

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF BID (SCB - 1 G&S)**

### **1 INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1 The word “Bidder” in these conditions shall mean and include any firm of Contractors, Services Providers or any company or body incorporated or unincorporated or any other legal entities.
- 1.2 The word “Department” in these conditions shall mean the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- 1.3 Any reference to words “Bid” or “bidder” herein and or any other documentation shall be construed to have the meaning as the words “Tender” or Tenderer”.

### **2 PRECEDENCE**

- 2.1. If any other condition (bid rule) in the bid document is in contradiction with the “Special Conditions of Bid” the “Special Conditions of Bid” will take preference.
- 2.2. The “Special Conditions of Bid” can only be amended by an official addendum before the closing date of the bid.

### **3 GENERAL BID RULES**

- 3.1. “Written” or “in writing” means hand-written in non-erasable ink or any form of electronic or digital writing and or a combination thereof.
- 3.2. The digital and or electronic completion and signing of documents is permitted.
- 3.3. A bidder participates in this bid process entirely at its own risk and cost.
- 3.4. The Department may accept or reject any bid offer or may cancel the bid process (or reject all bid offers at any time) prior to award, due to the following:
  - 3.4.1. due to changed circumstances, there is no longer a need for the goods or services specified in the invitation;
  - 3.4.2. funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure;
  - 3.4.3. no acceptable tender is received;
  - 3.4.4. there is a material irregularity in the tender process; or
  - 3.4.5. there is material change in the scope of works.
- 3.5. The Department shall not accept or incur any liability for such cancellation or rejection, but will give written reasons for such action upon receiving a written request to do so.
- 3.6. Completed bid documents in a sealed envelope, endorsed with the relevant bid number, bid description and the closing, must be deposited in the bid box as indicated in the bid document.
- 3.7. Bidders must ensure that bids submitted via courier services are deposited by the courier service in the Departmental Bid box, prior to the closing date and time. The Department will not accept responsibility for any bids, which are not timeously deposited in the Bid Box.
- 3.8. A Bid will be treated as a late bid, if it is not received in the bid box. The Department will not accept responsibility for any late depositing of bids or for the non-depositing of bids in the bid box, which are as a result from an act committed or omitted by an official. This is not limited to the following cases:
  - 3.8.1. A Bidder handed over its bid to a departmental official or to the security services personnel timeously, but they omits to deposit the bid in the bid box on or before the closing date and time.
  - 3.8.2. If a courier service delivers the bid to a departmental official or to the security services personnel timeously and it is not deposited in the bid box timeously.
  - 3.8.3. The bid documents were send through mail / Post Office and it is not timely collected and or timely deposited in the Departmental Bid Box.
- 3.9. Bids received after the closing date and time will not be accepted for consideration and where practical, be returned unopened to the Bidder(s).

- 3.10. Bidders who are not registered on the CSD, must register on the CSD within 7 working days, if requested to do so. No award letters or purchase orders or contracts will be signed, with a bidder not registered on the CSD.
- 3.11. The Department will download the following documents, to verify the information submitted by bidders:
  - 3.11.1. CSD registration certificate (if the bidder is registered in the CSD)
  - 3.11.2. CIPC registration
- 3.12. Bidders are not allowed to recruit or shall not attempt to recruit an employee of the Department for purposes of preparation of the bid or for the duration of the execution of this contract or any part thereof.

#### **4 AMBIGUITIES/ CONTRADICTIONS / OMISSIONS**

- 4.1. If a bidder becomes aware of any ambiguities or contradictions or omissions in the bid document or the specifications, drawings or descriptions or functionality or quality, or any part of the bid document, this should be clarified with the Department, at least five (5) working days before the closing time stated in the tender data.
- 4.2. If the Department found, after the closing date of the bid, that there is an ambiguity/ contradiction or omission in the bid document , the Department reserves the right to:
  - 4.2.1. If the ambiguity or contradiction or omission in the bid document is of an administrative nature, request bidders to correct any non-compliances caused by the ambiguity or contradiction or omission or
  - 4.2.2. If the ambiguity or contradiction or omission is immaterial, proceed to finalise the procurement process and notify the delegated authority in the submission of the ambiguity or contradiction or omission for the consideration of the approving authority or
  - 4.2.3. Cancel the bid and process

