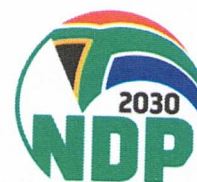




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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Subject: Response to Request for Extension of the Bid Closing Date

**RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE CLOSING DATE – NDoH 11-2026/2027:
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PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS.**

Dear Prospective Bidder,

The Department acknowledges receipt of your request for an extension of the closing date for the above-mentioned bid.

Your request has been carefully considered together with the applicable procurement requirements and the operational needs of the Department.

After due consideration, the Department has resolved **not to extend the advertised bid closing date**.

This decision is based on the following considerations:

1. The bid was advertised for the prescribed minimum period in accordance with the applicable public procurement prescripts, thereby providing prospective bidders with a reasonable opportunity to prepare and submit responsive bids.
2. All bid documentation has been made available to prospective bidders throughout the advertisement period, and the Department has provided an opportunity for clarification through the scheduled briefing session and the prescribed communication channels.
3. The Department has not made any material amendments to the specifications, scope of work, pricing schedule or conditions of bid that would justify extending the closing date to ensure fairness to all prospective bidders.
4. This procurement constitutes the **second advertisement** of the requirement following the cancellation of the initial bidding process. Consequently, the procurement programme has already experienced delays, and any further

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extension would have a direct impact on the Department's implementation timelines for this project.

5. The Department is under operational obligations to conclude this procurement within the required timeframe in order to meet the service delivery requirements of the end user. A further extension would unnecessarily delay the procurement process and could adversely affect the Department's ability to deliver on its operational mandate.
6. The Department must also ensure that all prospective bidders are treated fairly and equitably. Extending the closing date in circumstances where there is no procurement-related justification applicable to all bidders may prejudice those bidders who have already committed resources and finalised their submissions based on the published closing date.

Having considered all relevant factors, the Department is satisfied that there are no objective procurement grounds warranting an extension of the closing date.

Accordingly, **the bid will close on the advertised date and time**, as reflected in the bid invitation. Prospective bidders are encouraged to ensure that their submissions are received before the stipulated closing date and time. Late submissions will not be accepted.

The Department appreciates your interest in participating in this procurement process and thank and your understanding.

Yours faithfully,

BID SPECIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

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