



Bid No.	CoGTA (T) 14/2024	
Bid Description	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING NDMC NIMBLE STORAGE WITH ADDITIONAL 21TB RAW CAPACITY WITH INSTALLATION, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FROM SITA RFB 2003/2014.	
Contact Person/s:		SCM Officials mentioned under the bid procedures
Technical Terms of reference:	Name:	SCM Officials mentioned under the bid procedures t14.2024@cogta.gov.za
Bid Procedures:	Name:	Nomvula Ntuli or Siviwe Ndaliso
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	Email address for all Queries:	t14.2024@cogta.gov.za
Bid Briefing Session	Venue, Date and Time	None
Closing time and date for bid	Time and Date:	11:00am on the 02 May 2023.
	Condition	FOR SUBMISSION, PLEASE USE YOUR CSD LOGIN CREDENTIAL
Delivery address and conditions for delivery of bids	Delivery address:	Online submission on the National Treasury e-tender portal. NO PHYSICAL SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED.
		NO FAXED, EMAILED OR MAILED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

NB: THE NATIONAL TREASURY SCM INSTRUCTION NOTE NO 4A OF 2016/17 STATE THAT BIDS MAY ONLY BE AWARDED TO SUPPLIERS AFTER VERIFYING THAT THEY ARE REGISTERED AS PROSPECTIVE SUPPLIERS ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD). IN ORDER FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO VERIFY YOUR COMPANY'S REGISTRATION WITH CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

CSD SUPPLIER NUMBER:

UNIQUE REGISTRATION REFERENCE NUMBER:

(NB: ATTACH A COPY OF CSD REGISTRATION REPORT)

- The SBD 1 and all other application forms attached as Part 3 must be **completed and signed in the original that is in ink.**
- Forms with photocopied signatures or other such reproduction of signatures will be rejected.
- Bids by telegram facsimile or other similar apparatus will not be acceptable for consideration.

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DEFINITIONS

The rules of interpretation and defined terms contained in the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) shall apply to this invitation to bid unless the context requires otherwise.

In addition, the following terms used in this invitation to bid shall, unless indicated otherwise, have the meanings assigned to such terms in the table below.

DCoG	Means the Department of Cooperative Governance.
Invitation to bid	means this invitation to bid comprising <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The cover page and the table of content and definitions○ Part 1 which details the Conditions of Bid;○ Part 2 special instructions and notices to bidders regarding the completion of bidding document and Authority to sign a bid;○ Part which contains all the requisite bid forms and certificates; As read with GCC – <i>General Conditions of Contract</i>
Services	means the services defined on the cover page of this invitation to bid and described in detail in the Terms of Reference;
Specifications /Terms of Reference	means the specifications or terms contained in Part 3 of this invitation to bid;

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	COGTA (T) 14/2024	CLOSING DATE:	02 May 2024	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING NDMC NIMBLE STORAGE WITH ADDITIONAL 21TB RAW CAPACITY WITH INSTALLATION, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FROM SITA RFB 2003/2014.				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
BID DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE NATIONAL TREASURY E-TENDER PORTAL. NO PHYSICAL OR HARDCOPY DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Nomvula or Siviwe Ndaliso		CONTACT PERSON	SCM OFFICIALS ONLY	
TELEPHONE NUMBER			TELEPHONE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	T14.2024@cogta.gov.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS		
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]	
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.					

1. BID SUBMISSION:	
1.1.	BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2.	ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED-(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, 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:

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Refer to Page 3 of this invitation to bid for background and introductory information relating to the Services and this invitation to bid.

2. OFFER AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

2.1 Without detracting from the generality of clause below, bidders must submit a completed and signed Invitation to Bid form (SBD1) and requisite bid forms attached as (Part A with its bid. Bidders must take careful note of the special conditions.

2.2 All bids submitted in reply to this invitation to bid should incorporate all the forms, parts, certificates and other documentation forming part of this invitation to bid, duly completed and signed where required.

2.3 In the event that any form or certificate provided in Part 3 of this invitation to bid does not have adequate space for the bidder to provide the requested details, the bidder should attach an annexure to such form or certificate on which the requested details should be provided and the bidder should refer to such annexure in the form or certificate provided.

