

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO SUBMIT A BID TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA LIMITED	
BID NUMBER:	RFP011/2024
COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION DETAILS:	<p>11 April 2024 at 10:00am</p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting</p> <p>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</p> <p>Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Meeting ID: 398 556 338 129</p> <p>Passcode: QmjGTZ</p> <p>Download Teams Join on the web</p>
CLOSING DATE:	24 April 2024
CLOSING TIME:	23H55
PERIOD FOR WHICH BIDS ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE:	120 days
DESCRIPTION OF BID:	SOURCING FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT – STANDALONE PROVIDENT FUND TRANSFER TO AN UMBRELLA FUND
BID DOCUMENTS DELIVERY ADDRESS:	<p>1. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS</p> <p><u>INSTRUCTIONS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bidders are required to issue Tender Submission Link requests and all other enquiries to tumim@dbsa.org ONLY; ➤ No – Tender Submission Link requests will be accepted after 16h00 on the 18 April 2024. Any requests after the stipulated date and time will be disregarded. ➤ Bidders will thereafter receive a OneDrive Link to upload their tender submission documents electronically.

	<p>NB: Electronic submission is encouraged for all bidder's interest in this tender bid.</p> <p>Closing date 24 April 2024 before 23:55. All bids must be in on the 24 April 2024.</p>
NAME OF BIDDER:	
CONTACT PERSON:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE NUMBER:	
FAX NUMBER:	
BIDDER'S STAMP OR SIGNATURE	



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 SMS : 33490

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PART A

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA LIMITED (“DBSA”)

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CLOSING TIME: **23H55**

The successful Bidder will be required to conclude a service level agreement with the DBSA

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS – (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED)

THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT, WHICH ARE SET OUT IN PART C OF THIS DOCUMENT.

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

BIDDERS THAT ARE UNINCORPORATED CONSORTIA CONSISTING OF MORE THAN ONE LEGAL ENTITY MUST SELECT A LEAD ENTITY AND FURNISH THE DETAILS OF THE LEAD ENTITY, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

NAME OF BIDDER AND EACH ENTITY IN CONSORTIUM:				
POSTAL ADDRESS:				
STREET ADDRESS:				
CONTACT PERSON (FULL NAME):				
EMAIL ADDRESS:				
TELEPHONE NUMBER:				
FAX NUMBER:				
BIDDER REGISTRATION NUMBER OR REGISTRATION NUMBER OF EACH ENTITY IN CONSORTIUM				
BIDDER VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER OR VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER OF EACH ENTITY IN CONSORTIUM				
BBBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE /BBBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED? [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	YES		NO	
IF YES, WHO ISSUED THE CERTIFICATE?				
REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL TREASURY CSD [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	YES		NO	
CSD REGISTRATION NUMBER				

1..1.1 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]			
1..1.2 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 BELOW]			
1..1.3 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER			
1..1.4 DATE				
1..1.5 FULL NAME OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE				
1..1.6 CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED (Attach proof of authority to sign this bid; e.g. resolution of directors, etc.)				
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS PIN (TCS) NUMBER ISSUED BY SARS				

PART B

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:

- 1.1. BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY (ONE DRIVE LINK) BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE LINK PROVIDED. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
- 1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR ONLINE
- 1.3. BIDDERS MUST REGISTER ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) TO UPLOAD MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS; AND BANKING INFORMATION FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES). B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.
- 1.4. WHERE A BIDDER IS NOT REGISTERED ON THE CSD, MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID DOCUMENTATION. B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.
- 1.5. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER LEGISLATION OR SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- 2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE PROOF OF TCS / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL

SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

- 3.1. IS THE BIDDER A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 3.2. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 3.3. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 3.4. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

PART C

CHECKLIST OF COMPULSORY RETURNABLE SCHEDULES AND DOCUMENTS

Please adhere to the following instructions

- Tick in the relevant block below
- Ensure that the following documents are completed and signed where applicable:
- Use the prescribed sequence in attaching the annexes that complete the Bid Document

NB: Should all of these documents not be included, the Bidder may be disqualified on the basis of non-compliance

YES NO

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One original Bid document in separate folders; Folder 1 - for Pre-Qualifying Criteria and Functional Evaluation Folder 2 - Price / Financial Proposal –
Electronic submission

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Part A: Invitation to Bid

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part B: Terms and Conditions of Bidding
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part C: Checklist of Compulsory Returnable Schedules and Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part D: Conditions of Tendering and Undertakings by Bidders
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Part E: Specifications/Terms of Reference and Project Brief
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure A: Price Proposal Requirement
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure B: SBD4 Declaration of Interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure C: SBD6.1 and B-BBEE status level certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure E: SBD8: Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Chain Practices – N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure F: SBD9: Certificate of Independent Bid Determination – N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure G: Certified copies of your CIPC company registration documents listing all members with percentages, in case of a lose corporation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure H: Certified copies of latest share certificates, in case of a company.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure I: (if applicable): A breakdown of how fees and work will be spread between members of the bidding consortium.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure J: Supporting documents to responses to Pre-Qualifying Criteria and Functional Evaluation Criteria.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure K: General Condition of Contract
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annexure L: CSD Tax Compliance Status and Registration Requirements Report

PART D

CONDITIONS OF TENDERING AND UNDERTAKINGS BY BIDDER

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Request for Proposals, unless a contrary intention is apparent:

- 1.1 **B-BBEE** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003;
- 1.2 **B-BBEE Act** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003;
- 1.3 **B-BBEE status level of contributor** means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance used to claim points in terms of regulation 6 and 7 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017.
- 1.4 **Business Day** means a day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.
- 1.5 **Bid** means a written offer in the prescribed or stipulated form lodged by a Bidder in response to an invitation in this Request for Proposal, containing an offer to provide goods, works or services in accordance with the Specification as provided in this RFP.
- 1.6 **Bidder** means a person or legal entity, or an unincorporated group of persons or legal entities that submit a Bid.
- 1.7 **Companies Act** means the Companies Act, 2008.
- 1.8 **Compulsory Documents** means the list of compulsory schedules and documents set out in Part B.
- 1.9 **Closing Time** means the time, specified as such under the clause 4 (Bid Timetable) in Part C, by which Tenders must be received.
- 1.10 **DBSA** means the Development Bank of Southern Africa Limited.
- 1.11 **DFI** means Development Finance Institution.
- 1.12 **Evaluation Criteria** means the criteria set out under the clause 27 (Evaluation Process) of this Part C, which includes the Qualifying Criteria, Functional Criteria and Price and Preferential Points Assessment.
- 1.13 **Functional Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 27 of this Part C.
- 1.14 **Intellectual Property Rights** includes copyright and neighbouring rights, and all proprietary rights in relation to inventions (including patents) registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, confidential information (including trade secrets and know how) and circuit layouts, and all other proprietary rights resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic fields.
- 1.15 **PFMA** means the Public Finance Management Act, 1999.
- 1.16 **PPPFA** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000.
- 1.17 **PPPFA Regulations** means the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 published in terms of the PPPFA.

