



SEKHUKHUNE
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DEPARTMENT: Budget & Treasury UNIT: Supply Chain Management CONTACT PERSON: Voster Masemola TEL NO: +27 (13) 262 7656/7301 Email: masemolav@sekhukhune.gov.za	Request for Bid (Open Tender)
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BID NO	SK8/3/1-53/2024/2025		
DESCRIPTION	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A VENDING SYSTEM FOR PREPAID METERS (SMART METERS) FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.		
END USER DEPARTMENT	BUDGET AND TREASURY		
CLOSING DATE:	28 JULY 2025	CLOSING TIME:	11H00

BRIEFING SESSION	Y ☐	N ☒	COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	Y ☐	N ☒
BRIEFING VENUE			DATE		TIME:
SITE INSPECTION	Y ☐	N ☒			
INSPECTION ADDRESS			N/A		
BID DURATION/TERM			THREE (03) YEARS		
SUBCONTRACTING	Y ☐	N ☒			

BIDDER'S NAME (COMPANY):	_____
BID PRICE (INCL. VAT):	_____

LOCATION OF BID BOX

Bid documents must be submitted in the bid box at the AB Sikhosana Fire Station offices of Sekhukhune District Municipality, located next to Groblersdal WTW. The bid box is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Bid documents submitted at Bareki Mall offices will not be considered.

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY)					
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THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).					
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS) SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY-AB SIKHOSANA FIRE STATION (GROBLERSDAL FIRE STATION)					
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBE R		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBE R		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:	
HDI Specific Goals					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]	
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED			TOTAL BID PRICE	R	
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER			DATE		
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
DEPARTMENT	SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT		DEPARTMENT	BUDGET & TREASURY	
CONTACT PERSON	VOSTER MASEMOLA		CONTACT PERSON	MPHO MAEPA	
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PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION. 1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR ONLINE 1.3. PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022 (MBD 6.1) 1.4. THIS BID IS VALID FOR 90 DAYS
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 VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS. 2.3 APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA. 2.4 FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3. 2.5 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID. 2.6 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER. 2.7 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS
3.1. IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? ☐ YES ☐ NO 3.2. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO 3.3. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO 3.4. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO 3.5. IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? ☐ YES ☐ NO IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.
NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.**

SIGNATURE		NAME (PRINT)	
CAPACITY		DATE	
NAME OF FIRM			

LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS.

The bidders must complete the returnable documents as listed.

Administrative Requirements	Tick if completed
Certificate of Authority for Joint Venture (<i>Compulsory where applicable</i>)	
Original Certified Copy of Identity Documents for Directors not older than three months	
Copy of Company Registration Documents or CK1 for Close Corporations	
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate Issued by the South African Revenue Service/ <i>PIN issued by SARS</i>	
Compliant CSD Registration/CSD Summary Report	
Mandatory Requirements (Compulsory)	Tick if completed
Invitation to Bid, Part A & B (MBD1)	
Pricing Schedule-Professional Services (MBD3.3)	
Declaration of Interest (MBD4)	
Bids exceeding R10 million - If the estimated value of the transaction exceeds R10 million, the bid documentation must require the bidders to furnish: - if the bidder is required by law to prepare annual financial statements for auditing, their audited annual financial statements for the past three years, or since their establishment if established during the past three years. - The Municipal rates for the bidder and its directors in respect of which payment is not overdue for more than 30 days or proof of lease agreement including rates for the landlord. In case where the Company or Director is registered in a rural area where the rates are not paid, please attach proof from Local Authority and Affidavit under oath indicating that there are no municipal rates payable	
Declaration For Procurement Above R10 Million (Vat Included) (MBD 5)	
Preference Points Claim Form in Terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 (MBD 6.1)	
Contract Form - Rendering of Services (MBD 7.2)	
Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Chain Management Practices (MBD8)	
Certificate of Independent Bid Determination (MBD9)	
Schedule 1A: Compulsory Enterprise Questionnaire	
Schedule 1B: Authority for Signatory / Letter of authorized signatories	
Form of offer to be properly signed	

Note:

The meaning of the cursive type for each form is as follows:

- Administrative Requirements:** Bidders must submit administrative requirements for evaluation.
- It is the responsibility of the bidder to bind the bid document.



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SPECIFICATIONS

INTRODUCTION

Sekhukhune District Municipality herewith invites proposals for a multi-utility prepaid vending system solution that will be integrated with the municipality's existing billing system. The period of appointment will be for a period of 3 years.

TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

The online and real-time multi-utility prepayment vending system to operate in a highly redundant and secure cloud server environment, within South African data centers.

Software and Hardware requirements

Compliance and Certifications

- a) Compliant with IEC62055-41 (STS) Edition 2 specifications and all relevant STS guidelines, with relevant certificate to be supplied as proof.
- b) The Supplier needs to comply with National Rationalised Specification - NRSO47 and NRS009 specifications.

1. Vending Functionality

The system must allow for customers to purchase STS prepaid water tokens via merchant and retail point of sale terminals, ATM's, Android/IOS mobile applications, web applications, major banking applications, as well as WhatsApp.

