g. Rules and procedures of the airports.

VAT means Value Added Tax.

SCOPE OF WORK

At a minimum the travel agency services must comply with the National Treasury's National Travel Policy Framework (including air travel, road transport, and accommodation) and manage traveller profiles, relating to the following:

- a) A workflow communication platform to be set up according to the LTA's requirements.
- b) The TMC must submit travel documentation electronically to the travel booker and the traveller -by means of both SMS and email.
- c) A comprehensive library of reports (transactional and behavioural based) must be submitted as per the LTA's requirements.

4.1 Service Requirements

The successful bidder will be required to provide travel management services. Deliverables under this section include without limitation, the following:

- a. The travel services will be provided to all Travellers travelling on behalf of the Limpopo Tourism Agency, locally and internationally. This will include employees and contractors, consultants and clients where the agreement is that Limpopo Tourism Agency is responsible for the arrangement and cost of travel.
- b. Provide travel management services during normal office hours (Monday to Friday 8h00 - 17h00) and provide after hours and emergency services.
- c. Familiarisation with current Limpopo Tourism Agency travel business processes.
- d. Negotiate better deals with travel service providers for the benefit of LTA.
- e. Familiarisation with National Travel Policy Framework and implementations of controls to ensure compliance.
- f. Penalties incurred as a result of the inefficiency or fault of a travel consultant will be for the TMC's account, subject to the outcome of a formal dispute process.
- g. Provide a facility for Limpopo Tourism Agency to update their travellers' profiles.
- h. Manage the third-party service providers by addressing service failures and complaints against these service providers.
- i. Consolidate all invoices from travel suppliers.

4. Reservations

The Travel Management Company will:

- a) Receive travel requests from travel bookers, respond with quotations (confirmations) and availability. The TMC's quotation must always be accompanied by third party quotations when responding.
- b) Upon the receipt of the relevant approval, the travel agent will issue the required e-tickets and vouchers immediately and send it to the travel booker and traveller via the agreed communication medium.
- c) Always endeavour to make the most cost-effective travel arrangements based on the request from the travel bookers.
- d) Apprise themselves of all travel requirements for destinations to which travellers will be travelling and advice the Traveller of alternative plans that are more cost effective and more convenient where necessary.
- e) Obtain a minimum of three (3) price comparisons for all travel requests where the routing or destination permits. Service providers are required to always book negotiated discounted fares and rates where possible.

- f) Negotiated airline fares, accommodation establishment rates, car rental rates, etc. that are negotiated directly or established by National Treasury or by Limpopo Tourism Agency are **non-commissionable**;
- g) Must keep abreast of carrier schedule changes as well as all other alterations and new conditions affecting travel and make appropriate adjustments for any changes in flight schedules prior to or during the traveller's official trip. When necessary, e-tickets and billing shall be modified and reissued to reflect these changes.
- h) Where required, book parking facilities at the airports for the duration of the travel.
- i) Respond timely and process all queries, requests, changes and cancellations timeously and accurately.
- j) Must be able to facilitate group bookings, which means arrangement of venues and refreshments for a large group attending meetings and conferences.
- k) Conference and meeting booking include making sure that venues, meals and sound and PA systems are provided for.
- l) Must issue all necessary travel documents, itineraries and vouchers timeously to traveller(s) prior to departure dates and times. Ensure confidentiality in respect of all travel arrangements.
- m) Advise the Traveller of all visa and inoculation requirements well in advance. Visa applications will be the responsibility of the TMC- however, the relevant information must be supplied to the traveller(s) where Visas will be required.
- n) Assist with the arrangement of foreign currency and the issuing of travel insurance for international trips where required.
- o) Facilitate the bookings that are generated through their own or third party Online Booking Tool (OBT) where it can be implemented.
- p) All travelling bookings include domestic, regional and international.
- q) Submit proof that services have been satisfactory delivered.

5.1 Air Travel

- a. The TMC must be able to book full service carriers as well as low cost carriers.
- b. The TMC will book the most cost effective airfares possible for domestic travel.
- c. For international flights, the airline which provides the most cost effective and practical routings may be used.
- d. The TMC should obtain three or more price comparisons where applicable to present the most cost effective and practical routing to the traveller.

