



**public works
& infrastructure**

Department:
Public Works and Infrastructure
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

QUOTATION NO: PLKQ23/61

**RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS AND
SPECIFICATION FOR**

**RENDERING OF 12 MONTHS GARDENING
SERVICES/ MAINTENANCE AT LEPHALALE
MAGISTRATE OFFICE.**

ADVERT DATE : 14/ 07/ 2023

CLOSING DATE : 21/ 07/ 2023 @ 11H00am

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO QUOTE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PLEASE TAKE NOTE
CLOSING TIME: 11:00am

BID NUMBER : *PLKQ23/61*
CLOSING DATE : 21/ 07/ 2023

QUOTATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING TIME AND DATE ARE LATE AND WILL BE REGARDED AND RULED NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION

The **Central Supplier Database Purposes** from the Receiver of National Treasury and the **Quotation Form** must be completed and signed in the original that is in ink.

QUOTATION DOCUMENTS MAY BE POSTED TO

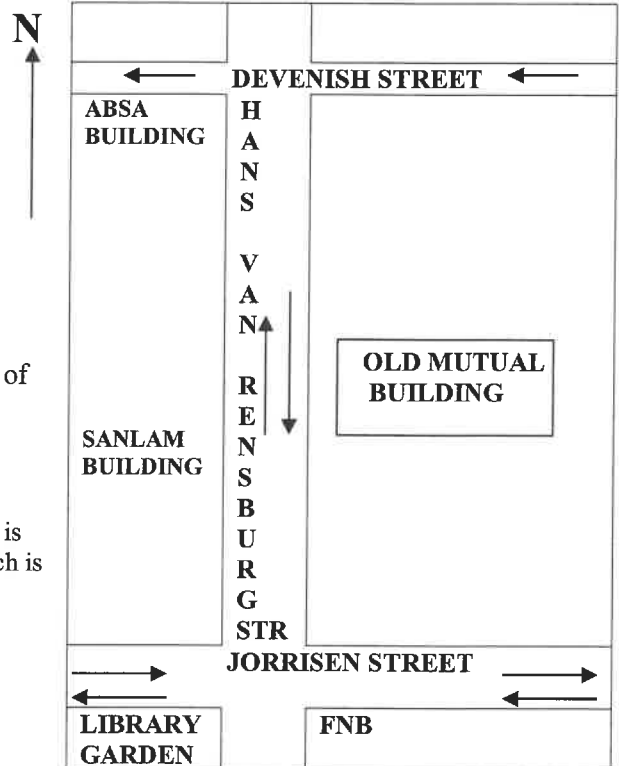
REGIONAL MANAGER
Department of Public Works
Private Bag X 9469
POLOKWANE
0700

ATTENTION: TENDER SECTION: GROUND FLOOR

Quotation documents that are posted must reach the Department of Public Works before the closing date of the quotation.

OR

The quotation documents may be deposited in the quotation box which is identified as the quotation box of the Department of Public Works which is located at 78 Hans van Rensburg Street, Old Mutual Building, Ground Floor.



The quotation box at the Regional Office: Department of Public Works: POLOKWANE is open (**Mondays to Fridays 07:30 – 12:15 / 13:00 – 16:00.**) However, if the quotation is late, it will be regarded and ruled not be accepted for consideration.

Service providers must ensure that quotation are delivered timeously to the correct address mentioned above.

SUBMIT ALL QUOTATION ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS - DO NOT RETYPE.

Quotation by telegram, facsimile or other similar apparatus will not be accepted for consideration.

SUBMIT EACH QUOTATION IN A SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE.



PA-09 (GS): LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

Project title:	RENDERING OF 12 MONTHS GARDENING SERVICES/ MAINTENANCE AT LEPHALALE MAGISTRATE OFFICE.		
Project Leader:	MR. ZILUNGISELE NGCOBO	Bid / Quote no:	PLKQ23/61

1. THE BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS:

(Bidders may use the "Returnable document" column to confirm documents have been completed and returned by inserting a tick)

Bid Document Name:	Number of Pages:	Returnable document:
DPW-07 (FM): FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA 10: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC)	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA-09: LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA-11: DECLARATION OF INTREST AND BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA-15.1: RESOLUTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA-15.2: RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ENTER INTO CONSORTIA OR YOINT VENTURE	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA-15.3: SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA-16: PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA-40: DECLARATION OF DESIGNATED GROUPS FOR PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
PA-29: CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACTIVE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUBMISSION OF ONE ID COPY OF THE DIRECTOR(S) OF THE COMPANY.	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
SIGNED SPECIFICATION.	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compliance to the National minimum wage of R23.19 as Gazetted by Department of Labour.	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submission of an active Letter of Good Standing issued by Department of Labour on or before closing date 21/07/2023 (COIDA).	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pages	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Bidder	Signature	Date

PA-03 (GS): NOTICE AND INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVITES BIDDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE BELOW GOODS AND SERVICES

Quotation description:	RENDERING OF 12 MONTHS GARDENING SERVICES/ MAINTENANCE AT LEPHALALE MAGISTRATE OFFICE.
------------------------	---

Quote no:	PLKQ23/61	Closing date:	21/07/2023
Closing time:	11H00	Validity period:	30 days

1. RESPONSIVENESS CRITERIA

- 1.1. Indicate substantive responsiveness criteria applicable for this quotation. Failure to comply with the criteria stated hereunder shall result in the quotation offer being disqualified from further consideration:

1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Only those quotations who satisfy the eligibility criteria stated in the quotation document may submit the quotation.
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quotation offer must be properly received on quotation closing date and time specified on the invitation, fully completed and signed either electronically (if issued in electronic format), or by writing legibly in non-erasable ink.
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Use of correction fluid is prohibited.
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Submission of PA-32: Invitation to Bid
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Submission of record of attending compulsory briefing session. insert motivation why the tender clarification meeting is declared compulsory
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Registration on Central Supplier Database (CSD)
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All parts of tender documents submitted must be fully completed in ink and signed where required
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DPW-07 (EC): FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE.
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUBMISSION OF ONE ID COPY OF THE DIRECTOR(S) OF THE COMPANY.
11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	-Submission of an active Letter of Good Standing issued by Department of Labour on or before closing date. -Compliance to the National minimum wage of R23.19 as Gazetted by Department of Labour.

- 1.2. Indicate administrative requirements applicable for this quotation. Suppliers may be required to submit the below documents where applicable.

The Employer reserves the right to request further information regarding the undermentioned criteria. Failing to submit further clarification and/or documentation within three (3) calendar days from request or as specifically indicated, will disqualify the tender offer from further consideration.