3. CLOSING TIME OF BIDS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO SUBMISSION OF BIDS

3.1 The closing date and time for the receipt of bids in response to this invitation to bid is detailed on the cover page of this invitation to bid.

3.2 All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the bid number, bid description and closing date.

3.4 All bids must be deposited in the bid box before the closing time and date stipulated above, at the address detailed on the cover page of this invitation to bid.

4. ENQUIRIES

Should any bidder have any enquiries relating to this invitation to bid, such enquiries may only be addressed to the person/s detailed on the cover page to this invitation to bid at the number/s stipulated.

5. PRICING

5.1 The bidder(s) must submit details regarding the bid price for the Services on the Pricing Schedule form/s attached as Part 3 – Schedule C which completed form/s must be submitted together with the bid documents.

5.2 Pricing must be stipulated **INCLUSIVE OF VALUE ADDED TAX**

5.3 It is an express requirement of this invitation to bid that the bidders provide some transparency in respect to their pricing approach. In this regard, bidders must indicate the basis on which they have calculated their pricing by completing all aspects of the Pricing Schedule form Part 3 – Schedule C

6. BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

The bidder should submit a duly completed and signed declaration of interest (SBD 4) together with the bid. The Bidder's Disclosure is attached as Part 3 – Schedule D.

7. PREFERENTIAL POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS OF 2022.

The bidder must complete the points claim form (SBD 6.1) and sign accordingly to submit with the bid. The preferential points claim form is attached as Part 3 – Schedule E.

8. PARTNERSHIPS AND LEGAL ENTITIES

In the case of the bidder being a partnership all certificates reflecting the names, identity numbers and address of the partners, members or directors (as the case may be) must be submitted with the bid.

9. CONSORTIUM / JOINT VENTURE

11.1 It is recognized that bidders may wish to form consortia to provide the Services.

11.2 A bid in response to this invitation to bid by a consortium shall comply with the following requirements:

11.2.1 It shall be signed so as to be legally binding on all consortium members;

11.2.2 One of the members shall be nominated by the others as authorized to be the lead member and this authorization shall be included in the agreement entered into between the consortium members;

11.2.3 The lead member shall be the only authorized party to make legal statements, communicate with the DCoG and receive instructions for and on behalf of any and all the members of the consortium;

11.2.4 A copy of the agreement entered into by the consortium members shall be submitted with the bid.

11.2.5 The lead member must comply with all the requirements of the bid.

11.2.6 Preference points will be only awarded when a consolidated BBBEE Certificate is submitted.

10. VALIDITY

Bid documentation submitted by the bidder will be valid and open for acceptance for a period of **(120)** calendar days from the closing date and time stipulated on the front cover of this invitation to bid.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

The DCoG does not bind itself to accept either the lowest or any other bid and reserves the right to accept the bid which it deems to be in the best interest of the Department.

12. NO RIGHTS OR CLAIMS

14.1 Receipt of the invitation to bid does not confer any right on any party in respect of the Services or in respect of or against the DCoG. The DCoG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withdraw by notice to bidders any Services or combination of Services from the bid process, to terminate any party's participation in the bid process or to accept or reject any response to this invitation to bid on notice to the bidders without liability to any party. Accordingly, parties have no rights, expressed or implied, with respect to any of the Services as a result of their participation in the bid process.

14.2 The DCoG, nor any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives or advisors will assume any obligations for any costs or expenses incurred by any party in or associated with any appraisal and/or investigation relating to this invitation to bid or the subsequent submission of a bid in response to this invitation to bid in respect of the Services or any other costs, expenses or liabilities of whatsoever nature and howsoever incurred by bidders in connection with or arising out of the bid process.

13. NON-DISCLOSURE, CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

15.1 The invitation to bid and its contents are made available on condition that they are used in connection with the bid process set out in the invitation to bid and for no other purpose. All information pertaining to this invitation to bid and its contents shall be regarded as restricted and divulged on a "need to know" basis with the approval of the DCoG.

15.2 In the event that the bidder is appointed pursuant to this invitation to bid such bidder may be subject to security clearance prior to commencement of the Services.