- e. The airline ticket should include the applicable airline agreement number as well as the individual loyalty program number of the traveller (if applicable).
- f. Airline tickets must be delivered electronically (SMS and/or email format) to the traveller(s) and travel bookers promptly after booking before the departure times.
- g. The TMC will also assist with the booking of charters for VIPs utilising the existing transversal term contract where applicable as well as the sourcing of alternative service providers for other charter requirements.
- h. The TMC will be responsible for the tracking and management of unused e-tickets as per agreement with the institution and provide a report on refund management once a quarter.
- i. Ensure that travellers are always informed of any travel news regarding airlines (like baggage policies, checking in arrangements, etc.)
- j. Assist with lounge access if and when required.

5.2 Accommodation

- a. The TMC will obtain price comparisons within the maximum allowable rate matrix as per the instruction notes issued from time to time by the National Treasury and /or Provincial Treasury.
- b. The TMC will source suitable accommodation bearing in mind the requirement of convenience for the traveller and conformation with acceptable costs, or as stipulated in written directives issued from time to time by the National treasury.
- c. Accommodation vouchers must be issued to all Limpopo Tourism Agency travellers for accommodation bookings and must be invoiced to Limpopo Tourism Agency as per arrangement. Such invoices must be supported by a copy of the original hotel invoices.
- d. The TMC must during their report period provide proof, where applicable, that accommodation rates were booked within the maximum allowable rates as per the instruction notes issued by the National Treasury or Provincial Treasury from time to time.
- e. Cancellation of accommodation bookings must be done promptly to guard against no show and late cancellation fees.

5.3 Car Rental and Shuttle Services

- a. The TMC will book the approved category vehicle in accordance with the National Treasury Travel Policy Framework with the appointed car rental service provider from the closest rental location (airport, hotel and venue).
- b. The travel consultant should advise the traveller on the best time and location for collection and return considering the traveller's specific requirements.

- c. The TMC must ensure that relevant information is shared with travellers regarding rental vehicles, like e-tolls, insurance, refuelling, keys, rental agreements, damages, accidents, etc.
- d. For international travel the TMC may offer alternative ground transportation to the Traveller that may include rail, buses and transfers.
- e. The TMC will book transfers in line with the National Treasury Travel Policy Framework with the appointed and/or alternative service providers. Transfers can also include bus and coach services.
- f. The TMC should manage shuttle companies on behalf of the Limpopo Tourism Agency and ensure compliance with minimum standards. The TMC should also assist in negotiating better rates with relevant shuttle companies.
- g. The TMC must during their report period provide proof that negotiated rates were booked, where applicable.

5.4 After Hours and Emergency Services

- a. The TMC must provide a consultant or team of consultants to assist travellers with after hours and emergency reservations and changes to travel plans. In addition, a dedicated consultant/s must be available to assist with after hour or emergency assistance, including weekends and Public holidays.
- b. After hours' services must be provided from Monday to Friday outside the official hours (17h00 to 8h00) and twenty-four (24) hours on weekends and Public Holidays.
- c. The Travel Management Company must have a standard operating procedure for managing after hours and emergency services. This must include purchase order generation of the request within 24 hours.

5.5 Communication

- a. All enquiries must be investigated, and prompt feedback be provided in accordance with the Service Level Agreement.
- b. The TMC must ensure sound communication with all stakeholders. Link the business traveller, travel coordinator, Travel Management Company in one smooth continuous workflow.
- c. TMC must communicate with LTA through SCM unit only or Office of the CFO where need arise.

5.6 Financial Management

- a. The TMC must implement the rates negotiated for LTA with travel service providers or the discounted air fares, or the maximum allowable rates established by the National Treasury where applicable.
- b. The TMC will be responsible to manage the service provider accounts. This will include the timely receipt of invoices to be presented to LTA for payment within the agreed time period.
- c. Enable savings on total annual travel expenditure and this must be reported and proof provided during monthly and quarterly reviews.
- d. The TMC will be required to offer a 30-days payment account facility.
- e. The TMC is responsible for timeous submission of legitimate invoices with supporting documentations from the third party.
- f. Ensure Travel Supplier accounts are settled timeously.

