

ABAQULUSI MUNICIPALITY



READING OF WATER & ELECTRICITY METERS AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS.

TENDER NO: 8/2/1/203

NAME OF THE COMPANY	
BID AMOUNT :	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS	
POSTAL ADDRESS:	
CONTACT NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
CSD NUMBER:	

**Acting Municipal Manager
Abaqulusi Municipality
PO Box 57
VRYHEID
3100**

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO SUBMIT YOUR TENDER FOR THE READING OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY METERS FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS WITH TENDER NUMBER: 8/2/1/203

BID NUMBER: **8/2/1/203**

CLOSING DATE: **31 MAY 2024**

CLOSING TIME: **12H00**

DESCRIPTION: THE READING OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY METERS FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS.

The successful bidder will be required to fill in and sign a written Contract Form (MBD 7).

BID DOCUMENTS MAY BE POSTED TO:

**AbaQulusi Municipality
Corner of high and Mark street
Vryheid 3100**

OR

DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT **CORNER OF HIGH STREET AND MARK STREET**

Bidders should ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address. If the bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.

The bid box is generally open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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

THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

NB: NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE (as defined in Regulation 1 of the Local Government: Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations)

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

NAME OF BIDDER:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

STREET ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

CODE.....NUMBER.....

CELLPHONE NUMBER:

FACSIMILE NUMBER:..... CODE NUMBER.....

E-MAIL ADDRESS:.....

VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER:.....

HAS AN ORIGINAL AND VALID TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE BEEN ATTACHED? (MBD 2) YES/NO

HAS A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE BEEN SUBMITTED? (MBD 6.1) YES/NO

IF YES, WHO WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY?

AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA)

A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS)

A REGISTERED AUDITOR

(Tick applicable box)

(A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE)

ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE
IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS/SERVICES/WORKS OFFERED ? YES/NO (IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF)

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:.....

DATE:.....

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:.....

TOTAL BID:

TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED:.....

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Municipality: AbaQulusi

Department: Supply Chain Management

Contact Person: PH Nxumalo

Tel: 034 9822133 Ext 2284

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Contact Person: Ms T Ngema

Tel: 034 9822 133 Ext.2214

Fax: 034 9821939

INVITATION TO TENDER
TENDER NUMBER: 8/2/1/203
PUBLISHED DATE: 02/05/2024
DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

THE READING OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY METERS FOR THE PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

AbaQulusi Municipality is hereby inviting prospective and qualified service providers to submit bid for the reading of water and electricity meters for the period of 36 months as per specification attached in the tender document.

Bids documents will be self downloaded from E-tender Portal (www.e-tenders.gov.za) as from the **02 May 2024**.

Sealed Bid documents marked with the relevant "Bid Name and Bid Number" must be deposited in the Bid box at the Abaqulusi Local Municipality offices no later than 12:00 pm on **31 MAY 2024**, where after all Bids will be opened to the public.

Telegraphic, faxed and late tenders will not be accepted and the Municipality shall not be held responsible for any couriered and posted document.

CONDITIONS:

- ❖ No awards will be made to a person, who is not registered on the Central Supplier Data base
- ❖ No awards will be made to a person, who is in the service of the state
- ❖ No awards will be made to a person, if that person is not a natural person, of which any director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder is a person in the service of the state , and / or
- ❖ No awards will be made to a person, who is an advisor or consultant contracted with the Municipality or municipal entity
- ❖ Fill in all the Municipal Bidding Documents (MBD'S) failure to do so will automatically disqualify.
- ❖ Fully Completed all the MBD'S on the tender document
- ❖ Fully completed tender document (bidder will be disqualified for incomplete document)
- ❖ Service Providers should be on Municipal Data Base if not please collect data base forms at SCM Office or down load them from Municipal website (www.abaqulusi.gov.za) and submit them with your bid document.
- ❖ Late bids will not be accepted,
- ❖ These tender will be valid for a period of 90 days after the closing date
- ❖ These tender must only be submitted on the documentation provided by Abaqulusi Municipality (Original document)
- ❖ Failure to comply with these conditions will result in immediate disqualification of the bid.

The Municipality reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to bid and / or to re- advertise or to reject any bid or to accept a part of it. The municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest bid or ward a contract to the bidder scoring the highest number of points.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The following documents have to be attached:

- ❖ Central Supplier Data base registration report (Detailed) to claim special goals
- ❖ Valid copy of company registration document
- ❖ IF above R10m , an audited three year AFS must be provided
- ❖ SARS PIN or Tax Clearance certificate must be submitted
- ❖ Certified B- BBEE Certificate from registered accountant is required or original Sworn Affidavit from Commissioner of Oath.
- ❖ Relevant experience with reference letter must be provided
- ❖ A Certified current account in terms of water and electricity / rates and taxes obtainable from your local municipality must be submitted not older than three months or lease agreement
- ❖ Certified copies of identity documents of directors and owners of the company must be submitted

For more SCM enquiries please contact Supply Chain Management office at scm@abaqulusi.gov.za.

