

RFP142/2026: Written Responses to Clarification Questions Raised During the Compulsory Briefing Session

1. Will there be any amendments to the RFP?

Yes. DBSA indicated that there is a typographical error in the methodology evaluation section where a criterion reflects **7.5 points instead of 10 points**. The amendment does not change the overall evaluation approach.

2. Can a UAE-registered or international firm participate in this tender?

- Yes. The tender is open to both local and international firms. However, international bidders are required to register on the **Central Supplier Database (CSD)** and comply with all applicable tender requirements including SAQA requirements for qualifications of proposed resources
- [Welcome - Central Supplier Database Application](#)

3. SAQA - South African Qualifications Authority

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- Where an international qualification has not yet been evaluated by SAQA, bidders must provide proof that the qualification has been submitted to SAQA for evaluation. Acceptable evidence includes a SAQA acknowledgement of receipt, application reference number, or other written confirmation from SAQA that the evaluation process is underway. The final SAQA evaluation outcome is not required at bid submission stage; however, proof of submission must be provided.

4. Can one proposed resource perform more than one role, for example, Team Leader and Economist?

Yes. A proposed resource may perform more than one role, provided they meet all the qualification and experience requirements for each role. Bidders should clearly indicate such arrangements in their proposal and organogram to avoid ambiguity during evaluation.

5. Multiple Appointments:

Will DBSA appoint more than one consultant for the assignment?

No. DBSA intends to appoint a single consultant or consortium. While multiple firms may form a consortium, the contract will be entered into with one lead entity.

6. Is submission as a consortium mandatory?

No. A bidder may submit either as a single firm or as a consortium. However, the appointed service provider must demonstrate sufficient capacity and expertise to deliver all workstreams concurrently.

7. Must the Economic Complexity Analysis and Socioeconomic Analysis be undertaken sequentially or concurrently?

The two workstreams are expected to run **in parallel**. The appointed consultant must therefore have the capacity and resources necessary to execute both workstreams simultaneously.

8. Why does the Economic Complexity Analysis cover Eastern Cape and Northern Cape, while the Socioeconomic Analysis covers Northern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal?

This is intentional. Socioeconomic analysis work has already been completed in the Eastern Cape. Consequently, the current assignment focuses socioeconomic analysis on KwaZulu-Natal and Northern Cape. Economic Complexity Analysis for KwaZulu-Natal is not included at this stage due to funding constraints.

9. Will there be an opportunity for organisations to submit projects for implementation after completion of the studies?

No such process forms part of the current assignment. Should future requirements arise for project implementation or related activities, they would be procured through a separate process and tender, subject to applicable procurement requirements.