- 1.18 **Pre-Qualifying Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 27.1.2 of this Part C.
- 1.19 **Price and Preferential Points Assessment** means the process described in clause 27.1.4.3 of this Part C, as prescribed by the PPPFA.
- 1.20 **Proposed Contract** means the agreement including any other terms and conditions contained in or referred to in this RFP that may be executed between the DBSA and the successful Bidder.
- 1.21 **Request for Proposal or RFP** means this document (comprising each of the parts identified under Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D) including all annexures and any other documents so designated by the DBSA.
- 1.22 **SARS** means the South African Revenue Service.
- 1.23 **Services** means the services required by the DBSA, as specified in this RFP Part D.
- 1.24 **SLA** means service level agreement.
- 1.25 **SOE** means State Owned Enterprise, as defined by the Companies' Act.
- 1.26 **Specification** means the conditions of tender set and any specification or description of the DBSA's requirements contained in this RFP.
- 1.27 **State** means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.28 **Statement of Compliance** means the statement forming part of a Tender indicating the Bidders compliance with the Specification.
- 1.29 **Tendering Process** means the process commenced by the issuing of this Request for Proposals and concluding upon formal announcement by the DBSA of the selection of a successful Bidder(s) or upon the earlier termination of the process.
- 1.30 **Website** means a website administered by DBSA under its name with web address www.dbsa.org

2. INTERPRETATIONS

In this RFP, unless expressly provided otherwise a reference to:

- 2.1 "includes" or "including" means includes or including without limitation; and
- 2.2 "R" or "Rand" is a reference to the lawful currency of the Republic of South Africa.

3. TENDER TECHNICAL AND GENERAL QUERIES

Queries pertaining to this tender must be directed to:-

DBSA Supply Chain Management Unit

Email: tumim@dbsa.org

No questions will be answered telephonically.

4. BID TIMETABLE

This timetable is provided as an indication of the timing of the tender process. It is indicative only and subject to change by the DBSA. Bidders are to provide proposals that will allow achievement of the intended commencement date.

Activity	Date
Advertisement of tender	25 March 2024
RFP document available	25 March 2024
Compulsory briefing session	11 April 2024 at 10:00am
Closing date for tender enquiries	18 April 2024
Link requests	18 April 2024 by 16h00
Closing date and time	24 April 2024 at 23h55
Intended completion of evaluation of tenders	08 June 2024
Intended formal notification of successful Bidder(s)	12 June 2024
Signing of Service Level Agreement	22 June 2024
Effective date	01 July 2024

5. SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

Instructions:

- Bidders are required to issue Tender Submission Link requests and all other enquiries to TumiM@dbsa.org **ONLY**.
- **No** – Tender Submission Link requests will be accepted after **16h00 on the 18th of April 2024**. Any requests after the stipulated date and time will be disregarded.
- Bidders will thereafter receive a OneDrive Link to upload their tender submission documents electronically.

NB: No Physical submission will be accepted for this bid. Bidders must ensure that they follow the instructions for the electronic submission.

6. RULES GOVERNING THIS RFP AND THE TENDERING PROCESS

- 6.1 Participation in the tender process is subject to compliance with the rules contained in this RFP Part C.
- 6.2 All persons (whether or not a participant in this tender process) having obtained or received this RFP may only use it, and the information contained herein, in compliance with the rules contained in this RFP.
- 6.3 All Bidders are deemed to accept the rules contained in this RFP Part C.
- 6.4 The rules contained in this RFP Part C apply to:
 - 6.4.1 The RFP and any other information given, received or made available in connection with this RFP, and any revisions or annexure;
 - 6.4.2 the Tendering Process; and
 - 6.4.3 any communications (including any briefings, presentations, meetings and negotiations) relating to the RFP or the Tendering Process.

7. STATUS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

- 7.1 This RFP is an invitation for person(s) to submit a proposal(s) for the provision of the services as set out in the Specification contained in this RFP. Accordingly, this RFP must not be construed, interpreted, or relied upon, whether expressly or implicitly, as an offer capable of acceptance by any person(s), or as creating any form of contractual, promissory or other rights. No binding contract or other understanding for the supply of services will exist between the DBSA and any Bidder unless and until the DBSA has executed a formal written contract with the successful Bidder.

8. ACCURACY OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

- 8.1 Whilst all due care has been taken in connection with the preparation of this RFP, the DBSA makes no representations or warranties that the content in this RFP or any information communicated to or provided to Bidders during the Tendering Process is, or will be, accurate, current or complete. The DBSA, and its officers, employees and advisors will not be liable with respect to any information communicated which is not accurate, current or complete.
- 8.2 If a Bidder finds or reasonably believes it has found any discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in this RFP or any other information provided by the DBSA (other than minor clerical matters), the Bidder must promptly notify the DBSA in writing of such discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in order to afford the DBSA an opportunity to consider what corrective action is necessary (if any).
- 8.3 Any actual discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in this RFP or any other information provided by the DBSA will, if possible, be corrected and provided to all Bidders without attribution to the Bidder who provided the written notice.

9. ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE RFP

- 9.1 The DBSA reserves the right to change any information in, or to issue any addendum to this RFP before the Closing Time. The DBSA and its officers, employees and advisors will not be liable in connection with either the exercise of, or failure to exercise this right.
- 9.2 If the DBSA exercises its right to change information in terms of clause 9.1, it may seek amended Tenders from all Bidders.

10. REPRESENTATIONS

No representations made by or on behalf of the DBSA in relation to this RFP will be binding on the DBSA unless that representation is expressly incorporated into the contract ultimately entered into between the DBSA and the successful Bidder.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 11.1 All persons (including all Bidders) obtaining or receiving this RFP and any other information in connection with this RFP or the Tendering Process must keep the contents of the RFP and other such information confidential, and not disclose or use the information except as required for the purpose of developing a proposal in response to this RFP.

12. REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1 All communications relating to this RFP and the Tendering Process must be directed to the Tender Officer.
- 12.2 All questions or requests for further information or clarification of this RFP or any other document issued in connection with the Tendering Process must be submitted to the Tender Officer in writing, and most preferably by e-mail to tumim@dbsa.org
- 12.3 Any communication by a Bidder to the DBSA will be effective upon receipt by the Tender Officer (provided such communication is in the required format).
- 12.4 The DBSA has restricted the period during which it will accept questions or requests for further information or clarification and reserves the right not to respond to any enquiry or request, irrespective of when such enquiry or request is received.
- 12.5 Except where the DBSA is of the opinion that issues raised apply only to an individual Bidder, questions submitted and answers provided will be made available to all Bidders by e-mail, as well as on the DBSA's website without identifying the person or organisation which submitted the question.
- 12.6 In all other instances, the DBSA may directly provide any written notification or response to a Bidder by email to the address of the Bidder (as notified by the Bidder to the Tender Manager).
- 12.7 A Bidder may, by notifying the Tender Officer in writing, withdraw a question submitted in accordance with clause 12, in circumstances where the Bidder does not wish the DBSA to publish its response to the question to all Bidders.

13. UNAUTHORISED COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 Communications (including promotional or advertising activities) with staff of the DBSA or their advisors assisting with the Tendering Process are not permitted during the Tendering Process, or otherwise with the prior consent of the Tender Officer. Nothing in this clause 13 is intended to prevent communications with staff of, or advisors to, the DBSA to the extent that such communications do not relate to this RFP or the Tendering Process.
- 13.2 Bidders must not otherwise engage in any activities that may be perceived as, or that may have the effect of, influencing the outcomes of the Tendering Process in any way.

14. IMPROPER ASSISTANCE, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

- 14.1 Bidders may not seek or obtain the assistance of employees of the DBSA in the preparation of their tender responses.
- 14.2 The DBSA may in its absolute discretion, immediately disqualify a Bidder that it believes has sought or obtained such improper assistance.
- 14.3 Bidders are to be familiar with the implications of contravening the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 and any other relevant legislation.

