



# **NATIONAL HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE**

## **REQUEST FOR QUOTATION**

**RE-ADVERT RFQ NO: 1905618 APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER – DIGITAL SIGNATURE LICENCES**

**(RFQ NO. 1905618)**

**COMPULSORY SITE MEETING: 04 MARCH 2022 @ 10H00**

**ADDRESS: 01 MODDERFONTEIN RD, SANDRINGHAM, MEET AT NHLS RECEPTION**

**CLOSING DATE AND TIME: 10 MARCH 2022 AT 11H00**

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**1 PART A Invitation to bid**
**SBD 1**

**PART A  
INVITATION TO BID**

**YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE (NHLS)**

BID NUMBER:	<b>RFQ 1905618</b>	CLOSING DATE:	<b>10 MARCH 2022</b>	CLOSING TIME:	<b>11H00</b>
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DESCRIPTION

**BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)**

**01 MODDERFONTEIN ROAD**

**SANDRINGHAM**

**JOHANNESBURG - NHLS**

**BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO**

**TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**

CONTACT PERSON	<b>Ms Olivia Mahlaba</b>	CONTACT PERSON	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	<b>011 386 6169</b>	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
FACSIMILE NUMBER		FACSIMILE NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	<b>omahlaba@nhls.ac.za</b>	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

**SUPPLIER INFORMATION**

NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		<b>OR</b>	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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**[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]**

ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR <b>THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW ]
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**QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS**

IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?  YES  
 NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?  YES  
 NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?  
 YES  NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?   
 YES  NO

IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?  YES  
 NO

**IF THE ANSWER IS “NO” TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.**

**PART B  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

**1. BID SUBMISSION:**

- 1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
- 1.2. **ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.**
- 1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
- 1.4. **THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).**

**2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER’S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- 2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
- 2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.”

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.**

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: .....

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED: .....

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE: .....

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## **2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)**

- a) This document may contain confidential information that is the property of the NHLS and the Client. NHLS
- b) No part of the contents may be used, copied, disclosed or conveyed in whole or in part to any party in any manner whatsoever other than for preparing a proposal in response to this Bid, without prior written permission from NHLS Ltd and the Client.
- c) All Copyright and Intellectual Property herein vests with NHLS and its Client.
- d) Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
- e) Price Declaration must be completed, and Should the total RFQ prices differ, the one indicated on the price declaration shall be considered the correct price.
- f) Any bidder who has reasons to believe that the RFQ specification is based on a specific brand must inform NHLS before RFQ closing date.
- g) Bidders are required to submit a valid Tax Clearance Certificate and Tax clearance verification PIN, Failure to submit the Tax Pin and valid Tax Clearance Certificate will result in the invalidation of this RFQ.
- h) It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that NHLS is in possession of the bidder's valid Tax Clearance certificate. The onus is on the bidder to ensure that NHLS receives a valid Tax Certificate as soon as the validity of the said certificate expires.
- i) A compulsory/non-compulsory pre-proposal RFQ/site meeting will be conducted at NOT APPLICABLE
- j) for a period of ± hours. The briefing session will start punctually and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late.
- k) A Certificate of Attendance in the form attached hereto must be completed and submitted with your Proposal as proof of attendance is required for a compulsory site meeting and/or RFQ briefing.
- l) Respondents arriving after the allocated time of the briefing session and failing to attend the compulsory RFQ/Site briefing will be disqualified
- m) No services must be rendered or goods delivered before an official NHLS Purchase Order form has been received.
- n) This RFQ will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference point system prescribed by the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017.
- o) All questions regarding this RFQ must be forwarded to the buyer within 24 hours after the RFQ has been issued.
- p) It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that its response reaches NHLS on or before the closing date and time of the RFQ.