No bids will be accepted from a person in the service of the state and whose Tax Matters are Non Compliant

The Abaqulusi Local Municipality does not bind itself to accepting the lowest, or any bid, either wholly or in part or give any reason for such action.

SP DLAMINI
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

NOTICE NO:17/2024

To be advertised on news paper, e-tender portal, municipal website and notice boards

SPECIFICATIONS AND PRICING SCHEDULE

PROVISION OF METER READINGS USING HAND HELD ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES FOR THE ABAQULUSI MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM DATE TO DATE OF CONTRACT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT, 2000 (ACT NO. 32 OF 2000)

1.1 Introduction

The Abaqulusi Municipality is calling for bids from experienced and suitability qualified service providers for the automated reading of meters and other related services within the Abaqulusi Municipal Area. For the following areas within its area jurisdiction:

- Vryheid Central Town
- Bhekuzulu Location
- Lakeside
- Emondlo
- Eastern town(Hlobane, Thuthukani , Vaalbank, Louwsburg and Coronation)

Bidders must ensure that no conflict of interest occurs during the meter reading process and if any potential conflict arises, the Bidder must advise the Municipality accordingly.

The bidder will be required to prepare an implementation project plan on how the meter reading services will be implemented, adhering to the time schedule.

The Abaqulusi Municipality is currently billing an average of **Water = ±10327 and Electricity = ±3142** meters monthly. The schedule of quantities will contain all areas but the focus will be on the area and type of meter where the municipality initially requires the service, being water meters in the areas where the Abaqulusi Municipality does not supply electricity. If required, the area may be expanded during the term of the contract. In this regard the information provided in the electronic update files will need to be adapted accordingly.

1.2 Scope of work

The Contract entails providing meter reading and other related services to the Abaqulusi Municipality covering a period not exceeding 36 months, including installed meters at the beginning of the contract as well as meters installed during the term of the contract.

Experienced service providers are invited to submit bids for monthly readings of meters within the Abaqulusi Municipality's area for all types of Consumers.

The successful service provider must render a meter reading service utilizing portable electronic handheld meter reading devices and a system that indicates and plots the geographical location of each and every meter that was read and records the readings by using a GPS application.

The successful service provider may be requested to deliver notices to the stands in line with the supply of services.

1.3 General

- a. The Bidder must provide detail of the portable electronic meter reading devices with satisfactory computer software.

- b. The successful service provider's software system must be able to electronically report on the following, per monthly meter reading cycle. Please respond with an X in the respective column and, should the system not comply, kindly supply the alternative information available.

Required information - Mandatory	Yes	No	Alternative detail
Meter reading detail in excel csv format			
Meters not read with codes/reasons as per specific download file			
Meters that have clocked over			
High and low consumptions identified			
Faulty meters i.e. meters that stopped recording or leaking at the meter			
Tampered meters			
Inaccessible or damaged meters			
Meters installed as replacement meters			
Meters found that are not on the Debtor System			
Digital images providing proof of stuck meters, high/low reading, meter inaccessible or reading, etc.; when requested			
GPS Coordinates – to be accurate within 2 meters of meter location			

- c. The successful service provider's software must be able to electronically upload the following meter reading information to the Municipality's financial system, per monthly meter reading cycle. Please respond with an X in the respective column and, should the system not comply, kindly supply the alternative information available.

Required information - Mandatory	Yes	No	Alternative detail
Meter reading detail in excel csv format			
Stand number			
Meter type			
Meter number			
Customer account number			
Current reading date			
Current meter reading			
No Access reason code			
Device ID			

Stand address			
Reader route			
Reader sequence			

- d. The meters, as included in the schedule of quantities, must be read on a monthly basis in terms of the meter reading cycle approved by the CFO or designated official of the Municipality;
- i. Readings shall be spread out as evenly as possible over the corresponding previous reading period and the sequence of the meter readings shall ensure that approximately one month shall lapse between the consecutive readings of each customer's meter.
 - ii. Meter reading may take place only during daylight hours from Monday to Sunday. Where difficulty is experienced in obtaining a meter reading the Meter Reader may deviate from the above but the convenience of the customer must be considered.
 - iii. Where the Meter Reader is unable to obtain a reading, the Municipality may require that a notification/letter to the effect must be left at the property of the consumer. The successful service provider would then be entitled to payment when the customer provides a reading, which is based on the said notification, over the telephone or via e-mail and provided that the reading is reasonable.
- e. In addition to the readings and associated data supplied, the bidder shall report and take a digital image, including the related GPS Coordinates, which is to be submitted monthly together with the above data, of any of the following:
- i. Tampering of meters
 - ii. No access meters
 - iii. Illegal connections
 - iv. High/low consumption readings
 - v. Meters appearing within the route but not on the route received from the Municipality and down loaded on the portable electronic hand held devices
- f. The successful service provider will not be paid for any unread meters. If the route is incomplete, the service provider must return the remaining unread meters with nil readings using a specific code indicating reason for no reading:
- i. Meter reading performance returns are to be submitted to the Municipality with each monthly invoice submitted by the Service Provider. All readings falling within the validation parameters will be accepted; those readings outside the parameters will be subject to control/audit check.
 - ii. Where it is found that incorrect readings have been provided, the service provider will be penalized. The penalty per incorrect reading will be equal to the amount payable per meter reading.
 - iii. Where meter readings are not obtained, the reason(s) code must be indicated. Abaqulusi Municipality may carry out random site inspections to verify work done and to ensure that quality of work is maintained.