15. ANTI-COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

- 15.1 Bidders and their respective officers, employees, agents and advisors must not engage in any collusion, anti-competitive conduct or any other similar conduct in respect of this Tendering Process with any other Bidder or any other person(s) in relation to:
- 15.1.1 the preparation or lodgement of their Bid
 - 15.1.2 the evaluation and clarification of their Bid; and
 - 15.1.3 the conduct of negotiations with the DBSA.
- 15.2 For the purposes of this clause 15, collusion, anti-competitive conduct or any other similar conduct may include disclosure, exchange and clarification of information whether or not such information is confidential to the DBSA or any other Bidder or any other person or organisation.
- 15.3 In addition to any other remedies available to it under law or contract, the DBSA may, in its absolute discretion, immediately disqualify a Bidder that it believes has engaged in any collusive, anti-competitive conduct or any other similar conduct during or before the Tendering Process.

16. COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE TENDERING PROCESS

- 16.1 Any complaint about the RFP or the Tendering Process must be submitted to the Supply Chain Management Unit in writing, by email, immediately upon the cause of the complaint arising or becoming known to the Bidder, (tumim@dbsa.org)
- 16.2 The written complaint must set out:
- 16.2.1 the basis for the complaint, specifying the issues involved;
 - 16.2.2 how the subject of the complaint affects the organisation or person making the complaint;
 - 16.2.3 any relevant background information; and
 - 16.2.4 the outcome desired by the person or organisation making the complaint.
- 16.3 If the matter relates to the conduct of an employee of the DBSA, the complaint should be addressed in writing marked for the attention of the Chief Executive Officer of the DBSA, and delivered to the physical address of the DBSA, as notified.

17. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 17.1 A Bidder must not, and must ensure that its officers, employees, agents and advisors do not place themselves in a position that may give rise to actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest between the interests of the DBSA and the Bidder's interests during the Tender Process.
- 17.2 The Bidder is required to provide details of any interests, relationships or clients which may or do give rise to a conflict of interest in relation to the supply of the services under any contract that may result from this RFP. If the Bidder submits its Bid and a subsequent conflict of interest arises, or is likely to arise, which was not disclosed in the Bid, the Bidder must notify the DBSA immediately in writing of that conflict.
- 17.3 The DBSA may immediately disqualify a Bidder from the Tendering Process if the Bidder fails to notify the DBSA of the conflict as required.

18. LATE BIDS

- 18.1 Bids must be delivered by the Closing Time. The Closing Time may be extended by the DBSA in its absolute discretion by providing written notice to Bidders.
- 18.2 Bids delivered after the Closing Time or lodged at a location or in a manner that is contrary to that specified in this RFP will be disqualified from the Tendering Process and will be ineligible for consideration. However, a late Bid may be accepted where the Bidder can clearly demonstrate (to the satisfaction of the DBSA, in its sole discretion) that late lodgement of the Bid was caused by the DBSA; that access was denied or hindered in relation to the physical tender box; or that a major/critical incident hindered the delivery of the Bid and, in all cases, that the integrity of the Tendering Process will not be compromised by accepting a Bid after the Closing Time.
- 18.3 The determination of the DBSA as to the actual time that a Bid is lodged is final. Subject to clause 18.2, all Bids lodged after the Closing Time will be recorded by the DBSA and will only be opened for the purposes of identifying a business name and address of the Bidder. The DBSA will inform a Bidder whose Bid was lodged after the Closing Time of its ineligibility for consideration. The general operating practice is for the late Bid to be returned within 5 (five) working days of receipt or within 5 (five) working days after determination not to accept a late Bid.

19. BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 19.1 Bidders are responsible for:
- 19.1.1 examining this RFP and any documents referenced or attached to this RFP and any other information made or to be made available by the DBSA to Bidders in connection with this RFP;
 - 19.1.2 fully informing themselves in relation to all matters arising from this RFP, including all matters regarding the DBSA's requirements for the provision of the Services;
 - 19.1.3 ensuring that their Bids are accurate and complete;
 - 19.1.4 making their own enquiries and assessing all risks regarding this RFP, and fully considering and incorporating the impact of any known and unknown risks into their Bid;
 - 19.1.5 ensuring that they comply with all applicable laws in regards to the Tendering Process particularly as specified by National Treasury Regulations, Guidelines, Instruction Notes and Practice Notes and other relevant legislation as published from time to time in the Government Gazette; and
 - 19.1.6 submitting all Compulsory Documents.
- 19.2 Bidders with annual total revenue of R10 million or less qualify as Exempted Micro Enterprises (EMEs) in terms of the B-BBEE Act must submit a certificate issued by a registered, independent auditor (who or which is not the Bidder or a part of the Bidder) or an accredited verification agency.
- 19.3 Bidders other than EMEs must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy, or a sworn affidavit thereof, substantiating their B-BBEE status. The submission of such certificates must comply with the requirements of

instructions and guidelines issued by National Treasury and be in accordance with the applicable notices published by the Department of Trade and Industry in the Government Gazette.

19.4 The DBSA 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 DBSA.

19.5 Failure to provide the required information may result in disqualification of the Bidder.

20. PREPARATION OF BIDS

20.1 Bidders must ensure that:

20.1.1 their Bid is submitted in the required format as stipulated in this RFP; and

20.1.2 all the required information fields in the Bid are completed in full and contain the information requested by the DBSA.

20.2 The DBSA may in its absolute discretion reject a Bid that does not include the information requested or is not in the format required.

20.3 Unnecessarily elaborate responses or other representations beyond that which is sufficient to present a complete and effective tender proposal are not desired or required. Elaborate and expensive visual and other presentation aids are not necessary.

20.4 Where the Bidder is unwilling to accept a specified condition, the non-acceptance must be clearly and expressly stated. Prominence must be given to the statement detailing the non-acceptance. It is not sufficient that the statement appears only as part of an attachment to the Bid or be included in a general statement of the Bidders usual operating conditions.

20.5 An incomplete Bid may be disqualified or assessed solely on the information completed or received with the Bid.

21. ILLEGIBLE CONTENT, ALTERATION AND ERASURES

21.1 Incomplete Bids may be disqualified or evaluated solely on information contained in the Bid.

21.2 The DBSA may disregard any content in a Tender that is illegible and will be under no obligation whatsoever to seek clarification from the Bidder.

21.3 The DBSA may permit a Bidder to correct an unintentional error in its Bid where that error becomes known or apparent after the Closing Time, but in no event will any correction be permitted if the DBSA reasonably considers that the correction would materially alter the substance of the Bid or effect the fairness of the Tendering Process.

22. OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY ERRORS

If, after a Bidder's Response has been submitted, the Bidder becomes aware of an error in the Bidders Response (including an error in pricing but excluding clerical errors which would have no bearing on the evaluation of the Bid), the Bidder must promptly notify the DBSA of such error.

23. RESPONSIBILITY FOR BIDDING COSTS

- 23.1 The Bidders participation or involvement in any stage of the Tendering Process is at the Bidders sole risk, cost and expense. The DBSA will not be held responsible for, or pay for, any expense or loss that may be incurred by Bidders in relation to the preparation or lodgement of their Bid.
- 23.2 The DBSA is not liable to the Bidder for any costs on the basis of any contractual, promissory or restitutionary grounds whatsoever as a consequence of any matter relating to the Bidders participation in the Tendering Process, including without limitation, instances where:
- 23.2.1 the Bidder is not engaged to perform under any contract; or
 - 23.2.2 the DBSA exercises any right under this RFP or at law.