**FOR HAND DELIVERIES OF RESPONSES, PLEASE SUBMIT THE RFQ DOCUMENT TO NHLS MAIN RECEPTION IN THE RFQ BOX.**

**PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT RFQ RESPONSES IN THE TENDER BOX AS THE RFQ RESPONSES DEPOSITED IN THE**

**TENDER BOX SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

The Bidder accepts the above terms and conditions and the General Conditions of Contract attached in Annex G.	Accept	Do not accept

**3 PRICING SCHEDULE**

**SBD 3.3**

**PRICING SCHEDULE  
(Professional Services)**

NAME OF BIDDER: .....	BID NO.: RFQ NO: 1905618
CLOSING TIME <b>11:00</b>	CLOSING DATE <b>10 MARCH 2022</b>

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR **90** DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY **(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)
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1. The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals. Services must be quoted in accordance with the terms of reference.
2. Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project.  
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3. PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)

4. PERSON AND POSITION	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE
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-----	R-----
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**5. PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT**

-----	R-----
----- days	
-----	R-----
----- days	
-----	R-----
----- days	
-----	R-----
----- days	

**The contract will be based on time material basis.**

**NOTE: COST**

Travelling costs from the bidder’s office to the NRCS is for the bidder’s account. Bidders are required to include overall cost ceiling. Disbursements for travel and subsistence will be reimbursed based on actual travel and accommodation expenditure in line with National Treasury’s revised cost containment measures related to travel and subsistence Instruction No. 4 of 2017/2018 dated 25 May 2017 and or any subsequent updates. Each category will be subject to approved travel plans by the NRCS.

The financial proposal of this assignment should cover all assignments activities as per terms of reference / specifications.

Rates applicable should be in line with the hourly rates for consultants, taking into account

- a) The ‘Guideline on fees for Audits done on behalf of the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA)’ as issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA);
- b) The ‘Guide on Hourly Fee Rates for Consultants’, as issued by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA); and/or



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- c) Remuneration guidelines issued by professional service organizations or regulatory bodies, as may be relevant

The rates of remuneration will be subject to negotiation, not exceeding the applicable rates as contained in the guidelines referred to above.

“all applicable taxes” includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

4. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid  
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5. Estimated man-days for completion of project  
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6. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract?  
\*YES/NO

7. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.  
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#### 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

**SBD 4**

#### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state<sup>1</sup>, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written

price quotation). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

**2. In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative: .....

2.2 Identity Number:.....

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder<sup>2</sup>, member):  
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2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:  
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2.5 Tax Reference Number: .....

2.6 VAT Registration Number: .....

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

<sup>1</sup>“State” means –

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

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

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder **YES / NO**

presently employed by the state?

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

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

.....

Name of state institution at which you or the person

connected to the bidder is employed :.....

Position occupied in the state institution:.....

Any other particulars:

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

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

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

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

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

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, **YES/NO**  
 aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between  
 any other bidder and any person employed by the state  
 who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication  
 of this bid?

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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 .....

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

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....  
 .....  
 .....

**Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders**

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Income Tax Reference Number	State Number / Employee Peral Number

**DECLARATION**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME).....

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....  
Signature Date  
.....  
Position Name of bidder

November 2011

**5 PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017**

**SBD 6.1**

**PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017**

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

**NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.**

**1. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
  - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to 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 a) The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or
- 1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:
  - (a) Price; and
  - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.
- 1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	<b>POINTS</b>
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<b>PRICE</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed</b>	<b>100</b>

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.
- 1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means:
- 1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
  - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
  - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) **“QSE”** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (j) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid

invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

### 3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

#### 3.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

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

Where

$P_s$  = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

$P_t$  = Price of bid under consideration

$P_{\min}$  = Price of lowest acceptable bid

### 4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

### 5. BID DECLARATION

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

**6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1**

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . = .....(maximum of 10 or 20 points)  
(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

**7. SUB-CONTRACTING**

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

*(Tick applicable box)*

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

*(Tick applicable box)*

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME	QSE
	√	√
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		



Any QSE		
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**8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM**

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

**8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM**

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

**8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

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 .....  
 .....

**8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION**

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;

- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
  - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;
  - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
  - (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury 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.

