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Provincial Supply Chain Management

INVITATION TO BID

BID NUMBER	GT/GDE/056/2026
BID DESCRIPTION	INVITATION FOR BIDDER(S) TO PROVIDE ESCORTING AND PROTECTION OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION MATERIALS DURING THE NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS OF GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A FIXED TERM PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS

CUSTOMER DEPARTMENT	GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CUSTOMER INSTITUTION	GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

BRIEFING SESSION	**Y**	☐	**N**	☑	**SESSION COMPULSORY**		**Y**	☐	**N**	☑
					SESSION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED		**Y**	☐	**N**	☑
BRIEFING VENUE	N/A				**DATE**	N/A	**TIME**	N/A		
COMPULSORY SITE INSPECTION	**Y**	☐	**N**	☑	**DATE**	N/A	**TIME**	N/A		
SITE INSPECTION ADDRESS	N/A									

TERM AGREEMENT CALLED FOR?	**Y**	☑	**N**	☐	**TERM DURATION**	THREE (03) YEARS

CLOSING DATE	29 JANUARY2027	**CLOSING TIME**	11H00AM

TENDER BOX LOCATION
Gauteng Department of Education: 100 Main Street (Corner Main and Rissik Street), Marshalltown, Johannesburg

NOTES

THE TENDER BOX IS OPEN 07h00 to 16h00 Weekdays (Monday to Friday)

- Bids / tenders must be deposited in the Tender Box on or before the closing date and time.
- Bids / tenders submitted by fax will not be accepted.
- This bid is subject to the preferential procurement policy framework act, 2000 and the preferential procurement regulations, 2022, the general conditions of contract (gcc) 2010 and, if applicable, any other special conditions of contract.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL GPG BID FORMS – (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) - ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED (FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING DISQUALIFIED)

THE TENDERING SYSTEM

The Invitation to Bid Pack consists of two Sections (Section 1 and Section 2). These two sections must be submitted separately, clearly marked with the Tender Number and the Section Number.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Non-compulsory **"How to tender"** workshops are held every Wednesday from 10:00 to 13:00. Kindly follow our social media platforms / etenders@gauteng.gov.za (Publications) for the venue of the training.

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PART A
INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE	N/A	NUMBER	N/A	
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]	

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.

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TENDER DOCUMETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM: https://e-tenders.gauteng.gov.za/Pages/Advertised-Open-Tenders.aspx
OR
ALTERNATIVELY SEND AN E-MAIL TO: Tender.admin@gauteng.gov.za

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:	
DEPARTMENT	GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CONTACT PERSON	Sejabaledi Chipape
TELEPHONE NUMBER	011 355-0659
FACSIMILE	N/A
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Procurement4@gauteng.gov.za

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:	
DEPARTMENT	GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CONTACT PERSON	Malesela Mapulane
TELEPHONE NUMBER	071 474-6407
FACSIMILE	N/A
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Malesela.Mapulane@gauteng.gov.za

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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, 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		**DATE**	
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED (Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)			

RETURNABLE ATTACHMENT

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CONSENT FORM TO PROCESS PERSONAL INFORMATION IN TERMS OF THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT, NO 4 OF 2013 (POPIA)

1. In the furtherance of the relevant Department's operational requirements and for purposes of complying with its policies, procedures and privacy laws, we may be required to disclose, process and/or further process your personal information provided to us and/or made available by virtue of submission of this RFQ proposals.

2. For purposes contemplated in paragraph 1, the Gauteng Department of Education (Department), hereby requests your consent and/or authorisation for the disclosure, processing and/or further processing of any and/or all your personal information as may be necessary for reasons provided in paragraph 1.

3. By signing this Personal Information Processing Consent form, you hereby grant the Department permission, consent and/or authorisation to disclose, process and further process your personal information within our records, as may be required and/or necessary from time to time.

I, the undersigned, _____ *(INSERT FULL NAME AND SURNAME)* with Identity Number _____, in my personal capacity or acting on behalf of _____ (Registration Number: _____) (Company), confirm that:

4. I have read and understood the contents of this Personal Information Processing Consent form, the details of which have been further explained to me.

5. my or _____ _ _____'s *(INSERT COMPANY'S NAME)* personal information and/or data may be disclosed, processed and/or further processed by the Department (including its employees, agents, contractors and representatives) and such other third parties contracted with the Department involved in the processing, verification and management of my and/or Company's Personal Information in accordance with the requirements set out in paragraph 1 **(Processors);**

6. any one or more of the above entities/representatives may utilise my and/or Company's personal information/data storage and/or any traffic data processing infrastructure located in and outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa (RSA), in which instance my and/or Company's personal information/data may be conveyed, processed and/or stored outside the borders of RSA;

7. I accept the data security and protection measures adopted and/or applied by the Processors in their retention, disclosure, processing and further processing of my and/or Company's personal information/data; and

8. The Department may retain any of my personal information/data as may be required by the Department or for purposes contemplated in paragraph 1.

9. By my signature below, do hereby give my or the Company's irrevocable consent, and/or authorisation for purposes required and/or detailed in this Personal Information Processing Consent form.

Privacy Laws Compliance Clause

I, the signatory to this document/form, further warrant and undertake:

10. to comply with all privacy laws (including the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, as amended, (POPIA)) applicable to the processing of any Personal Information resultant from and/or pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. You further undertake to ensure that all security measures are in place, to:

- ✓ ensure the lawful processing of Personal Information
- ✓ secure the integrity and confidentiality of such Personal Information;
- ✓ provide the appropriate and reasonable technical and organization measures to prevent any loss, damage or unauthorized destruction of Personal Information;
- ✓ mitigate against any unlawful, data breach or unauthorised access to Personal Information;
- ✓ identify any or potential risks related to data breaches or contravention with privacy laws;
- ✓ apply the acceptable information security practices and procedures.

11. to indemnify the Department against any losses, howsoever arising, resultant from any breach or contravention of the privacy laws including your breach of this clause and shall, timeously, notify the Department, the data subject and the Information Regulator in the event of any contravention - a unauthorised disclosure of Personal Information.

12. In accordance with the requirements• of POPIA, I hereby give the Department the expressed and revocable consent to and/or authorisation to disclose, process and/or further process any Personal Information obtained by the Department pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

Signed by: _____

ID Number: _____

Signature: _____

Designation: _____

Date: _____

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1.	The INVITATION TO BID Pack is drawn up so that certain essential information should be furnished in a specific manner. Any additional particulars shall be furnished in a separate annexure.
2.	The INVITATION TO BID forms should not be retyped or redrafted, but photocopies may be prepared and used. Additional offers may be made for any item, but only on a photocopy of the page in question or on other forms obtainable from the relevant Department or Institution advertising this BID. Additional offers made in any other manner may be disregarded.
3.	Should the INVITATION TO BID forms not be filled in by means of electronic devices, bidders are encouraged to complete forms in a black ink.
4	Bidders shall check the numbers of the pages and satisfy themselves that none are missing or duplicated. No liability shall be accepted with regards to claims arising from the fact that pages are missing or duplicated.
5	The INVITATION TO BID forms shall be completed, signed and submitted with the bid. SBD 5 (National Industrial Participation Programme Form) will only be added to the INVITATION TO BID pack when an imported component in excess of US $ 10 million is expected.
6	A separate SBD 3.1, SBD 3.2 or SBD 3.3 form (PRICING SCHEDULE per item) shall be completed in respect of each item. Photocopies of this form may be prepared and used or additional copies, (if required) are obtainable from the relevant Department or Institution advertising this BID (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).
7	Firm delivery periods and prices are preferred. Consequently, bidders shall clearly state whether delivery periods and prices will remain firm for the duration of any contract, which may result from this BID, by completing SBD 3.1 (PRICING SCHEDULE per item) (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).
8	If non-firm prices are offered bidders must ensure that a separate SBD 3.2 (Non-Firm Prices per item) is completed in respect of each item for which a non-firm price is offered. Photocopies of this form may be prepared and used or additional copies, (if required) are obtainable from the relevant Department or Institution advertising this BID (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).