24. DISCLOSURE OF BID CONTENTS AND BID INFORMATION

- 24.1 All Bids received by the DBSA will be treated as confidential. The DBSA will not disclose contents of any Bid and Bid information, except:
- 24.1.1 as required by law;
 - 24.1.2 for the purpose of investigations by other government authorities having relevant jurisdiction;
 - 24.1.3 to external consultants and advisors of the DBSA engaged to assist with the Tendering Process; or for the general information of Bidders required to be disclosed as per National Treasury Regulations, Guidelines, Instruction Notes or Practice Notes.

25. USE OF BIDS

- 25.1 Upon submission in accordance with the requirements relating to the submission of Bids, all Bids submitted become the property of the DBSA. Bidders will retain all ownership rights in any intellectual property contained in the Bids.
- 25.2 Each Bidder, by submission of their Bid, is deemed to have licensed the DBSA to reproduce the whole, or any portion, of their Bid for the sole purposes of enabling the DBSA to evaluate the Bid.

26. BID ACCEPTANCE

All Bids received must remain open for acceptance for a minimum period of 90 (Ninety) days from the Closing Time. This period may be extended by written mutual agreement between the DBSA and the Bidder.

27. EVALUATION PROCESS

- 27.1 The Bids will be evaluated and adjudicated as follows:

27.1.1 First Stage – Test for administrative Responsiveness

The test for administrative responsiveness will include the following:

Stage 1: Responsiveness

The Tenderer should be able to provide all the relevant information required in the Supplier Information Form (SIF) which will include but not limited to;

- A.** Tenderers who do not adhere to those criteria listed as PRE-QUALIFIER, will be **disqualified immediately:**

Responsiveness Criteria		Prequalifying Criteria	Applicable to this Tender (Y/N)
1	Adherence in submitting Tender as two stage folders (Folder 1 – Prequalifiers & Functionality Proposal & Folder 2 - Price Proposal)	Pre-Qualifier	Y
2	Proof of Registration with a recognized professional body/ institution, relevant to tender requirement (FSP license and FAIS Disclosure)	Pre-Qualifier	Y
3	Letter with company letterhead confirming that the respondent is independent of any umbrella fund service provider in South Africa.	Pre-Qualifier	Y
4	Attendance registers for Compulsory Briefing session.	Pre-Qualifier	Y

- B.** Tenderers who do not adhere to the response time indicated for clarification inquiries by the Employer will be deemed non-responsive and not be evaluated further.

Responsiveness Criteria		Clarification Time	Applicable to this Tender (Y/N)
2	Standard conditions of tender as required.	48 hours	Y
3	Returnable documents completed and signed.	48 hours	Y
5	Submission of Proof of Registration with National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) Summary Report or A Valid and Active Tax Compliance Status Pin issued by SARS for Tax Compliance Status Verification: N.B - Bidder must be fully registered & tax compliant in order to do business with the DBSA.	7 working days	Y

Only those Bidders which satisfy all of the Pre-Qualifying Criteria will be eligible to participate in the Tendering Process further. Bids which do not satisfy all of the Pre-Qualifying Criteria will not be evaluated further.

27.1.2 Qualification: Pre-Qualifying Criteria

Only those Bidders which satisfy all of the Pre-Qualifying Criteria will be eligible to participate in the Tendering Process further. Bids which do not satisfy all of the Pre-Qualifying Criteria will not be evaluated further. Please refer to the table above

Note: A tender that fails to meet any Pre-Qualifying Criteria stipulated herein in the tender documents is an unacceptable tender. Please refer to the table above

27.1.3 **Second Stage – Functionality/Technical criteria and Presentation**

Bidders will be assessed on the Functionality/technical criteria and presentation set out in this RFP (**refer to Part E**). Only those Bidders which comply with the Technical criteria will proceed to the next stage.

NB: Bidders are required to submit, as Annexure J to their Bids, any documentation which supports the responses provided in respect of the Eligibility Criteria below.

27.1.4 **Third Stage – price and preferential points**

27.1.4.1 Those Bidders which have passed the first and second stages of the tender process will be scored on the basis of price and preference point allocation in accordance with the applicable legislation.

27.1.4.2 The successful Bidder will be the Bidder that scores the highest number of points in the second stage of the Bid evaluation, unless the DBSA exercises its right to cancel the RFP, in line with the PPPFA Regulations.

27.1.4.3 Price and Preferential Points Assessment

- The third stage of evaluation of the Bids will be in respect of price and preferential procurement only. Points will be allocated to Bidders at this stage of the evaluation in accordance with the PPPFA and the PPPFA Regulations, as follows:

Price points 80

Preferential procurement points 20

- **Price points**

The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price:

$$P_s = 80(1 - (P_t - P_{min}) / P_{min})$$

Where:

Ps = Points scored for comparative price of tender or offer under consideration;

Pt = Comparative price of tender or offer under consideration; and

Pmin = Comparative price of lowest acceptable tender or offer.

- **Preferential procurement points**

A maximum of 20 points may be awarded in respect of preferential procurement, which points must be awarded to a tenderer for attaining their B-BBEE Status Level in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	16
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

An unincorporated trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate Bid.

- **Total**

The total points scored by each Bidder will be calculated by adding the points scored for price (out of 80) to the points scored for preferential procurement (out of 20).

The successful Bidder will be the Bidder which has the highest total points (out of 100) for both price and preferential procurement (unless there is a basis for selecting a different successful Bidder in accordance with section 2(1)(f) of the PPPFA).

28. Risk Analysis and Objective Criteria

(This must only be included in the tender document if it is applicable, ensure that the list is specific as to what your objective criteria are)

The DBSA reserves the right to award the tender to the tenderer who scores the highest number of points overall in line with Section (2) (1) (f) of the

PPPPFA, unless there are **objective criteria** which will justify the award of the tender to another tenderer. The objective criteria that the DBSA may apply in this bid process includes:

- i. Any bidder that has a cumulative order book totalling 3 Awards with outstanding value, may be excluded from further evaluation and/or recommendation for award.
- ii. Where a bidder has 3 active Awards with an outstanding value and the outstanding value is 10% or less, indicating the project is nearing completion, the bidder may be included for further evaluation and/or recommendation for award.
- iii. Where a bidder has 3 active Awards with an outstanding value and at least one of the projects has stalled for a period of 6 months or more, or the client has placed the project on hold indefinitely, the bidder may be included for further evaluation and/or recommendation for award.
- iv. The DBSA has the discretion to apply an objective criterion.
- v. The DBSA reserves the right to disqualify a tenderer with unrealistic price offers.
- vi. The DBSA reserves the right to negotiate to ensure the value for money principle is not compromised.
- vii. The DBSA reserves the right to award the scope in full or part thereof, subject to budget availability.
- viii. In the event of a partial award, the DBSA reserves the right for items excluded from the award, to be retendered in a new tender process.
- ix. Tenderer is required to price the whole Pricing document for the project and non-adherence is noncompliance, resulting in disqualification.