<p>WITNESSES</p> <p>1. ....</p> <p>2. ....</p>
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<p>.....</p> <p>SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)</p>
<p>DATE: .....</p> <p>ADDRESS .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

**6 DECLARATION CERTIFICATE FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT FOR DESIGNATED SECTORS**

SBD 6.2

**DECLARATION CERTIFICATE FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT FOR DESIGNATED SECTORS**

This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a declaration form for local content (local production and local content are used interchangeably).

Before completing this declaration, bidders must study the General Conditions, Definitions, Directives applicable in respect of Local Content as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 (Edition 1) and the Guidance on the Calculation of Local Content together with the Local Content Declaration

Templates [Annex C (Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule), D (Imported Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annex C) and E (Local Content Declaration: Supporting Schedule to Annex C)].

## 1. General Conditions

- 1.1. Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 (Regulation 8) make provision for the promotion of local production and content.
- 1.2. Regulation 8.(2) prescribes that in the case of designated sectors, organs of state must advertise such tenders with the specific bidding condition that only locally produced or manufactured goods, with a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content will be considered.
- 1.3. Where necessary, for tenders referred to in paragraph 1.2 above, a two stage bidding process may be followed, where the first stage involves a minimum threshold for local production and content and the second stage price and B-BBEE.
- 1.4. A person awarded a contract in relation to a designated sector, may not sub-contract in such a manner that the local production and content of the overall value of the contract is reduced to below the stipulated minimum threshold.
- 1.5. The local content (LC) expressed as a percentage of the bid price must be calculated in accordance with the SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286: 2011 as follows:

$$LC = [1 - x / y] * 100$$

Where

- x is the imported content in Rand  
y is the bid price in Rand excluding value added tax (VAT)

Prices referred to in the determination of x must be converted to Rand (ZAR) by using the exchange rate published by South African Reserve Bank (SARB) on the date of advertisement of the bid as indicated in paragraph 3.1 below.

**The SABS approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 is accessible on [http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial development/ip.jsp](http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial%20development/ip.jsp) at no cost.**

- 1.6. A bid may be disqualified if this Declaration Certificate and the Annex C (Local Content Declaration: Summary Schedule) are not submitted as part of the bid documentation;

## 2. The stipulated minimum threshold(s) for local production and content (refer to Annex A of SATS 1286:2011) for this bid is/are as follows:

Description of services, works or goods

Stipulated minimum threshold

\_\_\_\_\_ %  
 \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 \_\_\_\_\_ %

**3.** Does any portion of the goods or services offered have any imported content?  
**(Tick applicable box)**

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**3.1** If yes, the rate(s) of exchange to be used in this bid to calculate the local content as prescribed in paragraph 1.5 of the general conditions must be the rate(s) published by SARB for the specific currency on the date of advertisement of the bid.

The relevant rates of exchange information is accessible on [www.resbank.co.za](http://www.resbank.co.za)

Indicate the rate(s) of exchange against the appropriate currency in the table below (refer to Annex A of SATS 1286:2011):

Currency	Rates of exchange
US Dollar	
Pound Sterling	
Euro	
Yen	
Other	

NB: Bidders must submit proof of the SARB rate (s) of exchange used.

**4.** Where, after the award of a bid, challenges are experienced in meeting the stipulated minimum threshold for local content the dti must be informed accordingly in order for the dti to verify and in consultation with the AO/AA provide directives in this regard.

**LOCAL CONTENT DECLARATION**  
**(REFER TO ANNEX B OF SATS 1286:2011)**

**LOCAL CONTENT DECLARATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR OTHER LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE PERSON NOMINATED IN WRITING BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR SENIOR MEMBER/PERSON WITH MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY (CLOSE CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR INDIVIDUAL)**

**IN RESPECT OF BID NO. ....**

ISSUED BY: (Procurement Authority / Name of Institution):  
.....

