

No.	QUESTION	RESPONSE
1.	If a member of the Consortium didn't attend the briefing session, will the whole Bid be disqualified?	Yes
2.	In the absence of an AGENT, Will a registered CHS MANAGER be acceptable?	No
3.	Could you please clarify whether the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) is undertaking this project on behalf of the Department of Education or the Department of Public Works? In light of the design requirements, should we be working with the existing standard designs prescribed for public schools, or is there an expectation that we propose new infrastructure concepts and innovative design solutions?	DBSA is appointed ECDOE and we comply with Norms and standards of DBE and the guidelines will be provided
4.	Has the preliminary project cost and gazettes been provided for pricing purposes?	Not at all
5.	Can a electronic spreadsheet be sent in instead of writing out all the professional fees (average %)	No this should be price by the PSP
6.	What happens if a company is in the process of having their BBBEE renewed can a letter be sent in from the verification agent	Should the process not be completed by tender evaluation the company will score 0 points for BBBEE.
7.	Based on experience, A Social Facilitator is best chosen from the Area/Region the project is located in, if we do not consider that, it is possible that the community can reject the Social Facilitator. If we are unable to find a SF who can relate with the community through Language or traditional we will still observe unrest.	That is not correct as the appointed team will be introduced formally to the relevant stakeholders. The language barriers should be carefully considered and looked at to avoid any communication break downs

8.	Kindly advise whether, apart from CVs, qualifications, and professional registration certificates, any additional documents are required from the sub-consultants.	Please read the requirements as set out in the tender document
9.	Whats the closing date 6th or 8th? As its two different dates on document and on eTender.	The tender closing date is the 8 th October 2026 as stipulated on the tender document. The date has also been corrected on e-Tender.
10.	If we submit a tender with sub-consultants, are we still required to provide a consolidated B-BBEE certificate?	A consolidated BBBBEE certificate is applicable when the tendering entities form a Joint Venture, Consortium or Partnership.
11.	In a consortium do we all fill the document with accompanying requirements or it's just the lead?	When tendering as a JV/consortium/Partnership, the documents for all parties must be submitted.
12.	Could you please explain the pricing it's a bit confusing. How to do it correctly.	DBSA cannot provide guidance in pricing
13.	We hereby request clarification regarding the applicable Gazette to be used as the basis for preparing the cost pricing for this tender. Kindly confirm the specific Gazette, including the applicable Gazette number, publication date and fee schedule/version, that the Client requires bidders to use when determining the tendered professional fees and associated pricing. This clarification will ensure that our pricing is prepared consistently with the Client's prescribed requirements and that the correct rates and/or applicable fee scales are applied. Your confirmation would be appreciated.	The bidder must price for services as detailed under C.3.1 below. The fee scales shall be calculated as per the Government Gazette Vol. 606 December 2015, No. 39480 reduced by any applicable discounts
14.	Can a professional be part of multiple teams?	The tender document clearly indicates that “

		Only one (1) resource CV per discipline will be assessed.
15.	Can 2 disciplines be the same person?	The tender document clearly indicates that “ Only one (1) resource CV per discipline will be assessed.
16.	Are in-house professionals accepted?	The bidder can use its own staff to meet the required professional resource requirements as long as they will be available for the project, if awarded
17.	If we submit a tender with sub-consultants, are we still required to provide a consolidated B-BBEE certificate?	A consolidated BBBBEE certificate is applicable when the tendering entities form a Joint Venture, Consortium or Partnership.
18.	Kindly advise whether, apart from CVs, qualifications, and professional registration certificates, any additional documents are required from the sub-consultants	Signed Agreements/ Letter of intent of the sub-consultants is required. The Letter of Intent/Agreements from the proposed subconsultant and Tendering entity during the tender stage, confirming that: The subconsultant is willing and available to participate in the project if the bidder is awarded the contract. The subconsultant commits to entering into a formal sub-consulting agreement with the bidder upon award. The scope of services and intended participation are clearly identified.