- g. The work shall be undertaken during all weather conditions as the successful service provider will be required to visit all sites as indicated every month. The reasons for not obtaining a reading must be supplied.
 - i. The service provider will have to implement effective measures to address meters where technical (i.e. unable to locate meter, meter fault or lock faulty) or non-technical (i.e. no access to facilities, dogs or building demolished) problems exist and which result in regular monthly readings not being obtained.
 - ii. When considered necessary supplementary readings will be requested by the Municipality and such readings must be provided within 24 hours. The service provider will be paid at the rate in the bid, however if the original readings were incorrect no payment will be applicable. This being the case, no additional fee will be payable.
 - iii. The successful service provider's supervisory staff shall at all times have a phone and email address available for communication with Abaqulusi Municipality as and when required.
 - iv. When required by the Municipality the successful service provider will deliver notices to the stands in line with the supply of services. Said notices will be delivered within the timeframe determined at the time

1.4 Standard of Service

- a. The successful service provider shall exercise all reasonable care, diligence and skill in performing its obligations under the agreement. The successful Bidder shall carry out services in conformity with sound professional practices and standards.
- b. The successful service provider shall notify Abaqulusi Municipality if it appears that in view of the information that has come to light that the services require revision for any reason whatsoever.
- c. The successful service provider shall accept the responsibility for any breach of professional duty by reason of any error, omission or neglect occurring or committed by the successful Bidder in connection with the services performed by it.

1.5 Transport, Equipment, tools, apparatus and facilities

- a. The successful service provider must supply and maintain its own handheld devices, tools and apparatus to carry out the work required and all maintenance and insurance on this equipment will be for the account of the bidder.
- b. The successful service provider's software system must interface with the existing financial system used by the municipality, currently the Munsoft Financial Management system. The handheld device must be able to take photos with a quality of at least 5 Megapixel. The software system must be web based that can be accessed via browser functions which include the following:
 - i. Management monitoring functions for reading efficiencies through dashboards
 - ii. User and Role Management
 - iii. Route creation, editing, allocation and route optimization
 - iv. Creation of flexible meter reading validation rules

- v. Auditing and validation of readings
 - vi. Release of audited readings to the billing system
 - vii. Exception reporting
 - viii. Customer Management
- c. The successful service provider may be required to provide his/her Meter Readers with a uniform/bib, approved by the Municipality, prior to the commencement of work. The approved uniform/clothing must be of such a nature that the person is easily identifiable as a Meter Reader and must be worn whilst on duty.
- d. The successful service provider must issue the meter readers with identity cards and shall produce such identity cards when requested by customers.
- e. The successful service provider must have at least one capable person to address complaints and enquiries relevant to work performed within the ambit of the contract.

1.6 Other specifications

a. Accuracy of readings

Any two consecutive monthly reading cycles read rates less than 95% returned without acceptable reasons or failure to produce a 100% read over a three month cycle may result in the termination of the contract with the successful service provider concerned.

b. Code of conduct

- i. The service provider's staff will be required to comply with the *Batho Pele* principles as aligned to the constitution, when dealing with customers.
- ii. The successful service provider or any member of his/her staff who is guilty of accepting bribes of any kind from customers, or who conducts himself/herself in an unacceptable manner, shall be withdrawn from performing the service immediately. The Municipality's decision in this respect shall be final.
- iii. Under no circumstances may the service provider or any of his employees accept or receive monies from consumers in respect of payment intended for the Municipality.

1.7 Evaluation Process (Criteria)

The evaluation of this bid will be conducted in the following four (4) stages:-

- Stage 1: Administrative compliance
- Stage 2: Functionality criteria
- Stage 3: Price and preference scoring
- Stage 4: Objective criteria

Stage 1: Administrative compliance

The Municipality has prescribed minimum administrative requirements that must be met by the bidders, in order for the former to accept the bid for evaluation. In this regard administrative compliance will be carried out to determine whether the bidder's bid comply in this regard.