5.7 Technology, Management Information and Reporting

- a) The TMC must have the capability to consolidate all management information related to travel expenses into a single source document with automated reporting tools.
- b) The implementation of an Online Booking Tool to facilitate domestic, regional and international bookings should be considered to optimise the services and related fees.
- c) All management information and data input must be accurate.
- d) The TMC will be required to provide the LTA with a minimum of three (3) standard monthly reports that are in line with the National Treasury's Cost Containment Instructions reporting template requirements at no cost. The reporting templates can be found on the National Treasury website.
<http://www/treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/TreasuryInstruction/AccountantGeneral.aspx>
- e) Reports must be accurate and be provided as per LTA's specific requirements at the agreed time. Information must be available on a transactional level that reflect detail including the name of the traveller, date of travel, spend category (example air travel, shuttle, accommodation, etc.).
- f) Reports must be available in an electronic format for example Microsoft electronic format.

- g) Service Level Agreement reports must be provided on the agreed date. It will include but will not be limited to the following:

Travel

- i. After hours' Report;
- ii. Compliments and complaints;
- iii. Consultant Productivity Report;
- iv. Long term accommodation and car rental;
- v. Extension of business travel to include leisure;
- vi. Upgrade of class of travel (air, accommodation and ground transportation);
- vii. Bookings outside Travel Policy;
- viii. Exceptional report

Finance

- i. Reconciliation of commissions/rebates or any volume driven incentives;
- ii. Creditor's ageing report;
- iii. Creditor's summary payments;
- iv. Daily invoices;
- v. No show report;
- vi. Cancellation report;
- vii. Receipt delivery report;
- viii. Monthly statements with disputed invoices indicated separately;
- ix. Refund Log;
- x. Open voucher report, and
- xi. Open Age Invoice Analysis.

- h) The TMC will implement all the necessary processes and programs to ensure that all the data is secure at all times and not accessible by any unauthorised parties.

5.8 Account Management

- a) An Account Management structure should be put in place to respond to the needs and requirements of the Limpopo Tourism Agency and act as a liaison for handling all matters with regard to delivery of services in terms of the contract.
- b) The TMC must appoint a dedicated Account or Business Manager that is ultimately responsible for the management of the Limpopo Tourism Agency's account.
- c) The necessary processes should be implemented to ensure good quality management and always ensuring Traveller satisfaction.
- d) A complaint handling procedure must be implemented to record, manage and resolve the complaints of the TMC and other travel service providers.
- e) The Service Level Agreement (SLA) must be managed and customer satisfaction surveys conducted to measure the performance of the TMC.

- f) Ensure that workshops/training is provided to Travellers and/or Travel Bookers
- g) During reviews, comprehensive reports on the travel spend and the performance in terms of the SLA must be presented.

5.9 Value Added Services

The TMC must provide the following value added services:

- a) Destination information for domestic, regional and international destinations:
 - i. Health warnings;
 - ii. Weather forecasts;
 - iii. Places of interest;
 - iv. Danger hotspot areas;
 - v. Visa information;
 - vi. Travel alerts;
 - vii. Location of hotels and restaurants;
 - viii. Information including the cost of public transport;
 - ix. Rules and procedures of the airports;
 - x. Business etiquette specific to the country;
 - xi. Airline baggage policy; and
 - xii. Supplier updates
- b) Electronic voucher retrieval via web and smart phones;
- c) SMS notifications for travel confirmations;
- d) Travel audits;
- e) Global Travel Risk Management;

5.10 Cost Management

- a) The National Treasury cost containment initiative is establish the basis for a cost savings culture.
- b) It is the obligation of the TMC Consultant to advise on the most cost effective option at all times, and costs should be within the framework of the National Treasury's cost containment instructions.
- c) The TMC plays a pivotal role to provide high quality travel related services that are designed to strike a balance between effective cost management, flexibility and traveller satisfaction.
- d) The TMC should have in-depth knowledge of the relevant supplier(s)' products, to be able to provide the best option and alternatives that are in accordance with National Treasury's cost containment instructions to ensure that the traveller reaches his/her destination safely, in reasonable comfort, with minimum disruption, cost effectively and in time to carry out his/her business.