29. Due Diligence

DBSA shall perform a due diligence exercise on the preferred bidder to determine its riskprofile. The due diligence exercise may take the following factors into account inter alia.

a. Judgements and criminal convictions

DBSA may consider previous civil judgements against the preferred bidder aspart of its risk assessment. DBSA may also consider whether the preferred bidder or any of its directors have been convicted of a serious offence.

b. Pending litigation/liquidation/business rescue (distinct from Working Capital)

DBSA may consider any pending litigation in a court of law or administrative tribunal as part of its risk assessment.

c. Performance

DBSA will not consider the Service provider having a history of poor performance on any task orders/purchase orders or contracts, including poor performance in respect of compliance with policies or procedures regarding safety, health, quality control or environment, or having committed a serious andgross breach of contract.

d. Reputational harm

If DBSA is likely to suffer substantial reputational harm because of doing business with the preferred service provider, it may take this into account as part of its risk assessment.

e. Restricted/Blacklisted

Is not under restrictions, or has principals who are under restrictions, preventing participating in the employer's procurement.

f. Vetting

The DBSA reserves the right to conduct vetting on the tenderer or any of its directors.

g. PEP Checks for both Companies and Individual directors, as well as Procure Check and or any other systems that the DBSA may choose to utilize (which may be conducted by an authorized third party) that would be done to assess all risks, including but not limited to

- a. Financial stability of the bidder based on key ratio analysis ;
- b. Efficiency ;
- c. Profitability ;
- d. Financial Risk;
- e. Liquidity ;
- f. Acid Test ;
- g. Solvency; and
- h. Commercial relationship with a politically exposed and brand risk

- x. The DBSA reserves the right to award the scope in full or part thereof, subject to budget availability.
- xi. The DBSA reserves the right to negotiate to ensure the value for money principle is not compromised.

30. Generally, suppliers have their own business standards and regulations. Although DBSA cannot control the actions of our suppliers, we will not tolerate any Illegal activities. These include, but are not limited to:

- Misrepresentation of any kind (e.g. origin of manufacture, specifications, intellectual property rights, etc);
- Collusion;
- Failure to disclose accurate information required during the sourcing activity(ownership, financial situation, BBBEE status, etc.);
- Corrupt activities listed above; and
- Harassment, intimidation or other aggressive actions towards DBSA's employees.

31. STATUS OF BID

- 31.1 Each Bid constitutes an irrevocable offer by the Bidder to the DBSA to provide the Services required and otherwise to satisfy the requirements of the Specification as set out in this RFP.
- 31.2 A Bid must not be conditional on:
- 31.2.1 the Board approval of the Bidder or any related governing body of the Bidder being obtained;
 - 31.2.2 the Bidder conducting due diligence or any other form of enquiry or investigation;
 - 31.2.3 the Bidder (or any other party) obtaining any regulatory approval or consent;
 - 31.2.4 the Bidder obtaining the consent or approval of any third party; or
 - 31.2.5 the Bidder stating that it wishes to discuss or negotiate any commercial terms of the contract.
- 31.3 The DBSA may, in its absolute discretion, disregard any Bid that is, or is stated to be, subject to any one or more of the conditions detailed above (or any other relevant conditions).
- 31.4 The DBSA reserves the right to accept a Bid in part or in whole or to negotiate with a Bidder in accordance with the provisions of this RFP and the applicable laws and regulations.

32. CLARIFICATION OF BIDS

- 32.1 The DBSA may seek clarification from and enter into discussions with any or all of the Bidders in relation to their Bid. The DBSA may use the information obtained when clarification is sought or discussions are had in interpreting the Bid and evaluating the cost and risk of accepting the Bid. Failure to supply clarification to the satisfaction of the DBSA may render the Bid liable to disqualification.
- 32.2 The DBSA is under no obligation to seek clarification of anything in a Bid and reserves the right to disregard any clarification that the DBSA considers to be unsolicited or otherwise impermissible or irrelevant in accordance with the rules set out in this RFP.

33. DISCUSSION WITH BIDDERS

- 33.1 The DBSA may elect to engage in detailed discussions with any one or more Bidder(s), with a view to maximising the benefits of this RFP as measured against the evaluation criteria and in fully understanding a Bidder's offer.
- 33.2 As part of the evaluation of this Bid, DBSA will invite Bidders to give a presentation to the DBSA in relation to their submissions.
- 33.3 The DBSA is under no obligation to undertake discussions with, and Bidders.
- 33.4 In addition to presentations and discussions, the DBSA may request some or all Bidders to:
- 33.4.1 conduct a site visit, if applicable;
 - 33.4.2 provide references or additional information; and/or
 - 33.4.3 make themselves available for panel interviews.

34. SUCCESSFUL BIDS

- 34.1 Selection as a successful Bidder does not give rise to a contract (express or implied) between the successful Bidder and the DBSA for the supply of the Services. No legal

relationship will exist between the DBSA and a successful Bidder for the supply of the Services until such time as a binding contract is executed by them.

- 34.2 The DBSA may, in its absolute discretion, decide not to enter into pre-contractual negotiations with a successful Bidder.
- 34.3 A Bidder is bound by its Bid and all other documents forming part of the Bidder's Response and, if selected as a successful Bidder, must enter into a contract on the basis of the Bid with or without further negotiation.

35. NO OBLIGATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT

- 35.1 The DBSA is under no obligation to appoint a successful Bidder or Bidders (as the case may be), or to enter into a contract with a successful Bidder or any other person, if it is unable to identify a Bid that complies in all relevant respects with the requirements of the DBSA, or if due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the Services requested, or if funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure. For the avoidance of any doubt, in these circumstances the DBSA will be free to proceed via any alternative process.
- 35.2 The DBSA may conduct a debriefing session for all Bidders (successful and unsuccessful). Attendance at such debriefing session is optional.

36. BIDDER WARRANTIES

- 36.1 By submitting a Bid, a Bidder warrants that:
 - 36.1.1 it did not rely on any express or implied statement, warranty or representation, whether oral, written, or otherwise made by or on behalf of the DBSA, its officers, employees, or advisers other than any statement, warranty or representation expressly contained in the RFP;
 - 36.1.2 it did not use the improper assistance of DBSA's employees or information unlawfully obtained from them in compiling its Bid;
 - 36.1.3 it is responsible for all costs and expenses related to the preparation and lodgement of its Bid, any subsequent negotiation, and any future process connected with or relating to the Tendering Process;
 - 36.1.4 it accepts and will comply with the terms set out in this RFP; and
 - 36.1.5 it will provide additional information in a timely manner as requested by the DBSA to clarify any matters contained in the Bid.

37. DBSA'S RIGHTS

- 37.1 Notwithstanding anything else in this RFP, and without limiting its rights at law or otherwise, the DBSA reserves the right, in its absolute discretion at any time, to:
 - 37.1.1 cease to proceed with, or suspend the Tendering Process prior to the execution of a formal written contract;
 - 37.1.2 alter the structure and/or the timing of this RFP or the Tendering Process;
 - 37.1.3 vary or extend any time or date specified in this RFP

- 37.1.4 terminate the participation of any Bidder or any other person in the Tendering Process;
- 37.1.5 require additional information or clarification from any Bidder or any other person;
- 37.1.6 provide additional information or clarification;
- 37.1.7 negotiate with any one or more Bidder;
- 37.1.8 call for new Bid;
- 37.1.9 reject any Bid received after the Closing Time; or
- 37.1.10 reject any Bid that does not comply with the requirements of this RFP.

38. GOVERNING LAWS

- 38.1 This RFP and the Tendering Process are governed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa.
- 38.2 Each Bidder must comply with all relevant laws in preparing and lodging its Bid and in taking part in the Tendering Process.
- 38.3 All Bids must be completed using the English language and all costing must be in South African Rand.

39. MANDATORY QUESTIONS

- 39.1 Bidders shall provide full and accurate answers to all (including mandatory) questions posed in this document, and, are required to explicitly state "Comply/Accept" or "Do not comply/Do not accept" (with a √ or an X) regarding compliance with the requirements. Where necessary, the Bidders shall substantiate their response to a specific question.

NOTE: It is mandatory for Bidders to complete or answer this part fully; failure to do so result the Bid being treated as incomplete and the Bid may be disqualified.