The steps of vending shall be:

- 1.1 On receipt of the vend request, the system shall have a provision to ascertain the identity of the consumer;
- 1.2 The keys to identify the consumer shall be the account number or meter serial number;
- 1.3 The POS client shall send the request to a cloud server environment that shall authenticate the transaction request and generate an encrypted token;
- 1.4 In order to provide maximum security to the system, the encryption shall not be done on the POS client but only on the cloud server environment;
- 1.5 On receipt of each request the POS client shall connect to the cloud server environment in order for the encrypted token to be generated;
- 1.6 The generated token shall be printed by the POS client, and/or digitally displayed as in the case of purchase via a digital or mobile application channel;
- 1.7 The receipt layout shall comply with the Municipality's specification, and shall allow for custom messages to be displayed on the receipt, of which the custom message may differ for each customer;

- 1.8 The monetary value per token can be limited per the municipality's requirements e.g. minimum and maximum value, per consumer;
- 1.9 The municipality must have the option to limit the customer total monthly purchases per customer;
- 1.10 All payments are recorded as returned by the POS client or third party aggregator;
- 1.11 The amount tendered must first be allocated to clear the postpaid arrears balance if applicable, and then to allow for immediate purchasing of prepaid utilities;
- 1.12 The consumer can pay the municipal postpaid account at available POS clients, which will be transferred to the municipality's financial system, in a format as prescribed by the municipality;
- 1.13 The system functionality must include reprints of tokens when required;
- 1.14 The system must support STS credit and management tokens, account payments, free basic units and impulse vending;
- 1.15 Cancellations are only allowed for authorised users on municipal POS clients;
- 1.16 Inclining block tariffs are supported per NERSA requirements;
- 1.17 Management of feeders;
- 1.18 Support for multi-language at user level;
- 1.19 The system must support the TID rollover process and must be STS Edition 2 Compliant;
- 1.20 The system shall support CT/PT ratio conversions, for the generation of STS tokens;
- 1.21 The system must support charges to be applied at various levels, including utility, POS client, region, zone, tariff, and account;
- 1.22 The system must support the following charge types:
 - 1.22.1 Fixed monthly charge;
 - 1.22.2 Fixed charge per transaction;
 - 1.22.3 Charge per transaction on transaction amount;
 - 1.22.4 Per step and per unit charge;
- 1.23 The system must be capable of supporting seamless migration of existing customer, account, meter, and transaction data;
- 1.24 The system must allow for customer, account, meter, location, tariffs, charges and post-paid accounts to be managed via a web portal;
- 1.25 The system must allow for custom role creation to be able to grant the necessary permissions;
- 1.26 All user activity for vending system changes must be audited;
- 1.27 The system must include a reporting solution, with the following standard reports:
 - 1.27.1 Total Sales Revenue by utility type, vending terminal, region, zone, tariff, customer;
 - 1.27.2 Total Energy Sold by vending terminal, region, zone, tariff, customer;
 - 1.27.3 Free Issue transactions;
 - 1.27.4 Post-paid account payment collections and balances;
 - 1.27.5 Customers with low purchase and no purchase over 30, 60 and 90 days;
 - 1.27.6 Cancelled transactions;
 - 1.27.7 Engineering token transactions;
 - 1.27.8 Active and in-active customers/meters;
 - 1.27.9 Merchant POS client transactions;
 - 1.27.10 Customer summary;
 - 1.27.11 User activity reports;
- 1.28 The reporting solution must provide data that is near real time;

2. Billing System Integration Requirements

Prepaid and postpaid consumer data shall be managed at the billing system. Once information is created, or updated in the billing system, the information shall be posted to the vending system near real-time. This will ensure data consistency across the billing and vending system. Postpaid arrears shall be sent from the billing system to the vending system, and when a postpaid account payment is made at a vending system point of sale terminal or mobile/web application, then the transaction must be sent back to the billing system near real time, in order for the billing system to reflect the updated balance.

The vending system shall support seamless migration of postpaid to prepaid accounts. The vending system must allow for outstanding postpaid arrears to be recovered on prepaid token purchases for both electricity and water meters. For example, 50% of the prepaid token purchase amount can be allocated towards the postpaid arrears and 50% can be used for the prepaid token generation.

The integration solution shall allow for customer, account (both prepaid and postpaid), meter and location information, to be created and updated via an API interface, allowing for seamless and near-real time transfer of data between the billing and vending system.

1.1 The vending system must have an API layer that allows for integration with billing systems.

1.2 The API must support the following:

1.2.1 Customer, Account, Meter, Location and Post-Paid Account creation;

1.2.2 Customer, Account, Meter, Location and Post-Paid Account updates;

1.2.3 Post-paid account charge and balance updates;

1.2.4 Post-paid account payment and refund types, such as "Minimum Monthly Payments", "Percentage Payments per transaction", "Fixed Currency Payments per transaction", "Minimum Monthly Refund", "Minimum Refund per transaction", "Once-off full refund on first transaction";

1.2.5 Export of Post-Paid Account transactions;

1.2.6 Blocking of customers and accounts;

1.2.7 Meter connection and disconnections;

1.2.8 Tariff index updates;

1.2.9 Configurable synchronization period for updating information between the vending system and billing system;

1.2.10 Alerts and notifications on incorrect data formats or invalid data;

3. Account Payments

1.1 The consumer must be able to make postpaid account payments at municipal POS Clients and mobile/web applications. This is in line with the municipality's goal of increasing accessibility to municipal services and debt reduction. The consumer does not have to be registered to a meter to make a payment.