5.11 Office Management

The TMC to ensure high quality service to be delivered at all times to the LTA's travellers. The TMC is required to provide LTA with highly skilled and qualified human resources of the following roles but not limited to:

- a. initiative
- b. Reliability and discretion;
- c. Leadership and ability to make things happen;
- d. Communication and relationship management;
- e. Able to co-ordinate support services;
- f. Preparing reports and financial data;
- g. Customer relations;
- h. Time management

5. Appointment of the panel of Travel Management Companies:

- The Entity will appoint the first five qualifying (in terms of the evaluation criteria) Travel Management Companies to the panel.
- The number of companies on the panel may be less if the number of qualifying Travel Management Companies is less than five.
- The companies will be used on a rotational basis.
- For the purpose of fairness and *"levelling the playing field"*, The Entity will offer The TMC's the average transaction fee percentage of the qualifying companies, i.e., All the qualifying TMC's offered transaction fee percentages will be added together, and then divided by the number of the TMC's on the panel to come up with a final uniform transaction fee percentage.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. RESPONSIVENESS CRITERIA - MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Limpopo Tourism Agency will consider no bid unless it meets the following responsiveness criteria:

- The bid must be properly received in a sealed envelope clearly indicating the description of the service/or goods and the bid number for which the bid is submitted.
- The bid must be deposited in the relevant bid box as indicated on the notice of the bid on or before the closing date and time of the bid.
- Bid forms must be completed in full and signed.
- Proof of ownership documents.
- Proof of Central Suppliers Database (CSD) registration.

DESCRIPTION	YES	NO
Fully Accredited member of the Association of South African Travel Agencies (ASATA)		
A Certified copy of the valid (not expired) certificate must be submitted.		

<p>A fully accredited member of the International Air Transport Association (IATA)</p> <p>A certified copy of the valid (not expired) certificate must be submitted.</p> <p>In a case where the bidder is using a third party's IATA membership, a certified copy of a signed letter of confirmation from the third party (with the third party's letterhead) must be submitted together with the certified copy of the third party's IATA certificate.</p>		
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Note: All certified copies must not be more than three months old.

2. EVALUATION OF BIDS

- This Bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No.5 of 2000) and the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017, The General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other Special Condition of Contract (SCC).
- The Limpopo Tourism Agency reserves the right to accept all, some, or none of the bids submitted - either wholly or in part - and it is not obliged to accept the lowest bid.

By submitting this bid, bidder authorises the Agency or its delegate(s) to carry out any investigation deemed necessary to verify the correctness of the statements and documents submitted and that such documents reasonably reflect the ability of the Bidder to provide the goods and services required by the Agency.

PLEASE NOTE

- A. the bidder or any of its directors/shareholders is not listed on the Register of Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004 as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
- B. the bidder has not:
 - i. abused the Supply Chain Management System; or
 - ii. failed to perform on any previous contract and has been given a written notice to this effect;
- C. All corrections and scratching are initialled;
- D. Completion of the bid document using pencil not allowed, **BID DOCUMENT TO BE COMPLETED IN BLACK INK;**
- E. Scratching are done by putting a straight line through the corrected items;
- F. **THE USE OF CORRECTION FLUID WILL AUTOMATICALLY INVALIDATE YOUR BID;**

- G. Alterations to the bid document or submission of a copy of the original bid document will invalidate the bid;
- H. **The Limpopo Tourism Agency may cancel a contract awarded to a person if:**
- a) The person committed a corrupt or fraudulent act during the procurement process or in the execution of the contract, or
 - b) An official or other role player committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the procurement process or in the execution of the contract that benefited that person.
- I. **The Limpopo Tourism Agency may reject the bid or quote of any person if that person or any of its directors has:**
- i. Failed, during the last five years, to perform satisfactorily on a previous contract with the Limpopo Tourism Agency or any other organ of State after written notice was given to that bidder that performance was unsatisfactory;
 - ii. Abused the supply chain management system of the Agency or have committed any improper conduct in relation to this system;
 - iii. Been convicted of fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - iv. Wilfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - v. Been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No. 12 of 2004) or has been listed on National Treasury's database as a person prohibited from doing business with public sector.

