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TENDER NO.:	ORTDM SCMU 17-23/24
DESCRIPTION:	PROVISION OF ICT SERVER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE TO O.R TAMBO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS

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TENDER AMOUNT: _____

AMOUNT IN WORDS: _____

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PLEASE CHECK

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1. That you have read all the pages of the tender document.
2. That you have completed ALL the forms required to be completed in **NON-ERASEABLE INK**.
3. That your arithmetic calculation in the pricing schedule is correct.
4. That you have attached ALL necessary documentation relating to the composition of the tendering entity, i.e.
 - (a) Company registration documents naming the shareholders and directors / members of the company, close corporation etc.
 - (b) Joint venture agreement, if tendering entity is a joint venture.
5. That the **COMPLETE** tender document is submitted.
6. That the **FORM OF OFFER** is completed in full and signed.
7. That ALL returnable documents are submitted.
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9. Ensure that your tender is submitted by **12H00PM** on the closing date of the tender.

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THE TENDER

SECTION 1: TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER

O.R. Tambo District Municipality hereby invites bids for the project listed below:

Tender Number	Name and Description	Briefing Session
ORTDM SCMU 17-23/24	Provision of ICT Server Infrastructure Upgrade to O.R Tambo District Municipality for a Period of Three Years	Date: 30 November 2023 Time: 10h00 Venue: G17 Boardroom, O.R Tambo District Municipality Offices, Myezo Park, Mthatha

A **COMPULSORY** briefing/clarification meeting with representatives of the Municipality will take place on the aforementioned date(s), time(s) and venue(s).

Bid documents will be available on the e-Tenders Portal website (www.etenders.gov.za) and the O.R Tambo District Municipality's website (www.ortambodm.gov.za).

Bids must be completed in non-erasable ink, enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the "**Tender number and description**", and deposited in the Tender Box, Ground Floor, O. R. Tambo District Municipality Building, Nelson Mandela Drive, Myezo Park, Mthatha, Eastern Cape, not later than 12H00pm on **Wednesday, 24 January 2023**.

It must be expressly understood that the Municipality accepts no responsibility for ensuring that bid submissions sent by courier or post, or delivered in any other way, are deposited in the Tender Box. It is therefore preferable for the bidder to ensure that its bid submission is placed in the Tender Box by its own staff or representative(s).

The Municipality reserves the right not to accept the only or lowest priced tender or any tender at all, or to accept the whole or part of any tender.

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH BID:

- Copy of business registration documents, as issued by CIPC.
- Certified copy of identity documents of directors/ shareholders/ partners / members, as the case may be.
- Original Valid Tax Clearance Certificate or a Confirmation of Tax Validity with the pin issued by SARS.

NB: CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS MUST NOT BE MORE THAN SIX (6) MONTHS FROM DATE CERTIFIED BY COMMISSIONER OF OATHS.

THE BID WILL BE REJECTED IF THE BIDDER FAILS TO:

- Complete fully the bid document or to provide the information requested, or to sign the bid at the appropriate spaces provided or next to errors.
- Fill and properly sign the form of offer.
- Attach proof of registration with CSD.
- Attach joint Venture Agreement or Consortium Agreement signed and initialled on each page (if applicable).
- Attach audited annual financial statements of the bidding entity (for projects in excess of R10 million);
- Attach unaudited annual financial statements for close corporations and companies if the public interest score is below 350 in line with the companies act of 2008;
- Attach proof of latest municipal rates and taxes statement **of the bidder** and **each company director** indicating that rates and taxes are not in arrears for more than 3 months.
- Attach proof of latest municipal water and sanitation charges statement **of the bidder and each company director** indicating that rates and taxes are not in arrears for more than 3 months for bidders who reside in the O. R. Tambo District Municipality area.
- Attach a confirmation of address from a ward councillor where the bidder and company directors operate and reside in a peri-urban area where no rates and taxes and service charges are not billed.
- Attach a copy of a valid lease agreement where the bidder does not own the property they are operating from.

EVALUATION OF BIDS IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK REGULATIONS, 2022:

Bids will be evaluated in three stages, namely:

- Stage 1- Mandatory requirements
- Stage 2: Minimum conditions of tender
- Stage 3- Price and Specific Goals

Only bidders who meet the mandatory requirement in Stage 1 will move on to be evaluated on minimum conditions of tender in the second stage. Only Bidders who score a minimum of 70 points in Stage 2 will proceed to be evaluated further for Price and Specific Goals

Tenders may only be submitted on tender documentation issued. No alterations may be made to the tender documentation. No late, faxed, e-mailed, telephonic or other electronically transmitted submissions will be accepted.

Should a bidder commit any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process, its tender shall be disqualified.

The Municipality reserves the right to extend the tender advert period at its own discretion, by notice published in the Daily Dispatch Newspaper; the e-Tender Publication Portal, and by notice sent to all parties who purchase this bid document.

ENQUIRIES:

Technical: Mr Lwazi Mgozeli ; Email: lwazim@ortambodm.gov.za ; or Telephone No. 047 501 6517

Supply Chain Management: Mr. Sakhiwo Hopa; Email: sakhiwoh@ortambodm.org.za or Telephone No.: 047 501 6449

Enquiries can be made from Monday to Friday between 08H00-13H00 and 13H30-16H30 and such enquiries will not be entertained five days before the tender closes.

Tenders will be evaluated in terms of the Supply Chain Management policy of the O. R. Tambo District Municipality. The lowest tender will not necessarily be accepted and the Municipality reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any tender or not to consider any tender not suitably endorsed. An 80/20-point system shall apply where 80 points is allocated for price and 20 points allocated for Specific Goals as follows:

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system)
The promotion of enterprises located in a specific region (O.R Tambo District): The Tenderer and Directors are based in the ORTDM region and pay their municipal rates and taxes	05
Promotion of 51% Black-owned enterprises	05
Promotion of 100% Women-owned enterprises	05
Promotion of Youth-owned enterprises	05

Unincorporated Joint Ventures and Consortia will only be allocated Specific Goals points provided they submit their consolidated proof Specific Goals and that such consolidated proof of Specific Goals is prepared for every separate tender.

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

SECTION 2: STANDARD CONDITIONS OF TENDER

BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE TENDERING CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES DETAILED IN THIS SECTION.

1. No tender will be considered unless it is submitted on this OR Tambo bid document. Under no circumstances whatsoever may this bid document be retyped or redrafted.
2. The whole, original bid document as issued by O.R Tambo District Municipality must be completed. A tender will be considered invalid and will not be accepted, if any part of this bid document is not submitted.
3. The bidder is advised to check the number of pages and to satisfy him/herself that none are missing or duplicated.
4. Bids submitted must be complete in all respects.
5. Telephonic, telegraphic, telex, facsimile or emailed tender offers will not be accepted, unless stated otherwise in these tender conditions.
6. Bid submissions must be properly deposited, on or before the closing date and time of the tender, in the **Tender Box** at the O.R. Tambo Ground Floor, O.R. Tambo House, Myezo, Mthatha.
7. **Each bid shall be lodged in a separate sealed envelope, with the name and address of the bidder, the bid number and closing date indicated on the envelope. The envelope shall not contain documents relating to any bid other than that shown on the envelope. If this provision is not complied with, such bids may be rejected as being invalid.**
8. O.R. Tambo Municipality accepts no responsibility for ensuring that tenders are placed in the correct tender box, and should a tender be placed in the incorrect tender box, it will be not be accepted.
9. No bid sent through the post will be considered if it is received after the closing date and time stipulated in the bid documentation, and proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
10. Bids received after the closing time and/or date shall not be considered.