1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submission of (PA-11): Bidder's disclosure.
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submission of applicable (PA-15.1, PA-15.2, PA-15.3): Resolution by the legal entity, or consortium / joint venture, authorising a dedicated person(s) to sign documents on behalf of the firm / consortium / joint venture.
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submission of (PA-16): Preference Points Claim Form in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submission of (PA 40): Declaration of Designated Groups for Preferential Procurement.
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submission of (PA-10): General Condition of Contract.
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submission of proof of Registration on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD).

Notice and Invitation for Quotation: PA-03 (GS)

7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Specify other responsiveness criteria</i>
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Specify other responsiveness criteria</i>

2. Points scoring system applicable for this bid:

80/20 points scoring system

Indicate the Price weighting applicable to this bid:

	Weighting percentage (must add up to 100)
Price:	80
Preference points scoring system	20
Total:	100

3. Method to be used to calculate points for specific goals

For procurement transaction with rand value greater than R2 000, 00 and up to R1 Million (Inclusive of all applicable taxes) the specific goals listed below are applicable.			
Serial No	Specific Goals	Preference Points Allocated out of 20	Documentation to be submitted by bidders to validate their claim
1.	An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people.	10	ID Copy. or SANAS Accredited BBBEE Certificate/ Sworn Affidavit. or CSD Report. or CIPC (Company registration)
2.	Located in a specific Local Municipality or District Municipality or Metro or Province area for work to be done or services to be rendered in that area.	2	Office Municipal Rates Statement. or Permission to occupy from local chief in case of rural areas (PTO). or Lease Agreement
3.	An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by women.	4	ID Copy or CSD Report or CIPC (Company Registrations)
4.	An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by people with disability.	2	Medical Certificate or South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) Registration or National Council for Persons with Physical Disability in South Africa registration (NCPDPSA)
5.	An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by youth.	2	ID Copy or CSD Report Or

				CIPC (Company Registrations)
--	--	--	--	------------------------------

4. COLLECTION OF QUOTATION DOCUMENTS:

All quotations must be completed on the official forms provided with this invitation and completed in ink, preferably black. Completed forms must be delivered to the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure at the following address or email below.

This quotation is subject to the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other special conditions of contract. Attached Terms and Conditions should be signed and submitted with the official documents.

The taxes of the successful service provider must be in order, or satisfactory arrangements must be made with the Receiver of Revenue to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

- Quotation documents may be collected during working hours on **insert date** at the following address **insert physical address insert postal code**.
- A **select** pre-bid meeting with representatives of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure will take place at **insert address** on **dd/mm/yyyy** starting at **insert time**.

5. ENQUIRIES RELATED TO QUATATION DOCUMENTS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO:

DPW Project Leader:	MR. Z NGCOBO	Telephone no:	015 291 6387
Cell no:	082 040 6670	Fax no:	086 400 2130
E-mail:	zilungisele.ngcobo@dpw.gov.za		

6. DEPOSIT / RETURN OF BID DOCUMENTS:

The closing time for receipt of quotation is **11h00** on **21/07/2023**.

Telegraphic, telephonic, telex, facsimile, electronic and / or late bids will not be accepted.

Requirements for sealing, addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of bids are stated in the bid advertisement.

All bids must be submitted on the official forms – (not to be re-typed)

<p>QUOTATION DOCUMENTS MAY BE DROPPED AT:</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 78 OLD MUTUAL BUILDING HANS VAN RENSBURG STREET 0700</p> <p>OR</p> <p>QUOTATION DOCUMENTS MAY BE POSTED TO : THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PRIVATE BAG X9469 POLOKWANE 0700</p>	OR	<p>QUOTATION DOCUMENT MAY BE EMAILED TO:</p> <p>ATTENTION: PROCUREMENT SECTION: ROOM: GROUND FLOOR</p>
---	----	--



public works
& infrastructure

Department:
Public Works and Infrastructure
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PLKQ23/61

**SPECIFICATION
FOR
LEPHALALE
MAGISTRATE OFFICE
FOR
GENERAL GARDEN MAINTENANCE

SCOPE OF WORK TO BE DONE**

12 MONTHS CONTRACT

LIMPOPO PROVINCE

**National Department of Public Works & Infrastructure
Private Bag X 6496
POLOKWANE
0700**

**Specification Compiled by ZS NGCOBO
Cell: 082 040 6670
Office: 015 291 6387**

SPECIFICATIONS

A. CONTRACT INFORMATION

TENDER No: _____

Description of Service to be rendered: GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF GARDEN

Office: LEPHALALE MAGISTRATE OFFICE

Contract period: 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF AWARD OF TENDER: 2023-2024

SIZE OF THE AREA: 7 700M²

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

B1 Maintenance of perennial bedding plants, trees, shrubs and palms

B2 Maintenance of lawns and grass

B3 Maintenance of hard surfaces

NB: Contractors shall supply all the necessary transport, garden tools, machinery and materials to execute the garden maintenance activities. No electricity shall be provided by the department for the use of machineries. **Petrol machinery recommended for this purpose.**

The department shall provide water taps for irrigation purposes. A contractor must supply hosepipe as well as fittings. Note that this office does not have an electronic or any installed irrigation system. Manual irrigation shall be used by the contractor

In **addition** to all the work to be carried out on site as per below specifications, a contractor shall ensure that **SIX (6) grounds men** are appointed and be on site on a **daily basis** for the duration of the contract. Any special site instructions by site manager relating to any aspect of garden service shall be carried out by the grounds-man on site.

SCOPE OF WORK TO BE DONE:

1) MAINTENANCE OF SHRUBS, TREES PERENNIAL BEDDING PLANTS AND OTHER LANDSCAPING PLANTS

1.1 MAINTENANCE OF BEDS AND THE MECHANICAL CONTROL OF WEEDS

All beds with plants and empty beds must be weeds free. Only mechanical control methods will be suitable control practice to eradicate weeds between bedding plants, trees, shrubs and other plants. The soil must be loosened to ensure better aeration and infiltration. Empty beds shall be kept clean as well. All the papers, tins, plastics and other waste in the garden shall be kept under control on an ongoing basis.

All the plants are to be kept in a neat and tidy condition at all times. No herbicides shall be applied as a means of controlling weeds in between plants.