#### **5 PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR BIDS AFTER CLOSING DATE**

- 5.1 All Bids must remain valid from the closing date for a period as stipulated in the bid document.
- 5.2 The Department reserves the right to request for the validity extensions of bids, should it deemed necessary. The following conditions will apply when the Department request for a validity extension of a bid:
  - 5.2.1 The request for a validity extension will be done while the validity period of the bids are still valid.
  - 5.2.2 Bidders have the right to refuse the extension of the validity period of their bids.
  - 5.2.3 If a request for validity extensions are send to bidders while the validity period of the bids are still valid, non-replying to the request for validity extension before the expiry date will be deemed a tacit agreement to the extension of the validity period. The Department will communicate with the affected bidders to confirm such tacit agreement.
  - 5.2.4 Should the bidder not agree with the tacit agreement, the bidder shall be deemed to be non-responsive and not considered for further evaluation.
  - 5.2.5 If a bidder(s) refused a validity extension, it will be deemed that the bidder(s) had withdrawn their bids from the bidding process. The Department reserves the right to continue with its bid evaluation and adjudication of the remaining bids and finalise the process.

#### **6 BRAND NAMES**

- 6.1 Wherever a brand name is specified in this bid document (i.e. in the specifications, pricing schedule or bill of quantities or anywhere in this document), the department's requirement is not limited to the specified brand name, but requires an item similar/equivalent or better than specified.

## **7 CONTRACTUAL PRICE ADJUSTMENTS**

- 7.1 The Bid will not be subjected to any price escalation, unless specified otherwise in the bid documents.

## **8 AUTHORITY TO SIGN BID DOCUMENTS**

- 8.1 No authority to sign (PA 15.1: Resolution of Board of Directors) is required from an enterprise which has only one director or is a sole ownership.
- 8.2 In the case of a bid being submitted on behalf of a company, close corporation or partnership, evidence should be submitted with the bid at the closing time, that the Bid has been signed by a person properly authorised by resolution of the directors or under the articles of the entity. For that purpose, forms PA-15.1-15.3 (Resolution of Board of Directors) are included in the bid document for completion by the relevant Board(s) of Directors
- 8.3 The department further accepts that, in the absence of a PA 15.1: Resolution of Board of Directors, any director or any member of the enterprise may have the authority to bind the enterprise. Therefore the following will apply when only one director or one member of the enterprise signed the bid documents:
- 8.3.1 The signature of any one of the directors or any one of the members of the enterprise will bind the enterprise and all the directors/ members of the enterprise. This condition will therefore render the bid valid; and
- 8.3.2 The Department will verify the authority to sign (if deemed necessary) and where possible, may request proof of such authority of the relevant director or relevant member to act on behalf of the enterprise in the form of a “ Resolution of the Board of Directors”, if such “, (PA 15.1: Resolution of Board of Directors),” was not submitted with the bid or was not completed or was incorrectly completed,
- 8.4 In the case of a sub-contractor agreement, a joint venture or consortia, the signing of the sub-contractor agreement, or Joint Venture or Consortia agreement by any director or member of each of the parties to the agreement, will render the sub-contractor agreement or Joint Venture or Consortia agreement valid. Therefore:
- 8.4.1 The Department reserves the right to request from each party to the sub-contractor agreement or Joint Venture or Consortia” agreement, proof of such authority of the relevant director or relevant member to act on behalf of the enterprise(s), in the form of a “ Resolution of the Board of Directors”, if it was not submitted with the bid or was not completed or was incorrectly completed,
- 8.5 In the event that a non-member or non-director to the enterprise(s) sign the bid documents and or sign a joint venture or consortia agreement, an “Authority to sign” issued by a director of the enterprise(s) or by the Board of Directors of the enterprise(s) must be submitted with the bid at the closing date. Failure to comply with this requirement at the closing date of the bid, will invalidate the bid submitted.

## **9 CONTRACT PERIOD**

- 9.1 The contract period is stipulated in the Contract Data or the specifications.
- 9.2 The construction period for Infrastructure works, will commence from the date of site handover.

## **10 NEGOTIATION WITH THE IDENTIFIED PREFERRED BIDDER**

- 10.1 The Bid will be awarded to the bidder who scores the highest PPPFA number of points:
- 10.1.1 However, should an offer not be market related, the Department reserves the right to negotiate with bidders a reasonable market price /offer?

## **11 AWARD OF CONTRACTS TO TENDERERS NOT SCORING HIGHEST POINTS**

11.1 The Department reserves the right to award the bid to a tenderer not scoring the highest points, after having applied an objective criteria or a risk assessment criteria, if such (i.e. the objective criteria/ risk assessment) is specified in the bid document.