Stage 2: Functionality criteria

- Bids will be evaluated in terms of the set criteria on the functionality criteria.
- All bidders that advance to stage 2 will be evaluated to determine compliance to the ability to deliver the service as specified in the bid.
- Functionality will count out of 50 and bidders must achieve a minimum of 70% to proceed to the next stage. Bidders achieving less 70% will not be evaluated further.
- Prospective bidders to provide the information (required for functionality test), marked for easy reference.
- Only service provider that can demonstrate the required experience and skills relating to the execution of this project will be considered.

Stage 3: Price and preference scoring

The bidders that have successfully progressed will be evaluated in accordance with the 80/20 Preferential Point System in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 issued in terms of section 5 of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, No 5 of 2000.

Stage 4: Objective criteria

In terms of Preferential Procurement Regulation 11 and section 2(1) (f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, the following are the objective criteria:

- The risk of fruitless and wasteful expenditure to Abaqulusi Local Municipality;
- The risk of Irregular expenditure to Abaqulusi Local Municipality;
- The risk of poor project and contract management on existing project with Abaqulusi Local Municipality;
- The risk of an abnormally low bid; and
- The risk of a material irregularity.

The Municipality reserves a right to apply objective evaluation criteria should the recommended bidder pose any of the above-mentioned risks after assessment, Abaqulusi Local Municipality after ascertaining sufficient information will not make an award to the bidder exposing the Municipality to one or more of the above mentioned risks.

1.8 Tax Compliance Status

Bids received from bidders with a non-compliant tax status may be disqualified with failure to update the tax status within 7 days.

1.9 Technical Enquiries

For enquiry purposes please contact:

Contact Person	:	Ms T Ngema
Telephone number	:	034 9822133 ext 2214
Email address	:	tngema@Abaqulusi.gov.za

16. FUNCTIONALITY CRITERIA

EVALUATION OF BIDS BASED ON FUNCTIONALITY

1. This tender will be evaluated in terms of functionality of bid submissions. The evaluation of bids will be done in terms of compliance to the below-mentioned criteria and bidders can potentially score a total of 70 points as indicated hereunder. Bidders will need to achieve a minimum score of 70% for their bids to be evaluated thereafter in terms of Council's Preferential Procurement Policy.

#	Criteria	Points
1	The Bidders software system must comply with specific requirements as requested under 1.3. Any answer to these gatekeepers in the negative with no suitable alternative will disqualify the bid.	20
2	Understanding of the project and approach to project implementation.	30
3	Track Record of the business based on the number of years in business	10
4	Track Record of the business based on the number of similar Municipal projects successfully executed.	10
Total		70

1. The Bidders software system must comply with specific requirements as requested under 1.3. Any answer to these gatekeepers in the negative with no suitable alternative will disqualify the bid.

No	Description	Point available	Claimed points
	The Bidder must provide detail of the portable electronic meter reading devices with satisfactory computer software, And a system that indicates and plots the geographical location of each and every meter that was read and records the readings by using a GPS application.	10	
	<p>a. The handheld device must be able to take photos with a quality of at least 5 Megapixel. The software system must be web based that can be accessed via browser functions which include the following:</p> <p>i. Management monitoring functions for reading efficiencies through dashboards</p> <p>ii. User and Role Management</p> <p>iii. Route creation, editing, allocation and route optimization</p> <p>iv. Creation of flexible meter reading validation rules</p>	10	

- v. Auditing and validation of readings
 - vi. Release of audited readings to the billing system
 - vii. Exception reporting
- Customer Management

2 The bidders understanding of the project and the bidders approach to the project implementation. The bidder must submit the following

No	Description	Points	Claimed
1	A proposal document outlining the service to be rendered, inclusive of; details of the experienced permanent personnel allocated to the project, detail regarding the hardware and software system; an outline of the compliance procedures to be implemented by the tenderer; the ad hoc delivery of notices	5	
2	Clear and concise information regarding the hardware and the web based software as required to supply the service in terms of clause 1.5	3	
3	Confirmation that meter readers will be locally sourced	5	
4	Confirmation that an office will be set in up Abaqulusi for the duration of the project	5	
5	Evidence that sufficient hardware and the web based software can be acquired to render the required service	2	
6	A project implementation plan in Gantt chart format clearly indicating the milestones and timeframes of initial implementation	5	
7	Submit CV's of the Project Manager having previous implementation experience of at least 4 similar projects, and the full time administrative employee allocated to the project	3	
8	A draft Service Level Agreement (SLA) relevant to the bid, for	2	

information purposes		
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3. Bidders may claim for their track record in terms of the number of years of experience in the business.

#	Number of years in Meter Reading business	points available (10)	Claimed
1.	Less than 4 years	2	
2.	4 – 6 years	4	
3.	6 – 8 years	8	
4.	More than 8 years	10	

4. Bidders may claim for their track record in terms of the number of Municipal projects executed or currently executing. The information should be submitted hereunder, in tabular form. Additional pages to be attached if more space is required. Letters of reference must be supplied in support of the municipal projects undertaken as part of compliance to this criterion.

