INVITATION TO BID



NDOH 11 / 2020-2021

Terms of reference for establishment of quality learning centres in line with National Health Quality Improvement Plan.

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.						
				OSING TIME: 11:00		
DESCRIPTION Terms of reference for establishment of quality learning centres in line with National Health Quality Improvement Plan.						
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)						
National Department of	Health; Civitas Bi	uilding; c/o Thabo Sehur	ne and Struben	Streets; CBD Pre	toria.	
BIDDING PROCEDURE		BE DIRECTED TO	TECHNICAL E	NQUIRIES MAY E	BE DIRE	CTED TO:
CONTACT PERSON			CONTACT PE	RSON		
TELEPHONE NUMBER			TELEPHONE I	NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE N	JMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	tenders@healtl	1.gov.za	E-MAIL ADDR	ESS		tenders@health.gov.za
SUPPLIER INFORMATIO	N					
NAME OF BIDDER						
POSTAL ADDRESS						
STREET ADDRESS						
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER						
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS						
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER						
SUPPLIER	TAX			CENTRAL		
COMPLIANCE STATUS	COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	SUPPLIER		
	STSTEIVIPIN.			DATABASE No:	МААА	
B-BBEE STATUS	TICK AP	PLICABLE BOX]		US LEVEL SWOR	N	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]
LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE			AFFIDAVIT			
GERTIFICATE	🗌 Yes	🗌 No				🗌 Yes 🗌 No
[A B-BBEE STATUS L ORDER TO QUALIFY	EVEL VERIFICA	ATION CERTIFICATE/ 3	SWORN AFFIL REF1	DAVIT (FOR EME	ES & Q	SEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN
ARE YOU THE						
			ARE YOU A F	OREIGN BASED		
REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR	□Yes	No		R THE GOODS	_	Yes No
THE GOODS			/SERVICES /W	ORKS OFFERED	?	[IF YES, ANSWER THE
/SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	[IF YES ENCLO	SE PROOF]				QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BI	DDING FOREIGN	SUPPLIERS	1			
IS THE ENTITY A RESID	ENT OF THE REP	UBLIC OF SOUTH AFRIC	CA (RSA)?			
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?						
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?			YES NO			
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE	E ANY SOURCE C	F INCOME IN THE RSA?)			YES NO
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN						YES NO
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO SYSTEM PIN CODE FRO						OR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS PER 2.3 BELOW.

PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1.	BID SUBMISSION:
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
12	ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED_(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN

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

2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:	
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED: (Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)	

DATE:

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NAME OF BIDDER: CLOSING TIME 11:00			BID NO: NDOH 11/2020-2021 CLOSING DATE: 04/08/2020		
ITEM NO		DESCRIPTION:		RICE IN RSA CU CABLE TAXI	JRRENCY ES INCLUDED)
	1.	The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.			
	2.	Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project.	R		
	3.	PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)			
	4.	PERSON AND POSITION	HOURLY RATE	DA	ILY RATE
			R		
			R		
			R		
			R		
			R		
	5.	PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT			
			R		days
					days
			R		days
			R		days
	5.1	Travel expenses (specify, for example rate/km and total km, class of airtravel, etc). Only actual costs are recoverable. Proof of the expenses incurred must accompany certified invoices.			
		DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
					R
					R
					R
					R
			TOTAL: R		

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

ame of Bidder:

5.2	Other expenses, for example accommodation (specify, eg. Three
	star hotel, bed and breakfast, telephone cost, reproduction cost,
	etc.). On basis of these particulars, certified invoices will be checked
	for correctness. Proof of the expenses must accompany invoices.

	DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
				R
				R
				R
				R
		TOTAL: R		
6.	Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid			
7.	Estimated man-days for completion of project			
8.	Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract?			*YES/NO
9.	If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.			

SBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-
 - the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
 - the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.
- 2. In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

2.1	Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:
2.2	Identity Number:
2.3	Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder ²):
2.4	Company Registration Number:
2.5	Tax Reference Number:
2.6	VAT Registration Number:
2.6.1	The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / persal numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.
¹ "State" me	
	(a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of

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

²"Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

2.7	Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state?	YES / NO
2.7.1	If so, furnish the following particulars:	
	Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member: Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed : Position occupied in the state institution:	
	Any other particulars:	
2.7.2	If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector?	YES / NO
2.7.2.1	If yes, did you attached proof of such authority to the bid document?	YES / NO
	(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.	
2.7.2.2	If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:	
2.8	Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months?	YES / NO
2.8.1	If so, furnish particulars:	
2.9	Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?	YES / NO

