

MINUTES OF THE BRIEFING SESSION			
RFB 017/21/22	THE PROVISION OF CRYPTOCOCCAL ANTIGEN LATERAL FLOW ASSAY (LFA) KITS FOR RAPID AND ACCURATE DETECTION OF CRYPTOCOCCAL DISEASE (CD) IN A NATIONAL REFLEX SCREENING PROGRAM AND DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES THROUGH CD4 AND MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORIES OF THE NHL (NATIONAL TENDER) FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (05) YEARS		
Date:	31 August 2021	Time:	11h00 am
		Venue:	Zoom
Attended	Zimkita Bolo (ZB) Dr Lindi Coetzee (LC)	Apologies	None
1.	Opening and Welcome The briefing session was declared open at 11h00 by Zimkita Bolo. Bidders were requested to ensure that they write their company name, contact person, contact details and email address as this will form part of the attendance register and attendance of compulsory briefing session.		ZB
2.	SCM Presentation SCM conducted an online presentation of the SCM process to be followed for RFB 017/21/22 and the following areas were covered: a) The scope of work and bid response format		ZB
3.	Question After the presentation the bidders requested clarification on the following: The NIP obligation for this bid		Bidder
	Answer Applies to all government procurement contracts that have an imported content. The NIP obligation is benchmarked on the imported content of the contract above US\$ 10 million. Successful bidders (contractors) are required to, immediately after the award of a contract that is more than R10 million (ten million rands), submit details of such a contract to the DTI for reporting purposes.		ZB
4.	Question The Rate of Exchange that bidders must use when responding to the tender.		Bidders
	Answer The relevant rates of exchange information is accessible on www.resbank.co.za Bidders must submit proof of the SARB rate (s) of exchange used As per the published Annexure C under Pricing. The bidder must indicate clearly which portion of the purchase price as well as the monthly costs are linked to the exchange rate. All additional costs must be clearly specified.		

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	Bidders are required to substantiate and provide comments for their responses. All prices must be firm and fixed from the tender closing date and for the duration of the contract				
5.	Question Confirmation of the publication date as the bid was published on 18 August 2021 on e-tenders and 20 August on the NHLS website				Bidder
	Answer The bid was published on 18 August 2021 on the e-tenders portal				ZB
6.	Question Schedule 7 is missing on the document				Bidder
	Answer SCM amended the published bid document and corrected the numbering on schedules				ZB
7.	Question What rate must bidders use considering the CPI over the next five years				Bidder
	Answer The NHLS cannot dictate how the Service Providers/Bidder must respond to the tender which has been advertised. NHLS respectfully advises that Service Provider should respond to the tender as they deemed fit and in compliance with the NHLS tender specifications and requirements.				SCM
8.	Technical Specification Presentation				Dr Lindi Coetzee
	Question The assay must be an immunochromatographic dipstick assay (lateral flow assay) specific for the detection of cryptococcal antigen in settled or centrifuged plasma, serum and/or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). Is a dipstick or cassette mandatory				Bidder
	Answer The bidder can respond with either a dipstick assay or a cassette, as long as it is an LFA method; no ELISA testing for this tender.				LC
	Question Is the reader required for the request?				Bidder
	Answer No readers are required as part of this tender.				LC
9.	Closure The meeting was declared closed at 12h15 South African Time.				ZB

Compiled by:

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Zimkita Bolo

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