NB

- 1 The obligation to complete, duly sign and submit this declaration cannot be transferred to an external authorized representative, auditor or any other third party acting on behalf of the bidder.
- 2 Guidance on the Calculation of Local Content together with Local Content Declaration Templates (Annex C, D and E) is accessible on [http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial\\_development/ip.jsp](http://www.thedti.gov.za/industrial_development/ip.jsp). Bidders should first complete Declaration D. After completing Declaration D, bidders should complete Declaration E and then consolidate the information on Declaration C. **Declaration C should be submitted with the bid documentation at the closing date and time of the bid in order to substantiate the declaration made in paragraph (c) below.** Declarations D and E should be kept by the bidders for verification purposes for a period of at least 5 years. The successful bidder is required to continuously update Declarations C, D and E with the actual values for the duration of the contract.

I, the undersigned, ..... (full names),  
do hereby declare, in my capacity as .....  
of .....(name of bidder  
entity), the following:

- (a) The facts contained herein are within my own personal knowledge.
- (b) I have satisfied myself that:
  - (i) the goods/services/works to be delivered in terms of the above-specified bid comply with the minimum local content requirements as specified in the bid, and as measured in terms of SATS 1286:2011; and
- (c) The local content percentage (%) indicated below has been calculated using the formula given in clause 3 of SATS 1286:2011, the rates of exchange indicated in paragraph 3.1 above and the information contained in Declaration D and E which has been consolidated in Declaration C:

Bid price, excluding VAT (y)	R
Imported content (x), as calculated in terms of SATS 1286:2011	R
Stipulated minimum threshold for local content (paragraph 3 above)	
Local content %, as calculated in terms of SATS 1286:2011	

**If the bid is for more than one product, the local content percentages for each product contained in Declaration C shall be used instead of the table above.**

**The local content percentages for each product has been calculated using the formula given in clause 3 of SATS 1286:2011, the rates of exchange indicated in paragraph 3.1 above and the information contained in Declaration D and E.**

- (d) I accept that the Procurement Authority / Institution has the right to request that the local content be verified in terms of the requirements of SATS 1286:2011.
- (e) I understand that the awarding of the bid is dependent on the accuracy of the information furnished in this application. I also understand that the submission of incorrect data, or data that are not verifiable as described in SATS 1286:2011, may result in the Procurement Authority / Institution imposing any or all of the remedies as provided for in Regulation 14 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 promulgated under the Preferential Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS No. 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS No. 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

												SATS 1286.2011		
<b>Annex C</b>														
<b>Local Content Declaration - Summary Schedule</b>														
(C1) Tender No.													Note: VAT to be excluded from all calculations	
(C2) Tender description:														
(C3) Designated product(s)														
(C4) Tender Authority:														
(C5) Tendering Entity name:														
(C6) Tender Exchange Rate:	Pula	<input type="text"/>	EU	<input type="text"/>	GBP	<input type="text"/>								
(C7) Specified local content %														
<b>Calculation of local content</b>														
Tender item no's	List of items	Tender price each (excl VAT)	Exempted imported value	Tender value net of exempted imported content	Imported value	Local value	Local content % (per item)	<b>Tender summary</b>						
(C8)	(C9)	(C10)	(C11)	(C12)	(C13)	(C14)	(C15)	Tender Qty	Total tender value	Total exempted imported content	Total Imported content			
								(C16)	(C17)	(C18)	(C19)			
								(C20) Total tender value	R 0					
								(C21) Total Exempt imported content	R 0					
								(C22) Total Tender value net of exempt imported content	R 0					
								(C23) Total Imported content			R 0			
								(C24) Total local content			R 0			
								(C25) Average local content % of tender						
Signature of tenderer from Annex B _____														
Date: _____														

**Annex D**

**Imported Content Declaration - Supporting Schedule to Annex C**

(D1) Tender No.		Note: VAT to be excluded from all calculations
(D2) Tender description:		
(D3) Designated Products:		
(D4) Tender Authority:		
(D5) Tendering Entity name:		
(D6) Tender Exchange Rate:	Pula _____ EU R 9,00 GBP R 12,00	

**A. Exempted imported content**

**Calculation of imported content**

**Summary**

Tender item no's	Description of imported content	Local supplier	Overseas Supplier	Foreign currency value as per Commercial Invoice	Tender Exchange Rate	Local value of imports	Freight costs to port of entry	All locally incurred landing costs & duties	Total landed cost excl VAT	Tender Qty	Exempted imported value
(D7)	(D8)	(D9)	(D10)	(D11)	(D12)	(D13)	(D14)	(D15)	(D16)	(D17)	(D18)
(D19) Total exempt imported value										R 0	