1.2 PRUNING OF PLANTS

All pruning shall be done according to the seasons and plant species (more especially during the growing season). Healthy plants are not to be cut, only on the instructions and in agreement with the Site Manager. All equipment to be used has to be free of pathogens. All the overgrown bushes of vegetation shall be pruned. This includes shrubs, perennial bedding plants and all overgrown plants. All the cut branches shall be removed for site after each operation. Any broken or dead branches of any type of plant shall be cut and removed from site as soon it is noticed. Sharp secateurs or pruning knife shall be used.

Contractor shall liaise with a site Manager before pruning.

1.2.1 Pruning of perennial bedding plants and shrubs

Bushes of perennial bedding plants and shrubs with vigorous growth shall be pruned to maintain good shape. This shall be carried out **every four months, more especially during the growing season.**

1.2.2 Pruning of trees

All the trees in the garden shall be maintained and the contractor shall keep trees to be in good quality. The following shall constitute good quality tree:

- Trees shall have main single stem growing from the soil
- Depending on the size of the tree, the first 25-40% of the tree size shall be free of lateral branches growing.
- No multi branches arising from the soil shall be accepted, this shall be pruned as soon as they emerge.

All the trees in the premises shall be pruned as well.

2. IRRIGATION

2.1 Bedding plants and shrubs

All plants are to be irrigated thoroughly at least **three times a week**. No under or over watered beds will be accepted. In the event of heavy rainfall it will not be a necessity to water the plants since this may result in over watering and finally create problems like fungus diseases.

2.2 Trees

All trees shall be irrigated thoroughly two-three times weekly at regular intervals. 15-20 liters water shall be used.

3. PEST CONTROL ON PLANTS AND LAWN

Insect pest shall be controlled on plants as soon as they are noticed. Contractor shall be responsible to inspect all the plants regularly for any signs of problem pest.

Should a contractor notice any type of pest in the plants or Lawn, he/she shall communicate with the site Manager and therefore agreement shall be made to control pests and suitable method of pest control shall be agreed on.

Chemical control of pest shall only be carried out by the contractor with a wide range of experience in the use of pesticides. Should the site Manager not approve the use of pesticide by the contractor, then the contractor shall appoint a registered pest control officer to do pest control. A contractor shall be responsible to pay a pest control contractor.

4. TRANSPLANTING OF BEDDING PLANTS

Variety of bedding plants shall be transplanted during the contract period. Plants shall be transplanted from overgrown beds to fill other empty beds or beds with minor plants. Some plants will require to be dugged out, divided and planted to other beds. This shall only be done with the instruction of Project Manager. Total price of the tender shall include this. The total m² of plants to be transplanted shall not be above 100m²

5. MAINTENANCE AROUND TREES

Dam wall shall be maintained around the trees. The height of dam wall shall be between 6-15cm high with a diameter of 500-800mm radius. All the grass around the edges of the dam wall shall be trimmed. Mulching material shall be added if not sufficient around the trees to keep moisture. Mulching material shall be between 10-30mm thick. Weed free materials shall be added.

6. THE MAINTENANCE OF LAWNS AND GRASS

6.1 THE MOWING OF LAWNS

All stones, paper and foreign objects shall be removed from the lawns before the start of the mowing operation. Lawn shall be kept short and shall be cut regularly, Grass clippings shall be removed from mowed surface and be dumped to dumping site. Rubbish bin on site shall not be used to dump garden refuse generated.

Lawn shall be cut to maximum height of 20mm. The blades shall be sharp enough to ensure professional cut. Ridges, uneven surfaces, lines on lawn, left clippings of lawns shall not be accepted on turf lawn.

6.2 Mowing frequency

Three times monthly between September-March and twice monthly between April-August. A generally acceptable norm for the length of lawn is 20 – 30 mm. The lawn shall be cut with a lawn-mower equipped with a rotary cutter and grass box. Care shall be taken that the blades of the machine are kept sharp to ensure a professional cut.

6.3 Areas regarded as lawn

Lawn inside the building

Lawn on the right side of the pathway to the main entrance

Lawn around the parking area with a width of between 4-6 metre

6.4 Time frame for lawn mowing

The lawn shall be cut at regular intervals. Lawn shall be cut and removed **within three days** after beginning of the operation as per the programme of cutting. During this time all the lawn, edges, shall be neat and this shall be regarded as one cut. This item is also applicable for the maintenance (cutting) of grass.

6.5 TRIMMING OF LAWN EDGES

Trimming of lawn shall be done at the same time with cutting of lawn. The equipment used to trim the lawn edges shall be limited to equipment ensuring even, neat, vertical edges. A line shall be used for the edging of all straight sections. Lawn edges shall be neatly trimmed every time lawns are mowed and shall have a neat appearance at all times

Contractors are to ensure that the spaces alongside existing beds, sidewalks or roads, are not widened accidentally. The mowed grassed area shall be maintained to the satisfaction of the site Manager.

6.6 IRRIGATION OF LAWNS

To ensure a good, healthy lawn, irrigation shall be done two times weekly at regular intervals, in addition to natural rainfall. Care shall be taken that the moisture content of the soil is such that the lawns remain above wilting point. Garden hoses shall be used for irrigation. No watering will be necessary especially after heavy rain.

6.7 REFILLING OF DEAD PATCHES OF LAWN

Should there be any patches of lawn in the garden, such patch shall be filled with the same type and quality of lawn. Lawn seeds or stolon's to fill the spot shall be accepted as means to fill the patches.

6.8 BROAD LEAF WEEDS CONTROL IN TURF LAWN

A selective herbicide shall be used to control dicotyledonous (broad leaved) weeds. A combination of mechanical and chemical control methods will achieve good results. The combination practice of weeds control shall be done **once every month. All the herbicides to be used shall comply with the requirements of Act 36 of 1947 and shall be registered in terms of this Act**

6.9 MAINTENANCE OF GRASS IN AND OUT SIDE OF THE BUILDING

Grass shall be cut and the grass clippings shall be removed. Grass shall be cut to maximum height of 50mm. Sharp blades shall be used at all times to cut the grass. Lines of thick grass clippings shall be removed from site for fire safety reasons. Grass shall be cut **once monthly between May – October and every three weeks between November – April.** Regular cutting intervals shall be maintained.

6.10 Areas regarded as grass.

All the grass other than the lawn indicated in item 2.1.2. The grass outside of the main fence along the road shall be maintained as well and treated as grass. All the foreign objects e. g litter shall be cleaned at the same time during grass cutting and regularly.

6.11 Maintenance of grass growing in between the fence.

The grass growing along the main fence shall be treated with herbicide. Care shall be taken that this activity is not carried out regularly since the risk of soil erosion might be high if the grass is entirely removed. Grass shall be allowed to grow at some time but not too high above 200mm. Trimming shall be done during grass cutting as other means to control overgrown vegetation along the fence.