11. Bidders will be responsible for all costs associated with the preparation and submissions of their bids.
12. The bid must be signed by a person duly authorised to do so.
13. Any alterations made to the bid document must be initialled by the person or persons authorised to sign the bid document. The use of correcting fluid is prohibited.
14. Bids will be opened in public, as soon as possible after the closing time of the bid. Where practical, bid prices will be read out at the time of opening bids.

15. National Treasury Central Supplier Database

- 15.1 Bidders must be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database ('CSD'), and must provide their CSD supplier number in their bid submission.
- 15.2 The municipality will verify on the CSD, the following information relating to bidders –
 - 15.2.1 business registration, including details of directorship and membership;
 - 15.2.2 bank account information;
 - 15.2.3 tax compliance status;
 - 15.2.4 identity documents of directors, members or trustees, as the case may be;
 - 15.2.5 tender defaulters and restrictions status;
 - 15.2.6 whether the bidder has any directors, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in the service of the state.
- 15.3 Bidders must ensure that their information on the CSD is up to date and correct.

16. Tax compliance status

- 16.1 Bidders must ensure that their tax matters are in order. No award will be made to any bidder whose tax matters have been declared to be in order by the South African Revenue Services (SARS).
- 16.2 Each party to a joint venture, consortium or partnership must comply with the above requirement.

17. Bid validity period

- 17.1 The validity period for the bid is ninety (90) days from the close of the bid.
- 17.2 All bids submitted shall remain valid, irrevocable and open for acceptance by the Municipality within the validity period, or such extended period as may be applicable.
- 17.3 If the bid validity period expires on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the bid offer shall remain valid and open for acceptance until the closure of business on the following working day.

17.4 The bid offer may not be amended during the aforesaid bid validity period.

17.5 Where required, the Municipality may request all bidders to agree to the extension of the validity period on the same terms and conditions as the original bid, or such amended terms and conditions as may be allowed by the Municipality.

17.6 A request for a bid validity extension request will be done in writing, before the expiry of the original validity period.

18. Prequalification criteria

18.1 Prequalification criteria may be applied to the tender to advance designated groups.

18.2 Should prequalification criteria be applicable to this tender, the basis of such criteria will be detailed in Section 4 below.

19. Tender evaluation

19.1 Tenders will be evaluated in accordance with the tender evaluation criteria stipulated in this document.

19.2 Tenders will be evaluated for price and preference using the 80/20 or 90/10 preference points system, whichever one is applicable.

19.3 Unless otherwise stated in this document, a contract will be concluded with the bidder who complies with the tender evaluation criteria, and scores the highest total price and BBBEE points.

20. Test for tender responsiveness

20.1 Invalid tenders

Tenders shall be invalid if –

- (a) The tender document is completed in non-erasable ink;
- (b) The offer form is not completed and signed by the bidder;
- (c) In a two-envelope system, a bidder fails to submit both a technical proposal and a separate, sealed financial offer;
- (d) The bidder has been listed on the National Treasury's Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, or has been listed on the National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers and who is therefore prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
- (e) The bidder is has been restricted from doing business with the Municipality Clause 38A of the O.R. Tambo Municipality Supply Chain Management Policy.

20.2 Non-responsive tenders

Tenders will be held to be non-responsive and eliminated from further consideration in the following circumstances –

- (a) The tender does not comply with the tendering procedures, where such procedures have been indicated as mandatory.

- (b) The tender does not comply with the prequalification criteria for the tender, if any, or the tender evaluation criteria, including any functionality criteria.
- (c) Where there are material deviations from, or qualifications to the tender, which in the Municipality's opinion would –
 - (i) detrimentally affect the scope, quality or performance of the services or supply identified in the scope of services;
 - (ii) significantly change Municipality's or the bidder's risks and responsibilities under the contract, or
 - (iii) affect the competitive position of the bidder, or other bidders presenting responsive tenders, if it were to be rectified.
- (d) The bid will be declared non-responsive in the event that the bidder's tax matters, as verified on the government Central Supplier Database, are shown not be in order, and the bidder fails to ensure that its tax matters are in order within such timeframe as may be required by ORTDM in writing.

21. Clarification of the tender offer after submission

The bidder must provide clarification of its tender offer in response to a request to do so from the Municipality during the bid evaluation or adjudication stages. This may include providing a breakdown of rates or prices and correction of arithmetical errors by the adjustment of certain rates or item prices (or both). No change in the competitive position of bidders or substance of the tender offer may be sought, offered, or permitted.

22. Inspections, tests and analyses

The bidder shall, at the request of the Municipality, provide access during working hours to its business premises, or any other specified premises, for any inspections, tests and analyses as required in this document.

23. Samples

Where applicable, samples shall be provided strictly in accordance with the instructions stipulated in this bid document.

24. Pricing the tender offer

Bidders must –

- 24.1 Include in the rates, prices, and the tendered total of the prices (if any) all duties, taxes (including Value Added Tax (VAT), and other levies applicable.
- 24.2 Provide rates and prices that are fixed for the duration of the contract and not subject to adjustment except as specified in this tender document.
- 24.3 State the rates and prices in Rand unless instructed otherwise.

25. Inducements, gifts, rewards and other abuses of the supply chain management system

- 25.1 No bidder may directly or indirectly commit any fraudulent act during the tender process or abuse the supply chain management system of the Municipality.

25.2 Should a bidder be found to have committed fraud or abused the supply chain management system, its bid will be rejected, any existing contract between it and the Municipality will be cancelled, and any other remedies available to the Municipality as provided for in the Supply Chain Management Regulations or other relevant legislation shall be imposed, including blacklisting.

26. Alternative offers

Alternative offers may be considered, provided that a bid free of qualifications and strictly in accordance with the tender document is also submitted. The Municipality shall not be bound to consider alternative bid offers.

27. Objections, complaints, queries and disputes / Appeals in terms of Section 62 of the Municipal Systems Act

27.1 Objections, complaints, queries and disputes

Persons aggrieved by decisions or actions taken by the Municipality in the implementation of the supply chain management system, or any matter arising from a contract awarded in terms of the supply chain management system may, within 14 days of the decision or action, lodge a written objection or complaint or query or dispute against the decision or action.

27.2 Section 62 appeals

(a) In terms of section 62 of the Systems Act, a person whose rights are affected by a decision taken by a political structure, political office bearer, councillor or staff member of a municipality in terms of a power or duty delegated or sub-delegated by a delegating authority, may appeal against that decision by giving written notice of the appeal and reasons to the Accounting Officer within 21 days of the date of notification of the decision.