This total must correspond with Annex C - C 21

**B. Imported directly by the Tenderer**

**Calculation of imported content**

**Summary**

Tender item no's	Description of imported content	Unit of measure	Overseas Supplier	Foreign currency value as per Commercial Invoice	Tender Rate of Exchange	Local value of imports	Freight costs to port of entry	All locally incurred landing costs & duties	Total landed cost excl VAT	Tender Qty	Total imported value
(D20)	(D21)	(D22)	(D23)	(D24)	(D25)	(D26)	(D27)	(D28)	(D29)	(D30)	(D31)
(D32) Total imported value by tenderer										R 0	

**D. Other foreign currency payments**

**Calculation of foreign currency payments**

**Summary of payments**

Type of payment	Local supplier making the payment	Overseas beneficiary	Foreign currency value paid	Tender Rate of Exchange	Local value of payments
(D46)	(D47)	(D48)	(D49)	(D50)	(D51)
(D52) Total of foreign currency payments declared by tenderer and/or 3rd party					

Signature of tenderer from Annex B

(D53) Total of imported content & foreign currency payments - (D32), (D45) & (D52) above R 0

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ This total must correspond with Annex C - C 23





- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
- abused the institution's supply chain management system;
  - committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
  - failed to perform on any previous contract.
- 4 **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? <b>(Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).</b></p> <p>The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website(<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? <b>The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</b></p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	<p>Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

**CERTIFICATION**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....

**CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

**I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.**

.....  
**Signature**

.....  
**Date**

.....  
**Position**

.....  
**Name of Bidder**

Js365bW

**8 CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

**SBD 9**

**CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids<sup>1</sup> 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).<sup>2</sup> Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.

- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
- a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
  - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

<sup>1</sup> Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

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(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

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(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;

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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 consortium<sup>3</sup> 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.
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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.

<sup>3</sup> **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.**

10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature

.....  
Date

.....  
Position

.....  
Name of Bidder

Js914w

**9 CERTIFICATE OF QCQUITANCE WITH RFQ TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

**10 AUTHORITY FOR SIGNATORY**

Signatories for close corporations and companies shall confirm their authority **by attaching to this form** a duly signed and dated copy of the relevant resolution of their members or their board of directors, as the case may be.

**An example for a company is shown below:**

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“ By resolution of the board of directors passed on \_\_\_\_\_

20 \_\_\_\_\_

Mr \_\_\_\_\_ has been duly authorized to sign  
all

documents in connection with the Tender for Contract \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_ and any Contract, which may arise there from on behalf of

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SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HIS CAPACITY AS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY: \_\_\_\_\_

AS WITNESSES: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 TERMS OF REFERENCE / SPECIFICATION

### APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER – DIGITAL SIGNATURE LICENCES

#### 1. The Scope of this RFQ

##### RFQ for the provision of a digital signature licences

## 1. Introduction

The NHLS was established in 2001 by an Act of Parliament to provide diagnostic pathology laboratory services to the national and provincial health departments. The NHLS is a public health laboratory service with laboratories across South Africa. Its activities comprise of diagnostic laboratory services, research, teaching and training, and production of sera for anti-snake venom, reagents and media. At the core of the NHLS is next generation pathology excellence that supports the mandate of the Department of Health.

- The NHLS is the largest diagnostic pathology laboratory service in South Africa.
- The NHLS employs approximately 8000 staff.
- There are 260 laboratories across the nine provinces.
- The NHLS serves approximately 80% of the South African population

## 2. Background

The NHLS is currently automating manual business processes which require manual forms to be converted to electronic forms to kick start workflows. This includes manual submissions requiring approvals to also be made electronic. This is part of the IT green initiative addressed by digitization, digitalisation and optimisation of NHLS business processes. As the NHLS is moving away from paper-based processes to more digital processes the need for digitally signing and authenticating of documents, files, and forms becomes a need.