16. ACCURACY OF INFORMATION

16.1 The information contained in the invitation to bid has been prepared in good faith. The DCoG nor any of their respective directors, advisors, officers, employees, agents, representatives make any representation or warranty or give any undertaking express or implied, or accept any responsibility or liability whatsoever, as to the contents, accuracy or completeness of the information contained in the invitation to bid, or any other written or oral information made available in connection with the bid and nothing contained herein is, or shall be relied upon as a promise or representation, whether as to the past or the future.

16.1.1 This invitation to bid may not contain all the information that may be required to evaluate a possible submission of a response to this invitation to bid. The bidder should conduct its own independent analysis of the operations to the extent required to enable it to respond to this bid.

17. COMPETITION

17.1 Bidders and their respective officers, employees and agents are prohibited from engaging in any collusive action with respect to the bidding process which serves to limit competition amongst bidders.

17.1.1 In general, the attention of bidders is drawn to Section 4(1) (iii) of the Competition Act 1998 (Act No. 89 of 1998) (the Competition Act) that prohibits collusive bidding.

17.1.2 If bidders have reason to believe that competition issues may arise from any submission of a response to this bid invitation they are encouraged to discuss their position with the competition authorities before submitting a response.

17.1.3 Any correspondence or process of any kind between bidders and the competition authorities must be documented in the responses to this invitation to bid.

18. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

18.1 Without limitation to any other rights of the DCoG (whether otherwise reserved in this invitation to bid or under law), the DCoG expressly reserves the right to: -

18.1.1 Request clarification on any aspect of a response to this invitation to bid received from the bidder, such requests and the responses to be in writing;

18.1.2 Amend the bidding process, including the timetables, closing date and any other date at its sole discretion;

18.1.3 Reject all responses submitted by bidders and to embark on a new bid process;

18.1.4 To verify information provided for references to claim points;

18.1.5 To disqualify any tender/bidder who misrepresented information to claim points and

18.1.6 The Department reserve a right to award this tender to more than one bidder.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO TREASURY REGULATIONS 16A ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT, 1999, THE COGTA SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY 2017, PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017 AND THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

1. Under no circumstances whatsoever may the bid forms be retyped or redrafted. Photocopies of the original bid documentation may be used, but an original signature must appear on such photocopies.
2. The bidder is advised to check the number of pages and to satisfy himself that none are missing or duplicated.
3. Bids submitted must be complete in all respects.
4. Bids shall be lodged at the address indicated not later than the closing time specified for their receipt, and in accordance with the directives in the bid documents.
5. Each bid shall be addressed in accordance with the directives in the bid documents and shall be lodged in a separate sealed envelope, with the name and address of the bidder, the bid number and closing date indicated on the envelope. The envelope shall not contain documents relating to any bid other than that shown on the envelope. If this provision is not complied with, such bids may be rejected as being invalid.
6. The bids will be able to be viewed on e-tender National Treasury website after the closing date and time.
7. No bid will be considered after the closing date and time.
8. No bid sent through the post will be considered if it is received after the closing date and time stipulated in the bid documentation, and proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
9. No bid submitted by telefax, telegraphic or other electronic means will be considered.
10. Bidding documents must not be included in packages containing samples. Such bids may be rejected as being invalid.
11. Any alteration made by the bidder must be initialled.
12. Use of correcting fluid is prohibited.
13. Bids will be opened in public as soon as practicable after the closing time of bid.
14. Where practical, prices are made public at the time of opening bids.
15. If it is desired to make more than one offer against any individual item, such offers should be given on a photocopy of the page in question. Clear indication thereof must be stated on the schedules attached.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING ABOVE-MENTIONED INSTRUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO YOU BID BEING REJECTED

AUTHORITY TO SIGN A BID

A. COMPANY

If a Bidder is a Company, a certified copy of the resolution by the board of directors, personally signed by the chairperson of the board, authorising the person who signs this bid to do so, as well as to sign any contract resulting from this bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and/or contract on behalf of the company must be submitted with this bid, that is before the closing time and date of the bid

AUTHORITY BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By resolution passed by the Board of Directors on..... 20.....

Mr/Mrs.....

(whose signature appears below) has been duly authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of

(Name of Company)

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF COMPANY:

(PRINT NAME)

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY:**DATE:**

WITNESSES: 1**DATE:**.....

2 **DATE:**.....