2.9.1lf so, furnish particulars. YES/NO 2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? 2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars. 2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members YES/NO of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract? 2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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3 Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Tax Reference Number	State Employee Number / Persal Number

4 DECLARATION

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

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

Signature	Date
Position	Name of bidder

May 2011

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
 - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
 - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2

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

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

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

2. DEFINITIONS

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

 $90\left(1-\frac{Pt-P\min}{P\min}\right)$

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis: 80/20 or 90/10

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min} \right)$$
 or $Ps =$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt = Price of bid under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable bid

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

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

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

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5. BID DECLARATION

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

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

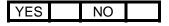
6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)



7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

i)	What	percentage	of	the	contract	will	be
	subcontra	acted		%			
ii)	The	name		of	the		sub-
	aantraata	r					

	contractor						
iii)	The	B-BBEE	status	level	of	the	sub-
	contractor.						

iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

- (Tick applicable box)
 - YES NO
- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned	EME	QSE
by:		
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		

Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1	Name company/firm:		
8.2	VAT registration		
8.3	Company registration number:		
8.4	TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium One person business/sole propriety Close corporation Company (Pty) Limited [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]		
8.5	DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES		
8.6	 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION Manufacturer Supplier Professional service provider Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc. [<i>TICK APPLICABLE BOX</i>] 		
8.7	Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:		
8.8	I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:		

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;

- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES 1	SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
2	DATE: ADDRESS

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have
 - a. abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - b. committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - c. failed to perform on any previous contract.

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

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

4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes	No
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

SBD 8

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)..... CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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

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Signa	ture		

Date

Position

Name of Bidder

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CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of:______that:

(Name of Bidder)

- 1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
- 2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- 4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
- 5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder

- 6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
- 8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

³ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

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

Signature	Date
Position	Name of Bidder
	Js914w 2

THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT:

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT July 2010

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if (applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

TABLE OF CLAUSES

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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. These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders 2. Application 2.1 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 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, contract disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, documents plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on and behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other information: than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the inspection. contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance. 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract. 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser. 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser. 6. Patent rights 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security	7.1	Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
	7.2	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 documents10.1Delivery 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
services13.1The 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.
- 14.1 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

14. Spare parts

		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.
 - 23.1 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:
 - if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under (b) the contract; or
 - if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has (c) 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

23. Termination for default

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:
 - 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 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antiand countervailing dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a duties and rights 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.

Js General Conditions of Contract (revised July 2010)

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Terms of Reference for establishment of quality learning centres in line with

National Health Quality Improvement Plan

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1. Introduction

The National Health Quality Improvement Plan (NHQIP) describes a systematic improvement programme within the context of the national quality framework, building on existing quality improvement initiatives and regulatory requirements to develop a process of independent, external quality evaluation for health establishments to meet the requirements of the NHI.

The Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) establishes the concepts of Quality Learning Centres (QLCs) as a modality of its implementation.

2. Background

The report of the South African Lancet Commission on High Quality Health Systems, 'Confronting the Right to Ethical and Accountable Quality Health Care in South Africa'¹ provides a succinct diagnosis of the health system and together with the National Department of Health developed a detailed quality improvement plan with guidelines and a road map specifying clear objectives to improve the health system. With the move to National Health Insurance (NHI), the plan included both private and public healthcare providers in order to develop best practice.

The major regulatory measure implemented thus far was the establishment of the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC) through the National Health Amendment Act in 2013. This is a body mandated, inter alia, to inspect and certify public and private health establishments as compliant or non-compliant with prescribed norms and standards or, where appropriate, withdraw such certification and make recommendations for intervention by national, provincial or municipal health departments, or by individual health establishments, to ensure compliance with prescribed norms and standards.

3. Purpose

The National Health Quality Improvement Plan aims to establish quality learning centres and develop procedures and training manuals required to roll out the programme. The National Health Quality Improvement Plan must be able to transform existing service delivery challenges into learnings and opportunities for quality improvement and to pull together quality of care initiatives into a coherent 2-year plan.

The NHQIP proposed that the Quality Learning Centers are established in each province to be the focal point of learning and development in the province to ensure that local capacity is developed over time, to support the poorest performing facilities in the province to improve to the required standard. The QLCs must incorporate a regional, district and private hospital, three primary care facilities, including family practitioners/General Practitioners and emergency medical services (EMS), to spread shared learning through the various healthcare sectors.