#	Number of Municipal Meter Reading projects where more than 15 000 meters are read per	points available (10)	Claimed
1.	2 projects or less	2	
2.	2 – 5 projects	4	
3.	6 – 10 projects	8	
4.	More than 10 projects	10	

17. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Bid offers will only be accepted if:

1. A valid Tax Compliance Status Pin or CSD Master Registration Number for verification;
2. The **form of offer** and **MBD 1 Form** is completed and signed;
3. The bid must adhere to Pricing Instructions where the pricing schedule should be completed correctly and signed;
4. The bidder or any of its directors/shareholders is not listed on the Register of Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004 person prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
5. The bidder has not:
 - a. abused the Employer’s Supply Chain Management System; or

- b. failed to perform on any previous contract and has been given a written notice to this effect;
6. The bidder has completed the Declaration of Interest and there are no conflicts of interest which may impact on the tenderer's ability to perform the contract in the best interests of the employer or potentially compromise the tender process and persons in the employ of the state are permitted to submit tenders or participate in the contract;
 7. The bidder is registered on the **Central Supplier Database**;
 8. The bidder is not in arrears for more than 3 months with municipal rates and taxes and municipal service charges. The latest municipal account is to be attached. The statement must not be older than three months from the closing date of this tender.
 9. A Joint-Venture Agreement or Consortium, where applicable, is submitted with bid;
 10. Prospective bidder comply with the requirements of the bid and technical specifications;
 11. The bidder scores a minimum of **70%** in respect of evaluation Functionality criteria;
 12. All returnable schedules are to be completed and all relevant certificates attached where indicated.

18. PRICING SCHEDULE

NOTE:

1. All delivery costs MUST be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.
2. Document MUST be completed in non-erasable black ink.
3. NO correction fluid/tape may be used. In the event of a mistake having been made, it shall be crossed out in ink and be accompanied by an initial at each and every alteration.
4. The Bidder MUST indicate whether he/she/the entity is a registered VAT Vendor or not.
 - In the case of the Bidder not being a registered VAT Vendor, both columns (amount/rate excluding AND Including VAT) must reflect the same amount.

I / We _____

(full name of Bidder) the undersigned in my capacity as _____

of the firm _____

hereby offer to Abaqulusi Municipality to render the services as described, in accordance with the specification and conditions of contract to the entire satisfaction of the Abaqulusi Municipality and subject to the conditions of tender, for the amounts indicated hereunder:

	INDICATE WITH AN „X“							
Are you/is the firm a registered VAT Vendor	YES				NO			
If “YES”, please provide VAT number								

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

PRICE SCHEDULE

All prices to include VAT and any price increase is to be indicated on the pricing schedule as a fixed percentage for the appropriate year.

The table hereunder is to be completed for evaluation purposes.

Item No.	Description	RATE/WATER METER Water = ±10327	RATE/ELECTRICITY = ±10327
1.	Administrative (Fixed Fee) per month		
2	Fee per meter reading		
3	Fee per meter audited		
4	Fee per meter that is opened/ cleared		
TOTAL FOR A SINGLE METER			
SUB-TOTAL PER MONTH			
VAT			
GRAND TOTAL PER MONTH			
GRAND TOTAL FOR PERIOD (grand total per month * 36)			

Cost of contract for 36 months		
Total cost for year 1		R
Percentage and value Price Escalation – year 2	%	R
Percentage and Value Price Escalation – year 3	%	R
Once off set up/establishment cost		
Total value for 36 months, excluding VAT		R
VAT at 15%		
Cost of contract for 36 months, including VAT		

Name of Bidder:

Signature: _____

Name (print):

Capacity: _____

Date:

19. SCHEDULE OF SIMILAR WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE BIDDER

Name of Contract and Municipality where service is	Nature of work	Rand value of contract (inc VAT)	Project duration	Contact person and phone number

Attach additional pages if more space is required.

Number of sheets appended by the tenderer to this schedule (If nil, enter NIL)	
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Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

20. DECLARATION BY BIDDER

I / We acknowledge that I / we am / are fully acquainted with the contents of the conditions of tender of this tender document and that I / we accept the conditions in all respects.

I / We agree that the laws of the Republic of South Africa shall be applicable to the contract resulting from the acceptance of *my / our tender and that I / we elect domicillium citandi et executandi (physical address at which legal proceedings may be instituted) in the Republic at:

I / We accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving in me / us under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of this contract.

I / We furthermore confirm I / we satisfied myself / ourselves as to the corrections and validity of my / our tender; that the price quoted cover all the work / items specified in the tender documents and that the price(s) cover all my / our obligations under a resulting contract and that I / we accept that any mistake(s) regarding price and calculations will be at my / our risk.