9	Where items are specified in detail, the specifications form an integral part of the BID document (see the attached specification) and bidders shall indicate in the space provided whether the items offered are to specification or not (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).
10	In respect of the paragraphs where the items offered are strictly to specification, bidders shall insert the words **"as specified"** (see the attached specification) (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).
11	In cases where the items are not to specification, the deviations from the specifications shall be indicated (see the attached specification).
12	In instances where the bidder is not the manufacturer of the items offered, the bidder must as per SBD 3.1 or SBD 3.2 (PRICING SCHEDULE per item) submit a Letter of Supply from the relevant manufacturer or his supplier (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).
13	The offered prices shall be given in the units shown in the attached specification, as well as in SBD 3.1 or SBD 3.2 (PRICING SCHEDULE per item) (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).
14	With the exception of imported goods, where required, all prices shall be quoted in South African currency. Where bids are submitted for imported goods, foreign currency information must be supplied by completing the relevant portions of SBD 3.1 (PRICING SCHEDULE per item) and SBD 3.2 (PRICING SCHEDULE per item) (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).
15	Unless otherwise indicated, the costs of packaging materials (if applicable) are for the account of the bidder and must be included in the bid price on the (PRICING SCHEDULE per item) (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS).
16	Delivery basis (not applicable for PANEL of BIDDERS): a) Supplies which are held in stock or are in transit or on order from South African manufacturers at the date of offer shall be offered on a basis of delivery into consignee's store or on his site within the free delivery area of the bidder's centre, or carriage paid consignee's station, if the goods are required elsewhere. b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 16(a), offered prices for supplies in respect of which installation / erection / assembly is a requirement, shall include ALL costs on a “delivered on site” basis, as specified on the (PRICING SCHEDULE per item).

17	Unless specifically provided for in the BID document, no bids transmitted by facsimile or email shall be considered.
18	Failure on the part of the bidder to sign any of the INVITATION TO BID forms and thus to acknowledge and accept the conditions in writing or to complete the attached INVITATION TO BID forms, Preference documents, questionnaires and specifications in all respects, may invalidate the bid.
19	Bids should preferably not be qualified by the bidder's own conditions of bid. Failure to comply with these requirements (i.e. full acceptance of the General Conditions of Contract or to renounce specifically the bidder's own conditions of bid, when called upon to do so, may invalidate the bid.
20	In case of samples being called for together with the bid, the successful bidder may be required to submit pre-production samples to the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) or such testing authority as designated at the request of the relevant Department concerned. Unless the relevant Department decides otherwise, pre-production samples must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the date on which the successful bidder was requested to do so. Mass production may commence only after both the relevant Department and the successful bidder have been advised by the SABS that the pre-production samples have been approved.
21	Should the pre-production samples pass the inspections / tests at the first attempt, the costs associated with the inspections / tests will be for the account of the relevant Department. If the SABS or such testing authority as designated do not approve the pre-production samples, but requires corrections / improvements, the costs of the inspections / tests must be paid by the successful bidder and samples which are acceptable in all respects must then reach the SABS or such testing authority as designated within twenty-one (21) days of the date on which the findings of the SABS or such testing authority as designated were received by the successful bidder. Failure to deliver samples within the specified time and to the required standards may lead to the cancellation of the intended contract.
22	In case of samples being called for together with the bid, the samples must be submitted together with the bid before the closing time and date of the BID, unless specifically indicated otherwise. Failure to submit the requested sample(s)before the closing time and date of the BID may invalidate the bid.
23	In cases where large quantities of a product are called for, it may be necessary for the relevant item to be shared among two (2) or more suppliers.

24	In cases where the relevant Department or Institution advertising this BID may deem it necessary, a formal contract may be entered into with the successful bidder, in addition to a Letter of Acceptance and / or purchase order being issued.
25	If any of the conditions on the BID forms are in conflict with any special conditions, stipulations or provisions incorporated in the bid invitation, such special conditions, stipulations or provisions shall apply.
26	This BID is subject to the General Conditions of Contract and re-issues thereof. Copies of these conditions are obtainable from any office of the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG).
27	Each bid must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope on which the following must be clearly indicated: • NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER; • THE BID (GT) NUMBER; AND • THE CLOSING DATE. The bid must be deposited or posted; • To the address as indicated on SBD1 and to reach the destination not later than the closing time and date; **OR** • deposited in the tender box as indicated on SBD1 before the closing time and date.
28	The Gauteng Provincial Government has become a member and as such a key sponsor of the Proudly South African Campaign. GPG therefore would like to procure local products of a high quality, produced through the practise of sound labour relations and in an environment where high environmental standards are maintained. In terms of the Proudly South African Campaign South African companies are encouraged to submit interesting and innovative achievements in the manufacturing field (if relevant to this BID) – including information on new products, export achievements, new partnerships and successes and milestones.
29	Compulsory GPG Contract: It is a mandatory requirement that successful bidder/s (to whom a tender is awarded) sign a GPG Contract upon award of any given contract.

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POINT SYSTEM

BID NUMBER	GT/GDE/056/2026	**CLOSING DATE**	29 JANUARY 2026
VALIDITY OF BID	180 DAYS	**CLOSING TIME**	11H00AM

The goods / services are required by the Customer Department / Institution, as indicated on SBD 01.

This BID will be evaluated on the basis of the under noted point system, as stipulated in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act number 5 of 2000).

POINT SYSTEM

The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 90/10 preference point system.	✔
The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.	
Either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system will be applicable in this tender	

TYPE OF CONTRACT (COMPLETED BY PROJECT MANAGER)

SERVICE BASED	**Y**	✔	**N**		**SERVICE BASED**	**Y**	✔	**N**		**VALUE BASED**	**Y**	✔	**N**	
VALUE BASED	**Y**	✔	**N**											
QUANTITY BASED	**Y**	✔	**N**											
TERM BASED	**Y**	✔	**N**											

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BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder's declaration

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

YES		NO	

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State Institution

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

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

YES		NO	

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

YES		NO	

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

3 DECLARATION

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

3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;

3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;

3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium 2 will not be construed as collusive bidding.

3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

2 Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

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

3.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

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

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

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

Signature		**Date**	
Position		**Name of the Bidder**	

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EVALUATION METHODOLOGY PROCESS

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

- Bidders must complete Compulsory Documents and attach it to their Bid Document failing which the tender shall not be considered for further evaluation.
- Points will be awarded in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA)

STAGE 1

CRITERIA FOR FUNCTIONALITY	
CAPACITY TO DELIVER	25
COMPANY EXPERIENCE	25
HUMAN RESOURCES AND ESCORT VEHICLES	50
MINIMUM THRESHOLD	80
TOTAL	100

NOTE: Bidders who fail to meet the above minimum requirements (Stage 1) shall be automatically eliminated and will not be considered for further evaluation.