(b) An appeal shall contain the following:

- (i) The reasons and/or grounds for the appeal;
- (ii) The manner in which the appellant's rights have been affected;
- (iii) The remedy sought by the appellant.

27.3 Lodging of appeals, objections, complaints, queries and disputes relating to this tender

Appeals, objections, complaints, requests for information, queries and disputes must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Municipal Manager, O.R. Tambo House, Myezo, Mthatha.

SECTION 3: REGISTRATION ON THE NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

1. In terms of National Treasury MFMA Circular No. 81, Accounting Officers of Municipalities are required to encourage their prospective suppliers to register on the Central Supplier Database ('CSD').
2. Bidders may apply for online registration, using the following website link: www.csd.gov.za.
3. Bidders must register on CSD. **FAILURE TO REGISTER BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THIS TENDER WILL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BIDDER'S TENDER.**

SECTION 4: PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

No.	Criteria	Applicable / Not applicable	Indicate compliance (Yes / No)
		<u>TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BIDDER</u>
1.	Bidders must have a stipulated minimum BBBEE status level to prequalify for this bid	NOT APPLICABLE	
1.1	The stipulated BBBEE level required to prequalify for this bid is	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
2.	Bidders must be an Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) or a Qualified Small Enterprise (QSE)	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.	Bidders must subcontract a minimum of 30 percent of the value of the contract to:		
3.1	an EME or QSE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.2	an EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.3	an EME or QSE which is at least 51%	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

	owned by black people who are youth		
3.4	an EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people who are women	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.5	an EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people with disabilities	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.6	an EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.7	A cooperative which is at least 51% owned by black people	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.8	an EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people who are military veterans	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

Only bidders that meet the requirements indicated as applicable below, may respond to this tender **A**

TENDER THAT FAILS TO MEET THE APPLICABLE PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA INDICATED ABOVE WILL BE HELD TO BE NON-RESPONSIVE.

SECTION 5: SUBCONTRACTING AS BIDDING CRITERIA

This section applies only to tenders which exceed the value of R30 million.

No.	Criteria	Yes / No (Indicate)	Agree / Do Not Agree
		<u>TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDER</u>
1.	The estimated value of this contract exceeds R30 million	NO	
2.	If the estimated value of the contract exceeds R30 million, is it feasible for this contract to be sub-contracted?	NOT APPLICABLE	
3.	If sub-contracting is feasible, bidders <u>MUST</u> agree to subcontract the contract to one, or more of the following designated groups -	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.1	an EME or QSE	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.2	an EME or QSE which is at least 51 percent owned by black people	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

3.3	an EME or QSE which is at least 51 percent owned by black people who are youth	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.4	an EME or QSE which is at least 51 percent owned by black people who are women	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.5	an EME or QSE which is at least 51 percent owned by black people with disabilities	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
3.6	an EME or QSE which is at least 51 percent owned by black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE
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3.8	an EME or QSE which is at least 51 percent owned by black people who are military veterans	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE

FAILURE OF A BIDDER TO AGREE TO SUBCONTRACT AS SPECIFIED ABOVE WILL RESULT IN ITS BID BEING HELD TO BE NON-RESPONSIVE.

SECTION 6: TENDER EVALUATION CRITERIA

The tender will be evaluated in three stages as follows:

STAGE 1: MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- Complete fully the bid document, provide the information requested, and sign the bid at the appropriate spaces provided or next to errors.
- Fill and properly sign the form of offer.
- Attach proof of registration with CSD.
- Attach joint Venture Agreement or Consortium Agreement signed and initialled on each page (if applicable).
- Attach audited annual financial statements of the bidding entity (for projects in excess of R10 million);
- Attach unaudited annual financial statements for close corporations and companies if the public interest score is below 350 in line with the companies act of 2008.
- Attach proof of latest municipal rates and taxes statement of **the bidder and each company director** indicating that rates and taxes are not in arrears for more than 3 months.

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- Attach proof of latest municipal water and sanitation charges statement of **the bidder and each company director** indicating that rates and taxes are not in arrears for more than 3 months for bidders who reside in the O. R. Tambo District Municipality area.
- Attach a confirmation of address from a ward councillor where the bidder and company directors operate and reside in a peri-urban area where no rates and taxes and service charges are not billed.
- Attach a copy of a valid lease agreement where the bidder does not own the property they are operating from.

Bidders are expected to be compliant to all the Mandatory Requirements of this bid to be considered for the next stage.

STAGE 2: MINIMUM CONDITIONS OF TENDER

Only bidders who score a minimum of 70 points on minimum conditions of tender will be evaluated further on Price and Specific Goals. The maximum score shall be 100, distributed as follows:

Minimum Conditions of tender	Points
<p>Strength of the Project Proposal</p> <p>The bidder must provide a detailed proposal with clear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical and implementation methodology and approach - 5 • Detailed Project Plan and Training Plan - 5 • Detailed Project risk management plan – 5 	15
<p>Qualifications and Experience of the Human Resources personnel</p> <p>The bidder must have human resources that have skills or experience in providing the required services and have knowledge of the systems used by the ORTDM.</p> <p>Please attach summary of CV 's and Certifications of Veeam, VMware/Hyper-V, Windows 2019/2022 and O365 Certifications of resources to be used on the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Project Manager with NQF Level-8 and Prince2, ITIL and Cobit Certifications (5 years' experience and above) – 15 	35

Minimum Conditions of tender	Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Project Manager with NQF Level-8 and Prince2, ITIL and Cobit Certifications (5 to 3 years' experience) – 10 • 2 X Engineers with a combination of Veeam, VMware/Hyper-V, Windows 2019/2022, O365 Trainings and Certifications – 20 (10 points per engineer) 	
<p>Experience of the Company</p> <p>The bidder must have minimum of five years' experience providing Microsoft Server implementation and migration, data protection and backup services. Please provide company profile which details experience of the bidder with Veeam Certification and Endpoint Data Protection Certification of the Company. Provide appointment letters accompanied by completion certificate/ reference letters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 projects and above – 50 Points • 4 Projects – 40 Points • 3 Project – 30 Points • 2 Project – 20 Points 	50

STAGE 3: EVALUATION ON PRICE AND SPECIFIC GOALS

The procedure for Stage 3 of evaluation will be as follows:

- a) PRICE:** 80
- b) SPECIFIC GOALS:** 20

Points Awarded for Price (Ps)

A total of 80 points will be awarded to the Tenderer on the following basis:

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

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
- Pt = Price of tender under consideration
- Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

Points awarded for specific goals

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 the table below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender. Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system)
The promotion of enterprises located in a specific region (O.R Tambo District): The Tenderer and Directors are based in the ORTDM region and pay their municipal rates and taxes	05
Promotion of 51% Black-owned enterprises	05
Promotion of 100% Women-owned enterprises	05
Promotion of Youth-owned enterprises	05

Tenderers must submit copies of all supporting documents necessary to prove conformance with Specific Goal criteria listed above in order to be eligible for Specific Goal points.