I / We furthermore confirm that my / our offer remains binding upon me / us and open for acceptance by the Purchases / Employer during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the bid.

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	
Witness 1		Witness 2	

TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

It is a condition of bid that the taxes of the successful bidder must be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

- 1 In order to meet this requirement bidders are required to complete in full the attached form TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate Requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit bids.
- 2 SARS will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of approval.
- 3 The original Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted together with the bid. Failure to submit the original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate will result in the invalidation of the bid. Certified copies of the Tax Clearance Certificate will not be acceptable.
- 4 In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.
- 5 Copies of the TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" form are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website www.sars.gov.za.
- 6 Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website www.sars.gov.za.

**PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES
(PURCHASES)**

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT.

Name of Bidder..... Bid Number..... Closing Time Closing Date
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OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 90 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF TENDER.

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY NO.
			**(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

- Required by:
- At:.....
- Brand and Model:.....
- Country of Origin:
- Does the offer comply with the specification(s)? *YES/NO
- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s):.....
- Period required for delivery:.....
- *Delivery: Firm/Not firm
- Delivery basis:.....

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.

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

*Delete if not applicable

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹.
- 2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/ adjudicating authority.

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

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

3.2 Identity Number:.....

3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, hareholder²):.....

3.4 Company Registration Number:.....

3.5 Tax Reference Number:.....

3.6 Vat Registration Number:.....

3.7 The names of all directors/ trustees/ shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.

3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state? **YES/ NO**

3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars.....

.....

¹ MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

- (a) a member of –
 - (i) any municipal council;
 - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
 - (iii) the national Assembly or the national council of provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of 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);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or
- (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

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

3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months?..... **YES/ NO**

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars.....
.....

3.10 Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?.....

YES/ NO

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.
.....
.....

3.11 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

YES / NO

3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars
.....
.....

3.12 Are any of the company's directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in the service of the state?

YES / NO

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.
.....
.....

3.13 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?

YES / NO

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars
.....
.....

3.14 Do you or any of the directors, trustee, managers, principle shareholders, or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other related companies or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract.

YES / NO

3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars
.....
.....

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

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Capacity

.....
Name of Bidder

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

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

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

(delete whichever is not applicable for this tender).

- a) The applicable preference point system for this quote is the **80/20** preference point system.
- b) The **80/20 preference point system** will be applicable in this quote. The lowest/ highest acceptable quote will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

1.3 Points for this quote (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this quote to claim points for specific goals with the quotation will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a quotation is evaluated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“Quotation”**
means a verbal or written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) **“price”** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) **“the Act”** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 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 tender under consideration
 P_t = Price of tender under consideration
 P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

- 4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
- (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
 - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,
- then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

Table 1: Specific goals for the quotation and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

(Note to organs of state: 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.)

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
Previously disadvantaged individuals	10	
Locality within KZN	10	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name of company/firm.....

4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One-person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Public Company

- Personal Liability Company
- (Pty) Limited
- Non-Profit Company
- State Owned Company

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I 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 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering 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 tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted 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, if deemed necessary.

 SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)
SURNAME AND NAME:
DATE:
ADDRESS:

C1.1. Form of Offer and Acceptance (Contract Form)

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.

PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE BIDDER)

I hereby undertake to supply all or any of the goods and/or works described in the attached bidding documents to Abaqulusi Municipality..... in accordance with the requirements and specifications stipulated in bid number..... at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of bid.

The Employer, identified in the Acceptance signature block, has solicited offers to enter into a contract in respect of the following works:

The tenderer, identified in the offer signature block below, has examined the documents listed in the tender data and addenda thereto as listed in the Schedule of Returnable Documents, and by submitting this offer has accepted the conditions of tender.

By the representative of the tendered, deemed to be duly authorised, signing this part of this Form of Offer and Acceptance, the tenderer offers to perform all of the obligations and liabilities of the contractor under the contract including compliance with all its terms and conditions according to their true intent and meaning for an amount to be determined in accordance with the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data, within _____ days of the commencement date.

THE OFFERED TOTAL OF THE PRICES INCLUSIVE OF VALUE ADDED TAX IS:

.....
..... RAND (in words);
R(in figures)

This offer may be accepted by the Employer by signing the Acceptance part of this Form of Offer and Acceptance and returning one copy of this document to the tendered before the end of the period of validity stated in the Tender Data, whereupon the Tendered becomes the party named as the Contractor in the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data.