7. MAINTENANCE OF HARD SURFACES AND OPEN SPACE

7.1 GENERAL

Hard surface shall be cleaned (swept). All the leaves, branches of vegetation, grass clippings and debris on the surface shall be raked/ swept and removed. Weeds on the surface shall be controlled by either chemical or mechanical methods.

The use of herbicide to achieve the required results shall only be approved by the Project Manager. For a contractor to use herbicides, they shall be interviewed and must show that they have experience and large scale exposure in the use of herbicides. Should a Project Manager be of the opinion that a contractor is not allowed to use herbicides and

disapprove the use of herbicides, then mechanical control practice shall be applied or a contractor will have to appoint a specialist to render the service. All the payments shall be borne by the contractor.

All the drainage channels shall be kept clean. A contractor shall ensure that the grass clippings, debris, branches, litter are removed from the drainage channels on weekly basis.

8. RUBBISH REMOVAL FROM THE SITE AND TRANSPORT

8.1 REFUSE REMOVAL

Contractor shall remove all refuse generated from cleaning the garden.
No dumping shall be allowed on site.

All fees for the dumping of the refuse at the Municipal dumping grounds shall be included in the quoted price (the km from the office to the dumping must be taken in to consideration during the quote).

9. BUSHCLEARANCE ON UNDEVELOPED AREA

Bush clearance must be done on a small portion of yard of about **920m²** once a month (in and out side the yard). **N.B Burning of the rubbish within the premises is prohibited.** All the rubbish must be collected and refused to the dumping side.

10. SCHEDULE OF QUANTITIES AND PRICES

SCHEDULES (Bill of quantities)

INTRODUCTION

All items must be priced

A tariff must be inserted next to every item. Un-priced items will be taken as though the price has been worked in with another item. Tariffs to include all costs to adhere to the specifications.

Payments are calculated and paid according to quoted price.

Tariffs that are filled in, in this document, must be the tariffs per contract specifications. In cases where an action is only carried out once a month or week, the contractor must calculate the service into a monthly amount. For services that are carried out every three months or so, a contractor must also give monthly rate since the payment will be monthly.

11. REMUNERATION

Wages in compliance with labour legislation

Tenders must be registered with the unemployment Insurance Fund and the Compensation Fund. Tenderers must also comply with any applicable wage order/determination or agreement, in terms of the Labour Relations Act or Wage Act. Due to unavailability of gardening wages in the department of Labour, the tenders must comply with the Sectoral determination under contract cleaning sector as prescribed by the bargaining council of South Africa. i.e.(the minimum hourly rates for contract cleaning employees)

1.1 GARDENING MATERIAL TO BE PURCHASED MONTHLY

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL P/M
1.1.1	FERTILIZERS (PREFERABLY; 2:3:2, KAN/LAN, ETC)	20KG X 1	R _____ P/KG	R _____
1.1.2	HERBICIDES (ROUNDUP) WEEDS KILLER FOR PAVEMENT AREA ONLY.	5L X 1	R _____ P/L	R _____
1.1.3	FUEL/PETROL (FOR LAWN MOWING INCLUDING BUSH CLEARANCE/CUTTING)	20L X 1	R _____ P/L	R _____
1.1.4	REFUSE BAGS	20 X 5 PACK	R _____ P/PACK	R _____
1.1.5	LEAF RAKES	X 6	R _____	R _____
TOTAL				R _____

1.2 GARDENING EQUIPMETS TO BE PURCHASED ONCE OFF

	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL (once off)
1.2.1	Industrial Lawnmower	X 1	R _____	R _____
1.2.2	Industrial Brush cutter	X 1	R _____	R _____
1.2.3	Hedge trimmer	X 1	R _____	R _____
1.2.4	Wheel burrow	X 1	R _____	R _____
1.2.5	Hosepipes with sprinklers	X 2	R _____	R _____
1.2.6	Digging forks	X 5	R _____	R _____
1.2.7	Spades	X 5	R _____	R _____
1.2.8	Pruning shears	X 5	R _____	R _____
TOTAL				R _____

DESCRIPTION	HOURLY RATE	8HRS	RATE P/MONTH X 23 DAYS
9.2.1 Basic Salary P/Gardener	R _____	R _____	R _____
+ Benefits			
Provident Fund = 5.25%			R _____
Coida (1.6%)			R _____
UIF = 1%			R _____
Leave, sick & family responsibility (3.88%)			R _____
TOTAL SALARY PER GARDENER			R _____
TOTAL SALARY FOR (4) GARDENERS			R _____
9.2.2 BASIC SALARY P/SUPERVISOR	R _____	R _____	R _____
+ Benefits			
Provident Fund = 5.25%			R _____
Coida (1.6%)			R _____
UIF = 1%			R _____
Leave, sick & family responsibility (3.88%)			R _____
TOTAL PER (1) SUPERVISOR			R _____
TOTAL SALARY FOR (5) GARDENERS INCLUDING SUPERVISOR, P/M			R _____

SAFETY CLOTHES / PPE'S TO BE PURCHASED ONCE OFF

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Safety pants and jackets	X 12 pairs	R _____	R _____
Safety shoes	X 12	R _____	R _____
Ear muffles	X 5	R _____	R _____
Safety goggles	X 5	R _____	R _____
Safety gloves	X 12 PAIRS	R _____	R _____
Safety helmet	X 6	R _____	R _____
Water boots	X 5 pairs	R _____	R _____
Safety legging for brush cutter operator	2 pairs	R _____	R _____
Safety gloves for brush cutter operator	2 pairs	R _____	R _____
Rain coat suits	X 6 pairs	R _____	R _____
TOTAL			R _____

12. SUMMARY

This summary shall be submitted together with quotation document and the total bid amount for 12 months including vat must be transferred to the form of offer (PA-32) on the tender document.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PER MONTH	PER 12 MONTHS
14.1	DISPOSABLE ITEMS	R _____	R _____
14.2	GARDENING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	ONCE-OFF	R _____
14.3	SAFETY CLOTHING/PPE'S TO BE PURCHASED ONCE OFF	ONCE OFF	R _____
14.4	LABOUR (6 GARDENERS INCL SUPERVISOR)	R _____	R _____
14.5	OVERHEADS (INCLUDING PROFIT, ADMIN & TRANSPORT)	R _____	R _____
	SUB TOTAL	R _____	R _____
	15% VAT	R _____	R _____
	TOTAL	R _____	R _____

16.1.1.4 Herbicide applicator

8L to 10L backpack sprayers

Measuring jug

Gloves: Rubber gloves for herbicides applicators

Overall pants and jacket for use when spraying only

Respirator mask

Suitable goggles

Soap

Safety signs

16.2 MACHINERY

Contractor shall ensure that all the garden machinery are in good working order and shall be responsible to maintain them for the duration of the contract period.