SECTION 7: RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS AND SCHEDULES

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

Bidders must submit the following documentation with their tenders:

No.	Returnable document	Compulsory (Yes / No)	Non-submission will render Tender non-responsive (Yes / No)
1.	Business registration documents	YES	YES (if proof of its business status and registration cannot be verified on CSD), non-submission will forfeit specific goals points

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2.	Municipal account statement not older than 90 days OR proof that bidder leases its business premises (Both business premises and individual directors)	YES	YES (non-submission will forfeit specific goals points)
3.	Certified copy of identity documents of directors / shareholders / partners / members, as the case may be	YES	YES (if cannot be verified on CSD),
4.	Signed joint venture or consortium agreement	YES (if applicable)	YES (if applicable)
5.	CVs accompanied by certified proofs of qualifications	YES	NO (However non-submission will affect minimum conditions of tender)
6.	Proof of accreditation	YES	NO (However non-submission will affect minimum conditions of tender)

RETURNABLE SCHEDULES

All returnable schedules below must be completed by the bidding entity, save for those schedules which are not applicable to it in which case the bidding entity must indicate which schedules are not applicable.

Bidders must complete the following returnable schedules:

No.	Returnable schedule	Compulsory (Yes / No)	Non-submission will render Tender non-responsive (Yes / No)
1.	Confirmation of registration on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (Schedule A)	Yes	Yes

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2.	Authority of bid signatory (Schedule B)	Yes	Yes
3.	Briefing session / site inspection certificate (Schedule C)	Yes (if applicable)	Yes (if applicable)
4.	Municipal Bidding Documents (Schedule D)		
5.	MBD 1 – Invitation to bid	Yes	No
5.1	MBD 4 - Declaration form confirming the bidder is not in the service of the state	Yes	Yes
5.2	MBD 5 - Declaration for procurement above R10 million	Yes (if applicable)	Yes (if applicable)
5.3	MBD 6.1 - Preference points claim form	Yes	Yes
5.4	MBD 8 - Declaration of bidders' past supply chain management practices	Yes	Yes
5.5	MBD 9 - Declaration of independent bid determination	Yes	Yes
6.	Form of offer (The Contract: Section 3)	Yes	Yes

SCHEDULE A – CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION OF BIDDER ON CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD)

BIDDER NAME	REGISTERED ON CSD? (YES/NO)	CSD SUPPLIER NUMBER

Bidders are required to register as suppliers on the government National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) prior to submission of this bid, and provide their CSD supplier number in the table above.

It is the responsibility of bidders to ensure that this requirement is complied with. In the case of Joint Ventures and Consortia, this requirement will apply to each party to the Joint Venture or Consortium.

BIDDER'S SIGNATURE:

SCHEDULE B: AUTHORITY OF BID SIGNATORY

Indicate the status of the bidder by ticking the appropriate box hereunder with an x.

COMPANY	CLOSE CORPORATION	PARTNERSHIP	SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

JOINT VENTURE	CONSORTIUM	CO-OPERATIVE

NOTE:

BIDDERS MUST ATTACH A LETTER OF AUTHORITY TO THIS PAGE, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATORY TO THIS BID TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDING ENTITY, AS WELL AS SIGN ANY CONTRACT WHICH ARISING THEREFROM ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDING ENTITY.

SCHEDULE C: TENDER BRIEFING / SITE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

Note: This certificate is only to be completed if applicable to the tender.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT (NAME) ON BEHALF OF
..... (BIDDING ENTITY), ATTENDED THE OFFICIAL TENDER

BRIEFING SESSION AND / OR SITE INSPECTION ON (DATE) AT

..... (VENUE).

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM SATISFIED WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED AND THE EXPLANATIONS (IF ANY) GIVEN TO ME BY THE MUNICIPALITY'S REPRESENTATIVES. I AM ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SERVICES ARE TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THE INTENDED CONTRACT.

.....

BIDDER / AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE (PRINT NAME)	SIGNATURE
.....
DATE	
.....	
MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE (PRINT NAME)	SIGNATURE
.....
DATE	
.....	

SCHEDULE D: MUNICIPAL BIDDING DOCUMENTS (MBDs)

MBD 1

**PART A
INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF O.R. TAMBO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY					
BID NUMBER:	ORTDM SCMU 17-23/24	CLOSING DATE:	24 JANUARY 2023	CLOSING TIME:	12.00PM
DESCRIPTION:	PROVISION OF ICT SERVER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE TO O.R TAMBO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS				

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT:

TENDER BOX, GROUND FLOOR, O.R. TAMBO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY BUILDING			
NELSON MANDELA DRIVE			
MYEZO PARK			
MTHATHA			
EASTERN CAPE			
SUPPLIER INFORMATION			
NAME OF BIDDER			
POSTAL ADDRESS			
STREET ADDRESS			
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER
CELLPHONE NUMBER			
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER
E-MAIL ADDRESS			
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER			
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:		CSD No:
100% Black owned company	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	STATEMENT OF RATES AND TAXES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
PROOF OF REGISTRATION OF COMPANY DOCUMENTS, PROOF OF REGISTRATION WITH CSD, STATEMENT OF RATES AND TAXES) MUST BE SUBMITTED TO PROVE CONFORMANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC GOALS]			
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED		TOTAL BID PRICE	R
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER	DATE	
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED			
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:	
DEPARTMENT	SCM DEPARTMENT	CONTACT PERSON	Mr L. Mgozeli
CONTACT PERSON	MR. SAKHIWO HOPA	TELEPHONE NUMBER	047 501 6517
TELEPHONE NUMBER	047 501 6449	FACSIMILE NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	sakhiwoh@ortambodm.org.za	E-MAIL ADDRESS	lwazim@ortambodm.gov.za

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

1. BID SUBMISSION:	
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2.	ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED).
1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS	
2.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2	BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER’S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3	APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA .
2.4	FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.
2.5	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.6	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.7	WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS	
3.1.	IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.2.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.3.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.4.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3.5.	IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
IF THE ANSWER IS “NO” TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.	

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.
NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.**

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

DATE:

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 an offer or 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, shareholder²):
.....

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 who 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 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, trustees, 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

MBD 5

DECLARATION FOR PROCUREMENT ABOVE R10 MILLION (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

For all procurement expected to exceed R10 million (all applicable taxes included), bidders must complete the following questionnaire:

NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER (TICK WHICH RESPONSE IS APPLICABLE)	
		YES	NO
1.	Are you by law required to prepare annual financial statements?		
1.1	If yes, submit audited annual financial statements for the past three years or since the date of establishment if established during the last 3 years.		

NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER (TICK WHICH RESPONSE IS APPLICABLE)	
		YES	NO
2.	Do you have any outstanding undisputed commitments for municipal services towards any municipality for more than 3 months or any other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days?		
2.1	If no, this serves to certify that the bidder has no undisputed commitments for municipal services towards any municipality for more than 3 months or other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days.		
2.2	If yes, provide details:		

NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER (TICK WHICH RESPONSE IS APPLICABLE)	
		YES	NO
3.	Has any contract been awarded to you by an organ of state during the past five years, including particulars of any material non-compliance or dispute concerning the execution of such contract?		