The NHLS has invested in the Open Text ECM Content Server solution to address compliance, digitisation and digitalisation of content and business processes. The ECM system has a Workflow management system with a standard electronic signature module. To ensure compliance the NHLS requires a digital signature as an upgrade to the existing electronic signature.

## 3. Acronyms and Abbreviations

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
NHLS	National Health Laboratory Service
RFQ	Request For Quotation
ECM	Enterprise Content Management
CS	Content Server
TLS	Transport Layer Security
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure

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#### 4. Strategic Goal / Objectives

The NHLS requires a service provider to provide a digital signature solution for the NHLS.

#### 5. Statement of work

The NHLS hereby invites Request for Quotations from suitably qualified bidders to provide a secure digital signature solution with twenty-five (25) digital signatures which seamlessly integrates with the current workflow management system of the Open Text ECM Content Server system.

#### 6. Scope of work

The NHLS has requires a digital signature solution which is secure, guarantees non-repudiation and should be easy to deploy and easy to use.

#### Requirements:

- 25 digital signatures and unlimited external signatures.
- Unlimited number of documents to be signed
- **Standalone & Integration capabilities:** Integrate with Open Text ECM Content Server system Workflow management engine. Enable integration of processes such as document approval into a Content Server Workflow. It should also allow for signing of documents that do not form part of workflows as well.
- **User authentication:** The solution should authenticate users using multifactor authentication prior to signing. The solution must also tie that authentication to the e-signature/digital signature and the signed record. Furthermore, the solution must support various authentication mechanisms including usernames and passwords, tokens, challenge-response, email verification through e-sign session invitation, integration with active directory, digital certificate, etc. In addition, the solution must be able to adapt the authentication methods to the risk profile of the NHLS and to automate the process.
- **Compliance:** Legally be identified as an advanced electronic signature or standard digital signature. Align with international and local regulations for legality and validity of digital signatures.



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- **Embedded audit trail:** The solution must provide the ability to independently verify and archive the e-signature/digital signature. This is important even when the contract between NHLS and the service provider has ended. NHLS and its stakeholders will not have to go online to access or verify the digitally signed document. The solution must therefore embed the digital signatures, time stamping and audit trail directly in the document. The solution should also provide the ability for NHLS to index, store, and retrieve the digitally-signed document in the system of record of our own choosing, not only limited to the service provider's cloud storage. This helps the NHLS to comply with its own long-term retention requirements.
  - **Document and signature security:** The solution must package and secure the final e-signed/digitally-signed document using a digital signature which must be applied at two levels: signature level, to prevent tampering with the signature itself, as well as at document level, to prevent tampering with the document's contents. The solution should provide a comprehensive audit trail that includes the date and time of each signature. This audit trail must be securely embedded in the document and linked to each signature, with the ability to verify the validity of the signed record offline, without going to a website. The solution must also provide the ability to download a verifiable copy of the signed record with the audit trail. All data/ information classified as critical should be processed and stored within the border of South Africa.
  - **Audit trail of the signing process:** the solution must be able to capture a comprehensive audit trail of the signing process to allow the NHLS to demonstrate exactly how the signer completed the transaction on the web or via a mobile device. Information that must be captured include IP address, date and time stamp of all events, all web pages, documents, disclosures, and other information presented, the length of time spent reviewing each document, what each party acknowledged, agreed to, and signed, as well as all other actions taken during the transaction
  - **Platform security:** The solution must provide data encryption for data transit and at rest with Transport Layer Security (TLS) connections and AES 256-bit encryption, Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) tamper-evident seal, as well as signature verification and unalterable capture of signing actions and completion status. Detect any subsequent alterations or corruption of the signed data message in the document. In addition, the service provider must comply with regulatory, industry and IT

standards for security and data protection including ISO 27001, SOC 1/2/3, FIPS 140-2, POPIA, Cloud Security Alliance.