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STAGE 2

CRITERIA FOR PRICE AND PREFERENCE POINTS (SPECIFIC GOALS)	POINTS
Bid Price	90
Preference Points (Specific Goals)	10
TOTAL	100

SPECIFIC GOALS SHALL BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

	POINTS ALLOCATED
SPECIFIC GOALS	10
1. B-BBEE Status level 1	10
2. B-BBEE Status level 2	8
3.B-BBEE Status level 3	6
4. B-BBEE Status level 4 to Non compliant contributor	0
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

***It is the responsibility of the bidder to complete the relevant form (SBD 6.1) and submit it with this BID to the relevant office to qualify for the preference points.**

BIDDERS JOB CREATION ANALYSIS

Company Name		**Date Established**	

	Permanent	**Temp**	**SA Citizens**	**Other**	**Comments**
Staff compliment at Establishment of Enterprise					
Current staff compliment					
Number of jobs to be created if Bid is successful					

The successful bidder may be audited during the course of the contract to verify the above information.

Comments to include:

- If Job Creation is direct (by your own company) or indirect (by your source of supply)
- Where the jobs created for employees that were in existing positions or unemployed? (Net Job Creation)

NOTE: Job Creation should adhere to all applicable RSA Legislation and Regulations.

THIS SECTION IS FOR OFFICE USE ONLY						
Observations	**Initial Job Count**	**Job Creation Potential**	**1st Quarter**	**2nd Quarter**	**3rd Quarter**	**4th Quarter**
Year 1						
Year 2						
Year 3						
Year 4						
Year 5						

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

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BACKGROUND

The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) will be conducting National Examinations from May to June and October to November annually. The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to procure security services from Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) registered bidder(s). In appointing PSIRA-registered companies and guards, the GDE is preventing a possible exposure of attracting companies and guards that might not have the necessary skill and/or expertise in the security sector thereby compromising the quality and professionalism required for a project of this magnitude. The project is intended to address security services and need of guarding examination materials.

The need for the escorting and protection of both the May/June and October/November National Examination and the security needs must also consider the transportation of the materials during the examination period which is a strict consignment such that the threat to access can affect the integrity of the entire examination process. GDE examination material and consignment are top priority and should not encounter a threat or exposure to safety while in storage and in transit.

1. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Legislative Framework applicable will not be limited to the following:

a) Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act No. 108 of 1996
b) Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022
c) Public Finance Management Act No. 1 of 1999, as amended.
d) Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act No. 5 of 2000, as amended.
e) Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act No. 53 of 2003, as amended.
f) South African Schools Act No. 84 of 1996, as amended.
g) Gauteng Schools Education Act No. 6 of 1995, as amended.
h) National Education Policy Act No. 27 of 1996, as amended.
i) Public Service Act No. 103 of 1994, as amended.
j) Employment of Educators Act No. 76 of 1998, as amended.
k) Promotion of Access to Information Act No. 2 of 2000, as amended.
l) Promotion of Administration Justice Act No. 3 of 2000, as amended.
m) Occupational Health and Safety Act No. 85 of 1993, as amended.
n) Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority Act No. 56 of 2001, as amended.

o) Control of Access to Public Premises and Motor Vehicles Act No. 53 of 1985, as amended.
p) Criminal Procedure Act No. 51 of 1977, as amended.
q) The Criminal Law Amendment Act No. 105 of 1997, as amended.
r) Firearms Control Act No. 60 of 2000, as amended.
s) Electronic Communication Security Act No. 68 of 2002, as amended
t) Protection of Personal Information Act no 4 of 2013, as amended.
u) Protection of Information Act No 84 of 1982, as amended.
v) Section 31 (1) of the electronic communication Act 36 of 2005 as amended.
w) South African Police Services Act No.68 of 1995
x) Any other applicable Legislation.

2. PROJECT BRIEF

GDE intends to appoint bidder(s) (see Table 1 on page 7) that will be providing services of (NSC) examination to and from the 77 distribution points indicated on Table 1 during the period of May/June and October/ November examination period for each year. The examination will take place during May/June and October/November of each year and the number of exam days will depend on the exam timetable as availed by DBE.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

3.1 The appointed bidder(s) will be expected to provide security services based on command and control of the escorting (armed reaction, cash-in-transit, VIP protection, and law enforcement environment) and protection of the identified exam materials to and from the 77 distribution points as indicated in Table 1 during the examination of May/June and October/November over a three-year period.

3.1.1 Deploy physical guards to provide protection and monitoring of the distribution points where the materials are kept as per Table 1.

3.1.2 Deploy armed guards to provide escorting and monitoring services to and from the storage and the distribution points, distribution points and storage, storage and marking centre(s).

3.1.3 Each of the armed security guards must be in possession of a licensed firearm.

3.1.4 Security guards deployed on-site and on duty must be in full personal protective wear such as branded uniform with a name tag and appropriate shoes.

3.1.5 Minimum three years' experience in escorting and protection services (e.g. armed reaction, cash-in-transit, VIP protection, and law enforcement environment) is required from each service provider.

3.1.6 The appointed bidder(s) must be able to respond to incidents including, supervise guards in all regions/districts, handle queries, and provide contingency plan and monitoring framework. Table 1 illustrates the breakdown of regions and the daily security requirements.

3.1.7 Valid certificate of Company/ bidder Registration with PSIRA at bid closing date.

3.1.8 Valid certificate of company/bidder owner(s) / director(s) registration with PSIRA at bid closing date.

3.1.9 Valid letter of good standing with PSIRA at bid closing date.

3.1.10 Valid proof of company / bidder's fire-arms registration with the SAPS central Fire-Arm Registrar.

3.1.11 Valid copy of Competency Certificate in respect of Company directors in terms of Section 10 of the Fire-Arm Control Act.

3.1.12 Bidder(s) must provide Valid Licence copy of firearm competency certificate indicating authorisation to possess firearms (Issued by SAPS to Bidder(s).

3.1.13 Valid Letter of good standing or Certificate issued by the Compensation Fund in terms of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act No 130 of 1993(COIDA) must be attached. The Letter or Certificate must be valid by the closing date of the Bid. The letter of intent to issue a letter of good standing by the Compensation Commissioner is not acceptable and if attached without a valid letter or certificate will lead to automatic disqualification.

3.1.14 Valid copy of a confirmation letter of the Provident Fund from the Private Security Sector Provident Fund (PSSPF) at bid closing date.

3.1.15 Proof of valid Radio frequency license issued by Independent Communication Authority of South Africa (ICASA). Bidders who do not have an ICASA license must submit a signed letter of intent / lease agreement signed by both parties to lease an ICASA license with proof that the leased license is valid at the bid closing date.

3.1.16 All human resource personnel must be clearly marked

3.2 **Offices, Distribution Points, Marking Centres, Security Guards, and Vehicles Required**

Table 1: ***Number of Offices, Distribution Points, and Security Guards and Vehicles required per region.***

No	Regions	District Name	Storage Points	Distribution Points	Escorting Vehicles	Physical Security Guards (storage points)				Escorting Security Guards		Total Security Guards
						Day		Night				
						Armed Grade B	Armed Grade C	Armed Grade B	Armed Grade C	Armed Grade B	Armed Grade C	
01	Tshwane	Gauteng North	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	14
02		Tshwane North	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	10
03		Tshwane South	1	10	10	1	1	1	1	10	10	24
04		Tshwane West	1	8	8	1	1	1	1	8	8	20
		Sub-Total	4	26	26	4	4	4	4	26	26	68
05	Ekurhuleni	Ekurhuleni North	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	14
06		Gauteng East	1	6	6	1	1	1	1	6	6	16
07		Ekurhuleni South	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	10
		Sub-Total	3	14	14	3	3	3	3	14	14	40
08	Sedi-West	Gauteng West	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	4	4	12
09		Sedibeng East	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	14
10		Sedibeng West	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	14
		Sub-Total	3	14	14	3	3	3	3	14	14	40
11	Johannesburg	Johannesburg East	1	6	6	1	1	1	1	6	6	16
12		Johannesburg North	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	14
13		Johannesburg South	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	4	4	12
14		Johannesburg West	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	10
15		Johannesburg Central	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	14
		Sub-Total	5	23	23	5	5	5	5	23	23	66
		OVERALL TOTAL	15	77	77	15	15	15	15	77	77	214

REGIONAL SELECTION/ PREFERENCE

Service provider(s) must select the region(s) which they are bidding for. Bidders must select their preferred region(s) by placing a tick **(√)** in the space provided next to the region in table two (2). GDE reserves the right to appoint more than one service provider per region.