3.1	If yes, provide details:
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NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER (TICK WHICH RESPONSE IS APPLICABLE)	
		YES	NO
4.	Will any portion of the goods of services be sourced from outside the Republic, and if so, what portion, and whether any portion of payment from the municipality is expected to be transferred outside of the Republic?		
4.1	If yes, provide details:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME)

CERIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

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Position

.....
Name of Bidder

MBD 6.1

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
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

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

1.3 Points for this tender (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
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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 tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, 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 tender is adjudicated 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) **“tender”** means a 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) **“tender for income-generating contracts”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) **“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 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 price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

3.2. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - Pmax}{Pmax} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - Pmax}{Pmax} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmax = Price of highest 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 tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 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)
The promotion of enterprises located in a specific region (O.R Tambo District): The Tenderer and Directors are based in the ORTDM region and pay their municipal rates and taxes	05
Promotion of 51% Black-owned enterprises	05
Promotion of 100% Women-owned enterprises	05
Promotion of Youth-owned enterprises	05

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:

MBD 8

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
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4.1	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). 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.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <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 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.

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Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder

MBD 9

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.

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- 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.

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CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

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in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

O.R. Tambo District Municipality

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 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

MBD 9

6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying quotation 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 this invitation; or
 - (f) submitting a bid 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 bid.

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

Date

.....

.....

Position

Name of Bidder

SCHEDULE F – SCHEDULE OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Description	Value (R) VAT excluded	Year(s) work executed	Reference		
			Name	Organisation	Tel no

Provide the following information on relevant previous experience (indicate specifically projects of similar or larger size and/or which is similar with regard to type of work).

Name of Tenderer.....

Date:

Signature:

Full name of signatory:

This form must be completed by the authorized persons of the bidder’s current or previous clients. The form must be fully completed, signed and stamped. Forms which are neither complete, nor signed nor stamped will not be considered for evaluation.

1. REFERENCE FOR THE BIDDER

Name of Institution (Client)	
Contract/ Tender Number	

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Contract Description	
Name of Service Provider (Bidder)	
Value of Project	
Commencement Date	
Contractual Completion Date	
Bidder's Completion Date	

1.1 Please score the performance of the above-mentioned company by marking the relevant box

Performance Rating			Comments
Work performed in compliance with contract term	Excellent	5	
	Good	4	
	Fair	3	
	Poor	2	
Timelines of work are met	Excellent	5	

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	Good	4	
	Fair	3	
	Poor	2	
Quality of service	Excellent	5	
	Good	4	
	Fair	3	
	Poor	2	
Communication and accessibility	Excellent	5	
	Good	4	
	Fair	3	
	Poor	2	
Would you recommend using this service provider in future	Yes	No	If no, please provide reasons:

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor	
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Name of the Authorized Person _____ Designation _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Official Stamp

SCHEDULE G – SCHEDULE OF CURRENT PROJECTS

Description	Value (R)	Date Appointed	Reference		
			Name	Organisation	Tel no

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	VAT excluded				

Provide the following information on current projects. **This information is material to the award of the Contract.**

Name of Tenderer: **Date:**

Signature:

Full name of signatory:

SCHEDULE F – SCHEDULE OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

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Provide the following information on relevant previous experience (indicate specifically projects of similar or larger size and/or which is similar with regard to type of work).

Description	Value (R) VAT excluded	Year(s) work executed	Reference		
			Name	Organisation	Tel no

Name of Tenderer.....

Date:

Signature:

Full name of signatory:

THE CONTRACT

IT SERVER INFRASTRUCTURE REFRESH AND PROVISION ON CLOUD BACKUP

The OR Tambo District Municipality, established under Section 12 of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act No. 117 of 1998, operates with its head offices located in Mthatha, along the N2 Road between East London and Durban.

Guided by its unwavering dedication to drive digital transformation, uphold operational efficiency, and protect data, OR Tambo District Municipality is embarking on a critical technology refresh project. This initiative is firmly rooted in the aspiration to foster enduring partnerships with service providers who bring forth a wealth of experience and expertise. Such partnerships are key in aligning with the municipality's strategic IT vision, an aim to establish an enduring, dependable, and secure IT landscape that radiates stability and scalability.

The selected bidder's role will be central to the strategic objectives of the municipality. As a cornerstone of this journey, they will actively contribute to enhancing the municipality's technological journey and assist drive its IT continuity in support of its business continuity objectives.

1. INTRODUCTION

The OR Tambo District Municipality (ORTDM) is seeking services of an experienced, qualified and certified service provider to assist with its technology refresh to modernize its server infrastructure in both production and backup sites. Additionally, the project entails the implementation of a cloud-based disaster recovery service. This initiative aligns seamlessly with the municipality's strategic aims of driving digital transformation and facilitating District Development approach to technology implementation and rollout, advancing the Digital Cities initiative.

The proposed new server infrastructure is intended to drive reliability, stability, security, efficiency, and scalability. Moreover, it will adhere to elevated security standards and industry best practices. This transformation is poised to empower the municipality to enhance its IT driven offerings.

2. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the project are:

2.2 Technology refresh for improved IT performance and efficiency

- a) Upgrade the existing server infrastructure with state-of-the-art equipment.
- b) Enhance system performance, responsiveness, and overall efficiency.
- c) Deploy server hardware that supports scalability, enabling seamless expansion to accommodate future growth.

2.3 Enhanced reliability and security

- a) Ensure a stable and dependable IT environment by replacing aging servers prone to failures and errors.
- b) Minimize downtime risks through the deployment of reliable server components.
- c) Implement up-to-date security features and protocols to safeguard against potential cyber threats and vulnerabilities.
- d) Enhance data protection and access control mechanisms to meet modern security standards.

2.4 Resilient business continuity

- a) Establish a disaster recovery solution to ensure uninterrupted business operations even in the face of unexpected disruptions.
- b) Enable swift recovery of critical systems and data by leveraging effective and efficient disaster recovery tools and process automation.
- c) Ensure data availability and accessibility to minimize downtime impact.

2.5 Streamlined management and maintenance

- a) Secure services of an experienced, qualified, and certified partner to provide 1st, 2nd and 3rd line support to the municipality.
- b) Simplify disaster recovery management by centralizing control, monitoring, and reporting.
- c) Reduce the complexity of traditional disaster recovery infrastructure management.

The successful implementation of this project will contribute to a modernized, reliable, and agile IT environment, capable of withstanding unforeseen disruptions and ensuring seamless business continuity.