B. SOLE PROPRIETOR (ONE - PERSON BUSINESS)

I, the undersigned..... hereby confirm that I am the sole owner of the business trading as

SIGNATURE.....**DATE**.....

C. PARTNERSHIP

The following particulars in respect of every partner must be furnished and signed by every partner:

Full name of partner	Residential address	Signature
.....
.....
.....

We, the undersigned partners in the business trading as

hereby authoriseto sign this bid as well as any contract resulting from the bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and /or contract on behalf of

.....
SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE	SIGNATURE

.....
DATE	DATE	DATE

D. CLOSE CORPORATION

In the case of a close corporation submitting a bid, a certified copy of the Founding Statement of such corporation shall be included with the bid, together with the resolution by its members authorising a member or other official of the corporation to sign the documents on their behalf.

By resolution of members at a meeting on20.....at

Mr/Ms....., whose signature appears below, has been authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of

(Name of Close Corporation)

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF CLOSE CORPORATION:

(PRINT NAME)

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS **DATE:**

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY..... **DATE:**

WITNESSES: 1**DATE:**

2.....**DATE:**

E. CO-OPERATIVE

A certified copy of the Constitution of the co-operative must be included with the bid, together with the resolution by its members authoring a member or other official of the co-operative to sign the bid documents on their behalf.

By resolution of members at a meeting on 20.....at

Mr/Ms....., whose signature appears below, has been authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of (Name of cooperative)

.....

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE/SIGNATORY:

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:

DATE:

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF CO-OPERATIVE:

NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS.....

WITNESSES: 1**DATE:**.....

2**DATE:**.....

F. JOINT VENTURE

If a bidder is a joint venture, a certified copy of the resolution/agreement passed/reached signed by the duly authorised representatives of the enterprises, authorising the representatives who sign this bid to do so, as well as to sign any contract resulting from this bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and/or contract on behalf of the joint venture must be submitted with this bid, before the closing time and date of the bid.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT VENTURE

By resolution/agreement passed/reached by the joint venture partners on.....20.....

Mr/Mrs.....Mr/Mrs.....

Mr/Mrs.....and Mr/Mrs.....

(whose signatures appear below) have been duly authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of:

(Name of Joint Venture).....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF (COMPANY NAME):.....

(PRINT NAME)

SIGNATURE.....**DATE:**.....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF (COMPANY NAME):.....

(PRINT NAME)

SIGNATURE:.....**DATE:**.....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF (COMPANY NAME):.....

(PRINT NAME)

SIGNATURE:.....**DATE:**.....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF (COMPANY NAME):.....

(PRINT NAME)

SIGNATURE:.....**DATE:**.....

G. CONSORTIUM

If a bidder is a consortium, a certified copy of the resolution/agreement passed/reached signed by the duly authorised representatives of concerned enterprises, authorising the representatives who sign this bid to do so, as well as to sign any contract resulting from this bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and/or contract on behalf of the consortium must be submitted with this bid, before the closing time and date of the bid.

AUTHORITY TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CONSORTIUM

By resolution/agreement passed/reached by the consortium on.....20.....

Mr/Mrs.....

(whose signature appear below) have been duly authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of:

(Name of Consortium).....

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:.....

SIGNATURE:.....**DATE:**.....

PRE – QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE

#	Criteria	
1.1	Supplier is registered on the National Treasury Central Suppliers Database (CSD) on or before bid closing date.	
1.2	Supplier is Tax Compliant (as indicated on CSD) ¹ or verified through SARS ¹	
1.3	Supplier has a valid B-BBEE certificate issued by a SANAS accredited verification agency or a sworn affidavit ² .	
1.4	SBD 1 completed and submitted.	
1.5	SBD 4 completed and submitted.	
1.6	SBD 6.1 completed and submitted.	
1.7	SBD 3.3 completed and submitted	
1.8	SITA accreditation letter for RFB 2003/2014 in Gauteng	
1.9	OEM accreditation letter (HP accredited partner)	

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) Ensure that clients are familiar with the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

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

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

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions.

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
- 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
- 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
- 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
- 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
- 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
- 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.

- 1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
- 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
- 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.25 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application.

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

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

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

3. General.

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

3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published and accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za.

4. Standards.

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

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

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

5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause

5.1 Except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause

5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.