4. General

- 4.1 The vending system shall integrate with the municipality's existing billing system.
- 4.2 The system must support STS Edition 2 and provide a mechanism for a phased rollout of key-change tokens to support the base date change over for management of the TID rollover process. This must include automated TID rollover per region, zone, and individual accounts at the minimum.
- 4.3 The vending system shall have the capability of generating TID Key Change Tokens on credit vend transactions, resulting in the generation of TID Rollover tokens and Credit tokens on a single transaction receipt.
- 4.4 The consumer shall be able to redeem their TID rollover tokens via a normal credit token purchase or via a web portal.
- 4.5 The system must support an import mechanism for loading of the new key-load file specification as contained in STS600-4-2.

5. Management Centre

The successful bidder to provide personnel that shall be a part of the vending system process. The vending system must have capability to integrate with the financial management system central database and produce the management reports. The successful bidder must manage the administrative data, including settings of system accounts, tariffs, meter and consumer data.

Various tasks that should be performed for the municipality are outlined below, but not limited to:

- 5.1 Consumer Data Maintenance related to the debtor's profile
- 5.2 Meter Database Management
- 5.3 Uploading of meter database

6. Meter Management

The system shall support at least the following meter states:

- 6.1 Scrapped;
- 6.2 Installed;
- 6.3 Removed;
- 6.4 In Stock

Meter states can be updated and modified as required.

7. Functionality

- 7.1 Link a consumer with a location/meter/point of connection;
- 7.2 Meter management processes shall automatically change the modes of operation associated with a meter.

8. Tariff Management

- 8.1 Tariff Management
- 8.2 Tariff structure definition is to be in line with NERSA requirements;

- 8.3 Tariff change administration in line with Auditor General requirements;
- 8.4 Inclining Block Tariff (IBT) to be supported;

9. Debt Management

- 9.1 Transferring arrear information from the financial system into the Prepayment system;
- 9.2 Blocking and unblocking meters manually and/or electronically;
- 9.3 Provision of various levels of blocking as prescribed by the Municipality;
- 9.4 Vending once arrears have been cleared;
- 9.5 Account Payment

10. Revenue Protection

- 10.1 Irregular transactions indicator/s (nil, low, or abnormally high);
- 10.2 Free-format comments field (notes) (maximum 250 characters);
- 10.3 Meters not transacting on the system, possible bypass;
- 10.4 The service provider shall perform a sweep audit of all installed meters at least once per year for the duration of the contract;
- 10.5 Alternate audits may be required for meters suspected of tampering based on data and reports from the vending system.

11. Transaction management

The system shall support the following types of transaction:

- 11.1 Credit transaction;
- 11.2 Refund transaction;
- 11.3 Purchase blocking facility;
- 11.4 Free basic electricity transaction;
- 11.5 Arrear collection and debtor account payments;
- 11.6 Engineering transactions;
- 11.7 Account Payment transaction

12. Message Management

The system shall allow:

- 12.1 Entry of system messages;
- 12.2 Entry of customer specific messages;
- 12.3 Entry of predefined messages;

13. User Security Management

Security management shall include:

- 13.1 Group rights definition;
- 13.2 Entry of system users and allocation of group rights;
- 13.3 System administrator rights;
- 13.4 Customer portal to view transaction history and messages

14. Monitoring

- 14.1 Control of all vending terminal operations;
- 14.2 Control and banking of cash collected through the prepayment system;
- 14.3 Issue of free basic electricity to indigent consumers;
- 14.4 On-line viewing of all vending terminals.

15. TID Rollover

- 15.1 As part of the contract the service provider shall be responsible to implement the TID rollover process commencing on commissioning of the new Vending System. The process shall include the supply, implementation and commissioning of the required STS hardware and software as well as the process to perform the base date update on each STS meter.
- 15.2 The base date update on each STS meter shall be undertaken by physically entering the tokens into the meter while auditing the meter installation at the same time.

16. Reports

- 16.1 All reports must have the functionality to export into various formats, such as (but not limited to) excel, csv, txt, etc. The export must be in a one-liner format;
- 16.2 The front-end screen of each report must include filters such as dates, region, tariff, and meter number. The filters must be clearly defined in terms of data entry;

17. Access Management

The management interface required to operate the proposed solution shall be web-enabled.

18. Customer Service And Technical Support

Bidder to provide technical and customer support services as follows:

- 18.1 Personnel on call and available to visit the site when required;
- 18.2 Detailed problem logging and escalation process with timelines;
- 18.3 To provide a flow chart - At a minimum, explain the number of severity levels, the criteria used to define problem severity at each level, who is notified at each level, and the time period between each severity level;
- 18.4 To provide a solution that has proactive service features. Bidder to describe any ability to self-diagnose errors and perform automated corrective action;
- 18.5 To describe the Professional Services capability as it pertains to this project. Include services offered, locations provided, and whether insourced or outsourced personnel are used;
- 18.6 To provide the details of the contractual arrangements between the bidder and the various communication networks, such as mobile telephone networks; to ensure that an uninterrupted service is provided.

19. Operation And Maintenance Manuals

The operation and maintenance manuals of software, application and equipment supplied shall be furnished with the detail diagram of the design. The manuals must be available in hard copy and electronic format. A "help" facility must be available to all users of the system.