3.PROJECT SCOPE

The OR Tambo District Municipality (ORTDM) is seeking the services of an experienced and certified service provider to implement its technology refresh project. The appointed provider will be responsible for:

3.1 SERVER TECHNOLOGY REFRESH

- a) **Supplying, delivering, setting up, and configuring** a new server infrastructure in line with the ORTDM requirements to drive stability, reliability, scalable, and secure. This task will also include the following:
- Upgrading the licences to the latest version of Microsoft (the municipality will provide licences)
 - Configuring all virtual machines (VMs) as per the requirement.
 - Configuration of the firewall and other security services to enhance the protection of the physical and virtual servers.
 - Migration of applications and data from the current server setup to the new IT infrastructure.
 - Rigorous testing of the applications, backup and restore processes, with detailed reporting.
 - Implementation of replication and failover mechanisms, followed by thorough testing and reporting.
 - Review and implement ICT Security standards to secure both physically and logically the information asset of ORTDM when in production, in motion, on the secondary data centre or in the cloud. Such security controls may include Encryption, Authenticated access, and Physical security controls.
 - Providing secure remote access (VPN) for ORTDM staff working remotely.
 - Providing stable and secured link between production site, secondary backup site and cloud Disaster Recovery site to provision backup and replication.
 - The DR services should include a secured network and monitored for any cyber-attacks by means of firewall.
 - Providing replication services for **at least** 10 virtual servers.
- b) **Supplying and installing expansive 20 terabytes (TB) of storage** to further augment the municipality's technological prowess, ensuring ample space for data retention and growth.
- c) **Integrating the new IT infrastructure** with the municipality's existing Hyper V virtualization software.
- d) **De-commissioning of the old IT infrastructure** upon successful deployment of the new setup.
- e) **Supplying an extend warranty** for All supplied IT equipment (Servers and Storage) to 3-year period.
- f) **Review and alignment of ALL relevant ICT policies** including IT Security, IT continuity, disaster recovery, backup and restore policies with the new IT setup.
- g) **Providing hybrid (on and off-site)** support for IT technical support to ORTDM for a 36 months period.

3.2 BACKUP, RESTORE AND DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES

The appointed service provider will also be responsible providing back and restore services between production and secondary site together with cloud based disaster recovery service.

This task will include, designing, implementing, backup and restore services either on premises within OR Tambo's production and secondary backup site or on cloud-based disaster recovery solution that will:

- Reduce the risk of business interruption in the event of a disaster.
- Be scalable and reliable to meet the municipality's changing needs.
- Secure and compliant with all applicable regulations.
- Backed by a service level agreement that guarantees uptime and performance.
- Cost-effective and affordable for the municipality.

The cloud-based disaster recovery site must be designed to meet the municipality's specific requirements, that include the following:

- a) **ORTDM Recovery time objective (RTO)** for critical systems: This is set at 8 hours, and **Recovery point objective (RPO)** for critical systems set at 1 hour. It is ORTDM requirement, the ability to restore all critical data and applications within a specified RTO and RPO.
- b) **A cloud virtual Firewall** must be provided as part of the solution.
- c) **The ability to failover to the cloud-based disaster recovery** site in the event of a disaster.
- d) **The ability to scale the cloud-based disaster recovery** site to meet the municipality's changing needs.
- e) **The ability to secure the cloud-based disaster recovery** site to protect the municipality's data and applications.
- f) **Quarterly testing and validation of both Backup and Restore** systems and the disaster recovery plan through simulation exercises.
- g) **Training of IT staff on disaster recovery** procedures and best practices.
- h) **Development of Disaster Recovery Procedures** which are “Step by step” activities to be undertaken during disaster, clearly defined to minimise the impact of the disaster and avoid loss of data.
- i) **Development of Retrieval and restoration procedure** that will be tested quarterly during the Restore processes. Such procedures will have to troubleshooting flowcharts.
- j) **Ongoing maintenance, support, monitoring and continuous** improvement processes.

3.3 MINIMUM CONTINUITY REQUIREMENTS

Environmental Controls

- a) **Power:** The production, secondary and disaster recovery sites must all for dual power supply from the utility (Eskom or Municipality), and the on-site power generators with a UPS. The environment must provide for dual power feed to the racks.
- b) **Cooling:** The standard should incorporate ventilation, airflow systems “hot aisle-cold aisle configuration”, heat or temperature control and monitoring systems etc.

Temperatures	Maintain room temperature of 16 - 24°C (±2°C) or lower
Humidity	constant climate control at ± 40 - 55%
Hot / Cold Aisles methodology	uses a Hot / Cold Aisles methodology

- c) Fire Prevention:** The data centers must have fire protection systems and programme including smoke detectors and fire suppression equipment.

Additional Controls to enhance continuity

In order to guarantee uninterrupted operations for OR Tambo District Municipality (ORTDM) during unforeseen disruptions, the service provider will collaborate to implement the following measures

a) Steadfast Internet Access - Direct and fast 200Mbps Internet link from ORTDM Data Centre to both the Secondary Backup Site and cloud DR site.

b) Daily Critical Data Backup - Essential virtual servers backed up daily, with routine checks and tests for data integrity assurance.

c) Adaptable Storage Solution

d) Responsive Replication Bandwidth - Smart adjustment of point-to-point replication bandwidth, guided by the pace of change between ORTDM and DR Site. Dual Redundancy, continuous monitoring, and reporting included.

e) Enhanced Data Protection - Utilization of database-level replication alongside High-Availability Data Replication (HDR) to minimize potential data loss.

f) Efficient Network Control - Creation of a hosted domain controller as a replica of the primary, enabling swift DHCP deployment for network setup and user authentication.

g) Regular Disaster Recovery Testing - Execution of 4 annual DR Test days, including 2 unscheduled tests, to ensure preparedness across different scenarios.

h) Monthly Business Assurance - Monthly planned backup and restore tests accompanied by detailed reports to validate the efficacy of the plan.

i) Virtual Firewall Security - Integration of Virtual Firewall security services as a cohesive component of the comprehensive solution.

j) Annual IT Service Review - Yearly review of IT services required for the DR process, closely linked with initial tender pricing.

k) Unscheduled Readiness Checks - Conducting 2 unscheduled IT Continuity tests each quarter to instill confidence in disaster readiness.

l) Thorough Documentation - Furnishing an as-built document post-project implementation or configuration, detailing the final outcome.

m) Insightful Replication Reports - Empowerment of replication software to deliver comprehensive reports on replication activities, ensuring transparency and oversight.

These measures collectively bolster ORTDM's resilience during times of disruption, guaranteeing the continuity of vital operations.