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

6. Patent rights.

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

7. Performance 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 documents

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

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

11. Insurance.

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

12. Transportation.

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

13. Incidental services.

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

- (a) Performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
- (b) Furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
- (c) Furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
- (d) Performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) Training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

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

14. Spare parts.

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

- (a) Such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) In the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) Following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

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

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

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

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

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

16. Payment

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

16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.

16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.

16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract amendments

18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts.

20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.

21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.

21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.

21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in

substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- (a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) If the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) If the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard he intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:

- (i) The name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;

(ii) The date of commencement of the restriction

(iii) The period of restriction; and

(iv) The reasons for the restriction. These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

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

25. Force Majeure

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

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

26. Termination for insolvency

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

27. Settlement of Disputes

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

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

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

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

27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,

(a) The parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and

(b) The purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;

(a) The supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

(b) The aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing language

29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable law

30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

31. Notices.

31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice

31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and duties

32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.

32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.

32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.

33. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme

33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.

34.1 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 Prohibition of Restrictive practices

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.

(a) Selection of company/resources when required

COGTA reserves the right to appoint one or more bidders for a single task mission. Bidders should adhere to this condition.

(b) Intellectual property rights and ownership of material

All intellectual property rights relating to any work produced by the service provider in relation to the performance of this Contract shall belong to **COGTA**. The service provider shall give **COGTA** every assistance in protecting such intellectual property rights. All material, in paper, electronic or any recorded format produced by the service provider in the performance of this Contract shall remain the property of **COGTA** and must be handed over to **COGTA** within one month of the completion of the contract.

All service providers undertake not to infringe the intellectual property of third parties. Should any action or claim be instituted against the **COGTA** emanating from an infringement of intellectual property or an alleged infringement of intellectual property, the service provider hereby indemnify **COGTA** against such claims or actions as well as all costs (including legal costs on an attorney and client scale).

(c) Amendments and variation

The terms of reference together with the offer made by the Service Provider and the acceptance thereof by **COGTA**, as well as the General Conditions of Contract shall constitute the formal agreement between **COGTA** and the Service Provider. No amendment of this agreement, variation, waiver, relaxation or suspension of any of the provisions thereof shall have any force or effect, unless reduced to in writing and signed by both parties.

Settlement of Disputes

All disputes will be settled within a period of 14 days through mediation proceedings.

(e) Ad hoc assessments

Assessments of the performance of the service provider will be conducted on an adhoc basis. If there is dissatisfaction with the performance, written notice outlining the deficiencies will be provided to the service provider who will have two weeks to rectify the deficiency, failing which the contract will be terminated.

(f) Termination of the contract

- (i)* Service Provider must start to work on the Project 24 hrs after an approval of a project has been granted.
- (ii)* If the service provider does not start to work on the project and after 14 days written notice addressed to his domicile address to start still fails to start on the project, this contract may be cancelled forthwith.
- (iii)* This contract may be cancelled for reasons **other** than poor performance or breach of contract, by giving the service provider 14 days written notice to rectify or address the cause of concern where-after **COGTA** shall have the right to summarily cancel the contract upon written notice to the service provider.

(g) Communication

All communication must be done via the **COGTA – SCM** officials who will be the designated contract officer/s of **DCOG** responsible for the management of this contract.

(h) Service of Notices

All notices to **COGTA** will be served to the following physical address:

The Department of Cooperative Governance
87 Johannes Ramokhoase (Hamilton) Street Pretoria,
Arcadia
0002

PRICING SCHEDULE

NAME OF BIDDER:	BID NO: CoGTA (T) 14/2024
CLOSING TIME 11:00	CLOSING DATE: 02 May 2024

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR **120 DAYS** ALL APPLICABLE TAXES FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

Bidder Number	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PRICE VAT INCLUSIVE (In SA Currency)
COGTA T14/2024	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING NDMC NIMBLE STORAGE WITH ADDITIONAL 21TB RAW CAPACITY WITH INSTALLATION, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FROM SITA RFB 2003/2014.	
	TOTAL VAT EXCLUSIVE	R
	TOTAL VAT INCLUSIVE	R

1. The bidder herewith confirm that the above bid prices are correct:

Signature		Date	
Name of Signatory			
Designation of Signatory			

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:

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:

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.