4. Specific Objectives

- 4.1 To developquality learning centres to enable the building of local capacity and sustainability of quality improvement across the health system and attainment of regulated norms and standards.
- 4.2 To bring about quality improvement through a variety of tools and approaches within quality learning centres.
- 4.3 Illustrate how the approach taken will ensure sustainable change and inclusion of all stakeholders who will participate in the monitoring process.(communities, hospital boards, clinic committees, organised labour, all health care workers, support staff, doctors, management, patients, and independent professional bodies).

5. Deliverables

Deliverables must include the following:

5.1 Presentation of the workplan to the NDoH at the inception of the project.

- 5.2 Establishment of two quality learning centres in each province.
- 5.3 Facilitation and empowerment of the health establishments for conducting baseline assessment at the beginning of the project.
- 5.4 Identification challenges and factors negatively impacting on quality improvement.
- 5.5 Facilitate implementation of quality improvement plans and monitoring thereof.
- 5.6 Demonstrate quality improvement indicating 10% of the health establishment to be ready for accreditation at the end of the project
- 5.7 Use available web-based information system for reporting for analysis of data
- 5.8Report availed to NDoH monthly during implementation and at the end of the project indicating progressive improvement of health establishments.

5.9 The successful bidder (s) must submit all assessment tools reports, data sets, and databases (including all relevant items) to the NDoH after completion of the project.

6. Establishment of Quality Learning Centres

A Quality Learning Centre is a cluster of facilities in a geographic area made up of hospitals, clinics, EMS and family practitioner practices that will be the focus for learning and disseminating knowledge and skills.

- a) As the core of this project, two Quality Learning Centres will be established in each province.
- b) The Quality Learning Centres will:
 - i. be the focal point of learning and development in the province
 - ii. ensure that there is local capacity developed over time
 - iii. support the poorest performing establishments in the province
 - iv. improve to the required regulated norms and standards
- c) Each $(2 \times 9 = 18)$ Quality Learning Centre should incorporate²:
 - i. one public provincial/regional hospital

- ii. two Central hospitals
- iii. one public district hospital
- iv. one private hospital
- v. three primary care establishments
- vi. two family practitioners, and
- vii. Emergency medical services, in order to ensure comprehensive shared learning.
- d) Figure 4 illustrates the model for an urban area and Figure 5 the model for a rural area. These models may be adapted depending on the local context.
- e) The entire set of Quality Learning Centres will be linked through a coordinating mechanism to offer peer support, peer review and to share best practice and learning. Existing expertise and good practice should be built upon and used to leverage improvement.

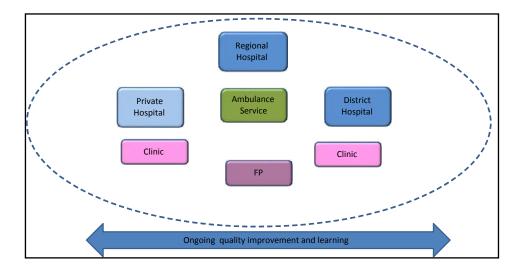


Figure 1: Quality and Learning Centre – Urban

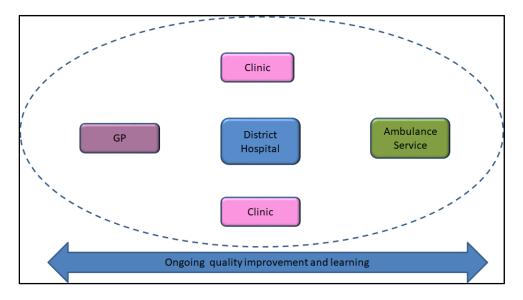


Figure 2: Quality and Learning Centre – Rural

7. Principles of learning

- a) At all levels, personnel should be trained to understand multi-disciplinary standards, quality improvement methods, quality data collection and analytical systems and to transfer the knowledge and skills.
- b) Dedicated trainees will be identified to receive training and they, in turn, will be coached to train other personnel in quality improvement techniques such that there is sustainability.
- c) Each of the centres will become the centre of qualitylearning for their part of that province, to disseminate quality improvement skills and establish a province-wide culture of continuous quality improvement.
- d) The centres will bekey to rolling out quality improvement methods aimed at achieving compliance with norms and standards.

8. Workplan for quality learning Centre project

8.1 The contract period will be twenty-four months to establish the Quality Learning Centres and roll the project in all provinces as outlined in the project framework.