Table 2

NO	REGION	Please indicate selection of the preferred region by a tick (√) in the space below
1	Tshwane	
2	Ekurhuleni	
3	Sedi-West	
4	Johannesburg	

NOTE: Bidders are allowed to bid in their preferred region(s).
The GDE reserves the right to use its discretion in the allocation of work.
In the middle of the examination bidders will be expected to escort the exam material from storage points to Marking Centres as well as at the end of the examination period.

3.2.1 **Requirements for Security Guards**

a) The certified firearm competent security guards must be PSIRA registered with a Grade B and C.
b) All Grade B and C ranking guards are required to have a firearm competency certificate.
c) Certified firearms competent standby (relievers) security officers of the same grading should be available as part of a contingency plan with relevant grading.
d) All security guards must be posted according to the daily roster schedule.
e) Each security guard deployed on site should be in possession of a two-way radio (PTT - Push to Talk Radio), baton, handcuffs, and pepper spray.
f) The security guards will be of the same grade (Grade B and C) both guarding and escorting
g) All armed security guards must be in full identifiable uniform with the company logo.

3.2.2 **Protection and Monitoring**

a) The successful bidder(s) will be required to deploy security guards to safeguard examination materials at the storage point where the materials are kept.
b) Security guards will be expected to monitor access to the temporary storage.
c) The successful bidder(s) will have to conduct a post-site risk assessment after each examination.

d) Security guards deployed should familiarise themselves with the standard working procedures set by the GDE to create a uniform standard of security operations.
e) The successful bidder(s) will be required to provide names of coordinator(s) liaison officers that will ensure the flow of communication.

3.2.3 **Escorting**

a) The escort vehicle must be branded and bear the company name and colours for ease of identification. The escort vehicle must not be older than 10 years and must be equipped with security light, siren, base radio, anti-hijack system with driver panic button to the control room and branded with company logo.
b) Escort security guards will have to guard the examination materials in transit to and from the distribution points.
c) All armed escort vehicles must be equipped with a portable satellite patrol radio.
d) All the security guards involved in escorting should be clothed in bullet proof vests.
e) The security guards must be armed at all times during escorting.
f) The security guards must report and provide confirmation to the control room on departure and arrival times including incidents from storage points to Distribution points.

3.2.4 **Storage facilities**

a) The bidder(s) must have a site manager who will be doing site inspections at all storage facilities.
b) The storage facilities should be guarded 24 hours per day, comprising two (2) twelve (12) hour shifts.
c) Provide patrol services where the materials are stored.

4. EVALUATION

The evaluation of the bids will be conducted in two stages as per Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 issued in terms of section 5 of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act number 5 of 2000 (PPPFA) as follows:

Stage One will be the evaluation of bids on **Administrative Compliance (Mandatory and other Administrative Compliance), Functionality and Site Visit**. During these stages of evaluation, the bidder/s that do not meet the prescribed criteria on **Mandatory** administrative compliance and/or minimum threshold/s for Functionality and Site Visit will be disqualified and will not be considered for further evaluation.

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Stage Two of the evaluation will be based on **Price and Preferential Goals Point System**, as per the Preferential Procurement Regulation of 2022. The 90/10 preference point system will apply, and the lowest/highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system.

- Price = 90 points
- Preferential Goals = 10 points

4.1 Stage 1(A): Administrative Evaluation

Administrative evaluation will be carried out on all the bids received and if the compulsory documentation mentioned below is not completed and/or not signed (where required) or not submitted, and/or not attached such a bid will be eliminated from any further evaluation.

Mandatory Documents: (eliminating criteria)

a) Submission of a fully completed and signed bid on the original tender document (RFP pack section 1) with all the pages included. Failure to fully complete, duly sign and submit any of the pages will render the bid non-responsive and will result in the bidder being disqualified.
b) Submission of a fully completed and signed bid on the original tender document (RFP pack section 2) including a signed Price Schedule with all the pages included. Failure to fully complete, duly sign and submit any of the pages will render the bid non-responsive and will result in the bidder being disqualified.
c) Submission of a fully completed and duly signed Bidder's Disclosure (Form SBD4). Failure to fully complete, duly sign and submit any of the pages will render the bid non-responsive and will result in the bidder being disqualified.
d) Valid copy of certificate for Company/bidder Registration with PSIRA
e) Valid copy of certificate company owner(s)/ director(s) registration with new PSIRA Grade A

f) Valid letter of company / bidder's good standing with PSIRA at bid closing date

g) Valid proof of company / bidder fire-arms registration with the SAPS central Fire-Arm Registrar

h) Valid copy of Competency Certificate in respect of Company directors in terms of Section 10 of the Fire-Arm Control Act

i) Valid Letter of good standing or Certificate issued by the Compensation Fund in terms of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act No 130 of 1993(COIDA) must be attached. The Letter or Certificate must be valid by the closing date of the Bid. The letter of intent to issue a letter of good standing by the Compensation Commissioner is not acceptable.

j) Valid copy of a confirmation letter of the Provident Fund from the Private Security Sector Provident Fund (PSSPF)

k) Proof that the Radio license (if owned, submit ICASA Certificate), (if leased – valid rental agreement including the ICASA certificate of the lessor).

l) Bidder(s) to provide Valid Licence indicating authorisation to possess firearms (Issued by SAPS to Bidder(s))

m) The Bidder must submit a Tender/Bid Guarantee (Bid Bond) in the amount of R1, 500,000.00 (One Million Five Hundred Thousand Rand) issued by a commercial bank registered in the Republic of South Africa. The Bid Bond must:

   a) be issued in the name of the Bidder;

   b) be for an amount of R1, 500,000.00; and

   c) remain valid for a period extending at least thirty (30) calendar days beyond the tender validity period.