39.1.1

This Bid is subject to the General Conditions of Contract stipulated in this RFP document.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.2

The laws of the Republic of South Africa shall govern this RFP and the Bidders hereby accept that the courts of the Republic of South Africa shall have the jurisdiction.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.3

The DBSA shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Bidder in the preparation of response to this RFP. The preparation of response shall be made without obligation to acquire any of the items included in any Bidder's proposal or to select any proposal, or to discuss the reasons why such vendor's or any other proposal was accepted or rejected.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.4

The DBSA may request written clarification or further information regarding any aspect of this proposal. The Bidders must supply the requested information in writing within two working days after the request has been made, otherwise the proposal may be disqualified.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.5

In the case of Consortium, Joint Venture or subcontractors, Bidders are required to provide copies of signed agreements stipulating the work split and Rand value.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.6

In the case of Consortium, Joint Venture or subcontractors, all Bidders are required to provide mandatory documents as stipulated in Part C: Checklist of Compulsory Returnable Schedules and Documents of the Tender Document.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.7

The DBSA reserves the right to; cancel or reject any proposal and not to award the proposal to the lowest Bidder or award parts of the proposal to different Bidders, or not to award the proposal at all.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.8

Where applicable, Bidders who are distributors, resellers and installers of network equipment are required to submit back-to-back agreements and service level agreements with their principals.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.9

By submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, the Bidders accept the evaluation criteria as it stands.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.10

Where applicable, the DBSA reserves the right to run benchmarks on the requirements equipment during the evaluation and after the evaluation.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.11

The DBSA reserves the right to conduct a pre-award survey during the source selection process to evaluate contractors' capabilities to meet the requirements specified in the RFP and supporting documents.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.12

Only the solution commercially available at the proposal closing date shall be considered. No Bids for future solutions shall be accepted.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.13

<p>The Bidder should not qualify the proposal with own conditions.</p> <p>Caution: If the Bidder does not specifically withdraw its own conditions of proposal when called upon to do so, the proposal response shall be declared invalid.</p>	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.14

Delivery of and acceptance of correspondence between the DBSA and the Bidder sent by prepaid registered post (by air mail if appropriate) in a correctly addressed envelope to either party's postal address or address for service of legal documents shall be deemed to have been received and accepted after (2) two days from the date of postage to the South African Post Office Ltd.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.15

Should the parties at any time before and/or after the award of the proposal and prior to, and-or after conclusion of the contract fail to agree on any significant product price or service price adjustments, change in technical specification, change in services, etc. The DBSA shall be entitled within 14 (fourteen) days of such failure to agree, to recall the letter of award and cancel the proposal by giving the Bidder not less than 90 (ninety) days written notice of such cancellation, in which event all fees on which the parties failed to agree increases or decreases shall, for the duration of such notice period, remain fixed on those fee/price applicable prior to the negotiations. Such cancellation shall mean that the DBSA reserves the right to award the same proposal to next best Bidders as it deems fit.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.16

In the case of a consortium or JV, each of the authorised enterprise's members and/or partners of the different enterprises must co-sign this document.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.17

Any amendment or change of any nature made to this RFP shall only be of force and effect if it is in writing, signed by the DBSA signatory and added to this RFP as an addendum.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.18

Failure or neglect by either party to (at any time) enforce any of the provisions of this proposal shall not, in any manner, be construed to be a waiver of any of that party's right in that regard and in terms of this proposal. Such failure or neglect shall not, in any manner, affect the continued, unaltered validity of this proposal, or prejudice the right of that party to institute subsequent action.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.19

Bidders who make use of subcontractors:	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept
1. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to select competent subcontractors that meet all the tender requirements stipulated in this tender document.		
2. The Bidder shall be responsible for all due diligence of the selected subcontractors and will be held liable for any non-performance of the subcontractor.		
3. Bidders are required to provide documentation (such as BBBEE Certificate/Sworn Affidavit, Valid or Active Tax Compliance Status Pin Issued by SARS, CSD Summary Report, Valid or Active CIDB Certificate etc.) for the relevant subcontractor as a minimum in support of the subcontracting arrangement.		
4. Subcontracting must not contradict any Regulation or Legislation.		
5. No separate contract shall be entered into between the DBSA and any such subcontractors. Copies of the signed agreements between the relevant parties must be attached to the proposal responses.		

39.1.20

All services supplied in accordance with this proposal must be certified to all legal requirements as per the South African law.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.21

No interest shall be payable on accounts due to the successful Bidder in an event of a dispute arising on any stipulation in the contract.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.22

<p>Evaluation of Bids shall be performed by an evaluation panel established by the DBSA.</p> <p>Bids shall be evaluated on the basis of conformance to the required specifications (functionality) as outlined in the RFP. For Bids considered for price and preference evaluation, points shall be allocated to each Bidder, on the basis that the maximum number of points that may be scored for price is 80, and the maximum number of preference points that may be claimed for B-BBEE status level of contributor (according to the PPPFA Regulations) is 20.</p>	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.23

If the successful Bidder disregards contractual specifications, this action may result in the termination of the contract.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.24

The Bidders' response to this Bid, or parts of the response, shall be included as a whole or by reference in the final contract.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.25

Should the evaluation of this Bid not be completed within the validity period of the Bid, the DBSA has discretion to extend the validity period.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.26

Upon receipt of the request to extend the validity period of the Bid, the Bidder must respond within the required time frames and in writing on whether or not he agrees to hold his original Bid response valid under the same terms and conditions for a further period.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.27

Should the Bidder change any wording or phrase in this document, the Bid shall be evaluated as though no change has been effected and the original wording or phrasing shall be used.	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.28

<p>Tax Compliance Status either on CSD National Treasury Database or SARS eFiling System as a Condition for Appointment/Award of the Bid.</p> <p>This requirement is mandatory and has to be satisfied by the successful bidder. The successful bidder must be tax compliant prior to appointment/award of the bid as no bid will be awarded to persons who are not tax compliant.</p>	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.29

<p>Company registration with CSD National Treasury Database as a Condition for Appointment/Award of the Bid.</p> <p>This requirement is mandatory and has to be satisfied by the successful bidder. The successful bidder must be registered on the CSD National Treasury site prior to appointment/award of the bid.</p>	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept

39.1.30

The following will be grounds for disqualification:	Comply/Accept	Do not comply/Do not accept
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsatisfactory performance under a previous public contract in the past 5 years, provided that notice of such unsatisfactory performance has been given to the bidder; and/or • The bidder or any of its directors have committed a corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for the appointment; and/or • The bidder or any of its directors have been convicted of fraud or corruption in the last 5 years; and/or • The bidder or any of its directors have been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters under section 9 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act; and/or • Bids received after the stipulated closure time will be immediately disqualified; and/or • Bidders whom have recently completed or currently performing, or to commence work on specific categories of services may be excluded to enable the Bank manage its concentration risk. This threshold is currently set at R10 million for consultancy services. 		

Signature(s) of Bidder or assignee(s)

Date

Name of signing person (in block letters)

Capacity

Are you duly authorized to sign this Bid?

Name of Bidder (in block letters)

Postal address (in block letters)

Domicilium citandi et executandi in the RSA (full street address of this place) (in block letters)

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Telephone Number:.....FAX number.....

Cell Number:

Email Address.....

PART E

DBSA TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

**SOURCING FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT – STANDALONE
PROVIDENT FUND TRANSFER TO AN UMBRELLA FUND**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Trustees (“the Trustees”) of the Development Bank of Southern African (“DBSA”) Provident Fund (“the Fund”) is investigating the possibility of transferring the retirement benefits offered from the current standalone fund to an umbrella fund. The Trustees require the assistance of an independent consultant to develop the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for the appointment of an umbrella fund service provider, assist with the evaluation of the RFP and oversee the eventual transfer to the selected umbrella fund.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to set out the scope of work key deliverables, timeframes, minimum proposal requirements, qualification criteria and evaluation criteria that the respondents to this RFP need to consider.