‘End of specifications‘

DPW-07 (EC): FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

Project title:	RENDERING OF 12 MONTHS GARDENING SERVICES/ MAINTENANCE AT LEPHALALE MAGISTRATE OFFICE.		
Tender no:	<i>PLKQ23/61</i>	Reference no:	<i>PLKQ23/61</i>

OFFER

The Employer, identified in the acceptance signature block, has solicited offers to enter into a contract for the procurement of:

RENDERING OF 12 MONTHS GARDENING SERVICES/ MAINTENANCE AT LEPHALALE MAGISTRATE OFFICE.

The Tenderer, identified in the offer signature block, has examined the documents listed in the tender data and addenda thereto as listed in the returnable schedules, and by submitting this offer has accepted the conditions of tender.

By the representative of the Tenderer, deemed to be duly authorized, signing this part of this form of offer and acceptance, the Tenderer offers to perform all of the obligations and liabilities of the Contractor under the contract including compliance with all its terms and conditions according to their true intent and meaning for an amount to be determined in accordance with the conditions of contract identified in the contract data.

THE TOTAL OFFER INCLUSIVE OF ALL APPLICABLE TAXES (All applicable taxes" includes value- added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies) IS:

Rand (in words):	
Rand in figures:	R

The award of the tender may be subjected to further price negotiation with the preferred tenderer(s). The negotiated and agreed price will be considered for acceptance as **a firm and final offer**.

This offer may be accepted by the Employer by signing the acceptance part of this form of offer and acceptance and returning one copy of this document to the Tenderer before the end of the period of validity stated in the tender data, whereupon the Tenderer becomes the party named as the Contractor in the conditions of contract identified in the contract data.

THIS OFFER IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING LEGAL ENTITY: (cross out block which is not applicable)

Company or Close Corporation: And: Whose Registration Number is: And: Whose Income Tax Reference Number is: CSD supplier number:.....	OR	Natural Person or Partnership: Whose Identity Number(s) is/are: Whose Income Tax Reference Number is/are: CSD supplier number:.....
--	-----------	--

AND WHO IS (if applicable):

Trading under the name and style of:

*Any reference to words "Bid" or "Bidder" herein and/or in any other documentation shall be construed to have the same meaning as the words "Tender" or "Tenderer".

**Any reference to the words "payment reduction" herein shall be construed to have the same meaning as the word "retention"
For Internal & External Use

PLKQ23/61

Represented herein, and who is duly authorised to do so, by: Mr/Mrs/Ms: In his/her capacity as:	Note: A Resolution / Power of Attorney, signed by all the Directors / Members / Partners of the Legal Entity must accompany this Offer, authorising the Representative to make this offer.
---	---

SIGNED FOR THE TENDERER:

Name of representative	Signature	Date

WITNESSED BY:

Name of witness	Signature	Date

This Offer is in respect of: (Please indicate with an "X" in the appropriate block)

- The official documents
- The official alternative
- Own alternative (only if documentation makes provision therefore)

(N.B.: Separate Offer and Acceptance forms are to be completed for the main and for each alternative offer)

SECURITY OFFERED:

- (a) the Tenderer accepts that in respect of contracts up to R1 million, a payment reduction** of 5% of the contact value (excluding VAT) will be applicable and will be deducted by the Employer in terms of the applicable conditions of contract
- (b) in respect of contracts above R1 million, the Tenderer offers to provide security as indicated below:
- (1) cash deposit of 10 % of the Contract Sum (excluding VAT) Yes No
 - (2) variable construction guarantee of 10 % of the Contract Sum (excluding VAT) Yes No
 - (3) payment reduction of 10% of the value certified in the payment certificate (excluding VAT) Yes No
 - (4) cash deposit of 5% of the Contract Sum (excluding VAT) and a payment reduction of 5% of the value certified in the payment certificate (excluding VAT) Yes No
 - (5) fixed construction guarantee of 5% of the Contract Sum (excluding VAT) and a payment reduction of 5% of the value certified in the payment certificate (excluding VAT) Yes No

NB. Guarantees submitted must be issued by either an insurance company duly registered in terms of the Insurance Act [Long-Term Insurance Act, 1998 (Act 52 of 1998) or Short-Term Insurance Act, 1998 (Act 35 of 1998)] or by a bank duly registered in terms of the Banks Act, 1990 (Act 94 of 1990) on the pro-forma referred to above. No alterations or amendments of the wording of the pro-forma will be accepted.

The Tenderer elects as its *domicilium citandi et executandi* in the Republic of South Africa, where any and all legal notices may be served, as (physical address):

.....

*Any reference to words "Bid" or "Bidder" herein and/or in any other documentation shall be construed to have the same meaning as the words "Tender" or "Tenderer".

**Any reference to the words "payment reduction" herein shall be construed to have the same meaning as the word "retention"

Tender no: PLKQ23/61

Other Contact Details of the Tenderer are:

Telephone No..... Cellular Phone No.....

Fax No

Postal address

Banker Branch.....

Registration No of Tenderer at Department of Labour

CIDB Registration Number:

ACCEPTANCE

By signing this part of this form of offer and acceptance, the Employer identified below accepts the Tenderer's offer. In consideration thereof, the Employer shall pay the Contractor the amount due in accordance with the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. Acceptance of the Tenderer's offer shall form an agreement between the Employer and the Tenderer upon the terms and conditions contained in this agreement and in the contract that is the subject of this agreement.

The terms of the contract are contained in:

- Part C1 Agreement and contract data, (which includes this agreement)
- Part C2 Pricing data
- Part C3 Scope of work
- Part C4 Site information and drawings and documents or parts thereof, which may be incorporated by reference into the above listed Parts.

Deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the tender data and any addenda thereto as listed in the tender schedules as well as any changes to the terms of the offer agreed by the Tenderer and the Employer during this process of offer and acceptance, are contained in the schedule of deviations attached to and forming part of this agreement. No amendments to or deviations from said documents are valid unless contained in this schedule.

