

NATIONAL TREASURY

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

FOR THE

CLOTHING, UNIFORMS AND RELATED ACCESSORIES SPECIFICATIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer (OCPO) – Strategic Procurement Unit within National Treasury (NT) was established, among others, to modernise and automate Supply Chain Management (SCM) processes with a view to improving public sector procurement performance.

A need to review the manner of procuring certain strategic commodities for the State has been identified. Clothing and uniform items are one of the commodities that require a differentiated approach to procurement. Therefore, the OCPO: CDSP is undertaking a Specification Standardisation Project to identify opportunities to improve the quality, suitability, and efficiency of specifications used by government departments when procuring clothing and uniform items.

The OCPO has deemed it necessary to engage with relevant industry stakeholders to obtain insight into manufacturing capabilities, market conditions, technical and compliance requirements, and opportunities for standardisation.

The Request for Information (RFI) is advertised on the National Treasury website https://archive.treasury.gov.za/tenderinfo/RFI/ for the period from 13 November 2026 to 04 December 2026 for the industry to make technical inputs on the specifications.

You are therefore requested to go through the specification items attached as **Annexure A** and provide input during the meeting to be held on 08 December 2026.

2. PURPOSE OF THE SPECIFICATION MEETING

The purpose of this RFI is to obtain information from all service providers, including manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and other relevant industry role players, regarding the supply of clothing and uniform items to the state. Respondents are requested to provide information that can assist National Treasury in understanding the market and identifying appropriate future improvements to standardise clothing and uniform specifications.
The engagement will also focus on the following areas:

1. **Government contracting experience:** Challenges encountered during the bidding process, production, quality assurance, compliance and delivery.

2. **Quality of specifications:** Whether existing government specifications are clear, complete, technically appropriate and sufficiently detailed to support accurate pricing.
3. **Specification improvement:** Recommendations on improving the drafting of specifications, including technical descriptions, material composition, sizing, tolerances, performance requirements, testing methods and applicable quality standards.
4. **Sample submission:** Experiences with sample submission requirements, including the costs and time involved, repetitive submissions, the number of samples required and opportunities to improve sample submission requirements.
5. **Recommendations for standardisation:** Practical proposals to reduce unnecessary specification variations, duplication, procurement costs and administrative burdens while maintaining fit-for-purpose requirements and effective quality control.

In this regard, we would like to invite you to a meeting to obtain your experience and recommendations as a manufacturer and/or supplier of clothing, uniforms and related clothing accessories items.

3. MEETING DETAILS

3.1 The meeting will be hosted on the virtual platform **Microsoft Teams, from 09h00 – 16h00 on 08 December 2026.** Click here to access the meeting link: MS Teams

3.2 Kindly confirm attendance to the meeting and direct all enquiries to:

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Due to the current office staff rotation, email communication is encouraged.

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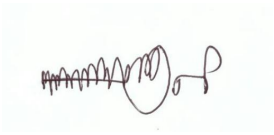
Regards,



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