20. Training & Administration

The successful bidder shall provide training as follows:

Department	Training Requirements
Counter Services and Prepayment	Operational and Administrative
Vendor Training	Operational
Debt Management	Operational and Administrative
Revenue Unit	Operational and Administrative
ICT System Administrator	System Maintenance
ICT Technical Engineers	Hardware Maintenance

The training will be conducted onsite and all trained staff members must be issued with a certificate after completion.

The bidder shall create a Standard Administration and Maintenance Procedure for solution provided.

21. Maintenance And Defects Liability Period

The bidder shall provide regular maintenance services as per the manufacturer's instructions, which shall include but not limited to the following work, during the thirty six (36 months warranty period)

- 21.1 Inspect and repair where necessary;
- 21.2 Adjustment of applications;
- 21.3 Replacement of any defective parts

The successful bidder to ensure service continuity on solution proposed without transaction/data loss.

22. Service Level Agreement

A three (3) year Service Level Agreement (SLA) will govern the working relationship between the Municipality and the successful bidder for the solution provided. The contract (SLA) must be in line with the tender specification. The SLA must be executed with remote support call centre and site visits form offices located with 150 kms from Municipality offices.

23. Maintenance Contract

The services to be rendered through this contract will be as follows:

- 23.1 Support and maintenance;
- 23.2 Preventative maintenance;
- 23.3 Remote support;
- 23.4 Onsite support (such as, but not limited to onsite visits, onsite meetings, etc.);
- 23.5 Telephone support;
- 23.6 Upgrade services;
- 23.7 Enhancement services (such as, but not limited to amendments to reports, new reports, etc.);
- 23.8 Consulting service;
- 23.9 Licenses;
- 23.10 Patches updates;

The contract will be managed as follows:

The user department will log the calls to the ICT Department and will escalate the faults to the service provider when needed;

The calls logged will be categorised as follows:

Priority	Fault Severity	Description
1	CRITICAL	Vending System is not functioning — high impact on Business
2	HIGH	Processing can continue — circumvention acceptable in the short term
3	MEDIUM	Processing can continue — acceptable circumvention
4	LOW	No impact on processing
5	ENHANCEMENT	Request for additional functionality

The response and resolution times are expected to be as follows:

Priority	Description	Response	Resolution times
1	CRITICAL	Respond within one (1) working hour	Best effort to resolve within two (2) working hours
2	HIGH	Respond within two (2) working hours.	Best effort to resolve within four (4) working hours
3	MEDIUM	Respond within four (4) working hours.	Best effort to resolve within six (6) working hours
4	LOW	Solution may be implemented in future releases	
5	ENHANCEMENT	Quotation for enhancements and procurements of new equipment must be supplied with milestone dates for additional functionality and both parties will have to agree	

24. Guarantees System Performance

- 24.1 The successful Tenderer shall have the new system commissioned within Two (2) months of the contract being awarded;
- 24.2 The Tenderer shall guarantee the systems' functional performance and any upgrades required to correct any system mal-operation, shall be for the Tenderer's account;
- 24.3 In the event of any latent defect (programming "bug") becoming evident, the Tenderer shall be responsible for the immediate rectification of such defects at their own cost.

25. Tender Documents and Format of Submission

Bidders are requested to present one copy of the response in ORIGINAL hardcopy. All documents relating to the tender must be in English.

Tender documents and submissions must be properly indexed and must be presented in line with the reference numbering within the tender specification.

26. Mandatory Documents and Information

The documents listed and information must also be submitted. Failure to submit such documents and information will deem the tender submission to be non-responsive:

- 26.1 STS Edition 2 Compliance Certificate.
- 26.2 The vending system supplier needs to comply with National Rationalised Specification - NRSO47 and NRS009 specifications. (documentary valid proof must be included).
- 26.3 Size and Ability to Support Online Vending System.
- 26.4 Bidder to describe the company's existing vending infrastructure (e.g. mobile applications/point of sale terminals, etc.), including the volume of transactions, size and number of vending points.
- 26.5 The bidder should furnish the information on major past supplies under the relevant product/services and satisfactory performance for the last five financial years.
- 26.6 The bidder should be a manufacturer or the OEM authorized representative of respective system (with proof of representation attached) and or supply and maintenance of the offered items for a minimum period of three years in South Africa.
- 26.7 The bidder to provide the name, respective titles, and years of experience of the person/s who will be responsible for management/co-ordination of all work on the project. In addition, provide the names of all personnel that are proposed to be involved in the project, their resumes, and their proposed roles/responsibilities (including the name of subcontractors and their personnel who will be working on the project, if any);
- 26.8 The Bidder to provide a summary describing the bidder's area of expertise and resource capabilities as they relate to this proposal;
- 26.9 Bidder shall also submit a minimum of three references from similar projects. Listing shall include name and address, title and phone number of a contact person at that client. The municipality reserves the right to contact any of the references supplied by the bidder to obtain information regarding work that the bidder has performed.

BASIS OF EVALUATION

Sekhukhune District Municipality subscribes to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000). The 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable during the evaluation and adjudication of bids. The amended PPPFA regulation 2022 will be used.

First stage: Returnable Documents & completeness.