The Tenderer shall within two weeks after receiving a completed copy of this agreement, including the schedule of deviations (if any), contact the Employer's agent (whose details are given in the contract data) to arrange the delivery of any securities, bonds, guarantees, proof of insurance and any other documentation to be provided in terms of the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. Failure to fulfil any of these obligations in accordance with those terms shall constitute a repudiation of this agreement.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this agreement comes into effect on the date when the tenderer receives one fully completed original copy of this document, including the schedule of deviations (if any). Unless the tenderer (now contractor) within five (5) working days of the date of such receipt notifies the employer in writing of any reason why he/she cannot accept the contents of this agreement, this agreement shall constitute a binding contract between the parties.

For the Employer:

Name of signatory	Signature	Date

Name of Organisation:	Department of Public Works and Infrastructure
Address of Organisation:	

WITNESSED BY:

Name of witness	Signature	Date

*Any reference to words "Bid" or "Bidder" herein and/or in any other documentation shall be construed to have the same meaning as the words "Tender" or "Tenderer".

**Any reference to the words "payment reduction" herein shall be construed to have the same meaning as the word "retention"

Tender no: **PLKQ23/61**

Schedule of Deviations

1.1.1. Subject:
Detail:
1.1.2. Subject:
Detail:

By the duly authorised representatives signing this agreement, the Employer and the Tenderer agree to and accept the foregoing schedule of deviations as the only deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the tender data and addenda thereto as listed in the tender schedules, as well as any confirmation, clarification or changes to the terms of the offer agreed by the Tenderer and the Employer during this process of offer and acceptance.

It is expressly agreed that no other matter whether in writing, oral communication or implied during the period between the issue of the tender documents and the receipt by the Tenderer of a completed signed copy of this Agreement shall have any meaning or effect in the contract between the parties arising from this agreement.

Notes:

- 1. The extent of deviations from the tender documents issued by the employer before the tender closing date is limited to those permitted in terms of the conditions of tender.*
- 2. A tenderer's covering letter shall not be included in the final contract document. Should any matter in such letter, which constitutes a deviation as aforesaid, become the subject of agreements reached during the process of offer and acceptance, the outcome of such agreement shall be recorded here.*
- 3. Any other matter arising from the process of offer and acceptance either as a confirmation, clarification or change to the tender documents and which it is agreed by the Parties becomes an obligation of the contract shall also be recorded here.*
- 4. Any change or addition to the tender documents arising from the above agreements and recorded here, shall also be incorporated into the final draft of the Contract. **(Note: This note must be deleted by the Project Manager/ Consultant(s) when compiling the tender document)***

*Any reference to words "Bid" or "Bidder" herein and/or in any other documentation shall be construed to have the same meaning as the words "Tender" or "Tenderer".

**Any reference to the words "payment reduction" herein shall be construed to have the same meaning as the word "retention"
For Internal & External Use

PA-11: BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder's declaration

- 2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest (1) in the enterprise, employed by the state?

YES / NO

- 2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

(1) the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.



2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution?

YES / NO

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....
.....

2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES / NO

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....
.....

3 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name).....
in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder

² 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.



was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

- 3.7 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.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of bidder



This form has been aligned with SBD4

PA-15.1: RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION of a meeting of the Board of *Directors / Members / Partners of:

_____ (legally correct full name and registration number, if applicable, of the Enterprise)

Held at _____ (place)

on _____ (date)

RESOLVED that:

1. The Enterprise submits a Bid / Tender to the Department of Public Works in respect of the following project:

_____ (project description as per Bid / Tender Document)

Bid / Tender Number: _____ (Bid / Tender Number as per Bid / Tender Document)

2. *Mr/Mrs/Ms: _____

in *his/her Capacity as: _____ (Position in the Enterprise)

and who will sign as follows: _____

be, and is hereby, authorised to sign the Bid / Tender, and any and all other documents and/or correspondence in connection with and relating to the Bid / Tender, as well as to sign any Contract, and any and all documentation, resulting from the award of the Bid / Tender to the Enterprise mentioned above.

	Name	Capacity	Signature
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			

15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			

The bidding enterprise hereby absolves the Department of Public Works from any liability whatsoever that may arise as a result of this document being signed.

Note:

1. * Delete which is not applicable.
2. **NB:** This resolution must, where possible, be signed by all the Directors / Members / Partners of the Bidding Enterprise.
3. In the event that paragraph 2 cannot be complied with, the resolution must be signed by Directors / Members / Partners holding a majority of the shares / ownership of the Bidding Enterprise (attach proof of shareholding / ownership hereto).
4. Directors / Members / Partners of the Bidding Enterprise may alternatively appoint a person to sign this document on behalf of the Bidding Enterprise, which person must be so authorized by way of a duly completed power of attorney, signed by the Directors / Members / Partners holding a majority of the shares / ownership of the Bidding Enterprise (proof of shareholding / ownership and power of attorney are to be attached hereto).
5. Should the number of Directors / Members / Partners exceed the space available above, additional names and signatures must be supplied on a separate page.

ENTERPRISE STAMP



PA-15.2: RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ENTER INTO CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES

RESOLUTION of a meeting of the Board of *Directors / Members / Partners of:

(Legally correct full name and registration number, if applicable, of the Enterprise)

Held at _____ *(place)*

on _____ *(date)*

RESOLVED that:

- The Enterprise submits a Bid /Tender, in consortium/Joint Venture with the following Enterprises:

(List all the legally correct full names and registration numbers, if applicable, of the Enterprises forming the Consortium/Joint Venture)

to the Department of Public Works in respect of the following project:

(Project description as per Bid /Tender Document)

Bid / Tender Number: _____ *(Bid / Tender Number as per Bid / Tender Document)*

- *Mr/Mrs/Ms: _____

in *his/her Capacity as: _____ *(Position in the Enterprise)*

and who will sign as follows: _____

be, and is hereby, authorised to sign a consortium/joint venture agreement with the parties listed under item 1 above, and any and all other documents and/or correspondence in connection with and relating to the consortium/joint venture, in respect of the project described under item 1 above.