8.2 The project will comprise two Quality Learning Centres in each province (on average one urban and one rural centre per province) plus two central hospitals (18 QLCs).

8.3 The responsibility for the project vests with the Director General of the NDoH as accounting officer of the Department and the Director: Quality Assurance will be the contact person for the service providers, while the steering committee led by branch the Deputy Director General will be responsible for overseeing the project.

8.4 Provincial project management and launch

The official responsible for Quality Assurance in each province to be part of the training within quality learning centres, be responsible for managing the QLCs in the province, be the contact person for the service provider in the province and will be responsible for the institutionalisation of the programme once it is developed.

- a) A strategic introduction meeting to introduce the project will be held in each province with the officers responsible for quality in the province, the successful service providers and representatives from all the QLCs in the province. (9 meetings each with100 people)
- b) The first phase will then be implemented at each QLC with a three-day workshop for 90 identified participants from all the institutions included in each QLC in the province. $(2 \times 9 = 18 \text{ three-day workshops})$
 - i. For each hospital in each QLC 60 people will be trained, of which 20 people will be identified for intensive training to ensure that they are able to train others, will take part in the baseline assessment.
 - ii. For each clinic and health centre in each QLC 16 people will be trained, of which 8 people will be identified for intensive training and will take part in the baseline assessment.

- iii. For each Family Practitioner practice in each QLC four people will be trained depending on the size of the practice.
- iv. In the Emergency Medical Service linked to each QLC eight people will be trained, of which four will receive intensive training.
- v. In each of the two central hospitals 100 people will be trained, of which 20 will receive intensive training (takes cognisance of local context).
- c) The target is therefore total of 3340 people to be trained by the project across all the Quality Learning Centres, of which 1316 will receive intensive training and capacity building to be the champions of the institutionalised permanent programme that will be rolled out across the country.
- 8.5 The Quality Learning Centres will implement the standards, support development of sustainable quality improvement programmes.
- 8.6 Once the project has trained enough champions the QLC trainees must host personnel from other facilities to share the learning and the champions will then work with them at their own facilities to put the learning into practice. The service providers must include a module in the training project that assists the QLC to play this catalyst role.
- 8.7 The rollout and scale up of the institutionalised permanent quality programme will be overseen by the district health teams and the provincial departments of health.
- 8.8 Monitoring progress of the project will be the responsibility of the Steering Committee within the NDoH.
 - a) A performance monitoring and evaluation tool to be used for this purpose must be developed with the service provider/s.
 - b) An online database must be used to track the progress of all the quality improvement interventions and the remedial actions taken to ensure compliance with the standards.
 - c) This system must link with OHSC and NHI Digital Platform systems.
 - d) The NDOH Director: Quality Assurance will report to the DDG who will report to DG and the Management Committee.

9. Criteria for the selection of service provider

Service Provider companies and organizations that have capacity to establish quality learning centres which support the implementation of the National Quality Health Improvement Plan are invited to submit proposals that demonstrate their approach to the project.

Proposals must include company profile, organizational structure indicating team members, names, qualifications and CVs of the key personnel indicating capacity, experience and three references.

10. Period of contract

The duration of the contract will be twenty-four months commencing from the time of appointment of the successful bidder. The project period shall include the date of the submission of the final results and report to NDoH.

11. Accountability and reporting

11.1 The service provider will be accountable to the National Department of Health.

11.2 Monthly and quarterly reports must be submitted to the NDoH Quality Unit

11.3 The service provider may be required to attend meetings as necessary.

12. Terms of payment

12.1 Payment will be effected upon successful completion of specified deliverables.12.2 However the NDoH reserves the right to satisfy itself that the service provider has performed in accordance with the specified deliverables in the contract or project plan.12.3 Signed invoices for expenses must be original and submitted to the Director Quality Assurance in the NDoH.

13. Technical proposal

The bidder must provide a project plan which includes the following:

13.1. Detailed project plan indicating costed activities, output with timeframes.

13.2 Clear project leadership and staffing plan

13.3 Methodology including data collection, facilitation plan and management plan

13.4 Timeframes for the various activities, indicating critical pathways, and

13.5 Skills transfer plan

14. Financial proposal

The financial plan must include the following:

14.1 A budget that includes personnel, supplies, travel, accommodation, sub-contracts, tools, materials and any other related costs to be incurred during the successful completion of the project.

14.2 Detailed pricing or costing schedule aligned to the project plan.

14.3Audited financial statements, to include the bidder's financial status, and

14.4Financial management and administrative system to manage the project.

