

TENDER NUMBER: TIA008/2017

**APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT RESEARCH,
INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON REASONS FOR SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF
TIA-FUNDED PROJECTS**

83 LOIS AVENUE, MENLYN, PRETORIA

12 Months Contract

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE AND CONTACT DETAILS: _____

Issue Date: 24 March 2017

Compulsory Briefing Session: 29 March 2017 at 11:00

Venue: TIA House
83 Lois Avenue
Menlyn
Pretoria

Validity Period: 120 Days (after closing date)

Response Deadline: 17 April 2017 at 11:00

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1. BACKGROUND

The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) is a Schedule 3A public entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act 1 of 1999, as amended. Its mandate in terms of the TIA Act, 2008 is amongst other things, to provide financial and non-financial support to enhance the country's capacity to translate research and development outputs into commercially viable products and services that can stimulate the economy and improve the lives of people. (For more information please visit TIA website on www.tia.org.za).

2. PURPOSE

TIA is seeking to make an appointment of a service provider to conduct research, investigate and report on reasons for success or failure of TIA-funded projects. This will be used to provide lessons learnt for inputs into future investment decisions.

3. SCOPE

The service provider is expected to conduct research, investigate and report on approximately 170 (one hundred and seventy) projects that were directly funded by TIA and/or historically funded by TIA's predecessors. The funded projects are located across South Africa and the service provider will be required to travel to these projects.

A mandatory briefing session will be held.

The final report must be issued within 12 months from date of appointment of the selected service provider.

4. EXPERIENCE

The service provider must demonstrate experience in research and display an understanding of small business landscape particularly in technology development.



The person assigned to this task must have at least 10 (ten) years of experience in the areas referred to above and must demonstrate in-depth expertise in the research area as well as capacity to deliver on the required assignment.

5. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- Detailed profile of the Firm
- Pricing for the project
- Registration on CSD with a tax compliant status
- Standard Bidding Documents
- Attendance of the compulsory briefing session as set out in section 3 of this document.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The service provider must maintain confidentiality regarding all matters relating to the assignment. Furthermore, he/she must not abuse his/her status and set aside any potential conflict of interest. TIA reserves the right to ask the firm to recuse itself from the matter, if it is the view that his continued involvement is no longer appropriate.
- The Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in the preparation and submission of the proposal.
- A copy/s of any affiliations, memberships and/or accreditations that support your submission must be included in the proposal.

Kindly note that TIA is entitled to:

- Amend any RFP conditions, validity period, specifications, or extend the closing date and/or time of RFP's before the closing date. All Respondents, to whom the RFP documents have been issued, will be advised in writing of such amendments in good time;
- Verify any information contained in a proposal;
- Not appoint any bidder;



- Vary, alter, and/or amend the terms of this RFP, at any time prior to the finalisation of its adjudication hereof;
- Disqualify proposals that contain an omission of disclosure of material information, that is factual inaccurate, and/or contains a misrepresentation of facts. This could also lead to the cancellation of any subsequent contracts;
- Not accept the lowest proposal or any proposal in part or in whole. TIA normally awards the contract to the Bidder who proves to be fully capable of handling the contract and whose proposal is technically acceptable and/or financially advantageous to TIA. Appointment as a successful contractor shall be subject to the parties agreeing to mutually acceptable contractual terms and conditions. In the event of the parties failing to reach such agreement within 30 (thirty) days from the appointment date, TIA shall be entitled to appoint the contractor who was rated 2nd (second), and so on;
- Award this RFP as a whole or in part without furnishing reasons;
- Cancel or withdraw from this RFP as a whole or in part without furnishing reasons and without attracting any liability;
- The Bidder hereby offers to render all of the services described in the attached documents (if any) to TIA on the terms and conditions and in accordance with the specifications stipulated in this RFP documents (and which shall be taken as part of, and incorporated into, this proposal at the prices inserted therein);
- This proposal and its acceptance shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in this RFP document; and
- The Respondent shall prepare for a possible presentation should TIA require such and the Respondent shall be notified thereof no later than 4 (four) days before the actual presentation date.

7. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The proposals will be evaluated in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act 5 of 2000) and applicable regulations. The 90/10 point systems will be applied during the evaluation.

a) First Stage evaluation criteria

Submissions will be evaluated for functionality based on the criteria below:

Evaluation categories and criteria	Weight	Max Score
<p>1. Experience in Research with regards to project failure or success; should be ideally 10 years.</p> <p>The bidder must provide a write-up detailing previous research work including the number of years in conducting studies on project failures or successes.</p> <p>5 = 10 or more years, 4 = 7 - 9 years' experience, 3 = 4 - 6 years' experience, 2 = 2 - 3 years' experience, 1 = 1 years' experience, 0 = no experience</p>	0.25	5
<p>2. Capacity of the project team to deliver</p> <p>Detailed CV's of project team members should be submitted detailing the number of years' experience in conducting research in project failures or successes.</p> <p>5 = 10 or more years, 4 = 7 - 9 years' experience, 3 = 4 - 6 years' experience, 2 = 2 - 3 years' experience, 1 = 1 years' experience, 0 = no experience</p>	0.30	5
<p>3. Experience in researching on project failure or successes. The bidder must submit 5 written references detailing the high-level scope of the engagement, timeframe of the project and confirmation that the output was of the desired standard.</p> <p>5 = 5 or more references confirming the above, 4 = 4 references confirming the above, 3 = 3 references confirming the above, 2 = 2 references confirming the above, 1 = 1 reference confirming the above, 0 = no reference or references not confirming the above.</p>	0.45	5
Total weighted score/Maximum possible score	1.0	
Minimum qualifying score (expressed as percentage)		75%

b) **Second Stage Evaluation in Terms of 90/10**

Bidders who met the 75% threshold will be evaluated further based on 90/10 preferential point system as below:

Evaluation Categories	Points
1. Bid Price	90
2. Points awarded for B-BBEE Status Level	10
Total points	100

8. PRICING OF THE PROJECT

Pricing for the project must be submitted in a separate envelope clearly marked

The bidder must submit the pricing excluding any reimbursement costs for travel and accommodation. The bidder must be able to submit supporting documentation for travel related costs to qualify for reimbursements.

9. ENQUIRIES AND SUBMISSION

Proposals should be submitted at **83 Lois Avenue, Menlyn, 0187** no later **17 April 2017 at 11:00 (late bids will be disqualified)**. All enquiries regarding this Bid shall be submitted in writing to mandisa.pitso@tia.org.za with "**TIA008/2017**" as a subject.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-
 - the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
 - the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.
2. In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.
 - 2.1. Full Name of bidder or his or her representative: _____
 - 2.2 Identity Number: _____
 - 2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²): _____
 - 2.4 Company Registration Number: _____
 - 2.5 Tax Reference Number: _____
 - 2.6 VAT Registration Number: _____



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

¹“State” means –

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

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

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

2.6.3 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member: _____

Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: _____

Position occupied in the state institution: _____

Any other particulars: _____

2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain YES / NO the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector?



2.2.1 If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid YES / NO document?

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

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

2.2.3 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / YES / NO trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months?

2.2.4 If so, furnish particulars:

2.2.5 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have YES / NO any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.2.6 If so, furnish particulars.

2.2.7 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, YES/NO aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person



employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.2.8 If so, furnish particulars

2.2.9 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members YES/NO of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

2.2.10 If so, furnish particulars:

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

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

3 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned (name) _____ certify that the information furnished in paragraphs 2 and 3 above is correct.

I accept that the state may reject the bid or act against me in terms of paragraph 23 of the general conditions of contract should this declaration prove to be false.

Position

Name of bidder

Dated at _____ on this _____



SBD 6.1

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2011

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

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2011.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 The value of this bid is estimated to exceed/not exceed R1 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the.....system shall be applicable.

1.3 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:

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

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

	POINTS
1.3.1.1 PRICE
1.3.1.2 B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

1.4 Failure on the part of a bidder to fill in and/or to sign this form and submit a B-BBEE Verification Certificate from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS) or a Registered Auditor approved by the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors (IRBA) or an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the Close Corporation Act (CCA) together with the bid, will be

interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

- 1.5. The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **“all applicable taxes”** includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
- 2.2. **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 2.3. **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance using the relevant scorecard contained in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 2.4. **“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 services, works or goods, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- 2.5. **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- 2.6. **“comparative price”** means the price after the factors of a non-firm price and all unconditional discounts that can be utilized have been taken into consideration;
- 2.7. **“consortium or joint venture”** 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;
- 2.8. **“contract”** means the agreement that results from the acceptance of a bid by an organ of state;
- 2.9. **“EME”** means any enterprise with an annual total revenue of R5 million or less .