## **12 TAX COMPLIANCE**

- 12.1 No tender shall be awarded to a bidder who is non tax -compliant.
- 12.2 All bidders' tax matters must be in order prior to award.
- 12.3 Bidders' tax matters will be verified through CSD.
- 12.4 If the recommended bidder's tax status is non-compliant, the recommended bidder must submit written proof from SARS of their tax compliant status or submit written proof that they have made an arrangement with SARS to meet their outstanding tax obligations.
- 12.5 The recommended bidder will be given a maximum of seven (7) working days to correct their tax compliance status.
- 12.6 Failure to comply within seven (7) working days, from the date of the request, the Department will reject the bid submitted by the bidder.

## **13 REGISTRATION AS A VAT-VENDOR**

- 13.1 Non-VAT vendors do not have to include VAT in their bid prices.
- 13.2 Non-VAT vendors who submit bids for contracts that would, if successful, take their annual turnover above the threshold of R1 million, must include VAT in the prices quoted and must therefore immediately upon award of the contract, register with the South African Revenue Service (SARS) as VAT vendors.
- 13.3 The award of contract would be conditional (for Non-VAT vendors who included VAT in their prices) conditional pending the successful bidder submitting proof of registration as VAT vendor with SARS within 21 days of award.
- 13.4 Failure to comply within 21 days after being notified to do so will lead to the automatic withdrawal of the "provisional letter of award" and elimination of the bidder's offer.
- 13.5 VAT vendors must include VAT in their bid prices and failure to comply will lead to an automatic elimination of the bidder's offer.
- 13.6 In all other instances, where bidders have excluded VAT from the prices quoted, if the bidder is successful, the letter of award will clearly state that the price at which the contract is awarded is exclusive of VAT and that VAT will not be added on at any stage after the contract has been signed.
- 13.7 If a Non-VAT vendor/ bidder is contracted with the Department with a price which is Excluded Vat, and it becomes a VAT vendor after award or alternatively becomes a VAT vendor due to a cumulative number of awards, the bidder will have to absorb the adverse financial implications of not including VAT in their price quoted. VAT cannot be claimed from the Department for any payments already made or from any future payments.

## **14 CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 14.1 Where so required in the bid documents, bidders are required to submit copies which are certified as a "true copy of the original".
- 14.2 If a bidder submitted an uncertified copy of an original document, or an original copy which is not correctly certified, the bidder will be afforded an opportunity to correct such non-compliance within a minimum period of 48 hours.
- 14.3 All bidders' whose copies complies with the minimum requirements above, will be "deemed in order" and will be subjected for consideration in further evaluation processes, even if the Department did not request any corrections.
- 14.4 No submissions of new or alternative documents or certified copies of new or alternative documents will be allowed after the bid closing date.
- 14.5 The Department will not accept a copy of a previously certified document and will not provide any bidder an opportunity to correct such a non-compliance.

## 15 REQUIREMENTS FOR A VALID BBBEE CERTIFICATES AND SWORN AFFIDAVITS

- 15.1 A valid B-BBEE Certificate is a B-BBEE Certificate which has not expired at the closing date of the bid.
- 15.2 A "Sworn Affidavit" must comply with the following minimum requirements at the closing date, to be considered valid. If the submitted "Sworn Affidavit" does not comply with the minimum requirements below, the bidder will not be given an opportunity to correct it:
  - 15.2.1 The "Sworn Affidavit" must not be expired at the closing date.
  - 15.2.2 The BBBEE Level Contributor must be indicated (ticked)
  - 15.2.3 The "Sworn Affidavit" must be signed and dated by the bidder (Deponent).
  - 15.2.4 The "Sworn Affidavit" submitted must be signed and stamped by the "Commissioner of Oath".
  - 15.2.5 The "latest financial year-end" field must not be left blank.
    - 15.2.5.1 The latest "financial year-end date" cannot be a future date.
    - 15.2.5.2 If only the year is indicated (it is not in the format: day/month/year), the Department will validate the financial year-end (day/month) from CIPC or deal with any clarity seeking matter/ confirmation as an administrative matter.
  - 15.2.6 In respect of "Sworn Affidavits" of the Construction sector, Property Sector, the field (block) where the bidder must confirm its financial information (i.e. Net Assets or Annual Turnover) must be completed (ticked) and must not be left blank or not ticked.
  - 15.2.7 The Commissioner of Oath cannot be an employee or ex officio of the enterprise because, a person cannot by law, commission a sworn affidavit in which they have an interest.
- 15.3 The Department will seek the following clarity matters in respect of the Sworn Affidavits (should it be deemed necessary) and upon request .the bidder will be given a minimum of five (5) working days to respond to the Department:
  - 15.3.1 If the bidder did not select/circle/ticked "Member/ Director/ Owner" where so required. The Department will communicate with such affected the bidder in writing.
  - 15.3.2 If a bidder did not select/ circle/ ticked the required field "Financial Statements/ Management Accounts/ Audited Financial Statements" where so required. The Department will communicate with such affected the bidder in writing.
  - 15.3.3 If only the year is indicated (it is not in the format: day/month/year), the Department will validate the financial year-end (day/month) on CIPC or against any other submitted document or will seek clarity / confirmation from the bidder and deal with it as an administrative matter.
  - 15.3.4 If the financial year-end indicated in the sworn affidavit is not at the end of the month or it is not the correct month when validated on CIPC or against any other submitted documents, the Department will enquire from the affected bidder to indicate its correct latest financial year end in the format (day/month/year) and:
    - 15.3.4.1.1 If the "day" indicated on the submitted affidavit is wrong, but the month and year is correct, the bidder's affidavit will be "deemed valid" and it will be evaluated.
    - 15.3.4.1.2 If the "month" indicated on the submitted affidavit is wrong, the bidder's affidavit will be will be considered invalid.
- 15.4 The Department will deal with all other matters, which is not listed under the minimum requirements as reflected above, as administrative matters, should it be deemed necessary.