		The formal sub-consulting agreement can then be submitted prior to contract commencement or at appointment stage.
19.	What is the estimated project construction cost that should be used as the basis for calculating the professional fees?	The template provides various ranges for this purpose. The bidder should provide prices per range
20.	Which Board Notice / Government Gazette should each of the respective built-environment professionals use when calculating their professional fees? Please provide the applicable Board Notice or Gazette reference for each professional discipline.	The bidder must price for services as detailed under C.3.1 below. The fee scales shall be calculated as per the Government Gazette Vol. 606 December 2015, No. 39480 reduced by any applicable discounts
21.	Irrespective of whether DBSA is the direct Client, should we proceed using the existing standard designs prescribed for public schools, in accordance with the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) standard prototypes and the latest LDoE guidelines? Alternatively, is there an expectation that we develop new infrastructure concepts and propose innovative design solutions?	The designs are as per the las/ latest gazette for Norms and Standards for School Infrastructure. The project is in the Eastern Cape (ECDoE) therefore will not be subjected to LDoE guidelines.
22.	The Social Facilitator (SF) should ideally be selected from the area or region in which the project is located. This is important to ensure that the SF has an adequate understanding of the local community, including its language, cultural practices, and traditional structures. If this is not considered during the selection process, there is a potential risk that the community may not accept or engage effectively with the appointed SF. Where a suitable SF cannot relate to the community due to language, cultural, or traditional considerations, this could potentially contribute to community unrest and result in project delays. We therefore recommend that the selection criteria	DBSA cannot discriminate against individuals or professionals based on language or any other means.

	include familiarity with, or preferably a connection to, the local area and community. This requirement may, however, have implications for the availability of suitable candidates and should be considered when planning the appointment process and not during the tendering phase.	
23.	We hereby request clarification regarding the applicable Gazette to be used as the basis for preparing the cost pricing for this tender. Kindly confirm the specific Gazette, including the applicable Gazette number, publication date and fee schedule/version, that the Client requires bidders to use when determining the tendered professional fees and associated pricing. This clarification will ensure that our pricing is prepared consistently with the Client's prescribed requirements and that the correct rates and/or applicable fee scales are applied. Your confirmation would be appreciated.	The bidder must price for services as detailed under C.3.1 below. The fee scales shall be calculated as per the Government Gazette Vol. 606 December 2015, No. 39480 reduced by any applicable discounts.
24.	Kindly confirm if page 95 in the tender document is a repeat of page 94	Yes
25.	Part D: Part C, clauses 1.21 and 1.23, at pages 8 to 9 Clause 1.21 defines the Request for Proposals as comprising Parts A, B, C and D, whilst clause 1.23 defines the Services as those specified in Part D. No Part D is, however, bound into the Request for Proposals as issued. We should accordingly be grateful if you could confirm whether a Part D is to be issued and, in the event that no such Part is to be issued, that the references to Part D are to be read as references to Part C3.1.	We note that the tender document makes reference to Part D however this has been erroneously included. There is no Part D.
26.	Is a special resource allowed to form part of more than one bidding team.	What is a special resource? We can however confirm that the tender does not disapprove of

		a resource being part of more than one bidding team, however it must be noted that signed Consent letters from the recommended resources are required.
27.	For sub consulting - can a letter of intent be accepted for now with undertaking to provide the formal agreement at appointment stage?	The Letter of Intent/Agreements from the proposed subconsultant and Tendering entity during the tender stage, confirming that: The subconsultant is willing and available to participate in the project if the bidder is awarded the contract. The subconsultant commits to entering into a formal sub-consulting agreement with the bidder upon award. The scope of services and intended participation are clearly identified. The formal sub-consulting agreement can then be submitted prior to contract commencement or at appointment stage.
28.	Pricing Schedule To ensure that all bidders price on the same basis and submit compliant and comparable offers, we would like to kindly request whether the client would consider organizing a) A Brief online clarification / training session on how the pricing schedule be completed or alternatively note with a worked example.	On Table C2.2.2 (A1) – Bidders must price in rands stage 1&2 as this will be transferred to column B in table A2 and inserted per category. When the actual value of the project has been determined, the rand value will be converted to fee percentage as per the other stages. (I know the template provides for rand values for all stages, but only stage 1&2 must be priced in rand value for this project)

		Column C in Table A2 is mainly a conversion of the rand value to percentage. Column D presents fee percentages per category provided for stages 2 -7 (use the high-end value) Column E is a summation of the percentage fees offered in the previous columns And Column F is an average of the fees per category in column E. You then will be required to split the average fee calculated in the previous table into the required disciplines. Table C.2.2.3 presents the bidder to price for all associated disbursement costs for the project. Table C.2.2.4 summarises the previous tables and is to be carried over to the form of offer.
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