REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)

GOODS	X	SERVICE	X

DESCRIPTION:	Appointment of a specialist engineering service provider for the repair and recommissioning of the McClean heritage telescope located at the SAAO (Cape Town)
RFQ NUMBER:	NRF/SAAO/RFQ/120241
DATE ISSUED:	20 NOVEMBER 2026
COMPULSORY BRIEFING DATE AND TIME:	**THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER @ 11:30 AM** SAAO, 1 OBSERVATORY ROAD, OBSERVATORY, 7925
CLOSING DATE AND TIME:	10 DECEMBER 2026 @ 15:00
QUOTATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO:	scm@saao.ac.za
PREFERENCE POINTS SYSTEM:	80/20

DELIVERY INFORMATION

LOCATION:	SAAO, 1 OBSERVATORY ROAD, OBSERVATORY
LEAD TIME (from purchase order date)	ASAP

Enquiries relating to bidding procedures may be directed to:		**Technical enquiries may be directed to:**	
Contact person:	SCM	**Contact person:**	SCM
E- Mail address:	scm@saao.ac.za	**E- mail address:**	scm@saao.ac.za
Telephone No:	021 447 0025	**Telephone No:**	021 447 0025

ATTENTION – FRAUD ALERT

The NRF would never offer payment or any other consideration in return for the favourable consideration of a bid. Please report any suspected acts of fraud or corruption to the following toll-free number: 0800 701 701 or SMS 39772.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION

Name of Bidder Name:	
Street Address:	

Telephone Number			
Code		Number	
Cell Phone Number			
Code		Number	
Facsimile Number			
Code		Number	
E-Mail Address			
VAT Registration Number			

Tax Compliance Status	Tax Compliance System PIN		**OR**	Central Supplier Database No.	MAAA

B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate	Tick Applicable Box. ❑ Yes ❑No	**B-BBEE Status Level Sworn Affidavit**	Tick Applicable Box. ❑ Yes ❑No

[A B-BBEE status level verification certificate/sworn affidavit (for EMEs & QSEs) must be submitted in order to qualify for preference points for B-BBEE – also refer to the SBD 6.1]

Are you the accredited representative in South Africa for the goods/services/works offered?	❑ Yes ❑No [If yes enclose proof]	**Are you a foreign-based supplier for the goods/services/works offered?**	❑ Yes ❑No [If yes, answer the questionnaire below]

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).

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE NRF

The National Research Foundation ("NRF") is a juristic person established in terms of the National Research Foundation Act, Act 23 of 1998, and a Schedule 3A Public Entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

The NRF is the government's national agency responsible for promoting and supporting research and human capital development through funding researchers, provision of the National Research Platforms, and science outreach platforms/programs to the broader community. The NRF provides these services in all fields of science and technology, including natural science, engineering, social science, and humanities.

The NRF is a schedule 3A entity under the PFMA (Act 29 of 1999), which is required to plan and report on its activities and organizational performance, and which is to be audited by the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) on an annual basis. As part of the AGSA audit requirements, the NRF has to collect / document and store details, data and/or information of all persons and activities that form part of its performance record as proof thereof. In terms of this requirement, all persons making use of NRF facilities, platforms, equipment, tools etc., for research and related purposes are required to provide their personal details/data/information as per the template below or other similarly appropriate format. By completing your information in the template/register/record below and appending your signature thereto, you confirm your consent, in line with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, whereby the NRF and any of its business units may process (collect, receive, record, organize, collate, share, store, update, modify, retrieve, alter, consult, use, disseminate, distribute, merge, link, erase or destroy) the personal information you provide within and amongst its business units/functions for the purpose of fulfilling its statutory mandate, public accountability and other regulatory/legal requirements.

1.1. INTRODUCTION TO THE BUSINESS UNIT (SAAO) RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS RFQ

The South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) is a facility of the National Research Foundation and is the national centre for optical and infrared astronomy in South Africa. Its prime function is to conduct fundamental research in astronomy and astrophysics by providing a world-class facility and by promoting astronomy and astrophysics in Southern Africa.

2. SUPPLY SPECIFICATIONS

SAAO invites the submission of quotations for the following:

APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIALIST ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE REPAIR AND RECOMMISSIONING OF THE MCCLEAN HERITAGE TELESCOPE LOCATED AT THE SAAO (CAPE TOWN)

2.1. Background

The South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) invites quotations from suitably qualified specialist engineering companies to undertake the repair, testing and recommissioning of the historic McClean Telescope located at the SAAO Cape Town Observatory.