A. **EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

In accordance with the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, the bid evaluation process shall be carried out in three Phases namely:

- Phase 1 : Administrative Compliance
- Phase 2 : Evaluation on Functionality
- Phase 3 : Evaluation in terms of Price and Preference Point Systems

1. **Phase 1: Administrative Compliance** (Submission of compulsory proposal requirements by bidders and compliance to specification.)

The first phase of evaluation is checking and verification of all mandatory documents to be submitted by the bidders and compliance to specification.

Bidders are required to comply with the bidder requirements mentioned above.

Certified copies or original documents will be accepted.

Bidders that do not comply with the bid requirements may be regarded as non-responsive and may be disqualified.

2. Phase 2: Functionality

The assessment on functionality will be done in terms of the evaluation criteria and minimum threshold as specified. The minimum qualifying score for functionality is **70%** as set out below. Bidders who fail to achieve the minimum qualifying score on functionality will be disqualified for further evaluation of price and B-BBEE status.

Functionality assessment should be allocated as follows:

FUNCTIONALITY CRITERIA			
COMPONENTS		Points Awarded	
A	FINANCIAL ABILITY		20
	Submission of letter from the Bank (we reserve the right to verify)		
	Bank rating A	20	
	Bank rating B	15	
	Bank rating C	10	
	Bank rating D	05	
	Banking rating E downwards	0	
B	COMPANY'S EXPERIENCE (Detailed company's profile must be submitted)		40
	<p>Bidder's proven competency in rendering the similar service, extensive knowledge of the project proven by the number years rendering the similar services including on-line booking tool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8+ years • 6-7 years • 4-5 years • 3-4 years • 0-2 years 	<p>20 15 10 05 2</p>	
	<p>Signed reference letters on valid letterheads that proves experience of the organisation in providing travel management services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than five reference letters • Three reference letters • Less than three reference letters 	<p>20 15 05</p>	

E	<p>Does the bidder have an accredited On-line Booking System?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No <p>Provide proof of the On-line Booking Tool (Letter of confirmation from On-line Booking Tool Service Provider)</p>	20 0	20
F	LOCALITY		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company located within the Limpopo Province • Outside the Limpopo Province <p>Provide proof of company address (e.g. Municipal bill or Permission to Occupy in a case where the address is on communal land)</p>	20 5	20

The minimum qualifying score for functionality is 70%.

3. Phase 3: Evaluation in terms of Price and Preference Point Systems

Only bids that achieve the minimum qualifying score/percentage for functionality will be evaluated further in accordance with the 80/20 preference point system prescribe in Preferential Procurement Regulations 6 and 7.

Step 1: Calculation of Points for Price

- 1) The PPPFA prescribes that the lowest acceptable bid will score 80 points for price. Bidders that quoted higher prices will score lower points for price on a pro-rata basis.
- 2) **When calculating prices:**
 - a) Unconditional discounts will be taken into account for evaluation purposes; and
 - b) Conditional discounts will not be taken into account for evaluation purposes but would be implemented when payment is affected.
- 3) The formulae to be utilized in calculating points scored for price is as follows:

80/20 Preference point system (for acquisition of goods or services for a Rand value equal to or above R30 000 and up to R50 million) (all applicable taxes included)

Where:

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

Ps= Points scored for price of tender under consideration.

Pt= Price of tender under consideration.

Pmin= Price of lowest acceptable tender.

4) Points scored must be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.

Step 2: Calculation of points for B-BBEE status level of contributor

Points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contributor in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL 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	0

Calculation of total points scored for price and B-BBEE status level of contributor.

The points scored for price will be added to the points scored for B-BBEE status level of contributor to obtain the bidders' total points scored out of 100.

PRICING MODEL

The Limpopo Tourism Agency (LTA) requires bidders to propose only one pricing model being the transactional fee model.

a. Transactional Fee

The transaction fee must be a fixed **percentage** of the value or cost of the service provided by third party service providers.

b. Volume driven incentives

It is important for bidders to note the following when determining the pricing:

- i. National Treasury has negotiated non-commissionable fares and rates with various airlines carriers and other service providers.
- ii. No override commissions earned through the LTA reservations will be paid to the TMCs.
- iii. An open book policy will apply, and any commissions earned through the LTA's volumes will be reimbursed to the LTA.
- iv. TMCs are to book these negotiated rates or the best fare available, whichever is the most cost effective for the institution.