- 2.10 **“Firm price”** means the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax, which, in terms of the law or regulation, is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;
- 2.11 **“functionality”** means the measurement according to predetermined norms, as set out in the bid documents, of a service or commodity that is designed to be practical and useful, working or operating, taking into account, among other factors, the quality, reliability, viability and durability of a service and the technical capacity and ability of a bidder;
- 2.12 **“non-firm prices”** means all prices other than “firm” prices;
- 2.13 **“person”** includes a juristic person;
- 2.14 **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in South African currency, calculated at the time of bid invitations, and includes all applicable taxes and excise duties;
- 2.15 **“sub-contract”** means the primary contractor’s assigning, leasing, making out work to, or employing, another person to support such primary contractor in the execution of part of a project in terms of the contract;
- 2.16 **“total revenue”** bears the same meaning assigned to this expression in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act and promulgated in the *Government Gazette* on 9 February 2007;
- 2.17 **“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; and
- 2.18 **“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.

3. ADJUDICATION USING A POINT SYSTEM

- 3.1 The bidder obtaining the highest number of total points will be awarded the contract.
- 3.2 Preference points shall be calculated after prices have been brought to a

comparative basis taking into account all factors of non-firm prices and all unconditional discounts;

- 3.3 Points scored must be rounded off to the nearest 2 decimal places.
- 3.4 In the event that two or more bids have scored equal total points, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest number of preference points for B-BBEE.
- 3.5 However, when functionality is part of the evaluation process and two or more bids have scored equal points including equal preference points for B-BBEE, the successful bid must be the one scoring the highest score for functionality.
- 3.6 Should two or more bids be equal in all respects, the award shall be decided by the drawing of lots.

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

P_t = Comparative price of bid under consideration

P_{\min} = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

5. Points awarded for B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution

- 5.1 In terms of Regulation 5 (2) and 6 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	8	16
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

- 5.2 Bidders who qualify as EMEs in terms of the B-BBEE Act must submit a certificate issued by an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the CCA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor. Registered auditors do not need to meet the prerequisite for IRBA's approval for the purpose of conducting verification and issuing EMEs with B-BBEE Status Level Certificates.
- 5.3 Bidders other than EMEs must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof, substantiating their B-BBEE rating issued by a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.
- 5.4 A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- 5.5 A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid.
- 5.6 Tertiary institutions and public entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialized scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.
- 5.7 A person will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise



that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

- 5.8 A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

6. BID DECLARATION

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

7. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.3.1.2 AND 5.1

7.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 5.1 and must be substantiated by means of a B-BBEE certificate issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS or a Registered Auditor approved by IRBA or an Accounting Officer as contemplated in the CCA).

8 SUB-CONTRACTING

8.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? YES / NO (delete which is not applicable)

8.1.1 If yes, indicate:

(i) what percentage of the contract will be subcontracted?

.....%

(ii) the name of the sub-contractor?

.....

(iii) the B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor?

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(iv) whether the sub-contractor is an EME? YES / NO (delete which is not applicable)

9 DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

9.1 Name of company/firm :.....

9.2 VAT registration number :.....

9.3 Company registration number

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9.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Company
- (Pty) Limited

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9.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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9.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Professional service provider
- Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

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9.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business?

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9.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contribution indicated in paragraph 7 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- (i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- (ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form.
- (iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraph 7, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;

- (iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contribution has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) restrict the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the audi alteram partem (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution

WITNESSES:

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BIDDER(S)

SIGNATURE(S)	OF

2.

DATE:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions 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 disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
 - a. abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - c. failed to perform on any previous contract.
- 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? (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 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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 outside of 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:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any 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"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

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CERTIFICATION

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS
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 Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 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 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD 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 (SBD 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.



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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 Institution)

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

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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.**

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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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Position

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Name of Bidder