- 15.5 For all sectors (example the construction sector, the property Sector and or any sector), a “Sworn Affidavit” issued in terms of the relevant sector must be used. All the minimum requirements applicable to “valid sworn affidavits” as per this “Special Conditions of Bid” will apply.

## **16 AWARDING OF POINTS FOR SPECIFIC GOALS (PA-16)**

- 16.1 In accordance with the PPPFA regulations 2022, bidders will not be eliminated if they do not submit a BBEE – certificate or a “valid sworn affidavits”. The bidder will not be scored for points, but will be evaluated further.
- 16.2 For a bidder to be awarded points for specific goals as per the bid, the bidder must submit proof as specified in the bid document with the bid at the closing date and time.
- 16.3 The requirements of a valid BBEE-Certificate and or “Sworn Affidavit” as specified in the Special Conditions of Tender applies.
- 16.4 Parties in an unincorporated joint venture must submit its own consolidated B-BBEE certificate, which has not expired at the closing date of the bid.
- 16.5 If a bidder submit with the bid at the closing date the required proof for specific goals, as specified in the bid document, but the proof is not certified or is certified incorrectly, the bidder will be given a minimum of 48 hours to submit a copy which is correctly certified. The copy maybe certified after the closing date of the bid. The copies maybe certified after the closing date of the bid.
- 16.6 Non-submission of the PA-16 form or non-completion the PA-16 form or an incomplete PA-16 form, is not an elimination criteria.
- 16.7 If a bidder submit at the closing date of the bid a valid proof as specified in the bid document, but the bidder’s PA 16 is not signed or dated or witnessed or it is not properly completed, or its not completed or submitted or did not claim points, the bidder will be given a minimum of 48 hours to submit or correctly complete its PA 16.
- 16.8 All bidders’ whose submitted proof as specified in the bid document and it complies with the minimum requirements above, will be “deemed in order” and will be subjected for consideration in further evaluation, even if the Department did not request any corrections/ certifications.
- 16.9 No submissions of alternative proof for specific goals as specified in the bid document will be allowed after the bid closing date.
- 16.10 Bidders who failed to submit the required proof for points for specific goals, will not be scored for the relevant specific goal(s), but there offers will still be evaluated further.

## **17 BIDDER’S DISCLOSURE/ BIDDER’S DECLARATION (PA - 11)**

- 17.1 The Department will afford a bidder an opportunity to correct its PA-11 form, if the bidder omitted to sign or to complete or to properly complete this form.
- 17.2 A bidder’s offer maybe eliminated if the bidder’s declaration is proven false during the bid evaluation process.

## **18 FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE**

- 18.1 The tender amount in words takes precedence, where there is a discrepancy between the amount in figures, and the amount in words will govern.
- 18.2 The successful bidder will be required to balance its rates prior signing of a contract.
- 18.3 If the tenderer makes an obvious grammatical error in the amount of words, the wording will be compared to all the submitted comparative figures (i.e. the amount in figures on the submitted “Form of Offer and Acceptance” and the amount stipulated in

the bills of quantities or the final summary page, or activity schedule or pricing schedule) and if deemed the same:

18.3.1 The tenderer's offer will not be disqualified.

18.3.2 The tenderer can be requested to correct the error and ratify its "Form of Offer and Acceptance".

18.4 If there is no amount in words, the amount in figures on the submitted "Form of Offer and Acceptance" will be compared to all the submitted comparative figures (i.e. the amount stipulated in the submitted bills of quantities or the final summary page or the activity schedule, or the pricing schedule) and if deemed the same:

18.4.1 The tenderer's offer will not be disqualified.

18.4.2 The tenderer can be requested to correct the omission of the amount in words and ratify its "Form of Offer and Acceptance".