Second Stage: Functionality; 100% (Minimum threshold of 70%) Only bidders which pass the first stage with a minimum of 70% for functionality will then be evaluated further in the second stage.

Third stage: Preferential Point System (80:20); 80 for price and 20 for Specific goals.

FUNCTIONALITY

Description	Score	POE	Score obtained
EXPERIENCE	30		
Number of current and/ previous projects by the company within the municipalities for whom a fully hosted vending system including 3rd party prepaid vending services: • 10 and above projects : 30 points • 5 – 9 projects : 20 points • 1- 4 projects : 10 points	30	Appointment letters/award letters/signed and stamped reference letters.	
CAPACITY	70		
<u>Personnel:</u> Confirmation of the availability of key personnel and their experience. • Vending System Developer: BSC/B-Tech 10 Information Technology and Communication with 5 years' experience or more. = 10 Points • Metering Manager: National Diploma/B-Tech or Degree or Higher in Civil Engineer or similar Metering Qualification with 5 years' experience or more. = 10 Points • Project Manager with relevant qualifications- in good standing with the Project Management Institution (PMI) having a Project Management Professional Certificate and with a minimum of 5 years' experience in implementing prepaid vending systems and 3rd party vendors = 5 Points • Technical Support Personnel – in possession of a National Diploma or higher in Information Technology with a minimum 3 years in IT Technical Support and handling customer complaints = 5 Points • Certified Proof of Qualifications not provided = 0 Points	30	CV & Qualifications	
SARPA (Southern Africa Revenue Protection Association) registration must be provided (proof must be included)	10	Proof of registration	
<u>Customer Support Centre:</u> Service provider to prove that they have a service desk/customer support centre and indicate the hours of operation: 24 Hours Service = 20 Points Extended Business Hours (07:00 – 23:00) = 10 Points	20	Attach lease of agreement or title deed and proof of Service desk/Customer Support Centre contact details (There will be	

Business Hours (8:00 -16:00) = 5 Points No proof of Service desk/Customer Support Centre provided = 0 Points		physical inspection for the shortlisted bidders)	
<u>PROJECT METHODOLOGY/PROPOSAL</u> Prepaid Meter Management - Proven Software System in compliance with all specifications (The vending system must be fully compliant with IEC62055-41 (STS) Edition 2 specifications and all relevant STS guidelines) Customer Service - Proof of vending software product ownership and compliance to relevant STS requirements. NB: The methodology must outline how the system will meet the mandatory requirements, training, maintenance, customer support help desk operations and system specifications including the response and resolution timelines for each category of priority	10	Attach Company profile and methodology	
TOTAL	100		

Sekhukhune District Municipality SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUPPLY MULTI-UTILITY PREPAID VENDING SYSTEM AND REVENUE ENHANCEMENT, WITH TID-ROLLOVER MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS

VENDING SYSTEM					
1.	Offered solution provides for a fully functional vending system for the entire vending domain of the municipal area.	YES		NO	
2.	Purchase of STS prepaid electricity and water tokens via merchant and retail point of sale terminals, ATM's, Android/IOS mobile applications, web applications, major banking applications, as well as WhatsApp.	YES		NO	
3.	The vending system supplier needs to comply with National Rationalised Specification - NRSO47 and NRS009 specifications. <i>(documentary valid proof must be included)</i> .	YES		NO	
4.	Tenderer is certified as an ISO 9001 company <i>(documentary proof must be included)</i> .	YES		NO	
5.	The vending system must be able to comply with municipal MSCOA requirements by integrating into a compliant billing system <i>(documentary proof must be included)</i> .	YES		NO	
6.	Vending system can generate STS Water and STS Currency Token.	YES		NO	
7.	Vending system is real time and on-line.	YES		NO	
8.	Vending system support is provided on a 24x7x365 basis.	YES		NO	
9.	The vending system must be fully compliant with IEC62055-41 (STS) Edition 2 specifications and all	YES		NO	

	relevant STS guidelines (<i>documentary proof must be included</i>).				
10.	The vending system must support the STS TID rollover process, and the documented approach must be included. The consumer shall be able to redeem their TID rollover tokens via a normal credit token purchase or via a web portal.	YES		NO	
11.	The primary and disaster recovery vending system shall exist in a secure cloud environment. The physical secure module devices must be hosted in a secure data centre, in different locations. (Documentary proof must be included).	YES		NO	
12.	Existing 3rd party vendors which are managed by aggregators of the current supplier, shall remain operational during the installation and commissioning.	YES		NO	
13.	The vending system must be able to vend to all active STS meters installed in the municipal distribution jurisdiction.	YES		NO	
14.	The vending system shall accommodate both 11 (eleven) and 13 (thirteen) digit STS meter serial numbers.	YES		NO	
15.	The vending system shall be able to interface with the existing municipal financial billing system. (<i>Documentary proof must be included for municipalities that integration has already been completed with</i>).	YES		NO	
16.	The system shall be fully STS Edition 2 compliant and capable of vending STS prepayment credit and engineering tokens on both legacy STS and STS Edition 2 as required for the TID Rollover process. (TID Rollover plan must be included).	YES		NO	
17.	The vending system shall have an Application Programme interface (API) to allow third parties to access the system securely for integration purposes.	YES		NO	
18.	The tenderer must be able to have the solution operational on the cloud environment 2 (two) weeks before start date of the tender period.	YES		NO	
19.	The database must allow concurrent users to access data on a central database from various online POS clients.	YES		NO	
20.	The solution must include a consumer mobile app/web portal, that will enable end consumers to purchase prepaid tokens and log queries and issues.	YES		NO	
21.	A full system description and technical details of the solutions offered must be included.	YES		NO	
22.	Guarantee the systems 'functional performance and any upgrades required to correct any system mal-operation will be for the Tenderer's account.	YES		NO	
23.	Detailed plan and costs of TID rollover process and implementation.	YES		NO	
24.	Revenue protection program including sweep audit plan and implementation plan included.	YES		NO	
VENDOR MANAGEMENT					