3. BACKGROUND

The DBSA Provident Fund is a standalone fund. In line with the consolidation in the South African retirement benefits industry and to reduce the cost of providing retirement benefits, the Trustees are investigating the possibility of an umbrella fund solution. Both the Trustees of the Fund, as well as the Executive and Board of the Employer, being the DBSA, have given in-principal support to consider an umbrella fund. The Trustees are seeking the assistance of an independent consultant who will support the Trustees in two separate phases:

1. **Phase 1** - drafting of the RFP for the appointment of an umbrella fund service provider, assisting with the evaluation of the RFP responses and providing a recommendation to the Trustees and the Employer.
2. **Phase 2** – developing an implementation plan for the transfer to the umbrella fund, assisting with the stakeholder engagement process and overseeing the implementation of the transfer to the umbrella fund.

At this stage, the Trustees and Employer seek to transfer only the retirement benefit offering to an umbrella fund. DBSA’s risk benefits are offered outside of the Fund. Respondents to this RFP should therefore only address the transfer of retirement benefits to an umbrella fund. A potential future review of risk benefits falls outside the scope of this RFP.

4. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work consists of two phases. In their financial bid, respondents are requested to clearly separate the quoted cost for each phase.

Phase 1:

1. High-level review of the existing retirement benefits offering and membership base of the DBSA Provident Fund and assessment of the suitability of transferring the fund to an umbrella fund.
2. Based on this review, provide a summary of key matters that the Board of Trustees and the Employer have to consider:
 - a. in identifying a suitable Umbrella Fund service provider;
 - b. in making the final decision to transfer to an Umbrella Fund.

3. Prepare the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for the selection of an umbrella fund service provider by drafting the following (it is noted that the formal procurement process will be managed by the Supply Chain Management Unit of the DBSA in line with DBSA’s procurement policies):
 - a. Scope of work/service offering required (noting that this will include only retirement benefits and not risk benefits);
 - b. Qualification and evaluation criteria.
1. Identify all umbrella fund service providers that should be given the opportunity to respond to the tender.
2. Provide industry expertise in the evaluation of the tender by:
 - a. Providing industry guidance in the bid evaluation process;
 - b. Providing a summary of the bid evaluation results and recommendation of the proposed preferred service provider;
 - c. Providing a summary of key matters for consideration and next steps.
1. Provide labour law-specific advice on matters that the Employer and the Board of Trustees must consider before and during the transfer to an Umbrella Fund.
2. Prepare the presentation to the DBSA Provident Fund Board of Trustees, DBSA Executive and DBSA sub-committee of the Board indicating the bid evaluation outcome, the benefits of transferring to the selected Umbrella Fund and identifying the next steps;

Phase 2

1. Prepare an implementation plan for the transfer to the umbrella fund, including by not limited to:
 - a. A timetable for implementation, including key deliverables.
 - b. A budget and cost analysis for closing the existing standalone fund and setting up the new Umbrella Fund.
 - c. A stakeholder engagement plan.
2. Implement the stakeholder engagement plan, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Identify all stakeholders and develop the communication approach for each group of stakeholders.
 - b. Prepare the presentation to Fund members informing members of the bid evaluation outcome, the benefits of transferring to the selected Umbrella Fund, the rights of members in this regard (e.g.: 60-day consultation period) and the next steps;
 - c. Participating in the presentation of the proposal to Fund members and assisting with the engagement of unions, if applicable.
 - d. Preparing written responses to Fund member queries and objections and ensuring that all matters are resolved.
3. Provide expert industry advice on setting up the umbrella fund by:
 - a. Reviewing and proposing amendments (if required) to the draft umbrella fund service provider contract / Service Level Agreement (“SLA”) and ensuring that the agreements are in line with legislation and best practice.
 - b. Providing a summary of key terms of the contract / SLA for consideration by the Employer.
 - c. Developing the governance structure and policy framework that the Employer will implement to manage and oversee the Umbrella Fund, including the terms of reference or rules applicable to the Management Committee.
4. Provide post-implementation support to the Employer and the Management Committee for a period of two quarters after implementation of the Umbrella Fund.

5. COMPETENCY AND EXPERTISE REQUIREMENTS OF RESOURCES

The respondent should provide the following:

- Confirmation that the respondent is independent of any umbrella fund service provider in South Africa or, alternatively, confirmation that the respondent will not participate in the bid for the appointment of an umbrella fund service provider to the DBSA Provident Fund if the respondent is appointed as the independent consultant.
- Copies of all relevant industry licenses and registrations required to offer the services envisaged, including but not limited to:
 - FSP license;
 - FAIS Disclosure indicating the financial product sub-categories the consultant is licensed for.
- Examples of previous instances, including reference letters, where the respondent has provided consulting services to transfer a standalone fund to an umbrella fund.
- A brief profile of each of the team members who will work on the assignment, including qualifications and experience.
- Valid BEE certificate.
- Valid SARS tax clearance certificate.

6. KEY DELIVERABLES

Phase 1

1. Report or presentation summarizing the outcome of the high-level review of the Fund's existing retirement benefits offering and membership base of the DBSA Provident Fund and assessment of the suitability of transferring the fund to an umbrella fund, as well as a summary of the key matters for consideration.
2. Draft Request for Proposal for the selection of an umbrella fund service provider for consideration by the Trustees and the Employer.
3. List of service providers that should be approached to participate in the tender for the Umbrella Fund.
4. Summary of bid evaluation results and recommendations.
5. Report on labour law-specific matters for consideration.

Phase 2

1. Implementation plan for the switch to the umbrella fund, including, but not limited to:
 - a. A timetable for implementation, including key deliverables.
 - b. A budget and cost analysis for closing the existing standalone fund and setting up the new Umbrella Fund.
 - c. A stakeholder engagement plan.
2. List of all stakeholders and implementation approach for each stakeholder group.
3. Presentation for discussion with the DBSA Provident Fund Board of Trustees, DBSA Executive and DBSA sub-committee of the Board.
4. Presentation for discussion with the members of the Fund and any unions, if applicable.
5. Commentary and proposed amendments to the umbrella fund service provider contract / SLA.
- 2) Written responses to Fund member queries and objections.

6. Governance structure and policy framework, including terms of reference/rules for the Management Committee, that will be required to be implemented in the Umbrella Fund structure.