<u>Other Documents: (not eliminating criteria)</u>

a) Recent/Latest Proof of a Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration

b) Valid SARS Tax Compliance Status (TCS) pin

c) Submission of a fully completed and duly signed Preference Points Claim in terms of the Preferential Regulations 2022 form (SBD 6.1)

N.B Failure on the part of a bidder to submit a completed and signed SBD6.1, as well as proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed. The following documents should be submitted together with SBD 6.1 to claim Preference Points:

d) Valid Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Certificate issued by an Agency Accredited by SANAS or in cases of EME's/ QSE's submit a valid Sworn Affidavit signed by the EME/QSE representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths on the same date or a B-BBEE Certificate issued by CIPC:

   i. In the case of Qualifying Small Enterprises (QSE), if the bidding entity is more than 51% black-owned, then no B-BBEE certificate is required as an affidavit signed by the QSE representative and attested by a commissioner of oaths will be sufficient.
   ii. If the QSE is less than 51% black-owned, then the bidding entity will be required to provide a valid B-BBEE Certificate thereof.
   iii. In the case of a consortium or joint venture (including unincorporated consortia and joint ventures) must submit a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate issued by an Agency Accredited by SANAS and CSD Report for parties in the JV or Consortium.
   iv. Only B-BBEE Status Level verification certificates from B-BBEE verification agencies accredited by SANAS with BVA number will be accepted. Non-valid or expired B-BBEE certificates will forfeit the points allocated.

   v. Bidders who fail to submit a valid copy of their B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit will forfeit the preference points to be allocated.

e) On or before the appointment, the appointed bidder(s) should submit valid proof of company (liability) insurance of not less than R1 000 000.00.
f) A signed Joint Venture Agreement or Consortium Agreement (signed by both parties) with a consolidated BEE certificate (showing revenue split), if applicable.
g) All non-eliminating documents will be tested/verified independently upon award.

4.2 **Stage 1(B): Functionality Evaluation**

A bidder that scores less than **80 points** out of 100 points in respect of the **Functionality Evaluation** will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive proposal and will be disqualified. Bidders who achieve the minimum threshold score will be shortlisted for Stage 1C: Site Visit.

Functionality evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

No.	CRITERIA	Weight
1.	**Capacity to deliver**	**25**
	1.1 Provide a detailed operational plan of the service covering how and when the service will be delivered, taking into account Legislation and Policy guiding the Security Industry and the Protection of Information (10) a) Escorting and guarding of the examination material b) Guarding of district storage facilities c) Protection and monitoring d) Incidence logging e) Incorporate elements of command-and-control framework ***NB: Refer to paragraph 3 under Scope of Work*** **A bidder that fails to include all the above will score zero points** **1.2 Provide a detailed contingency plan covering the following aspects:** **a) Threats and risks associated with a seizure during transit of the examination material. (10)** i. Cases of escort car hijacking or hijack of GDE vehicle being escorted (2) ii. Cases of Accidents/Incidents (involving security escort car or GDE escorted vehicle) (2) iii. Cases of car mechanical problems (1) iv. Cases of community Protest and Strikes hindering routes and offices (1)	

INVITATION FOR BIDDER(S) TO PROVIDE ESCORTING AND PROTECTION OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION MATERIALS DURING THE NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS OF GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A FIXED PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.

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<tr><td></td><td>v. Security personnel strike or protests due to salary or company working conditions (2)
vi. Cases of Negligence of loss of Exam material (2)

b) Control of access into the storage facility in preventing theft and leakages (5)

i. Unauthorised physical access into the storage facility (2)
ii. Security personnel absenteeism and late coming in guard the storage facility (3)</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>2.</td><td>Company experience in guarding and security services</td><td>25</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>2.1 Provide signed reference (on client’s letterhead with contact details). Each letter must indicate a completed contract or project with at least three years’ experience within the past ten years in escorting services. Each reference letter must cover the following:
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ii. The nature of service rendered (relevant to this project)
iii. The rand value of the contract /project
v. Reference letter should be signed and be in the company or entity’s letterhead.</td><td>25</td></tr>
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ii. The nature of service rendered (relevant to this project)
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iii. The rand value of the contract /project
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ii. The nature of service rendered (relevant to this project)
iii. The rand value of the contract /project
v. Reference letter should be signed and be in the company or entity’s letterhead.</td><td>0</td></tr>
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Note: Failure to submit reference letters in line with item (i) to (iii) and 2,1 above will result in a bidder scoring zero points.
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<tr><td></td><td>3.1 Human resources: Grade B and C armed security guards.

a) The following documents must be submitted for each security guard:
i. valid PSIRA certificate (Grade B and C as per table 1 above)
ii. CV containing minimum one year experience in similar guarding services e.g VIP protection, cash in transit, guarding at National Key Points.</td><td></td></tr>
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No.	CRITERIA	Weight

iii. firearm competency certificate

iv. letter of authorisation from the company for the guards to use its firearms

Number of security guards per region

Regions	Armed Security Guards Grade B	Armed Security Guards Grade C
Tshwane	34	34
Johannesburg	33	33
Ekurhuleni	20	20
Sedi-West	20	20
ALL regions	107	107

3.2 Escort vehicles

a) The following documents must be submitted for each escort light vehicle (vehicles must not be older than 10 years) and must be equipped with security light, siren, base radio, anti-hijack system with driver panic button to control room and branded with company logo

i. Natis Vehicle Registration certificate (RC1) that bears records of the vehicles VIN, engine number, registration number and the title holders' details.

ii. Sale/lease agreement /financing bond if the car is still under finance.

iii. Roadworthy certificate

Number of escort vehicles per region:

Regions	Escort Vehicles
Tshwane	26
Johannesburg	23
Ekurhuleni	14
Sedi-West	14
ALL regions	77

Note: *Bidders must submit human resources and escort vehicles in line with their preferred region(s). Bidders are not allowed to use the same CVs of personnel or vehicles across regions.*

A bidder that submits required documentation for security guards and escort vehicles as per 3.1 and 3.2 above in line with their preferred region /s will score 40 points.

A bidder that fails to submit required documentation for security guards and escort vehicles as per 3.1 and 3.2 above in line with their preferred region/s will score zero points.

No.	CRITERIA	Weight
	3.3 Operational Personnel (10) 3.3.1 Operations Manager Qualifications (5) a. Operations Manager with a PSIRA Grade A certificate (5) b. No PSIRA Garde A certificate (0) 3.3.2 Control room operator (5) a. Control room operator with PSIRA Garde B certificate b. No PSIRA Grade B certificate (0)	
TOTAL		**100**
Minimum Threshold		**80**

Stage 1C: Site Visit Evaluation

A bidder that scores less than **55 out 60 points** in respect of **site visit** will be regarded as non-responsive and will be disqualified. Short-listed bidders will be evaluated on stage 2, price and preference points evaluation.

NO.	CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Verification of required resources as per the scope of work in paragraph 4 of the ToR will be carried out based on the items outlined below.		
1	**Availability of security uniforms** a) Marked / branded set of Combat uniform worn by escort security guards (4 points) b) Marked / branded set of Formal uniform worn by static security guards (4 points) c) Appropriate combat pair of shoes (1 point) d) Appropriate formal pair of shoes (1 point)	**10**
2	**Fully equipped control room with the following requirements** a) Radio base station (2 points) and b) At least one two-way radio (2 points) c) Backup system (Uninterrupted power supply which can last for at least four hours – UPS) (10 points) d) Successful radio testing i.e. calls and answer. (3 points) e) At least two new Occurrence books. (2 points)	**24**

	f) Communication line/s i.e. Land lines, cellular phones. (3 points) g) A list of addresses and telephone numbers for Emergency services. (2 points).	
3	Availability and description of a Payroll System	**5**
4	**Demonstrate availability of the following resources required (to be utilised by guards).** a) Pocket book (3 points) b) Visitor register. (2 points) c) Baton/s (1 point) d) Set of Handcuffs (2 points) e) Torch (2 points) f) Handheld scanner/s (2 points) g) Completed Posting sheet/s (1 point) with provision for relievers in case of any absenteeism. (1 point) h) Previous record of daily site inspection by the bidder in the OB book. (1 point)	**15**
5	**An escort vehicle** Functional radios fitted in armed response vehicle, and must be equipped with security light, siren, fitted radio, anti-hijack system with driver panic button linked to control room and branded with company logo (6 points)	**6**
	THRESHOLD	**55**
	TOTAL POINTS	**60**

Stage 2: Price & Preference Points

The contract will be awarded in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act 5 of 2000) (Preferential Procurement Regulation, November 2022 Gazette Number 47452). 90/10 preference point system will apply, and the lowest/highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system.