25.	Payment of collected revenue into the Municipalities bank account must be completed within 72 hours (working days) of transaction date.	YES		NO	
26.	The tenderer must have insurance against revenue loss (proof needs to be included).	YES		NO	
27.	Payment of revenue received (Prepaid & Auxiliary separately) directly in the municipalities account at predetermined times together with a reconciliation of said revenue.	YES		NO	
DATA MANAGEMENT AND REVENUE PROTECTION					
28.	The tenderer must have a proven experience at least 5-year track record to revenue protection services in a municipal environment and may be required to demonstrate their solution a provide physical proof of the in-field tools used for these services.	YES		NO	
29.	The tenderer shall include the details (identity documents and electrical trade certificates) of at least two qualified technicians (proof must be included)	YES		NO	
30.	SARPA registration must be provided (proof must be included)	YES		NO	
PROOF OF EVIDENCE					
1	Attachment of full description and technical details of the solutions offered.	YES		NO	
2	Submit a schedule listing clause-by-clause, specific details indicating compliance or non-compliance with the requirements of specifications.	YES		NO	
3	Tenders shall supply independent, documented proof to substantiate conformance to these aspects.	YES		NO	
The tender must attach all supporting documents and may be subjected to a technical evaluation.					

MBD 3.3**PRICING SCHEDULE****(Professional Services)**

Name of Bidder:	Bid Number: SK8/3/1-53/2024/2025
Closing Time: 11H00	Closing Date: 28 July 2025

OFFER TO BE VALID FORDAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

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

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**(a) PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE
(CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS OF BELOW TABLE)**

PERSONS AND POSITIONS	HOURLY (INCLUDING OVERHEADS) VAT)	RATE (INCL. VAT)
	R	
	R	
	R	

**(b) PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER
PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT:**

PROJECT PHASES	COST PER PHASE (INCL. VAT)	DAYS
	R	
	R	
	R	
	R	
	R	
TOTAL COST AND MAN-DAYS TO SPENT	R	

(c) Travel expenses (specify rate/km and total km, type of travel). Only actual costs are recoverable. Proof of the expenses incurred must accompany certified invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE/PER KM	TOTAL/PER KM

(d) Other expenses, for example accommodation (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 (INC VAT where applicable)			

Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid

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Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract? YES/NO

If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.....

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*Delete if not applicable

MBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- (i) No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹.
- (ii) Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.

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

3.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:.....

3.2 Identity Number:

3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²):.....

3.4 Company Registration Number:

3.5 Tax Reference Number:.....

3.6 VAT Registration Number:

3.7 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.

3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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¹MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

(a) a member of –

- (i) any municipal council;
- (ii) any provincial legislature; or
- (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;

(b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;

(c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;

(d) an employee of 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);

(e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or

(f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

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

3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months? **YES / NO**

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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3.10 Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES/ NO**

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.11 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.13 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors' trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

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Signature

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Date

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Capacity

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Name of Bidder

DECLARATION FOR PROCUREMENT ABOVE R10 MILLION (VAT INCLUDED)

For all procurement expected to exceed R10 million (VAT included), bidders must complete the following questionnaire:

1 Are you by law required to prepare annual financial statements for auditing?

1.1 If yes, submit audited annual financial statements for the past three years or since the date of establishment if established during the past three years.

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YES / NO

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2 Do you have any outstanding undisputed commitments for municipal services towards a municipality or any other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days?

2.1 If no, this serves to certify that the bidder has no undisputed commitments for municipal services towards a municipality or other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days.

YES / NO

2.2 If yes, provide particulars.

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3. Has any contract been awarded to you by an organ of state during the past five years, including particulars of any material non-compliance or dispute concerning the execution of such contract?

YES / NO

3.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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YES / NO

4. Will any portion of goods or services be sourced from outside the Republic, and, if so, what portion and whether any portion of payment from the municipality / municipal entity is expected to be transferred out of the Republic? **YES / NO**

4.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME)

**CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS
CORRECT.**

**I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE
TO BE FALSE.**

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

MBD 6.1

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 90/10 preference point system.

- a) The 90/10 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 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

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

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
 Pt = Price of tender under consideration
 Pmin = 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:

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

Where:

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
 Pt = Price of tender under consideration
 Pmax = 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 90/10 or 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 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system.

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

The 80/0 preference points system will be used for the acquisition of services, works or goods up to and including a value of R50 000 000.00.

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. (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points allocated. (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed. (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed. (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
HDI Specific Goals	10	20		
1 Not having voting rights prior 1994.	6	12		
2 Woman – ownership of more than 50%	1	2		
Disability ownership of more than 50%	1	2		
HDI youth	1	2		
Locality within SDM jurisdiction	1	2		

TOTAL	10	20		
Non-compliant Bidder	0	0		

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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.