- The Enterprise accepts joint and several liability with the parties listed under item 1 above for the due fulfilment of the obligations of the joint venture deriving from, and in any way connected with, the Contract to be entered into with the Department in respect of the project described under item 1 above.
- The Enterprise chooses as its *domicilium citandi et executandi* for all purposes arising from this joint venture agreement and the Contract with the Department in respect of the project under item 1 above:

Physical address: _____

_____ (code)



Postal Address: _____

 _____ (code)

Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____

	Name	Capacity	Signature
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			

The bidding enterprise hereby absolves the Department of Public Works from any liability whatsoever that may arise as a result of this document being signed

Note:

- * Delete which is not applicable.
- NB:** This resolution must, where possible, be signed by all the Directors / Members / Partners of the Bidding Enterprise.
- In the event that paragraph 2 cannot be complied with, the resolution must be signed by Directors / Members / Partners holding a majority of the shares / ownership of the Bidding Enterprise (attach proof of shareholding / ownership hereto).
- Directors / Members / Partners of the Bidding Enterprise may alternatively appoint a person to sign this document on behalf of the Bidding Enterprise, which person must be so authorized by way of a duly completed power of attorney, signed by the Directors / Members / Partners holding a majority of the shares / ownership of the Bidding Enterprise (proof of shareholding / ownership and power of attorney are to be attached hereto).
- Should the number of Directors / Members / Partners exceed the space available above, additional names and signatures must be supplied on a separate page.

ENTERPRISE STAMP



PA-15.3: SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF CONSORTIA OR JOINT VENTURES

RESOLUTION of a meeting of the duly authorised representatives of the following legal entities who have entered into a consortium/joint venture to jointly bid for the project mentioned below: *(legally correct full names and registration numbers, if applicable, of the Enterprises forming a Consortium/Joint Venture)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Held at _____ *(place)*

on _____ *(date)*

RESOLVED that:

RESOLVED that:

- A. The above-mentioned Enterprises submit a Bid in Consortium/Joint Venture to the Department of Public Works in respect of the following project:

(Project description as per Bid /Tender Document)

Bid / Tender Number: _____ *(Bid / Tender Number as per Bid /Tender Document)*



B. *Mr/Mrs/Ms: _____

in *his/her Capacity as: _____ (Position in the Enterprise)

and who will sign as follows: _____

be, and is hereby, authorised to sign the Bid, and any and all other documents and/or correspondence in connection with and relating to the Bid, as well as to sign any Contract, and any and all documentation, resulting from the award of the Bid to the Enterprises in Consortium/Joint Venture mentioned above.

C. The Enterprises constituting the Consortium/Joint Venture, notwithstanding its composition, shall conduct all business under the name and style of:

D. The Enterprises to the Consortium/Joint Venture accept joint and several liability for the due fulfilment of the obligations of the Consortium/Joint Venture deriving from, and in any way connected with, the Contract entered into with the Department in respect of the project described under item A above.

E. Any of the Enterprises to the Consortium/Joint Venture intending to terminate the consortium/joint venture agreement, for whatever reason, shall give the Department 30 days written notice of such intention. Notwithstanding such decision to terminate, the Enterprises shall remain jointly and severally liable to the Department for the due fulfilment of the obligations of the Consortium/Joint Venture as mentioned under item D above.

F. No Enterprise to the Consortium/Joint Venture shall, without the prior written consent of the other Enterprises to the Consortium/Joint Venture and of the Department, cede any of its rights or assign any of its obligations under the consortium/joint venture agreement in relation to the Contract with the Department referred to herein.

G. The Enterprises choose as the *domicilium citandi et executandi* of the Consortium/Joint Venture for all purposes arising from the consortium/joint venture agreement and the Contract with the Department in respect of the project under item A above:

Physical address: _____

_____ (code)

Postal Address: _____

_____ (code)

Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____



	Name	Capacity	Signature
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			

The bidding enterprise hereby absolves the Department of Public Works from any liability whatsoever that may arise as a result of this document being signed.

Note:

1. * Delete which is not applicable.
2. **NB:** This resolution must be signed by all the Duly Authorised Representatives of the Legal Entities to the consortium/joint venture submitting this tender, as named in item 2 of Resolution PA-15.2.
3. Should the number of the Duly Authorised Representatives of the Legal Entities joining forces in this tender exceed the space available above, additional names, capacity and signatures must be supplied on a separate page.
4. Resolution PA-15.2, duly completed and signed, from the separate Enterprises who participate in this consortium/joint venture, must be attached to this Special Resolution (PA-15.3).

PA- 29: CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

Project title:	RENDERING OF 12 MONTHS GARDENING SERVICES/ MAINTENANCE AT LEPHALALE MAGISTRATE OFFICE.		
Bid no:	PLKQ23/61	Reference no:	PLKQ23/61

INTRODUCTION

1. This PA-29 [Certificate of Independent Bid Determination] 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 *per se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
3. Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
4. This form (PA-29) 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 (PA-29) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

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



CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

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

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

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



6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.

7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.

8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

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.

Name of Bidder	Signature	Date	Position

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.

PA- 40: DECLARATION OF DESIGNATED GROUPS FOR PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT

Name of Tenderer EME¹ QSE² Non EME/QSE (tick applicable box)

1. LIST ALL PROPRIETORS, MEMBERS OR SHAREHOLDERS BY NAME, IDENTITY NUMBER, CITIZENSHIP AND DESIGNATED GROUPS.

Name and Surname #	Identity/ Passport number and Citizenship##	Percentage owned	Black	Indicate if youth	Indicate if woman	Indicate if person with disability	Indicate if living in rural / under developed area/township	Indicate if military veteran
1.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
11.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12.		%	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Where Owners are themselves a Company, Close Corporation, Partnership etc, identify the ownership of the Holding Company, together with Registration number
State date of South African citizenship obtained (not applicable to persons born in South Africa)

¹ EME: Exempted Micro Enterprise

² QSE: Qualifying Small Business Enterprise



2. DECLARATION:

The undersigned, who warrants that he/she is duly authorized to do so on behalf of the Tenderer, hereby confirms that:

- 1 The information and particulars contained in this Affidavit are true and correct in all respects;
- 2 The Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act 53 of 2003), Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act 5 of 2000), the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, National Small Business Act 102 of 1996 as amended and all documents pertaining to this Tender were studied and understood and that the above form was completed according to the definitions and information contained in said documents;
- 3 The Tenderer understands that any intentional misrepresentation or fraudulent information provided herein shall disqualify the Tenderer's offer herein, as well as any other tender offer(s) of the Tenderer simultaneously being evaluated, or will entitle the Employer to cancel any Contract resulting from the Tenderer's offer herein;
- 4 The Tenderer accepts that the Employer may exercise any other remedy it may have in law and in the Contract, including a claim for damages for having to accept a less favourable tender as a result of any such disqualification due to misrepresentation or fraudulent information provided herein;
- 5 Any further documentary proof required by the Employer regarding the information provided herein, will be submitted to the Employer within the time period as may be set by the latter;

Signed by the Tenderer

Name of representative	Signature
	Date

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



public works
& infrastructure
Department:
Public Works and Infrastructure
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PA-16: 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 Preference Points System to be applied

(Tick whichever is applicable).