- Price = 90 points
- Specific goals = 10

AREA	**POINTS**	
PRICE	90	
PREFERENTIAL GOALS	10	
RDP and Specific Goals	**Weightings**	**Evidence**
B-BBEE Status Level 1	10	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn Affidavit
B-BBEE Status Level 2	8	
B-BBEE Status Level 3	6	
B-BBEE Status Level 4 to non-compliant contributor	0	No evidence submitted

5. FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Each RFP shall comprise of at least the following compulsory sections, bound and clearly indexed: -

Section A	**Mandatory Returnable Documents: (eliminating criteria)** a) Submission of a fully completed and signed bid on the original tender document (RFP pack section 1) with all the pages included. Failure to fully complete, duly sign and submit any of the pages will render the bid non-responsive and will result in the bidder being disqualified. b) Submission of a fully completed and signed bid on the original tender document (RFP pack section 2) including a signed Price Schedule with all the pages included. Failure to fully complete, duly sign and submit any of the pages will render the bid non-responsive and will result in the bidder being disqualified. c) Submission of a fully completed and duly signed Bidder's Disclosure (Form SBD4). Failure to fully complete, duly sign and submit any of the pages will render the bid non-responsive and will result in the bidder being disqualified. d) Valid copy of Company Registration with PSIRA e) Valid copy of company owner(s)/ director(s) registration with new PSIRA Grade A f) Valid letter of company's good standing with PSIRA g) Valid proof of security officers' fire-arms registration with the SAPS central Fire-Arm Registrar h) Valid copy of Competency Certificate in respect of Company directors in terms of Section 10 of the Fire-Arm Control Act i) Valid Letter of good standing or Certificate issued by the Compensation Fund in terms of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Disease Act No 130 of 1993(COIDA) must be attached. The Letter or Certificate must be valid by the closing date of the Bid. The letter of intent to issue a letter of good standing by the Compensation Commissioner is not acceptable.

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Section B	**<u>Other Required Documents: (not eliminating criteria)</u>** a) Recent/Latest Proof of a Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration b) Proof that the Radio license (if owned, submit proof), (if leased – valid rental agreement) c) Valid SARS Tax Compliance Status (TCS) pin d) Submission of a fully completed and duly signed Preference Points Claim in terms of the Preferential Regulations 2022 form (SBD 6.1) **N.B** Failure on the part of a bidder to submit a completed and signed SBD6.1, as well as proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed. The following documents should be submitted together with SBD 6.1 to claim Preference Points: e) Valid Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Certificate issued by an Agency Accredited by SANAS or in cases of EME's/ QSE's submit a valid Sworn Affidavit signed by the EME/QSE representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths on the same date or a B-BBEE Certificate issued by CIPC:
Section C	a) Operational Plan b) Contingency Plan c) Guards CVs with Certificates & escort vehicles d) Operational Personnel certificates e) Reference/testimonial letters from previous clients

6. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

6.1 Successful Bidder(s) must be in a position to commence work upon appointment. Projects/services will be initiated by means of written instructions to the successful Bidder(s) by verbal briefings, when required.

6.2 GDE reserves the right to reject work that does not meet the required standard and engage the service provider who can provide similar services of the required standard.

6.3 GDE shall serve thirty (30) days written notice for termination of contract in the case of non-performance.

6.4 Successful bidder(s) and guards will be profiled and screened by South African Police Services (SAPS) before and after appointment.

6.5 The bidder(s) must deliver the requested service within the given timeframes (to be given as and when orders are placed).

6.6 The stringent timeframes with regard to the delivery of the final service necessitates that the Department be in constant contact with the service provider and would at times require the service provider to make last minute changes to the security services.

6.7 The successful service providers will deliver the security services as per the agreed quality and quantity per the identified specifications.

6.8 GDE will ensure that service provider adheres to the GDE’s Security Policies and Procedures.

6.9 The bidder(s) awarded the contract must comply with GDE’s Security Policies and Procedures and with all National Examination Security Standards imposed by Department of Basic Education.

6.10 Each security guard deployed on site and on duty must be in full branded uniform with a name tag and appropriate shoes.

6.11 The escort vehicles must bear a company name and must be in a good condition (mechanically)

6.12 All armed escort vehicles must be equipped with a portable satellite radio.

6.13 All security personnel involve in escort to be clothed in bullet proof vests

6.14 Compliance: PSIRA identification cards must be carried whilst on duty. All approved security related legislation, codes of conduct and procedure must be complied with

6.15 Ensure that on-site Security guard has Clearance Security certificates (SAPS) before commencement of duties.

6.16 The selected Bidder(s) will be required to enter into a written agreement with GDE. This RFP or any part thereof may be incorporated into and made part of such an agreement. GDE shall not incur any obligation or liability towards the selected Bidder(s) until a written contract has been signed by the duly authorised GDE representative and the Bidder(s).

6.17 On or before the appointment, the appointed bidder(s) should submit a valid proof of company (liability) insurance of not less than R1 000 000.00

6.18 Signed memorandum of agreement by all parties in case of Joint Venture, lead company and owner(s) must be PSIRA registered (if applicable)

6.19 Each security guard deployed on site should be in possession of a two-way radio (PTT – Push to Talk Radio), baton, handcuffs, and pepper spray**.**

6.20 The security guard(s) appointed as a supervisor must be PSIRA registered with a Grade B

6.21 The escort vehicles must be branded and bear the company name and colours for ease of identification**.**

6.22 All armed escort vehicles must be equipped with a portable satellite patrol.

6.23 **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The appointed service provider(s) shall, at their own cost, obtain and maintain valid Public Liability Insurance cover of not less than R1 000 000.00 (One Million Rand) for the duration of the contract. Such insurance shall cover claims arising from bodily injury, death, loss of or damage to property, including incidents resulting from the negligence, acts or omissions of the service provider(s), their employees or agents during the guarding, escorting, transportation and protection of examination materials. The service provider(s) shall submit proof of valid insurance before commencement of services and upon renewal thereof.

The service provider(s) shall remain liable for any loss or damages attributable to their acts or omissions, notwithstanding the existence or limits of such insurance cover.

7. TIME FRAMES

OUTPUT	PERIOD
INVITATION FOR BIDDER(S) TO PROVIDE 24 HOUR PROTECTION, ESCORTING AND MONITORING OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMINATION MATERIALS DURING THE NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS OF GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.	**THREE (3) YEARS.**

8. PENALTIES/WARRANTIES

8.1 If it is shown that errors or shortcomings exist within the service provided, the bidder shall be notified in writing and shall be required to perform corrective services within seven (7) days to remedy such errors at no cost to the Department of Education.

8.2 The Department of Education reserves the right to reject work that does not meet the required standard and engage a different service provider to complete the work. The Department shall serve thirty (30) days written notice for termination of contract in the case of non-performance.

8.3 The GDE reserves the right to inspect or audit any document pertaining to this contract within one year of the date of expiry of the contract. This may also include queries and complaints.

8.4 Should any audit or inspection reveal that the bidder(s) has not complied with any of the terms of this contract, the bidder(s) will be liable for the cost of the audit or inspection as well as the cost of any losses incurred by the State associated with such non-compliance.

9. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

9.1 This Request for Proposal does not constitute an offer. The RFP intends to provide enough information for the preparation and submission of comparable proposals by the Bidders.

9.2 To facilitate the review of all the proposals, all Bidders must compile their responses in the format, marked as Pricing Schedule. Only the requested information should be inserted and no changes to the layout should be made.

9.3 The GDE requires a clear, concise, and factual response. Bidders shall consult, in writing, with the GDE official responsible should there appear to be any discrepancy, ambiguity or uncertainty pertaining to the meaning or effect of any description, dimension, quality, quantity or any other information contained in this RFP.

9.4 Proposals must be compiled in the following**:**

a) Clear indexing of the proposal content must be included.

b) One (1) original proposal (marked ‘original’) must be submitted.

c) One (1) copy of the proposal (marked ‘copy’) must be submitted.

9.5 All proposals must be delivered sealed. The following information must appear on the outside of the sealed proposal**.**

a) Name of Bidder

b) Description of proposal

c) Closing date

9.6 In the case of Joint Ventures, proposals must contain:

a) Teaming Agreements

b) Proposed revenue split and, BEE status for all members of the Joint Venture

9.7 The Bidder will be liable for all costs incurred in response to this request.

9.8 This tender validity period is 120 days. In the event that there is a need to extend this period, the extension will be published on the GPG e-tender portal.

9.9 It is the responsibility of the Bidder to check the extension(s) published as there will be no individual correspondence.

9.10 The Bidder is expected to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions, requirements and specifications of the GDE before submitting a completed response. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's own risk and the Bidder cannot secure relief on the grounds of any mistake.

9.11 Bidders shall take into account that the GDE's total requirements may not be allocated to only one Bidder.

9.12 The GDE reserves the right to engage in post tender negotiations with the Bidder(s) on the short list and to do business with the vendor(s) that best meet the requirements.

9.13 The selected Bidder(s) will be required to enter into a written agreement with GDE. This RFP or any part thereof may be incorporated into and made part of such an agreement. GDE shall not incur any obligation or liability towards the selected Bidder(s) until a written contract has been signed by the duly authorised GDE representative and the Bidder(s)

10. LATE SUBMISSIONS

Proposals submitted after the specified closing date and time will not be accepted.

11. DECLARATION

We the undersigned hereby declare that I/We have read and understand the above and agree to be bound by the stated terms and conditions.

Name of Bidder: ……

Name of contact person……

Capacity……,;……...

Signature……Date……

GAUTENG PROVINCE
TREASURY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Provincial Supply Chain Management

Financial Statements

Submission of Financial Statements

The latest financial statements for the last two years are required (except if it is a new or a dormant entity)

a) Financial statements must be signed by the auditor (in the case of companies) or the accounting officer (in the case of close corporations) the owner (in case of sole proprietors). Signatures must be on the accounting officer's / auditors report on the auditor's /accounting officer's letterhead.

b) Financial statements must be signed by the member/s (in the case of close corporations) or by the director/s (in the case of companies.)

c) In bids where consortia/joint ventures/sub-contractors and partnerships are involved, all bidders must submit their financial statements.

d) If it is a new or dormant entity an opening set of financial statements must be submitted. A letter from the auditor (in the case of companies) or the accounting officer (in the case of close corporations) stating that the entity has not yet traded must be submitted.

e) In cases where an entity has operated for a period less than a year the Management Accounts Report for the period in operation must be submitted signed accordingly as stated in paragraph (a) and (b) of this document.

f) In cases where the entity has operated for a period more than a year but less that two years, then the financial statement for the first year of operation signed accordingly as per paragraph (a) and (b) of this document must be submitted.

GAUTENG PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
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GAUTENG ETHICS & ANTICORRUPTION

INTEGRITY PACT FOR BUSINESSES

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GAUTENG ETHICS & ANTI CORRUPTION

FIGHTING CORRUPTION, PROMOTING INTEGRITY

1. INTRODUCTION

This agreement is part of the tender document, which shall be signed and submitted along with the tender document. The Chief Executive Officer of the bidding company or his/her authorised representative shall sign the integrity pact. If the winning bidder has not signed this integrity pact during the submission of the bid, the tender/proposal shall be disqualified.

2. OBJECTIVES

Now, therefore, the Gauteng Provincial Government and the Bidder agree to enter into this pre-contract agreement, hereinafter referred to as an integrity pact, to avoid all forms of corruption by following a system that is fair, transparent, and free from any influence/unprejudiced dealings before, during and after the currency of the contract to be entered, with a view to:

2.1 Enable the Gauteng Provincial Government to obtain the desired contract at a reasonable and competitive price in conformity to the defined specifications of the works, goods and services; and

2.2 Enable bidders to abstain from bribing or any corrupt practice to secure the contract by assuring them that their competitors will refrain from bribing and other corrupt practices and the Gauteng Provincial Government will commit to preventing corruption, in any form by their officials by following transparent procedures.

3. GOVERNANCE

3.1 The integrity pact seeks to ensure that both parties comply with all applicable provincial, national, continental, and international laws and regulations regarding fair competition and anti-corruption.

4. ENVIRONMENT

4.1 The integrity pact requires that both parties comply with all applicable environmental, health, and safety regulations.

5. PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

5.1 The integrity pact seeks to ensure that both parties undertake to protect the confidentiality of information. Each party, when given access to confidential information as part of the business relationship should not share this information with anyone unless authorised.

6. REPUTATION

6.1 The Gauteng Provincial Government wants to work with bidders who are proud of their reputation for fair dealing and quality delivery.

6.2 The Gauteng Provincial Government wants to ensure that working with government is reputation enhancing for the supplier.

6.3 The Gauteng Provincial Government expects bidders/suppliers to be protective of government's reputation, and ensure that neither they, nor any of their partners or subcontractors, bring government to disrepute by engaging in any act or omission which is reasonably likely to diminish the trust that the public places in government.

6.4 The Gauteng Provincial Government further requires its bidders/suppliers to always adhere to ethical conduct even outside their contractual obligation with the Gauteng Provincial Government.

7. VALUES OF THE GAUTENG PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

7.1 The value system of the Gauteng City Region is shown below:

GAUTENG CITY REGION VALUES SYSTEM	
CORE VALUES	**ETHICAL VALUES**
Patriotism Purposefulness Team focused Integrity Accountability Passionate Activism	Integrity Accountability Dignity Transparency Respect Honesty

7.2 The Gauteng Provincial Government commits to ensure that the values system is embedded into the day-to-day operations of its institutions.

8. COMMITMENTS OF THE GAUTENG PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

The Gauteng Provincial Government commits itself to the following:

8.1 The GPG commits that its officials will at all times conduct themselves in accordance with Treasury Regulations 16A.8[1], copy of which is attached marked Annexure A, and that:

8.1.1 The GPG is committed to doing business with integrity and proper regard for ethical business practices.

8.1.2 The GPG hereby undertakes that no official of the GPG, connected directly or indirectly with the contract will demand, take a promise for or accept, directly or through

[1] Government Notice No. R. 225 of 2005 published under Government Gazette No. 27388 of 15 March 2005, as amended

intermediaries, any bribe, consideration, gift, reward, favour, or any material or immaterial benefit or any other advantage from the bidder, either for themselves or for any person, organisation or third party related to the contract in exchange for an advantage in the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting or implementation process related to the contract.

8.1.3 The GPG further confirms that its officials have not favoured any prospective bidder in any form that could afford an undue advantage to that bidder during the tendering stage and will further treat all bidders alike.