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

CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SERVICE PROVIDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.

PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER)

1. I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached bidding documents to (name of the institution) in accordance with the requirements and task directives / proposals specifications stipulated in Bid Number..... at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the bid.
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:
 - (i) Bidding documents, viz
 - Invitation to bid;
 - Proof of tax compliance status;
 - Pricing schedule(s);
 - Filled in task directive/proposal;
 - Preference claim form for Preferential Procurement in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations;
 - Declaration of interest;
 - Declaration of Bidder's past SCM practices;
 - Certificate of Independent Bid Determination;
 - Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (ii) General Conditions of Contract; and
 - (iii) Other (specify)
3. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the services specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.
4. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.
5. I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.
6. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

NAME (PRINT)

CAPACITY

SIGNATURE

NAME OF FIRM

DATE

WITNESSES

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DATE:.....

CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

1. I..... in my capacity as.....accept your bid under reference numberdated.....for the rendering of services indicated hereunder and/or further specified in the annexure(s).
2. An official order indicating service delivery instructions is forthcoming.
3. I undertake to make payment for the services rendered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of an invoice.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	PRICE (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	COMPLETION DATE	TOTAL PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIMED	POINTS CLAIMED FOR EACH SPECIFIC GOAL

4. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

SIGNED AT ON

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

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DATE:.....

MBD 8

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities 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 rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 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 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(www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes ☐	No ☐
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 of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
Item	Question	Yes	No

4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS
DECLARATION FORM 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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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

MBD 9

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) 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 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
- 4 This MBD 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 (MBD 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.

MBD 9

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 Municipality / Municipal Entity)

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

MBD 9

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.

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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

FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

1. OFFER

The Sekhukhune District Municipality, identified in the acceptance signature block, has solicited offers to enter a contract for:

Appointment of a Service Provider for the Procurement of a Vending System for Prepaid Meters (Smart Meters) for a Period of Three (3) Years.

The tenderer, identified in the offer signature block, has examined the documents listed in the tender data and addenda thereto as listed in the tender schedules, and by submitting this offer has accepted the conditions of tender.

By the representative of the tenderer, deemed to be duly authorized, signing this part of this form of offer and acceptance, the tenderer offers to perform all of the obligations and liabilities of the Contractor under the contract including compliance with all its terms and conditions according to their true intent and meaning for an amount to be determined in accordance with the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data.

THE OFFERED TOTAL OF THE PRICES INCLUSIVE OF VALUE-ADDED TAX IS:

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RAND (IN WORDS); R..... (IN FIGURES)
.....

This offer may be accepted by the employer by signing the acceptance part of this form of offer and acceptance and returning one copy of this document to the tenderer before the end of the period of validity stated in the tender data, whereupon the tenderer becomes the party named as the contractor in terms of the conditions of contract identified in the contract data.

Signature(s)

Name(s)

Capacity

For the **Tenderer**
.....
(Name and address of organization)

Name and signature
of witness Date

2. ACCEPTANCE

By signing this part of this form of offer and acceptance, the employer identified below accepts the tenderer's offer. In consideration thereof, the employer shall pay the contractor the amount due in accordance with the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. Acceptance of the tenderer's offer shall form an agreement between the employer and the tenderer upon the terms and conditions contained in this agreement and in the contract that is the subject of this agreement.

Deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the tender data and any addenda thereto, as listed in the tender schedules as well as any changes to the terms of the offer agreed by the tenderer and the employer during this process of offer and acceptance, are contained in the schedule of deviations attached to and forming part of this agreement. No amendments to or deviations from said documents are valid unless contained in this schedule.

The tenderer shall, within two weeks after receiving a completed copy of this agreement including the schedule of deviation (if any), contact the employer's agent (whose details are given in the contract data) to arrange the delivery of any bonds, guarantees, proof of insurance and any other documentation to be provided in terms of the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. Failure to fulfil any of the obligations in accordance with those terms shall constitute a repudiation of this agreement.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this agreement comes into effect on the date when the tenderer receives one fully completed original copy of this document, including the schedule of deviations (if any). Unless the tenderer (now contractor), within five (5) working days of the date of such receipt, notifies the employer in writing of any reason why he cannot accept the contents of this agreement, this agreement shall constitute a binding contract between the parties.¹

Signature(s)

Name(s)

Capacity

for the **Employer**
(**Sekhukhune District Municipality**)
Private Bag x8611
Groblersdal
0470

Name and signature of witness

Date

SCHEDULE 1A: COMPULSORY ENTERPRISE QUESTIONNAIRE

The following particulars must be furnished. In the case of a joint venture, **separate** enterprise questionnaires in respect of each partner must be completed and submitted.