15. Bid evaluation phases and criteria

Phase 1: Supply Chain conditions (Non-compliance to mandatory conditions, disqualifies the bid

Phase 2: Technical mandatory requirements

Phase 3: Functionality evaluation and weighting

Phase 4: 80/20 Price and BEE Evaluation

Criteria	Weighted %	Scoring Criteria
Experience in providing services as per the	30%	10 years = 5
scope of work		9-7 years = 4
Company/organization has 10 years'		6-4years = 3
experience in quality improvement.		3-2 years = 2
• Three testimonials from previous work		1 year and less =1
done, provided on the letterhead of the		
client. The duration of the relationship		
must be indicated.		
Key personnel	20%	5 years = 5
• The project leader to have 5 years'		4 years = 4
experience in facilitating quality		3 years = 3

improvement work in the health		2 years = 2
sector,5 years' experience supporting		1 year and less =1
managers in quality improvement and 5		
years' experience in project		
management. Provide three referees.		
• The Technical team must have health		
background, include CVs indicating		
experience and attach qualifications		
Financials	10%	No information = 0
The Company/Organization to submit		Poor = 1
Auditedfinancialstatements, which		Below average = 2
include the bidder's current financial		Average = 3
status		Good = 4
		Excellent = 5
Implementation methodology	40%	No information = 0
Approach and implementation		Poor = 1
methodology to address all aspects of		Below average = 2
communications with clear deliverables		Average = 3
		Good = 4
		Excellent = 5

Scoring of Bidders

- Bidders who score less than 60% during phase 3 (functionality) will be disqualified
- Bidders who score 60% or more on functionality will qualify for phase 4.

16. Mandatory Requirements

16.1 Service provider to provide three letters from references with the bid document and particulars of similar services successfully completed elsewhere.

16.2 Bidders must provide detailed project plan and budget breakdown that is linked to the specified deliverables.

16.3Completed assessment tools (includes hard copies), results and publication remain the property of the NDoH.

16.4Failure to comply with Terms of Reference as outlined allows the NDoH to pursue sanctions it deems fit.

16.5The Service Provider (or at least a member of a consortium in the case of a consortium bid) must:

- Have experience in facilitation of implementation of quality standards.
- Have experience in working within the health system in South Africa
- Company/organization has10 years' experience in quality improvement work.
- Provide a technical team of sufficient numbers, qualification and experience to implement the project.
- Experience in implementing the train the trainer and capacity building approach in health services

16.6The Project leader should have:

- 5 years' experience in facilitating quality improvement work in the health sector
- 5 years' experience supporting managers in quality improvement
- 5 years' experience in project management.

16.7The nominated team members must demonstrate:

- Experience of implementing the capacity building approaches methodologies to enhance rapid skills and knowledge transfer
- Experience in implementing multi-disciplinary quality standards and other legal prescripts.
- Experience applying quality improvement methods.
- Experience in data collection and application of analytical systems in a health care setting.
- Attach CV with three references.

17.Special conditions

The following special conditions will apply:

17.1 The NDoH reserves the right not to award the tender/contract

17.2 successful bidder (s) will enter into a Service Level Agreement with NDoH

17.3 successful bidder will be expected to report monthly to the NDoH

17.4 The NDoH reserves the right to appoint more than one service provider.

17.5Bidders who do not comply with the mandatory requirements and special requirement as stipulated will be disqualified.

17.6 All payments in relation of this project will be made after receipt of a detailed invoice and accompanying evidence of completed work which is certified as correct and signed off by the NDoH.

17.7 The service provider will be expected to travel extensively to all provinces.

17.8The selected service provider/s may not change the key personnel during the project without the prior written consent of the Department.

The NDoH reserves the right to call bidders that meet the minimum functional requirements to present their proposal. The Bid Evaluation Committee may decide to amend the scoring assigned to a particular Bid based on presentation made.

18. Publication, Copyright and Acknowledgement

The successful Bidder shall submit the final report in the soft and hard copy format to the NDoH on completion of the project.

Copyright on primary data and all other material arising from the project will always reside with the NDoH and the findings may not be published without written request by Bidder and approval by the National Department of Health.

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The Director General : ↑*NAME OF DEPARTMENT

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I/we understand that the Department will supply a payment advice in the normal way, and that it will indicate the date on which the funds will be made available on my/our account.

This authority may be cancelled by me/us by giving thirty days notice by prepaid registered post. Please ensure information is validate as per required bank screens.

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