- 1. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:
 - (i) Bidding documents, viz

- Invitation to bid;
 - Tax clearance certificate;
 - Pricing schedule(s);
 - Technical Specification(s);
 - Preference claims for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Status Level of Contribution in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011;
 - Declaration of interest;
 - Declaration of bidder's past SCM practices;
 - Certificate of Independent Bid Determination;
 - Special Conditions of Contract;
- (ii) General Conditions of Contract; and
- (iii) Other (specify)
2. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the goods and/or works specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.
 3. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of this contract.
 4. I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.
 5. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF/BY THE TENDERER:

NAME

SIGNATURE

CAPACITY

DATE

Name and address of Organisation:

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SIGNED BY WITNESS:

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

By signing this part of this Form of Offer and Acceptance, the Employer identified below accepts the Tenderer's offer. In consideration thereof, the Employer shall pay the Contractor the amount due in accordance with the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data. Acceptance of the tenderer's offer shall form an Agreement between the Employer and the Tendered upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and in the Contract that is the subject of this Agreement.

Deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the Tender Data and any addenda thereto as listed in the Returnable Documents as well as any changes to the terms of the Offer agreed by the Tenderer and the Employer during this process of offer and acceptance, are contained in the Schedule of Deviations attached to and forming part of this Agreement. No amendments to or deviations from said documents are valid unless contained in this schedule which must be duly signed by the authorised representative(s) of both parties.

The tenderer shall within two weeks of receiving a completed copy of this Agreement, including the Schedule of Deviations (if any), or when or just after this Agreement comes into effect, contact the employer's agent (whose details are given in the Contract Data) to arrange the delivery of any bonds, guarantees, proof of insurance and any other documentation to be provided in terms of the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data. Failure to fulfil any of these obligations in accordance with those terms shall constitute a repudiation of this agreement.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this Agreement comes into effect on the date when the tenderer receives one fully completed original copy of this document, including the Schedule of Deviations (if any). Unless the tenderer (now Contractor) within five days of the date of such receipt notifies the Employer in writing of any reason why he cannot accept the contents of this Agreement, this Agreement shall constitute a binding contract between the parties.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF/BY THE EMPLOYER:

NAME

SIGNATURE

CAPACITY

DATE

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SIGNED BY WITNESS:

NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 4 **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector?</p> <p>(Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).</p> <p>The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website(www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/>

4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
Item	Question	Yes	No
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS
DECLARATION FORM TRUE AND CORRECT.**

**I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION
MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE
FALSE.**

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.

- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.

- 3 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.

- 4 This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.

- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:
(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder

6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

³ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature

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Date

.....

Position

.....

Name of Bidder

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC)

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1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

1.1 **“Acceptable bid”** means any bid, which, in all respects, complies with the specifications and conditions of the bid as set out in the bid document.

1.2 **“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, works or services.

1.3 **“Black enterprise”** means an enterprise that is 50,1% owned by black persons and where there is substantial management control. Ownership refers to economic interest while management refers to the membership of any board or similar governing body of the enterprise.

1.4 **“Black empowered enterprise”** means an enterprise that is at least 25,1% owned by black persons and where there is substantial management control. Ownership refers to economic interests. Management refers to executive directors. This is whether the black enterprise has control or not.

1.5 **“Black people”** includes all African, Coloured or Indian persons who are South African citizens by birth or by descent or who were naturalised prior to the commencement of the constitution in 1993. In addition, the term also includes black people who became South African citizens after the constitution's commencement but who would have been able to be naturalised prior to this, were it not for the Apartheid laws which prohibited naturalisation of certain persons. This means that an African, Coloured or Indian person who was not a South African citizen before the commencement of the constitution in 1993 but who would have been entitled to apply to be naturalised prior to 1993, will also be considered a black person and therefore a beneficiary of BEE.

1.6 **“Black woman-owned enterprise”** means an enterprise with at least 25,1% representation of black women within the black equity and management portion.

1.7 **“Closing time”** means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.

1.8 **“Comparative price”** means the price after the factors of a non-firm price and all unconditional discounts that can be utilised have been taken into consideration.

1.9 **“Community or broad-based enterprise”** means an enterprise that has an empowerment shareholder who represents a broad base of members such as a local community or where the benefits support a target group, for example black women, people living with disabilities, the youth and workers. Shares are held via direct equity, non-profit organisations and trusts.

Benefits from the shareholding should in a measurable sense be directed towards the uplifting of the community through job creation, welfare, skills development, entrepreneurship and human rights. At the same time, directors and management of groups should significantly comprise black persons.

These arrangements are appropriate in situations where the activities or operations of an enterprise or industry directly impact on a community or are located in a community, or may benefit a community. Notable examples are large industrial projects, mining and tourism. Other instances, which do assist in broadening the shareholder base, are employee share ownership schemes; these are a viable empowerment shareholder option. In this and other circumstances, these arrangements should not detract from the ability of the shareholder to exercise significant influence or control over the operations of the business.

1.10 **“Consortium or joint venture”** means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skills and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

1.11 **“Contract”** means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

1.12 **“Contract price”** means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.

1.13 **“Control”** means the possession and exercise of legal authority and power to manage the assets, goodwill and daily operations of a business and the active and continuous exercise of appropriate managerial authority and power in determining the policies and directing the operations of the business.

1.14 **“Co-operative or collective enterprise”** is an autonomous association of persons who voluntarily join together to meet their economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through the formation of a jointly-owned enterprise and democratically controlled enterprise.

1.15 **“Corrupt practice”** means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.

1.16 **“Countervailing duties”** are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.

1.17 **“Country of origin”** means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.

1.18 **“Day”** means calendar day.

1.19 **“Delivery”** means delivery in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order.

1.20 **“Delivery ex stock”** means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.

1.21 **“Delivery into consignees store or to his site”** means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.

1.22 **“Disability”** means, in respect of a person, a permanent impairment of a physical, intellectual, or sensory function, which results in restricted, or lack of, ability to perform an activity in the manner, or within the range, considered normal for a human being.

1.23 **“Dumping”** occurs when a private enterprise abroad markets its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.

1.24 **“Equity Ownership”** means the percentage ownership and control, exercised by individuals within an enterprise.

1.25 **“Force majeure”** means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier’s fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.

1.26 **“Fraudulent practice”** means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.

1.27 **“GCC”** means the General Conditions of Contract.

1.28 **“Goods”** means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.

1.29 **“Historically Disadvantaged Individual (HDI)”** means a South African citizen -

1.29.1 who, due to the Apartheid policy that had been in place, had no franchise in national elections prior to the introduction of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1983 (Act 110 of 1983) or the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993, (Act 200 of 1993) (“the interim Constitution); and/or

1.29.2 who is a female; and/or

1.29.3 who has a disability:

provided that a person who obtained South African citizenship on or after the coming into effect of the Interim Constitution, is deemed not to be a HDI.

1.30 **Imported content**” means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.

1.31 **Local content**” means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.

1.32 **Management**” means an activity inclusive of control and performed on a daily basis, by any person who is a principal executive officer of the company, by whatever name that person may be designated, and whether or not that person is a director.

1.33 **Manufacture**” means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.

1.34 **Order**” means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.

1.35 **Owned**” means having all the customary elements of ownership, including the right of decision-making and sharing all the risks and profits commensurate with the degree of ownership interests as demonstrated by an examination of the substance, rather than the form of ownership arrangements.

1.36 **Parliament**” means Parliament of the Republic of South Africa as set out in Chapter Four of the Constitution.

1.37 **Person**” includes reference to a juristic person.

1.38 **Project site**” where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.

1.39 **Purchaser**” means the organization purchasing the goods.

1.40 **Rand value**” means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand denomination that is calculated at the time of the bid invitations, and includes all applicable taxes and excise duties.

1.41 **Republic**” or **RSA**” means the Republic of South Africa.

1.42 **RFP**” means Request for Proposal.

1.43 **RFT**” means Request for Tender.

- 1.44 “**RFQ**” means Request for Quotation.
- 1.45 “**SCC**” means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.46 “**Secretary**” means the Secretary to Parliament.
- 1.47 “**Services**” means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.48 “**Specific contract participation goals**” means the goals as stipulated in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2001. In addition to above-mentioned goals, the Regulations [12. (1)] also make provision for organs of State to give particular consideration to procuring locally manufactured products.
- 1.49 “**Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)**” bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the National Small Business Act, 1996 (Act 102 of 1996).
- 1.50 “**Sub-contracting**” means the primary contractor’s assigning or leasing or making out work to, or employing another person to support such a primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract.
- 1.51 “**Trust**” means the arrangement through which the property of one person is made over or bequeathed to a trustee to administer such property for the benefit of another person.
- 1.52 “**Trustee**” means any person, including the founder of a trust, to whom property is bequeathed in order for such property to be administered for the benefit of another person.
- 1.53 “**Written**” or “**in writing**” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.

2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.

2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.

4. Standards

4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection

5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only as far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.

5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security

7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.

7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:

(a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or

7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.

8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of Parliament or an organisation acting on behalf of Parliament.

8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.

8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.

8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.

8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.

8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to

substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

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

13. Incidental services

13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:

(a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;

(b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;

(c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

(d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and

(e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

(a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and

(b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:

(i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and

(ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.

16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.

16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.

16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract amendments

18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts

20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

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

21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.

21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.

21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

(a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;

(b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or

(c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him.

25. Force Majeure

25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations

under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.

27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.

27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.

27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,

(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and

(b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;

(a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price,

provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing language

29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable law

30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

31. Notices

31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice

31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and duties

32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.

32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.

32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid, Parliament must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services (SARS).

33. Ownership and Copyright

33.1.1 Ownership of all products produced in terms of this agreement, of whatever nature, vest in Parliament.

33.1.2 The copyright of products, of whatever nature, commissioned and produced in terms of this agreement, and that have been paid for by the Secretary are owned exclusively by Parliament.

DECLARATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED
(NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION ABOVE. 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.

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Signature

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Position

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Name of bidder

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Date