- **Physical security:** The vendor should have geo-dispersed data centres with active and redundant systems, physical and logically separated networks, malware protection, secure near real time data replication as well as strict physical access control.
- **User friendly:** The registration or sign-up process of the signature should be seamless and easy. The digital signature solution should be easy to use with limited to no training required.
- **Multiple Application Support and multiple signatures:** The digital signature solution must accommodate or support different applications. In addition, allow for different approval levels (more than one person in more than one place to sign a document). The solution should ensure external customers or supplier who has not installed the same solution can easily verify without the need for complicated, proprietary third-party applications.
- **Solution Delivery Requirements:** minimum hardware and software requirements for using the proposed solution must be specified

## 7. Duration

The duration of the appointment is a period between to 1 -2 months.

## 8. Evaluation Criteria for bidders

REQUIREMENTS	Weight (%)	
<b>1. OEM Partnership Status</b> Attach Proof of certificate/ partnership letter from OEM.	<b>10%</b>	<b>Partnership Certification</b> Certificate = 10 No Certificate = 5
<b>2. Security</b> The Bidder must provide the following:	<b>40%</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bidder provided an overall security architecture, operation</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall security architecture, operation and implementation approach of the proposed solution which includes, amongst others:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Key management (secure storage of keys)</li> <li>b. Audit capabilities</li> <li>c. Antifraud measures</li> <li>d. Hosting Infrastructure</li> <li>e. High-level implementation approach</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>and implementation approach of the proposed solution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bidder provided limited overall security architecture, operation and implementation approach of the proposed solution.</li> <li>• Bidder provided no information of an overall security architecture, operation and implementation approach of the proposed solution.</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Physical Security</b></p> <p><b>Bidder must provide the following documentation for the proposed solution:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Physical security details of the solution including:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ geo-dispersed data centres with active</li> <li>○ and redundant systems</li> <li>○ physical and logically separated networks</li> <li>○ malware protection,</li> <li>○ secure near real time data replication</li> <li>○ strict physical access control.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>10%</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bidder provided documentation about physical security components for the solution.</li> <li>• Bidder provided limited documentation about physical security components for the solution.</li> <li>• Bidder provided no information documentation about physical security components for the solution.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Digital Signature Integration capabilities</b></p> <p>Bidders must demonstrate the ability to develop an outline of the proposed solution.</p>	<p><b>20%</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bidder provided an outline of proposed solution in accordance with solution specification.</li> </ul>

<p>The proposed solution must cover amongst others an outline of the solution specifications and integration capabilities with Open Text Content Suite Platform Workflows</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bidder provided limited information of an outline of proposed solution in accordance with solution specification.</li> <li>• Bidder provided no information of the proposed solution in accordance with solution specification.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Digital Signature Reselling</b></p> <p>The Bidder must include at least three (3) references where they have successfully provided digital signature solution.</p> <p>Provide at least three (3) references from the company (company name, contact names, email addresses, contact numbers and types of licences provided).</p> <p><b>NHLS reserves the right to independently approach these companies without consulting the Bidder.</b></p>	<p><b>20%</b></p>	<p><b>References</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 or more References = 20</li> <li>• Between 1-2 references = 10</li> </ul>
<p><b>TOTAL</b></p>	<p><b>100</b></p>	
<p><b>THRESHOLD</b></p>	<p><b>75%</b></p>	

**9. Functionality Rating Scales for Criteria 2, 3 and 4**

**9.1 The bids will be evaluated on a scale of 1-5. Each panel member will rate individual criterion on the score sheet using the following scale**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 - Excellent	Meets and exceed the functionality
4 – Very Good	Above average compliance to the requirements
3 - Good	Satisfactory and should be adequate
2 - Average	Compliance to the requirements
1 - Poor	Unacceptable, does not meet set criteria

## 10. Pricing

**NOTE:** All prices must be VAT inclusive and must be quoted in South African Rand (ZAR).

<b>Component</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>

Note: The terms of reference/specification are attached as **Annexure A**.