3.4 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

3.4.1 MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT AND WARRANTY

In addition to the project specifications, the following requisites must be addressed in the bid submission:

- a) **Comprehensive Maintenance Support:** Furnish a three (3) year maintenance plan inclusive of: Eight (8) hours per day support from Monday to Friday; Technical support with a next business day response time and aligned to RTO and RPO commitments together with disaster recovery procedures.
- b) **Designated Project Focal Person:** Appoint a dedicated point of contact that OR Tambo District Municipality's IT personnel can directly engage with to address inquiries and concerns.
- c) **Technical Support Modalities:** Outline the mechanisms for technical support, encompassing telephonic and on-site assistance for troubleshooting and problem resolution.
- d) **Timely Problem Resolution:** Commit to resolving reported problems within the agreed RTO and RPO with a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours from their initial reporting and using the most efficient communication means available with relevant stakeholders.
- e) **Support Escalation Protocol:** Present a clear and established procedure delineating the process for problem escalation, ensuring swift resolutions for intricate issues.
- f) **Sustained Support Personnel:** Pledge to provide on-call and on-site support personnel, if requested, over a three-year period following project acceptance.
- g) **Rapid Equipment Replacement:** Provide assurance that any equipment incapable of repair within twenty-four (24) hours during the warranty period will be promptly substituted with an equivalent or superior service unit.
- h) **Warranty for Structured Cabling and Networks:** Guarantee flawless quality and material integrity of the entire structured cabling and network setup for **a minimum of 25 years of product warranty from the cabling manufacturer** together with a minimum **warranty of three (3) years on workmanship**.
- i) **Regular Inspection and Cleaning:** Undertake quarterly inspections and cleaning of data cabinets and IT equipment in the server rooms to ensure optimal performance and reliability.
- j) **Adequate Parts Availability:** Ensure that a steady supply of necessary parts is readily accessible to sustain monthly maintenance throughout the warranty duration.

By adhering to these additional requirements, the bidder demonstrates their commitment to delivering a robust and reliable solution while maintaining continuous support and performance excellence.

3.4.2 RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

A Risk Management Plan (RMP) is a crucial tool that helps identify, assess, and mitigate potential risks that may negatively impact the success of this project. By proactively addressing such risks, the project team may enhance project outcomes and minimize uncertainties. As part of the submission the bidders must submit a draft risk management plan. A RMP Must be included in the submission, and this must cover the following among others:

- a) Risk Identification and Assessment

- b) Risk Mitigation Strategies, Roles and responsibilities
- c) Risk Monitoring and Reporting
- d) Response and Contingency Planning
- e) Risk Communication
- f) High level Project Risk Register

The plan will be reviewed and finalised as part of the contracting process with the winning bidder.

3.5 PROVISION OF DOCUMENTATION

The selected service provider will be required to furnish comprehensive documentation for each deliverable and upon reaching significant development stages and milestones. These documents will be submitted to the Information Technology Office for review and approval. All generated documents shall be the property of the OR Tambo District Municipality (ORTDM), and ORTDM retains the right to replicate these documents at no extra expense.

The documentation should include, but is not limited to:

a) Infrastructure Diagrams and Topology

Detailed visual representations of the proposed infrastructure layout and network topology. These diagrams shall elucidate the interconnections, components, and their relationships within the system.

b) Troubleshooting and Installation Guides

Step-by-step instructions outlining the installation procedures for the various system components. Additionally, comprehensive troubleshooting guides will be provided to facilitate efficient issue resolution.

c) System/Operation Manual

A comprehensive manual detailing the overall system's architecture, components, and functionalities. This manual will serve as a comprehensive guide for technical staff responsible for maintaining and overseeing the system's operation.

d) User Manuals (for Operations)

User-friendly guides tailored for end-users, elucidating how to interact with the system, access functionalities, and navigate interfaces. These manuals should be easily understandable, catering to individuals with varying levels of technical proficiency.

e) Disaster Recovery Plan

A thorough plan outlining the strategy and steps to recover the system in case of unforeseen disasters or disruptions. This plan will encompass data recovery processes, system restoration, and continuity measures to minimize downtime.

The provision of these documents will ensure that ORTDM possesses a comprehensive understanding of the solution's architecture, operational procedures, and recovery mechanisms. This transparency and knowledge sharing will be instrumental in sustaining the system's optimal performance, longevity, and adherence to best practices.

Please note this list is not exhaustive and it will be reviewed during contracting and implementation.

3.6 TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

- a) The selected service provider **must** provide comprehensive training to a minimum of four (4) IT Personnel, encompassing both new and existing ICT Network Equipment. This training will span basic troubleshooting for Server administration, Backup, Restore and Replication, Management of the Data Centre, Disaster recovery and ICT Continuity. The training program should extend for a duration of no less than two (2) weeks.
- b) In order to establish robust maintenance practices and ensure sustainability, the solution provider is required to conduct training as an integral part of knowledge and Technology Transfer. This will serve to equip OR Tambo District Municipality (ORTDM) and its personnel with the requisite knowledge and competencies for the holistic operation and maintenance of the new Network Infrastructure and architecture.
- c) The selected service provider shall present a detailed training plan for ORTDM ICT Staff. This comprehensive plan will be subject to review, assessment, and eventual approval by ORTDM. The training approach will include hands-on components to ensure a practical understanding of the subject matter.
- d) Each participant will receive dedicated Operation and Training manuals, imparting a thorough grasp of the training content and acting as a reference for future operations.
- e) The training effort will be planned for completion prior to the formal project signoff and acceptance. This ensures that the designated IT personnel will be adequately prepared to assume responsibility for the new server infrastructure, backup and disaster recovery.
- f) All costs associated with the training, including venue, meals, equipment, certification, and related expenses, shall be the responsibility of the service provider.
- g) The submission of all pertinent documents and manuals must be submitted, reviewed and approved before the project signoff, allowing ORTDM to gain full access to the resources necessary for seamless project continuity.

This training and knowledge transfer phase is critical in ensuring the successful implementation and integration of the new server infrastructure within ORTDM's operations, guaranteeing that the municipality will be empowered to sustainably manage and maintain its technological assets.

4 PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- a) **Requirements Analysis and Planning Phase:**
 - Detailed project requirements document outlining the project governance, scope, goals, and stakeholder expectations.
 - Comprehensive project plan including timelines, milestones, and resource allocation.

- b) **Infrastructure Design and Setup:**
 - Infrastructure diagrams and topology illustrating the proposed setup and network configuration.
 - Configuration documentation detailing server setup, virtualization, and network configurations.
 - Backup and Restore, and Disaster recovery plan outlining the design, strategy and approach to data protection and system recovery strategies.
- c) **Training and Knowledge Transfer:**
 - Training program with course content, schedule, and hands-on sessions for at least four (4) IT staff members.
 - Operation and Training manuals for both technical staff and end-users.
 - Evidence of training completion and proficiency.
- d) **System Implementation and Integration:**
 - Progress reports at each development stage and milestone, summarizing completed tasks and achieved outcomes.
 - Deployed and operational ICT Server Equipment and components.
 - Configured and tested Disaster Recovery setup.
- e) **Risk Management and Contingency Plans:**
 - Risk management plan, and Risk register detailing identified risks, their potential impact, likelihood, and recommended mitigation actions, communication and governance.
 - Contingency plans specifying actions to be taken if high-impact risks materialize.
- f) **Documentation and Manuals:**
 - Completed infrastructure documentation, including diagrams, configurations, and settings.
 - Troubleshooting guides and installation instructions for equipment.
 - System/Operation Manual providing an overview of the system architecture and operational guidelines.
 - User Manuals offering user-friendly instructions for end-users.
- g) **Testing and Quality Assurance:**
 - Detailed test plans and scripts for validating system functionalities.
 - Test reports summarizing successful test executions and outcomes.
- h) **Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms:**
 - Monitoring plan outlining tools and strategies for ongoing system performance evaluation.
 - Reporting templates defining the frequency and format of progress updates.
- i) **Final Deployment and Acceptance:**
 - Documented acceptance criteria and conditions for project success.
 - Fully deployed and operational Server infrastructure meeting project specifications.
 - Acknowledgment of successful project deployment.