18.5 In addition to the above, the form of Offer and Acceptance, must at the closing date of the bid, comply with the following minimum criteria:

18.5.1 It must be signed by an authorised person of the Bidder;

18.5.2 The Surname with Initials/ Name of the authorised person must be clearly indicated;

18.5.3 The date on the form of offer must be completed;

18.5.4 The name of the bidder/ legal entity must be clearly indicated.

18.6 If both the "amount in words" and the "amount in figures" is not completed, the bid will not be considered further.

## **19 CORRECTION OF ERRORS**

19.1 Only the authorised signatory to the tender should initial corrections in the tender document.

19.2 All corrections must be in non-erasable ink and the use of correcting fluid (tippex) is prohibited.

19.3 In the event that a correction is not initialled or the correction is initialled by a person not having the prescribed authority, the Department will:

19.3.1 Seek the necessary clarification from the tenderer and;

19.3.2 If accepting the response from the tenderer, evaluate the bid further and or;

19.3.3 Allow the tenderer to correct/ ratify any noncompliance, where necessary.

## **20 CONDITIONS WITHDRAWN FROM THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

20.1 N/A

## **21 INCOMPLETE SECTIONS OR SCHEDULES IN BID DOCUMENTS**

21.1 Bidders' who omitted or incorrectly completed a section(s) or a schedule(s) in the bid document, but have submitted with the bid the required/ specified proof or supportive documents for that particular sections of the document, maybe allowed to correct such non-compliance.

## **22 POINTS FOR SPECIFIC GOALS**

22.1 To qualify for points for Specific goals, as specified in the "Invitation to Bid" and the "PA-16", bidders must comply with the requirements at the closing date of the bid.

22.2 It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that it submit the correct evidence at the closing date of the bid, for the validation of the points the bidder is claiming.

22.3 Bidder's will not be given an opportunity to submit evidence after closing date, if the evidence is not submitted or if incorrect evidence was submitted.

## **23 THE OTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR EVALUATION**

CRITERIA	SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF BID
a) A close corporation, incorporated prior to 1 May 2011 under the Close Corporations Act, 1984 (Act 69 of 1984, as amended)	Copies of the Founding Statement - CK1
b) A profit company duly registered as a private company. [including a profit company that meets the criteria for a private company, whose Memorandum of Incorporation states that the company is a personal liability company in terms of Section 8(2)(c) of the Companies Act, 2008 (Act 71 of 2008, as amended)].	Copies of: i. Certificate of Incorporation - CM1; ii. Shareholding Certificates of all Shareholders of the company, plus a signed statement of the company's Auditor, certifying each Shareholder's ownership / shareholding percentage relative to the total; and/or iii. Memorandum of Incorporation in the case of a personal liability company.
c) A profit company duly registered as a private company in which any, or all, shares are held by one or more other close corporation(s) or company(ies) duly registered as profit or non-profit company(ies).	Copies of documents referred to in a. and/or b. above in respect of all such close corporation(s) and/or company(ies).
d) A profit company duly registered as a public company.	Copy of Certificate of Incorporation - CM1, and a signed statement of the company's Secretary or Auditor confirming that the company is a public company.
e) A non-profit company, incorporated in terms of Section 10 and Schedule 1 of the Companies Act, 2008 (Act 71 of 2008, as amended).	Copies of: i. The Founding Statement - CK1; and ii. The Memorandum of Incorporation setting out the object of the company, indicating the public benefit, cultural or social activity, or communal or group interest.
f) A natural person, sole proprietor or a Partnership	Copy(ies) of the Identity Document(s) of: i. such natural person/ sole proprietor, or each of the Partners to the Partnership.
g) A Trust	Deed of Trust duly indicating names of the Trustee(s) and Beneficiary (ies) as well as the purpose of the Trust and the mandate of the Trustees.

## 24 **DISCLAIMER**

24.1 It is impractical and cumbersome for the Department to communicate with all qualifying bidders to correct/ ratify all eligible matters as articulated in this "Special Conditions of Bid". The Department therefore reserves the right and discretion, during its evaluation and other administrative processes to:

24.1.1 Limit its correspondences for corrections/ ratifications/ clarities to potential higher point scoring bidders only and to

24.1.2 Further evaluate any potential qualifying lower scoring bidder(s) as "deemed responsive" or giving points, etc, without requesting the corrections/ ratifications of a matter which is eligible as per the "Special Conditions of Bid".

– End Special Conditions of Bid –  
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