## 12 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS / ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE

Please note that failure to lodge and adhere to the following requirements will lead to an immediate disqualification:

- a. The prospective bidder must be registered on Central Supplier Database (CSD) prior to submitting bids.
- b. The following key information will be accessed and verified on CSD, namely
  - i. Business registration, including details of directorship and membership;
  - ii. Tax compliance status
- c. Completed and signed SBD forms 1, 3.3, 4, 6.1, 8 and 9
- d. Late Submissions will not be accepted

\*Bidders information will be verified on National Treasury Central Supplier database

### 13 TECHNICAL / FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

Next step of evaluation is the “technical” or so called “functional” evaluation which is purely based on NHLS specifications and Scope of Work. NHLS end-user department (who requested the RFQ), Procurement Services, Finance and subject specialists are part of the Cross Functional Evaluation Team (CFET) meeting which is chaired by the Procurement Officer. Functionality is the technical evaluation of the bidders’ proposal.

Should functionality be included in the RFQ as a threshold, the RFQ document must clearly state the minimum score to be achieved if bidders are to be further evaluated on price and preference. Responses that do not meet the threshold for technical will not progress further. (if applicable)

The final stage of evaluation is done after the CFET has reached their verdict and is done by NHLS Procurement Services. B-BBEE score (commercial evaluation) is added in order to get the final order of merit for the bidders being evaluated.

Bid will be evaluated on the basis of the PPPFA 80/20 point system as presented in the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017, for this purpose SBD 6.1 form should be scrutinized, completed and submitted together with your quotation. The 80/20 point system will be as follows:

<b>Price Assessment</b>	<b>80 Points</b>
<b>Preferential Elements</b>	<b>20 Points</b>

### 14 SCHEDULE OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE BIDDER

The bidder must indicate in the spaces provided below a complete list of similar contracts awarded over the last five (5) years, including the current contract (if any). This information shall be deemed to be material to the award of this bid.

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Nature of work</b>	<b>Value of the work</b>	<b>Contact person &amp; contact number</b>	<b>Duration of the project (Start and end date)</b>


Signature of person authorized to sign the bid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 15 BID DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

A completed and signed bid document must be submitted in a file. The bid/tender documentation must be placed into a file with dividers between every schedule. The schedule must be numbered as follows:

	Description	Submitted (Yes/No)
Schedule 1	CSD FORM	
Schedule 2	B-BBEE Certificate and/or Affidavit	
Schedule 3	Tax Clearance Certificate and/or TAX Verification PIN	
Schedule 4	Local Content <b>(If applicable)</b>  The bidder must complete and submit the SBD6.2 and Annexure C for Local Content  If a bidder fails to meet the minimum stipulated threshold for local production and content will be considered an unacceptable tender.	
Schedule 5	Certificate of attendance of compulsory briefing session <b>(if applicable)</b>	
Schedule 6	<b>Mandatory Requirement (Applicable for Renovation)</b>	
Schedule 7	Letter of good standing <b>(if applicable)</b>	
Schedule 8	Bidder must provide details and registration confirmation with CIDB in terms of the CIDB Act 38 of 2000. (Bidder must provide proof grading level 1GB)	

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**16 GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT****THE NATIONAL TREASURY  
Republic of South Africa**

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**GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:  
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT  
July 2010****GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT  
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT  
July 2010****NOTES**

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

- 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.

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## **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 anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
  - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
  - 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
  - 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.

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- 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.
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- 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](http://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

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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

- 7.1.1 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.
- 7.1.2 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

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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.

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## 15. Warranty

- 15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.
- 15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.
- 15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

## 16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

## 17. Prices

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

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## 18. Contract amendments

- 18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

## 19. Assignment

- 19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

## 20. Subcontracts

- 20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

## 21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.
- 21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.
- 21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.



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## 22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

## 23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- (a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:

- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
- (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction

- (iii) the period of restriction; and
- (iv) the reasons for the restriction.

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

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

## 24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

- 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him

## 25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the 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.

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## 27. Settlement of Disputes

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

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### 31. Notices

- 31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice
- 31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

### 32. Taxes and duties

- 32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.
- 32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.
- 32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.

### 33. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme

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

### 34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices

- 34.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).
- 34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.
- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

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The above General Conditions of Contract (GCC) are accepted by:

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Designation:</b>	-
<b>Bidder:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	