7. Such deliverables as may be required to oversee the implementation of the Umbrella Fund.

7. MINIMUM PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Qualifying criteria for the project include:

Qualifying Criteria (example)	Yes	No
Confirmation that the respondent is independent of any umbrella fund service provider in South Africa or, alternatively, confirmation that the respondent will not participate in the bid for the appointment of an umbrella fund service provider to the DBSA Provident Fund if the respondent is appointed as the independent consultant. Confirmation of the above should be supplied in the form of a letter on a company letterhead.	X	
Proof of Registration with a recognized professional body/ institution, relevant to tender requirement e.g. in the Financial and/or Asset Management Industry.	X	

8. TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

	Criteria	Scoring guidelines	Score	Weighting
	Company Experience	Provide a list of up to three completed assignments in which advice was provided to transfer a standalone fund to an umbrella fund, including up to three official reference letters (signed and dated on the client's letterhead).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or more official reference letters = 12 points • 2 official reference letters = 8 points • 1 official reference letter = 4 points 	12
	Team Credentials	Clearly demonstrate the cumulative 20+ years of service in the retirement benefits industry, and the capacity requirements by providing a Curriculum Vitae of each team member allocated to this assignment, indicating their number of years of appropriate experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20+ years = 16 points • 10-20 years = 8 points • 1 – 10 years = 4 points 	16

Approach & Delivery	Methodology to be applied for the consulting assignment	Demonstrate the ability to successfully implement the assignment, including an overview of the methodology and high-level project plan. Including timeliness and deliverables	<p>Bidders must provide a brief layout/highlevel project plan of how the project will be carried out including the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Inception approach, •execution and implementation plan •Timelines and deliverable <p>The methodology must be high level and cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Methodology, encompassing all approaches above detailing the process from inception to completion (inceptiondeliverables) = 20 points •Evaluation Methodology not meeting some of the requirements listed above = 10 points <p>Failure to submit evaluation methodology encompassing of any of the approaches and/or generic methodology detailing the process from inception to completion (Inception, execution and completion) = 0 points</p> <p>•</p>	20
	Risk identification	Identify the top 5 risks the Board of Trustees should consider in transferring to an Umbrella Fund and identify potential mitigations for such risks. Information should be provided in a tabular format with a column for the risk and another column for the mitigation against the risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clearly identifies 5 key risks and potential mitigations – 20 points •Identifies 3 or 4 key risks and potential mitigations - 12 points •Identifies 1 or 2 key risks and potential mitigations - 8 points •Provides 0 risk and mitigation – 0 points 	20
	Value add	Value-add that consultant can bring to the Fund if appointed	<p>Identification of specific value add that the consultant can bring to the Fund if appointed, demonstrating practical experience in fulfilling the assignment Identification and providing proof of application of value add previously via a write up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4 or 5 value add provided– 12 points •1,2 or 3 value add provided– 8 points •No value add is evident – 0 points 	12
Minimum threshold				56
Total				80

Minimum threshold for Presentations is **15 out of 20** points. The presentation must cover the following topics

9. PRESENTATION

Understanding of the landscape and the responses to our queries	Demonstration of Following -A sound understanding of the South African Retirement Industry/ environment, -A sound understanding of the common challenges experienced by clients in this area and the resolution thereof, -An understanding of the Standalone Fund versus an Umbrella Fund and its role in the retirement industry, -The competencies to achieve the intended objectives. -Questions and answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to clearly demonstrate an understanding of the landscape per the requirements and the responses to our queries – 20 points • Partially demonstrated understanding of the landscape per the requirements and responses to our queries – 15 points • Unclear -misunderstood the requirements of the project – 10 points • Not demonstrated any of the points – 0 points 	20
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A minimum of **71 points out of a 100** for the functional evaluation will qualify the Bid to move on to the Third Stage of evaluation, which is price and preferential point's evaluation.

Bidders that do not score **71** points (inclusive of the presentation score) or higher at this stage of the evaluation will not be evaluated during the Third Stage of the evaluation.

11. PRICE SCHEDULE -ANNEXURE A

Each Bidder is required to provide a separate price schedule for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the scope of work, as follows:

Descriptions/deliverables	No. of Hours	Ave Rate per hour	Price
Phase 1			
1. Inception meeting			
2. Report/presentation – high-level review of the fund and assessment of umbrella fund suitability, including key matters for consideration			
3. Draft Request for Proposal, including a list of potential umbrella fund service providers			
4. Review of bids and provision of industry expertise in the evaluation of the tender			
5. Final report/presentation – summary of bid evaluation results and recommendation, including identification of specific matters for consideration			

	Sub-total	
	15% VAT	
	Total	

Descriptions/deliverables	No. of Hours	Ave Rate per hour	Price
Phase 2			
1. Inception meeting			
2. Draft implementation plan, including timetable, budget and cost analysis and stakeholder engagement plan			
3. Stakeholder engagement, including presentation to fund members and written responses to queries and objections			
4. Contract review and development of governance structure and policy framework			
5. Post-implementation support for two quarters post implementation			
	Sub-total		
	15% vat		
	Total		

12. RESERVATIONS

The DBSA expressly reserves the following rights:

- To appoint more than one service provider.
- To waive any or all irregularities in the proposals submitted.
- To retain the right not to select any service provider.
- To cancel or withdraw this tender.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information contained in this Request for Proposals is confidential and is the property of the DBSA. Similarly, the Bank shall hold all property rights such as copyrights, patents and registered trademarks on matters directly related to or derived from the work carried out through this contract.

Annexure B

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 a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

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

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

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

2.2 Identity Number:
.....

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

2.5 Tax Reference Number:

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

¹ "State" means –

- (a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (b) any municipality or municipal entity;
- (c) provincial legislature;
- (d) national Assembly or the national Council of provinces; or
- (e) Parliament.

² "Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state?	YES / NO
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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 :

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Position occupied in the state institution:

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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	YES / NO
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work outside employment in the public sector?

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attached proof of such authority to the bid document?

YES / NO

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

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months?

YES / NO

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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.....

2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

YES / NO

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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

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 **YES/NO**
 of the company have any interest in any other related companies
 whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Tax Reference Number	State Employee Number / Persal Number

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 IN TERMS OF
 PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHOULD THIS
 DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....
 Signature Date

.....
 Position Name of bidder

Annexure C

SBD 6.1

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

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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**

a) The value of this bid is estimated **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 preference point system will be applicable to this tender.

1.2 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

(a) Price; and

(b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

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

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	20

Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100
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- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

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

the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

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

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 (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	16
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	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		NO	
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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**

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√

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.

.....
SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:.....

ADDRESS.....

.....

.....

Annexure D

SBD 8

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES – N/A

Annexure E

SBD 9

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION – N/A

Annexure F

Bidders are required to include, as Annexure F to their Bids, certified copies of all relevant CIPC registration documents listing all members with percentages, in the case of a close corporation

Annexure G

Bidders are required, as annexure G to their Bids, to submit certified copies of the latest share certificates of all relevant companies

Annexure H

Bidders which submit Bids as an unincorporated joint venture, consortium or other association of persons are required to submit, as Annexure H, a breakdown of how the percentage (%) fees and work will be split between the various people or entities which constitute the Bidder.

Annexure I

Bidders are required to include, as Annexure I to their Bids, supporting documents to their responses to the Pre- Qualifying Criteria and Evaluation Criteria.

Where the supporting document is the profile of a member of the Bidder's proposed team, this should be indicated.

Annexure J

[General Conditions of Contract]

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO READ THROUGH THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT PRESCRIBED BY THE NATIONAL TREASURY. SUCH GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE NATIONAL TREASURY WEBSITE.

PLEASE NOTE FURTHER THAT ALL BIDDERS MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE WELL ACQUINTED WITH THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN DOING BUSINESS WITH GOVERNMENT.

NOTE: All Bidders are required to confirm *(Tick applicable box)* below:

Item	YES	NO
Is the Bidder familiar with the General Conditions of Contract prescribed by the National Treasury?		

Annexure K

Tax Compliant Status and CSD Registration Requirements

ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS MUST HAVE A TAX COMPLIANT STATUS EITHER ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY OR SARS E FILING PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT/AWARD OF THE BID.

REGISTRATION ON THE CSD SITE OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY IS A COMPULSORY REQUIREMENT FOR A BIDDER TO BE APPOINTED, TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE DBSA. THE ONUS IS ON THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER TO REGISTER ON THE CSD SITE AND PROVIDE PROOF OF SUCH REGISTRATION PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT/AWARD OF THE BID.

CSD Registration Number:



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