The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** preference point system.

The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **90/10** preference point system.

Either the **90/10** or **80/20** preference point system will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/ highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

1.3 Points for this tender shall be awarded for:

1.3.1 Price; and

1.3.2 Specific Goals

1.4 The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

CHOOSE APPLICABLE PREFERENCE POINT SCORING SYSTEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 80/20	<input type="checkbox"/> 90/10
PRICE		
SPECIFIC GOALS		
Total points for Price and Specific Goals	100	

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

1.5 Breakdown Allocation of Specific Goals Points

1.5.1 **For Procurement transactions with rand value greater than R2 000.00 and up to R1 Million (Inclusive of all applicable taxes), the specific goals as listed in table 1 below are applicable.**

All Acquisitions

Table 1

Serial No	Specific Goals	Preference Points allocated out of 20	Documentation to be submitted by bidders to validate their claim for points
1.	An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by black people	10	ID Copy Or SANAS Accredited BBBEE Certificate or sworn affidavit where applicable Or CSD Report Or CIPC (company registration)
2.	Located in a specific Local Municipality or District Municipality or Metro or Province area for work to be done or services to be rendered in that area	2	Office Municipal Rates Statement Or Permission To Occupy from local chief in case of rural areas (PTO) Or Lease Agreement
3.	An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by women	4	ID Copy Or CSD Report Or CIPC (company registration)

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

Serial No	Specific Goals	Preference Points allocated out of 20	Documentation to be submitted by bidders to validate their claim for points
4.	An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by people with disability	2	Medical Certificate Or South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) registration Or National Council for Persons with Physical Disability in South Africa registration (NCPDPSA)
5.	An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by youth .	2	ID Copy Or CSD Report Or CIPC (company registration)

1.5.2 **For procurement transactions with rand value greater than R1 Million and up to R50 Million (Inclusive of all applicable taxes) the specific goals as listed in table 2 below are applicable:**

All Acquisitions

Table 2

Serial No	Specific Goals	Preference Points allocated out of 20	Documentation to be submitted by bidders to validate their claim for points
1.	An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI)	10	ID Copy Or SANAS Accredited BBBEE Certificate or sworn affidavit where applicable Or CSD Report

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

Serial No	Specific Goals	Preference Points allocated out of 20	Documentation to be submitted by bidders to validate their claim for points
			Or CIPC (company registration)
2.	Located in a specific Local Municipality or District Municipality or Metro or Province area for work to be done or services to be rendered in that area	2	Office Municipal Rates Statement Or Permission To Occupy from local chief in case of rural areas (PTO) Or Lease Agreement
3.	An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by women	4	ID Copy Or CSD Report Or CIPC (company registration)
4.	An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by people with disability	2	Medical Certificate Or South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) registration Or National Council for Persons with Physical Disability in South Africa registration (NCPDPSA)
5.	An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by youth .	2	ID Copy Or CSD Report Or CIPC (company registration)

1.5.3 For procurement transactions with rand value greater than R50 Million (Inclusive of all applicable taxes) the specific goals as listed in table 3 below

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

are applicable

All Acquisitions

Table 3

Serial No	Specific Goals	Preference Points allocated out of 10	Documentation to be submitted by bidders to validate their claim for points
1.	An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI)	4	ID Copy Or SANAS Accredited BBEE Certificate or sworn affidavit where applicable Or CSD Report Or CIPC (company registration)
2.	Located in a specific Local Municipality or District Municipality or Metro or Province area for work to be done or services to be rendered in that area	2	Office Municipal Rates Statement Or Permission To Occupy from local chief in case of rural areas (PTO) Or Lease Agreement
3.	An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by women	2	ID Copy Or CSD Report Or CIPC (company registration)
4. <input type="checkbox"/>	An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by people with disability	2	Medical Certificate Or South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) registration Or

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

Serial No	Specific Goals	Preference Points allocated out of 10	Documentation to be submitted by bidders to validate their claim for points
5. <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>OR</p> <p>An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by youth.</p> <p>(only one specific goal is applicable between specific goal number 4 and specific goal number 5 under 90/10 Preference Point System)</p>		<p>National Council for Persons with Physical Disability in South Africa registration (NCPDPSA)</p> <p>ID Copy</p> <p>Or</p> <p>CSD Report</p> <p>Or</p> <p>CIPC (company registration)</p>

1.6 Failure on the part of the tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals, if the service provider/ tenderer did not submit proof or documentation required to claim for specific goals will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

1.7 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a service provider/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:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)} \end{array}$$

Where

Ps = 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

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \mathbf{Ps = 80 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{Ps = 90 \left(1 + \frac{Pt - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} \end{array}$$

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 1,2 and 3 above 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—

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

- (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 (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
1. An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDI)	4	10		
2. Located in a specific Local Municipality or District Municipality or Metro or Province area for work to be done or services to be rendered in that area	2	2		
3. An EME or QSE or any entity which is at least 51% owned by women	2	4		

- 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:

PA-10: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC)

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.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

TABLE OF CLAUSES

1. **Definitions**
2. **Application**
3. **General**
4. **Standards**
5. **Use of contract documents and information; inspection**
6. **Patent rights**
7. **Performance security**
8. **Inspections, tests and analysis**
9. **Packing**
10. **Delivery and documents**
11. **Insurance**
12. **Transportation**
13. **Incidental services**
14. **Spare parts**
15. **Warranty**
16. **Payment**
17. **Prices**
18. **Contract amendments**
19. **Assignment**
20. **Subcontracts**
21. **Delays in the supplier's performance**
22. **Penalties**
23. **Termination for default**
24. **Dumping and countervailing duties**
25. **Force Majeure**
26. **Termination for insolvency**
27. **Settlement of disputes**
28. **Limitation of liability**
29. **Governing language**
30. **Applicable law**
31. **Notices**
32. **Taxes and duties**
33. **National Industrial Participation Programme (NIPP)**
34. **Prohibition of restrictive practices**

General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. 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 any thing 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

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

4. Standards

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

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 5.1. The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be

made in confidence and shall extend only 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.
- 7.3. The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
 - (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
 - (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 fulfilment 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 cancelling 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 of not exceeding 10 years.
- 23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide 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 on any person by the Accounting Officer/ Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer/ Authority, also be applicable to any 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 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 the 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 ten years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its 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 supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2. If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

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

27. Settlement of Disputes

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in Connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the 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 contract unless they Otherwise agree; and
 - (b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of Liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss 12 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

33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIPP)

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.

Name of Bidder	Signature	Date