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 consortium² 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.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

.....
Name of bidder

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.

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

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

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

- a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.
- b) Either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

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 To be completed by the organ of state:

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 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\
 P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right) & \mathbf{or} & P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)
 \end{array}$$

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

3.2. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\
 P_s = 80 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right) & \mathbf{or} & P_s = 90 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)
 \end{array}$$

Where

- P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
- P_t = Price of tender under consideration
- P_{max} = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:
- 4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—
- (a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or
 - (b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,
- then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

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

(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.

Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.)

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
BEE Compliance Based on Section 10 of the BBEE Act (Act 53 of 2003 as amended by Act 46 of 2013)	8 Level 1= 8 pts Level 2 = 7 pts Level 3=6 pts Level 4= 5 pts Level 5= 4 pts Level 6= 3 pts Level 7= 2 pts Level 8= 1 pt Non-compliant contributor= 0	
Black ownership (51% or more)	4	
Women ownership (51% or more)	4	
Youth	3	
Disability	1	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

- 4.3. Name of company/firm.....
- 4.4. Company registration number:

4.5. 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

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4.6. 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.

 SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)
SURNAME AND NAME:
DATE:
ADDRESS:

PART 3 – SCHEDULE F DECLARATION THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS BID IS TRUE,
CORRECT AND UP TO DATE

(To be completed by bidder)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I (name of bidder/authorized representative)

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WHO REPRESENTS (state name of bidder)

.....

AM AWARE OF THE CONTENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT, AND THAT THE SAID INFORMATION IS CORRECT
AND UP TO DATE AS ON THE DATE OF SUBMITTING THIS BID.

AND I AM AWARE THAT INCORRECT OR OUTDATED INFORMATION MAY BE A CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF
THIS BID FROM THE BIDDING PROCESS, AND/OR POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT THAT MAY BE
AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF THIS BID.

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SIGNATURE OF BIDDER OR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE :

1. DISPUTES, OBJECTIONS, COMPLAINTS AND QUERIES

- (a) Persons aggrieved by decisions or actions taken by the Department of Cooperative Governance in the implementation of its supply chain management system, may lodge within 21 days of the decision or action, a written objection, complaint, query or dispute against such decision or action.
- (b) Objections, complaints, queries or dispute must be submitted in writing to the Senior Manager: Supply Chain Management System, Department of Cooperative Governance, Private Bag X804, Pretoria, 0001 or be handed in personally to Senior Manager: Supply Chain Management System, Department of Cooperative Governance, 87 Hamilton Street, Arcadia, 0001.

2. APPEALS

- (a) In terms of section 3 of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 3 of 2000 a person whose rights or legitimate expectation are adversely affected by the decision taken by the Department in the implementation of its supply chain management system, has the right to be given adequate notice of the right to request reasons for such decision or maybe given an adequate notice of any right of internal appeal and a reasonable opportunity to make representations, within 21 days of the date of the notification of the decision.
- (b) Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Senior Manager: Supply Chain Management System, Department of Cooperative Governance, 87 Hamilton Street, Arcadia 0001.

Such appeal must contain the following:

- (i) Reasons and /or grounds for the appeal.
- (ii) The way in which the appellants rights have been adversely affected.
- (iii) The remedy sought by the appellant.

Where the person whose rights have been adversely affected cannot read or right, such person must solicit the assistance of any person to lodge the appeal or may solicit the assistance of any official of the Department to help him/her lodge such appeal.

3. RIGHTS TO APPROACH THE COURTS IN TERMS OF THE PROMOTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE ACT, 3 OF 2000 (PAJA) AND PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, 2 OF 2000 (PAIA)

A person who is aggrieved by the decision of the appeal tribunal of the Department, may institute proceedings in a court or tribunal for the judicial review of such administrative decision of the supply chain management systems in terms of section 6 of PAJA.

He/she may also request access to information in order to advance his/her proceedings in court.

- (a) All legal process and pleadings must be served on the Director-General, Department of Cooperative Governance, 87 Hamilton Street, Arcadia, 0001.
- (b) All request in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information must be submitted in writing to the Information Officer, Department of Cooperative Governance, 87 Hamilton Street, Arcadia, 0001 by e-mail to: ThinavhuyoS@cogta.gov.za