5. Post-Implementation Support:

Support procedures for continuous maintenance and issue resolution. - Scheduled support activities and communication channels for addressing queries and concerns.

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Name of bidder

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Signature

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Bidder's stamp

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Date

SECTION 2: PRICING SCHEDULE

A Bidder is required to provide a details and Itemised Pricing covering all the requirements according to its format. The detailed pricing must be submitted indicating the Bill of Quantities or Services together with a Summary Pricing as per the following format

Rates for technical staff

No	Specialist Service	Hourly Rate	Daily Rate
1	Server Infrastructure		
1.1	Senior Engineer		
1.2	Junior Engineer		
2	Network Infrastructure		
2.1	Senior Engineer		
2.2	Junior Engineer		
3	Security – Firewall		
3.1	Senior Engineer		
3.2	Junior Engineer		
4	ICT Support (User and Desktop)		
4.1	Junior Engineer		
4.2	Senior Engineer		
5	Risk and Governance Consultant		
5.1	Junior Consultant		
5.2	Senior Consultant		
6	Microsoft Server and VMware Consultants		
6.1	Junior Consultant		
6.2	Senior Consultant		

No	Service Description	Once-Off	Year-1	Year-2	Year-3	Total
1	Server Infrastructure (Host-1, Host-2 and Host-3)					
2	Server Backup Hardware					
3	Endpoint Data Backup and Protection Licenses					
4	Veeam Backup and Replication Licenses					
5	Server Rack(s) with its accessories					
6	DR and Business Continuity Services					
7	Project Implementation and Management Fee (Once Off)					
8	Reviewal of Backup and DR Policies and Procedures (Once-Once)					
9	Training on the understanding of the Infrastructure and Services built (Once-Off)					
10	Dedicated Connectivity of 200mbps to DR Site					
11	Data Migration from the Old or Existing Infrastructure to the New ICT Infrastructure (Once-Off)					
12	Training on the understanding of the Infrastructure and Services built.					
13	On-going Support and Maintenance					
14	Additional Costs (Specify)					
15	Sub Total					
16	Vat @ 15					
17	Grand Total					

Pricing instructions:

- (i) The bidder's price offer shall be valid for 90 days from the closing date of this tender, or for such extended period as may be requested by the municipality and accepted by the bidder.
- (ii) The rates and prices submitted by the bidder must be entered into the pricing schedule above.
- (iii) No deviations from the pricing schedule will be permitted, except where indicated separately in the Schedule of Variations from Goods and Services.
- (iv) The bid price must be inclusive of VAT, where the bidder is a registered VAT vendor.
- (v) The prices are fixed for the duration of the contract
- (vi) Should there be a discrepancy between the total bid amount in the pricing schedule, and that in the form of offer; the price in the form of offer will take precedence. Where there is a discrepancy between the amount in figures and the amount in words, the amount in words will govern.

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Name of bidder

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Signature

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Bidder's stamp

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Date

SECTION 3: FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

PART 1 (OFFER TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BIDDER)

1. O.R. Tambo District Municipality has solicited offers to enter into the following contract:

PROVISION OF ICT SERVER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE TO O.R TAMBO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS

2. I, the Bidder, hereby undertake to supply and deliver all or any of the goods and/or works described in the attached bidding documents to O.R. Tambo District Municipality in accordance with the requirements and specifications stipulated in bid number **ORTDM SCMU 17-23/24**, at the price/s quoted. My offer/s shall remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Municipality during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of bid.

3. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this Agreement:

- (i) This Bid document, namely -
 - The Scope of Work;
 - The Pricing Schedule;
 - This Form of Offer & Acceptance;
- (ii) Bidder's Tender Proposal;
- (iii) The General Conditions of Contract;
- (iv) The Special Conditions of Contract (if any);
- (v) Service Level Agreement concluded by the appointed bidder and the Municipality (if any).

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.

7. I confirm that I am duly authorized to sign this contract.

The **TOTAL BID PRICE** inclusive of value-added tax (where applicable) is

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(in words); R (in figures)

This offer may be accepted by the authorised O.R. Tambo District Municipality representative signing the acceptance part of this form of offer and acceptance, and returning one copy of this document to the tenderer before the end of the period of validity stated in the tender conditions, whereupon the tenderer becomes the party named as the appointed service provider in terms of the conditions of contract.

NAME (PRINT)

CAPACITY

SIGNATURE

NAME OF FIRM

DATE

WITNESSES:	
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DATE:	

FAILURE BY THE BIDDER TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY INCLUDING SIGNING THE FORM, SHALL DISQUALIFY ITS BID.

PART 2 (ACCEPTANCE TO BE COMPLETED BY O.R. TAMBO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY)

By signing this part of the form of offer and acceptance, the Municipality accepts the bidder's offer. In consideration thereof, the Municipality shall pay the appointed supplier the amount due in accordance with PART 1 of this offer and acceptance. Acceptance of the bidder's offer shall form an agreement between ORTDM and the bidder upon the terms and conditions contained in this agreement and in the contract that is the subject of this agreement.

1. I..... in my capacity as
..... accept your bid under reference number
..... dated..... for the supply of
the goods and/or works indicated hereunder and/or further specified in the annexure(s).
2. An official order indicating delivery instructions is forthcoming.
3. I undertake to make payment for the services rendered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of an invoice.
4. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

SIGNED AT ON

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

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DATE:.....

SECTION 5: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The contract between the Municipality and the appointed bidder will be administered in terms of the **General Conditions of Contract 2010 (National Treasury)**.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT July 2010

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- 1.1 **“Closing time”** means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
- 1.2 **“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.
- 1.3 **“Contract price”** means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
- 1.4 **“Corrupt practice”** means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- 1.5 **“Countervailing duties”** are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
- 1.6 **“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.
- 1.7 **“Day”** means calendar day.
- 1.8 **“Delivery”** means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
- 1.9 **“Delivery ex stock”** means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
- 1.10 **“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.

- 1.11 "**Dumping**" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market 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.
- 1.12 "**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.
- 1.13 "**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.
- 1.14 "**GCC**" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "**Goods**" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "**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.
- 1.17 "**Local content**" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "**Manufacture**" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "**Order**" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "**Project site,**" where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "**Purchaser**" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "**Republic**" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "**SCC**" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "**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.
- 1.25 "**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

- 18.1 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.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

19 Standards

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

20 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 so 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.
- 20.1 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
 - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque.
- 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 the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 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 contracts 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.
- 23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

- 23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.
- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
 - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction;
 - (iii) the period of restriction; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

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 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

28. Limitation of liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case 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 the Department 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.

33. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme

33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.

34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices

34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).

34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.

34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

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