PRICING SCHEDULE

APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF TRAVEL AGENCIES TO PROVIDE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO LIMPOPO TOURISM AGENCY (LTA) FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.

BID NO.: LTA005-22/23

CLOSING TIME: 11:00

CLOSING DATE: 31 JANUARY 2023

NB: OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 120 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

Description	% (INCL. VAT)
FIXED TRANSACTION FEE PERCENTAGE (%)	

Note: The transaction fee must be a fixed percentage of the value or cost of the service provided by third party service providers.

NB: The Entity will offer The TMC's the average transaction fee percentage of the qualifying companies, i.e., All the qualifying TMC's offered transaction fee percentages will be added together, and then divided by the number of the TMC's on the panel to come up with a final uniform transaction fee percentage.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Signature of Bidder: _____

Date: _____



BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

SBD 4 FORM

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder's declaration

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

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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

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

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....

3.5 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES/NO

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....

3 DECLARATION

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

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with

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

the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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

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

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Signature

Date

.....

.....

Position

Name of bidder

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

1.2

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

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

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

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	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.

2. DEFINITIONS

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

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \\ P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) & \mathbf{or} & P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \end{array}$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

P_t = Price of bid under consideration

P_{\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:

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

5. BID DECLARATION

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

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

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)

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

i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%

ii) The name of the sub-

- contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE
(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME	QSE
	√	√
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
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-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;

- (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
- (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES

1.

2.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

SWORN AFFIDAVIT – B-BBEE EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISE

I, the undersigned,

Full name & Surname	
Identity number	

Hereby declare under oath as follows:

1. The contents of this statement are to the best of my knowledge a true reflection of the facts.
2. I am a member/director/owner of the following enterprise and duly authorised to act on its behalf:

Enterprise Name	
Trading Name	
Registration Number	
Enterprise Address	

3. I hereby declare under oath that:

- The enterprise is _____% black owned;
- The enterprise is _____% black woman owned;
- Based on the management accounts and other information available on the _____ financial year, the amount did not exceed R10,000,000.00 (ten million Rands);
- Please confirm on the table below the B-BBEE level contributor, **by ticking the applicable box.**

100% black owned	Level One (135% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	
More than 51% black owned	Level Two (125% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	
Less than 51% black owned	Level Four (100% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	

4. The entity is an empowering supplier in terms of the **dti** Codes of Good Practice.
5. I know and understand the contents of this affidavit and I have no objection to take the prescribed oath and consider the oath binding on my conscience and on the owners of the enterprise which I represent in this matter.
6. The sworn affidavit will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date signed by commissioner.

Deponent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Commissioner of Oaths

Signature & Stamp

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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 (GCC) 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 GCC. 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 anything value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 “Countervailing duties” are imposes 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 direct from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unload in the specified store or depot 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 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 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 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 bidders 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, 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 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 organisation purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 “Republic” means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 “SCC” means the special Conditions of Contracts.
- 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 hand-written 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 usually published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X 85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed locally 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. Uses 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 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.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for 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 purchaser or an organization acting on behalf of the purchaser.

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 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 analysed 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 supplier's 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 good as is required to prevent their damaged 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 subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

10.1 Delivery of the goods and arrangements for shipping and clearance obligations shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract.

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 damaged incidental to manufacture or acquisitions, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified SCC.

12. Transportation

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

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 the 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 supplies 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 services 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 Price 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, that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any obligations under the contract; supplier, warranty

(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 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 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 the SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without cost 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 payments 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 fulfilment 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 Payments 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 contract 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.

22. Delays in the supplier's performance

22.1 Delivery of goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.

22.2 If at 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.

22.3 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.

21.5 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quantity and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods not 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;

(c) If the supplier, in the judgement 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 restrictions 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 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.

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

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in section 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 rendered 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 clause 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 case of criminal negligence or wilful 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 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 laws

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 services 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 by the South African Revenue Services.

33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIPP)

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 Competitive 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 an item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor (s) for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damage from the bidders(s) or contractor(s) concerned.