8.1.4 The GPG will during the tender process treat all Bidder(s) with equity.

8.1.5 All officials of the GPG shall report any attempted or completed violation of clauses to the following details:

	Gauteng Ethics Hotline	National Anti-Corruption Hotline
Toll-free number	080 1111 633	0800 701 701
SMS call-back	49017	N/A
E-mail	gpethics@behonest.co.za	nach@psc.gov.za
Fax	086 726 1681	0800 204 965
Website	www.thehotline.co.za	www.publicservicecorruptionhotline.org.za
Post	Chief Directorate: Integrity Management Private Bag X61 Marshalltown 2001	Public Service Commission Private X121 Pretoria 0001
Walk-in	Office of the Premier 55 Marshall Street Marshalltown Johannesburg 2001	Gauteng Provincial Office Public Service Commission Schreiner Chambers 6th Floor 94 Pritchard Street Johannesburg

8.1.6 Following the report on the violation of the above clauses by the official(s), through any source, the GPG shall investigate allegations of such violations against the official or other role players and when justified:

a) Take steps against such official and other role players (necessary disciplinary proceedings, and/or any other action as deemed fit, bar such officials from further dealings related to the contract process). In such a case, while an enquiry is being conducted by the Gauteng Provincial Government the proceedings under the contract would not be stalled.
b) Inform the relevant Treasury of steps taken in 8.1.5(a) against such officials; and
c) Report any conduct by such official and other role players that may constitute an offence to the South African Police Service.

9. COMMITMENTS OF THE BIDDERS

The bidder commits himself/herself to take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfair means and illegal activities during any stage of his/her bid or during any pre-contract or post contract stage to secure the contract or in furtherance to secure it and commits himself/herself to the following:

9.1 The bidder is committed to doing business with integrity and proper regard for ethical business practices.

9.2 The bidder will not offer, directly or through intermediaries, any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducements to any official of the Gauteng Provincial Government, connected directly or indirectly with the bidding process, or to any person, organisation or third party related to the contract in exchange for any advantage in the bidding, evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.

9.3 The bidder further undertakes that he/she has not given, offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly any bribe, gift, consideration, reward, favour, any material or immaterial benefit or other advantage, commission, fees, brokerage or inducements to an official of the Gauteng Provincial Government or otherwise in procuring the contract or forbearing to do or having done any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract or any other contract with the Gauteng Provincial Government for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavor to any person in relation to the contract or any other contract with the Gauteng Provincial Government.

9.4 The bidder will not collude with other parties interested in the contract to preclude the competitive bid price, impair the transparency, fairness and progress of the bidding process, bid evaluation, contracting and implementation of the contract.

9.5 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will not enter with other Bidders into any undisclosed agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal. This applies in particular to prices, specifications, certifications, subsidiary contracts, submission or non-submission of bids or any other actions to restrict competitiveness or to introduce cartelization in the bidding process.

9.6 The Bidder(s)/Contractor(s) will, when presenting his / her bid, disclose any and all payments he /she has made, is committed to or intends to make to agents, brokers or any other intermediaries in connection with the award of the contract.

9.7 In case of sub–contracting, the Principal Contractor shall take the responsibility of adoption of Integrity Pact by the Sub-Contractor.

9.8 The bidder shall report any attempted or completed violation of clauses 9.1 to 9.7 including any alleged unethical conduct to the Gauteng Ethics Hotline (details are provided at clause 8.1.4).

9.9 The bidder (or anyone acting on its behalf) warrants that:

9.9.1 It has not been convicted by a court of law for fraud and/or corruption with respect to the procurement/tendering processes; and/or

9.9.2 It has not been convicted by a court of law for theft or extortion; and/or

9.9.3 It is not listed on the National Treasury's database of Restricted Suppliers or Register of Tender Defaulters.

10. SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION

10.1 The breach of any aforesaid provisions or providing false information by employers, including manipulation of information by evaluators, shall face administrative charges and penal actions as per the existing relevant rules and laws.

10.2 The breach of the Pact or providing false information by the Bidder, or anyone employed by him, or acting on his behalf (whether without the knowledge of the Bidder), or acting on his/her behalf, shall be dealt with as per the provisions of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (12 of 2004).

10.3 The Gauteng Provincial Government shall also take all or any one of the following actions, wherever required:

10.3.1 To immediately call off the pre-contract negotiations without giving any compensation to the bidder. However, the proceedings with the other bidder(s) would continue.
10.3.2 To immediately cancel the contract, if already awarded/signed, without giving any compensation to the bidder.
10.3.3 To recover all sums already paid by the Gauteng Provincial Government.
10.3.4 To cancel all or any other contracts with the bidders and GPG shall be entitled to demand and recover from the Contractor liquidated damages of the Contract value.
10.3.5 To submit the details of the bidder to the National Treasury to register on the database for tender defaulters.

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GAUTENG ETHICS & ANTICORRUPTION

11 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

11.1 A conflict of interest involves a conflict between the public duty and private interest (for favor or vengeance) of a public official, in which the public official has private interest which could improperly influence the performance of their official duties and responsibilities. Conflicts of interest would arise in a situation when any concerned members of both parties are related either directly or indirectly or has any association or had any confrontation. Thus, conflict of interest of any tender committee must be declared in a prescribed form.

11.2 The bidder shall not lend or borrow any money from or enter any monetary dealings or transactions, directly or indirectly, with any member of the tender committee or officials of the Gauteng Provincial Government, and if he/she does so, the Gauteng Provincial Government shall be entitled forthwith to rescind the contract and all other contracts with the bidder.

12 LEGAL ACTIONS

12.1 The actions stipulated in this Integrity Pact are without prejudice to any other legal action that may follow in accordance with the provisions of the extant law in force relating to any civil or criminal proceedings.

13 VALIDITY

13.1 The validity of this Integrity Pact shall cover the tender process and extend until the completion of the contract to the satisfaction of both the Gauteng Provincial Government and the bidder (service provider).

13.2 Should one or several provisions of the Pact turn out to be invalid; the remainder of this Pact remains valid. In this case, the parties will strive to come to an agreement to their original intentions.

GPG INTEGRITY PACT FOR BUSINESSES

BIDDER/SUPPLIER/SERVICE PROVIDER	
Signature of the CEO	
Full name of the CEO	
Tender number	GT/GDE/056/2026
Date	

Annexure A

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 any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.

1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.

1.6 “Country of origin” means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.

1.7 “Day” means calendar day.

1.8 “Delivery” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.

1.9 “Delivery ex stock” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.

1.10 “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.

1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.

1.12 ”Force majeure” means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier’s fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.

1.13 “Fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.

1.14 “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract.

1.15 “Goods” means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.

1.16 “Imported content” means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.

1.17 “Local content” means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.

1.18 “Manufacture” means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.

1.19 “Order” means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.

1.20 “Project site,” where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.

1.21 “Purchaser” means the organization purchasing the goods.

1.22 “Republic” means the Republic of South Africa.

1.23 “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.

1.24 “Services” means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

1.25 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.

2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.

2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

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

3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

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

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.

5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance

7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award,

security

the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.

7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.

7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:

(a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
(b) a cashier's or certified cheque

7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.

8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.

8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.

8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.

8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.

8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.

8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the

cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental services

13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:

(a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
(b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
(c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
(d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties,

provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and

(e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

(a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and

(b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:

(i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and

(ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser

may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.

16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon 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.

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.

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

25. Force Majeure

25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

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

27. Settlement of Disputes

27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.

27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.

27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of 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.

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.