The McClean Telescope is a protected heritage scientific instrument forming part of the Observatory's historical estate. Due to its heritage significance, all repair work must preserve the historical integrity of the telescope while restoring its safe operational functionality.

The successful bidder will be expected to work to recognised engineering standards while applying appropriate conservation principles to all work undertaken.

2.2. Scope of Work – Repair Works, Training and Documentation

Upon approval by SAAO, undertake all required repairs including, where applicable:

Note: The Scope of Work is presented here for quotation purposes only. Actual works will be confirmed by the appointed service provider in conjunction with SAAO but will not be permitted to exceed the hours declared here.

	Description	Hours
1	Repair, refurbishment, inspection, and service of observatory dome shutter mechanism: • Dome rail repair/bracing and 2x pulley reattachment and bracing • Replacement of 2x shutter actuator ropes • Removal of wind blind chain drive • Inspection and service of shutter mechanism including: rollers, pulleys, hinges, and pivots	
2	Inspection and service of observatory dome rotation mechanical mechanism including: dome rail, gears, wheels, and motor.	
3	Inspection, service, and safeguarding of 19th century hydraulic floor actuation mechanism, including: • Inspection and service of hydraulic force pump, valves, ram, accumulator, steel ropes, reservoir, counterweights, pulleys	

	• Inspect and correct the counterweight balance on the floor raising valve (counterweights available). • Manufacture and install a mechanical stop to provide safe automatic floor height limit	
4	Replacement of five existing glass windows with polycarbonate windows and fixtures on pump display case frame, including: • Attachment of two suitable handles each on three windows • Attachment of three windows with thumbscrews for easy no-tool removal	
5	Documentation of work and required operations and maintenance considerations	
6	Training of selected personnel in correct operation of mechanisms, pre-operations checklists, and routine maintenance considerations	
		TOTAL 100 hrs

All mechanisms that fall under this scope of work shall be tested to operating conditions and verified by the service provider to be safe for operation in the presence of members of the public.

2.3. Bill of Materials

Note: The BOM is presented here for quotation purposes only. Actual items and quantities will be confirmed by the appointed service provider in conjunction with SAAO, and invoiced accordingly.

	Description	**Qty**
1	Mechanical gland packing: • Kevlar • Graphite lubricated • Φ19-20mm • Hydraulic oil (mineral base) • 42 bar operating pressure	8m
2	Static mountaineering rope • Φ12mm • UV resistant • Abrasion resistant • Oil resistant	80m

	• Minimal stretch	
3	Hydraulic oil • Shell Tellus S3 M 68, or equivalent	80L
4	Light machine oil	2L
5	Grease	5L
6	Steel bracing and mechanical stop: 8 x 40 x 500 mm flat bar, mild steel	5
7	Corrosion protection	2L
8	High-tensile bolts, nuts, washers • M16 x 65 • M10 x 60	8 each size
9	Polycarbonate sheet, or equivalent • 1m x 1m x 5mm • Abrasion-resistant	6
10	Handles for polycarbonate windows, with flexible washers and fasteners	6
11	M6 x 40 screws	36
12	M6 knurled nut fixtures (acting as hand-tight clamps) • Overall dims approx. Φ32 x 12.7 • Machined aluminium	6

2.4. Deliverables

The successful bidder shall provide, on completion of the scope of work:

- Repair methodology and outcomes report
- Declaration of safety for the operation of the lifting floor
- List of all materials and components used
- Maintenance recommendations
- Pre-operating checklist and training of selected personnel
- Minimum 12-month workmanship warranty.

2.5. Specialist Heritage Experience (Mandatory)

Because the McClean Telescope is a heritage scientific instrument within a declared National Heritage Site (SAHRA, Govt. Gazette 42127, Govt. Notice 1404, 2018), bidders **must demonstrate previous specialised experience working on heritage mechanical structures or historic scientific instruments.**

The bidder shall submit:

2.5.1. A **company/personnel profile** showing at least 10 years of experience with heritage engineering projects.

2.5.2. A **portfolio of evidence** encompassing minimum of **two (2)** completed projects involving:

- heritage telescopes; **or**
- observatory domes; **or**
- historic mechanical structures; **or**
- heritage scientific equipment; **or**
- comparable conservation engineering projects.