Section 1: Name of enterprise:

Section 2: VAT registration number, if any:

Section 3: CIDB registration number:

Section 4: Particulars of sole proprietors and partners in partnerships

Name*	Identity number*	Personal income tax number*

* Complete only if sole proprietor or partnership and attach separate page if more than 3 partners

Section 5: Particulars of companies and close corporations

Company registration number

Close corporation number

Tax reference number

Section 6: Record of service of the state

Indicate by marking the relevant boxes with a cross, if any sole proprietor, partner in a partnership or director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder in a company or close corporation is currently or has been within the last 12 months in the service of any of the following:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ a member of any municipal council | ☐ an employee of any provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999) |
| ☐ a member of any provincial legislature | ☐ a member of an accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity |
| ☐ a member of the National Assembly or the National Council of Province | ☐ an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature |
| ☐ a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity | |
| ☐ an official of any municipality or municipal entity | |

If any of the above boxes are marked, disclose the following: (insert separate page if necessary)

Name of sole proprietor, partner, director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder	Name of institution, public office, board or organ of state and position held	Status of service (tick appropriate column)	
		Current	Within last 12 months

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* Insert separate page if necessary

Section 7: Record of spouses, children and parents in the service of the state

Indicate by marking the relevant boxes with a cross, if any spouse, child or parent of a sole proprietor, partner in a partnership or director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder in a company or close corporation is currently or has been within the last 12 months been in the service of any of the following:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ a member of any municipal council | ☐ an employee of any provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999) |
| ☐ a member of any provincial legislature | |
| ☐ a member of the National Assembly or the National Council of Province | |
| ☐ a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity | ☐ a member of an accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity |
| ☐ an official of any municipality or municipal entity | ☐ an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature |

Name of spouse, child or parent	Name of institution, public office, board or organ of state and position held	Status of service (tick appropriate column)	
		Current	Within last 12 months

* Insert separate page if necessary

The undersigned, who warrants that he/she is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the enterprise:

- i) authorizes the Client/Municipality to obtain a tax clearance certificate from the South African Revenue Services that my / our tax matters are in order;
- ii) confirms that the neither the name of the enterprise or the name of any partner, manager, director or other person, who wholly or partly exercises, or may exercise, control over the enterprise appears on the Register of Tender Defaulters established in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004;
- iii) confirms that no partner, member, director or other person, who wholly or partly exercises, or may exercise, control over the enterprise appears, has within the last five years been convicted of fraud or corruption;
- iv) confirms that I / we are not associated, linked or involved with any other tendering entities submitting tender offers and have no other relationship with any of the tenderers or those responsible for compiling the scope of work that could cause or be interpreted as a conflict of interest;
- v) confirms that the contents of this questionnaire are within my personal knowledge and are to the best of my belief both true and correct.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name _____ Position _____

Enterprise
name _____

* The schedule should be used where tenders are subject to the local Government:
Municipal Finance Management Act

SCHEDULE 1B: AUTHORITY OF SIGNATORY

Indicate the status of the tenderer by ticking the appropriate box hereunder. The tenderer must complete the certificate set out below for the relevant category.

A Company	B Partnership	C Joint Venture	D Sole Proprietor	E Close Corporation

A. Certificate for Company

I,, chairperson of the board of directors of

....., hereby confirm that by resolution of the board (**copy attached**) taken on 20..., Mr/Ms acting in the capacity of, was authorized to sign all documents in connection with this tender for contract and any contract resulting from it on behalf of the company.

As witnesses :

- | | | | |
|----|--|------------|--|
| 1. | | Chairman : | |
| 2. | | Date : | |

Tenderers must attach a copy of the Resolution of the Board - refer Schedule 2B.

B. Certificate for Partnership

We, the undersigned, being the key partners in the business trading as hereby authorize Mr/Ms, acting in the capacity ofto sign all documents in connection with the tender for Contractand any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	DATE

NOTE : This certificate is to be completed and signed by all of the key partners upon whom rests the direction of the affairs of the Partnership as a whole

C. Certificate for Joint Venture

We, the undersigned, are submitting this tender offer in Joint Venture and hereby authorise _____ Mr/Ms

_____, authorised signatory of the company _____
 _____, acting in the capacity of lead partner, to sign all documents in connection with the tender offer for Contract and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

This authorization is evidenced by the attached power of attorney signed by legally authorized signatories of all the partners to the Joint Venture.

NAME OF FIRM	ADDRESS	AUTHORISING SIGNATURE, NAME & CAPACITY
Lead partner		

D. Certificate for Sole Proprietor

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

As witnesses:

1.	_____	Signature : Sole owner	_____
2.	_____	Date :	_____

E. Certificate for Close Corporation

We, the undersigned, being the key members in the business trading as _____
 _____ hereby authorize Mr/Ms _____
 acting in the capacity of _____, to sign all documents in connection with the tender for Contract _____ and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	DATE

NOTE: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all of the key-partners upon who rests the direction of the affairs of the Partnership as a whole.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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 a 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 a 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 it 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 markets 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.
 - 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.²² 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.

1.18 “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.

1.22 “Services” means those functional services ancillaries 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 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

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

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

a. 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

5.3 except for purposes of performing the contract.

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

5.5 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.

5.6 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.22

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 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 analysed and maybe 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 with²⁵ 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 8.2 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; and26

(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

12.1 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.²⁷

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 contract 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.²⁸

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

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

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

23. Termination for default

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

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

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

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

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (12) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (12) days the purchaser may regard²⁹ the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

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

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

- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
- (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
- (iii) the period of restriction; and (iv) the reasons for the restriction. These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2002, 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; and³¹

29. Governing language

(b) 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.

29.1 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. General Conditions of Contract (revised February)

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.