The portfolio shall include summaries of the relevant heritage engineering works undertaken by the company and/or proposed team. It must describe the instrument/structure, scope of work, repair/restoration undertaken, dates and client. Include any considerations undertaken towards preserving heritage components. Photographs demonstrating works or workmanship would be advantageous.

2.5.3. **Contactable references** for each project described.

2.5.4. **CVs** of all personnel who will undertake and supervise the work. Include specialist training experience and years/type of relevant experience.

Failure to demonstrate suitable heritage engineering experience will result in disqualification.

SAAO reserves the right to request clarification or further information on portfolio details.

2.6. Site Visit

A compulsory site inspection will be held at the SAAO Cape Town Observatory.

2.7. Project Timeframes

The successful bidder shall:

- commence work within ten (10) working days of appointment, unless otherwise agreed;
- agree on a repair programme with SAAO;
- complete repairs according to the agreed programme.

2.8. General Conditions

The successful bidder shall:

- protect all heritage fabric during the execution of the works;
- ensure no irreversible modifications are made without written approval from SAAO;
- minimise disruption to Observatory operations;
- comply with all SAAO health and safety requirements;
- remove all waste materials from the site;

2.9. Reservation of Rights

SAAO reserves the right to:

- inspect previous projects submitted by bidders;
- request additional technical information;
- reject quotations that do not demonstrate sufficient heritage engineering experience;
- appoint the bidder offering the best value for money and technical capability

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2.10. Media / Recording

The NRF|SAAO will be documenting the works described herein for both training and heritage display purposes.

- The successful bidder shall acknowledge and consent to the works being recorded in various media formats, which may include footage of their personnel.

3. EVALUATION PROCESS

The RFQ will be evaluated in the following three phases:

Phase 1:	Administrative compliance / submission of all returnable documents and completion of all returnable schedules
Phase 2:	Specification evaluation and eligibility
Phase 3:	**80/20 preferential point system in terms of PPPR22** - 80 – Price (VAT and all taxes included) - 20 – Specific goals (BBBEE STATUS LEVEL) Refer to SBD6.1 - **Specific goals***: relevant in accordance with the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice and the PPPFA that are contracting with persons, or categories of persons, historically disadvantaged by unfair discrimination on the basis of race, gender, or disability*

Phase 1 – Administrative Compliance

All returnable documents marked mandatory ('M'), must be completed or submitted by service providers in order to proceed to be evaluated further in Phase 2.

Returnable Document/ Schedule	Mandatory (M) / Optional (O)
Signed SBD 1 form	**M**
Signed and completed SBD 3.1 form (pricing schedule)	**M**
Signed and completed SBD 4 form	**M** (=> R 2 000)
Signed and completed SBD 6.1 form	**M** (=> R 2 000)
Valid BBBEE certificate, or sworn affidavit detailing annual turnover, in the case of EMEs and QSEs	**O** (preference points will not be allocated if not submitted)
CIDB 1 ME or higher	**M**
Company profile (As per Section 2.5.1)	**M**
Portfolio of evidence (As per Section 2.5.2)	**M**
Contactable references (As per Section 2.5.3)	**M**
CVs of personnel undertaking work (As per Section 2.5.4)	**M**

4. PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES PURCHASES (SBD 3.1)

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

IF YOUR PRICES ARE VARIABLE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE), PLEASE SPECIFY THE VARIABLES THAT WILL AFFECT THE PRICE.

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 60 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

Respondents are requested to complete the pricing schedule below in response to this Scope of Work. Respondents are to use the hours and materials included in the Sections 2.2 and 2.3 as the basis of quotation. **Detailed breakdowns shall be submitted on a separate quotation on a company letterhead, in addition to filling out this schedule.** If the respondent feels there are any additional items that should be priced but were not included as part of the original scope of work, these may be included in the separate quotation.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	TOTAL
1	Works as per Section 2.2	100	
2	Materials as per Section 2.3		
SUB-TOTAL			R
VAT (15%)			R
TOTAL PRICE			R

5. BIDDING CONDITIONS FOR THIS RFQ

The following conditions will apply to this request for quotations:

1) Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least (60) days from date of your offer.
2) Price(s) quoted must be inclusive of VAT, if applicable.
3) The bidder is required to submit:
   a) Proof of B-BBEE Status Level of contributor, to claim points as per SBD 6.1
   b) An EME is required to submit a sworn affidavit confirming their annual total revenue of R10 million or less and level of black ownership to claim points as per SBD 6.1
   c) A QSE is required to submit a sworn affidavit confirming their annual total revenue of between R10 million and R50 million and level of black ownership or a B-BBEE level verification certificate to claim points. As per SBD 6.1
4) **No award will be made to a service provider who is not registered on CSD**. To register https://secure.csd.gov.za/.
5) Quotations equal to above R 2000 (VAT included) must be accompanied by the relevant SBD documentation as per section 3 of this document for Quotations duly completed.
6) The successful provider will be the one scoring the highest points in the event of the lowest bid being higher than R 2000. (VAT inclusive).
7) For goods/ services below R 2000 the successful bidder will be one with cheapest acceptable quotation.
8) SAAO reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to quote and/or to re-advertise or to accept a part of it. SAAO does not bind itself to accepting the lowest quotation.
9) This request for quotations is subject to the National Treasury General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other special conditions of contract.
10) **Payment terms is within 30 days from date of receipt of invoice and when goods and/or services have been delivered**. (**No pre-payment allowed).**
11) **Where supplier terms and conditions are different from SAAO set terms and conditions, set terms and conditions must be mutually agreed upon. Otherwise, the National Treasury General Conditions of Contract (GCC) will govern.**

SBD 4 - 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 interest1 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

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:

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[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.

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:

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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.

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

[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.

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.

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Signature	Date
……	……
Position	Name of bidder

SBD 6.1

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

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1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- The 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 The applicable preference point system for this tender is the **80/20** preference point system.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

(a) Price; and

(b) Specific Goals.

1.4 The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	**100**

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit 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.

1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) **"tender"** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;

(b) **"price"** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;

(c) **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

(d) **"tender for income-generating contracts"** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and

(e) **"The Act"** means the **Preferential** Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

$$\boldsymbol{P_s = 80\left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}}\right)}$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

P_t = Price of tender under consideration

P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

Notes to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system. The tenderer must submit Proof of B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit.

Specific Goals	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (between R2 000 and R50 000 000)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer, mark with an X)
B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 1 to 3	8	
B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 4 to 6	6	
B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 7 to 8	2	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black-owned	3	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black female-owned	3	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black youth-owned	1	
Supplier that is at least 51% owned by People with Disabilities	1	
EME or QSE	4	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.1. Name of company/firm……

4.2. Company registration number: ……

4.3. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One-person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Public Company
- ☐ Personal Liability Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited
- ☐ Non-Profit Company
- ☐ State Owned Company

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.4. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

i) The information furnished is true and correct;

ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;

iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;

iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

(a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;

(b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;

(c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;

(d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and

(e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME: .....

DATE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The National Treasury General Conditions of Contract shall govern the contractual relationship between SAAO and the successful bidder. The contract is not attached, however is accessible on SAAO's website - https://www.saao.ac.za/tenders/

BID SIGNATURE (SBD 1)

The NRF, including all its Business Units and National Research Facilities, is a public entity established in terms of the National Research Foundation Act, 1998 (Act No. 23 of 1998), and is a juristic person with legal standing. References to the NRF in these bid documents include its Business Units and National Research Facilities, unless otherwise stated.
Bidders will be disqualified if they are found to have provided false or misleading information or to have deliberately withheld material information in their bid submission

I, the bidder, warrant by signature as having read and accepted each page in this document including any annexures attached to this document. I undertake to supply all or any of the goods, works, and services described in this procurement invitation to SAAO in accordance with the conditions requirements and specifications stipulated in this bid document at the price/s quoted. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my offer/bid in response to this invitation, covering all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s), rate(s), and calculations are at my own risk.

My offer remains binding upon me and open for acceptance by SAAO during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of bid invitation. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me in terms of this document as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of the subsequent contract conditions if awarded to me.

I declare that during the bidding period did not have access to any NRF proprietary information or any other matter that may have unfairly placed our bid in a preferential position in relation to any of the other bidder(s).
I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this offer/ bid response.

NB: Failure to provide / or comply with any of the above particulars may render the bid invalid.

Signature of bidder: