

NATIONAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION SOC LTD (NHFC)

BID NUMBER: CM03/11/2021

BID DESCRIPTION: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RENTAL OF OFFICE
ACCOMMODATION FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS



Issued by:
NHFC
1 ST Floor Old Trafford 3 Isle of Houghton 11 Boundary Road Houghton

Full Name of Bidding/Tendering Entity: _____

Contact Person: _____

Tel Number: _____

Advert Date: 19 November 2021

Closing Date and Time: 14 December 2021 at 11h00

Bid enquiries: Tenders01@nhfc.co.za

Bidder's Authorised Signatory:

Initials and Surname: _____

Signature: _____

BID DOCUMENTS CHECK LIST:

The contents of the BID document must be as follows, and numbered as per the numbering below, with each schedule punched, placed in a file and separated from the next schedule with a file divider. Please complete the checklist below to verify your submission of the relevant documents:

Schedules	Description	Submitted – Indicate YES or NO
Annexure 1	TCS PIN certificate	
Annexure 2	Copies of Company Registration Documents	
Annexure 3	Valid Copy of the B-BBEE Certificate/ Sworn Affidavit	
Annexure 4	Central Supplier Database Report Copy	
Annexure 5	SBD 1 : Invitation to Bid	
Annexure 6	Pricing Schedule	
Annexure 7	SBD 4 : Declaration of Interest	
Annexure 8	SBD 6.1: Preference Point Claim Form in Terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations 2017	
Annexure 9	SBD 7.2 Contract Form Rendering of Services	
Annexure 10	SBD 8: Declaration of Bidder's Past SCM Practices	
Annexure 11	SBD 9 Certificate of Independent Bid Determination	
Annexure 12	<p>Documentation proving ownership of the immovable property that is offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If bidder is the building owner, proof of ownership must be provided. <p>Documentation to prove the legal right to act on behalf of the owner of the property:</p> <p>If bidder is an agent, a formal Power of Attorney signed by the owner of the property and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement with the Landlord to market the premises (supported by proof of ownership by the Landlord); Proof that the broker/agent are accredited by the relevant body/association (such as with the Estates Agency Affairs Board) 	
Annexure 13	Resolution to Sign	
Annexure 14	Signed and Initialized General Conditions of Contract (GCC)	
Annexure 16	One (1) original hard copy and a soft copy (CD/USB) must be submitted in a sealed envelope, appropriately addressed.	

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1. Overview of the Bidding Process

The bidding process shall comprise of 3 main phases:

- Pre-qualification or mandatory information which involves completing and submitting certain documents/information which will be considered when evaluating the proposal.
- Functionality qualification phase – Bidders are required to score a minimum of 70% to qualify for the last evaluation phase.
- Evaluation based on the Pricing and BEE score - Bidder will be subjected to Preferential Procurement Framework Act and its Regulations.

2. Tender Conditions

- This bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other legislation or special conditions of contract.
- The lowest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted.
- NHFC reserves the right to reject a submitted proposal if deemed necessary. Should it be discovered by the NHFC that the bidder did not act in good faith and/or has declared incorrectly/falsely, NHFC reserves the right to disqualify or reject the bid.
- The NHFC reserves the right to disqualify a bid proposal if the bidders' proposal is not compliant with the scope of work/terms of reference,
- The bidder is subjected to due-diligence process which includes, screening, vetting, and/or any best practice that may subject NHFC to comply with legislation and its Policies and Procedures.
- The NHFC reserves the right to disqualify a bid if the bidder fails to respond to reasonable request (s) within reasonable timelines this includes the set deadline per request,
- Bid rigging/collusive behaviour by the bidder will result in disqualification. **A bidder is not permitted to submit proposal from more than one registered company with a common director/shareholder.**
- This bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and the Preferential Procurement Regulations - 2017.
- This bid is subject to the General Conditions Contract as stipulated in this invitation.
- The NHFC deems the Bidder has read and accepted these Conditions of Contract.
- Should it be discovered that the Landlord and an agent made submission of same building, it will result in disqualification on both bidders. Bidders must submit the bid in a hard copy format. The soft copy of these original sets of bid documents serve as the legal bid contract document and the master record between the bidder and the NHFC.

- Any discrepancy between the evaluation copies and the master (original Hard copy) record, the master record will supersede the soft copy. Any discrepancy between the original sets deposited to the NHFC and that kept by the bidder, the original set deposited with the NHFC is the master contract for both parties.

SBD 1 INVITATION TO BID – PART A

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE NHFC SOC LTD.					
BID NUMBER:	CM03/11/2021	CLOSING DATE:	14 December 2021	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	RFP for RENTAL OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
1st Floor, Old Trafford 3, Isle of Houghton, 11 Boundary Road, Houghton					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	Pabalelo Shiridza		CONTACT PERSON		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	011 644 9800		TELEPHONE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER	N/A		FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Tenders01@nhfc.co.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS		
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]	
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?					<input type="checkbox"/>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?					<input type="checkbox"/>
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?

YES NO

DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?

YES NO

IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?

YES NO

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.

**PART B
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING**

1. BID SUBMISSION:
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:.....

TENDER CONDITIONS

3. DEFINITIONS

- (a) The word “Bidder” in these conditions shall mean and include any firm of Contractors, Suppliers, Service Providers or any company or body incorporated or unincorporated.
- (b) The word “Employer” in these conditions shall mean the NHFC.

4. COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS

- (a) TCS PIN certificate
- (b) Valid copy of the B-BBEE Certificate/ Sworn Affidavit.
- (c) Proof of Company Registration.
- (d) Copy of Central Supplier Database Report.
- (e) Submission of the following Signed and Completed Standard Bid Documents (SBD) Forms
 - SBD 1: Invitation to Bid
 - Pricing Schedule
 - SBD 4: Declaration of Interest
 - SBD 6.1 Preference Points Claim Form in terms of preferential procurement
 - SBD 7.2 Contract Form – Rendering of Services
 - SBD 8: Declaration of Bidder’s Past SCM Practices
 - SBD 9: Certificate of Independent Bid Determination
 - If bidder is the building owner, proof of ownership must be provided
 - If the bidder is a broker or agent, the bidder must provide:
 - Agreement with the Landlord to market the premises (supported by proof of ownership by the Landlord)
 - Proof that the broker/agent are accredited by the relevant body/association (such as with the Estates Agency Affairs Board)
 - Signed and initial General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

All forms, annexures, addendums and specifications shall be signed and completed and returned with the Bid Document as a whole.

5. BID DOCUMENT

- (a) The bid document must be completed in all respects in non-erasable ink.
- (b) Bids must be submitted on original bid documents.
- (c) Bid documents must remain intact and no portion may be detached.

6. PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR BIDS AND WITHDRAWAL OF BID AFTER CLOSING DATE

All Bids must remain valid for a period of 120 days from the closing date as stipulated in the Bid document.

7. VALUE ADDED TAX

In calculating the cost of the supply and delivery of services and / or material, the supplier will issue a "Tax Invoice" for all services rendered and / or materials supplied, which will reflect the exclusive cost of such services, goods or materials with the relevant Value Added Tax being added to the total. VAT must be included in the Bid price, but must be shown separately.

8. AUTHORITY TO SIGN BID DOCUMENTS

In the case of a Bid being submitted on behalf of a company, close corporation or partnership, evidence must be submitted to the Employer at the time of submission of the Bid that the Bid has been signed by persons properly authorised thereto by resolution of the directors or under the articles of the entity.

9. SUBMITTING OF BIDS

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked "RENTAL OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS" The Bid must be deposited in the bid box at the below address:

National Housing Finance Corporation
1ST Floor
Old Trafford 3
Isle of Houghton
11 Boundary Road
Houghton
Johannesburg

10. CLOSING DATE AND TIME

Bid should reach the above address for submission by no later than 14 December 2021 at 11h00. No late bids will be accepted or considered.

11. BID ENQUIRIES

Please refer all enquiries to the below mentioned persons for assistance during normal office hours
viz. 08:30 – 16:30 Mondays to Fridays.

Bidding Procedure Enquires
Name: Pabalelo Shirindza
Email address: Tenders01@nhfc.co.za

12. JOINT VENTURE REQUIREMENTS

DEFINITION:- “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.

Should a group of companies/firms and/or interested parties wish to enter into a joint venture/consortium agreement, the following minimum requirements must be met:-

- (a) a properly signed copy of the joint venture/consortium agreement must be attached.
- (b) each member of the joint venture/consortium must provide a Tax Clearance Certificate.
- (c) after the award of a contract to a joint venture/consortium, the successful joint venture group or consortium must provide a combined joint venture/consortium Tax Clearance Certificate.
- (d) after the award of a contract to a joint venture/consortium, the successful joint venture group or consortium must provide the details of the joint venture / consortium banking details.
- (e) a trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points of their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.
- (f) a trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate tender.

13. THE JOINT VENTURE/CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING: -

- (a) Who the managing member will be.
- (b) Who the signatory of authority will be.
- (c) How the joint venture/consortium share of profit will be split.
- (d) The bank account details where payments will be deposited into.
- (e) The agreement must be signed by all parties.
- (f) The agreement must be certified by a Commissioner of Oaths.
- (g) The postal and physical address where all correspondence will be sent to.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

14. INTRODUCTION

The NHFC, a Schedule 3A Development Finance Institution (DFI) of the National Department of Human Settlements, was established in 1996 with the principal mandate of broadening and deepening access to finance for the low to middle income South African households. The NHFC is largely a wholesale financier of social housing institutions, non-banking retail intermediaries, privately owned property developers and investors.

The target market of the NHFC is the low-to-middle income housing market which typically includes households who earn between R3 500 and R22 000 per month. The NHFC mandate requires the company to make housing and housing finance accessible and affordable to facilitate this objective.

This is done through:

- providing wholesale funding to housing development projects for ownership, social housing and private rental, including inner cities, and for incremental housing purposes;
- partnering with banks and other non-banking retail financial intermediaries to increase their sustained lending and innovation in the target market served; and
- Leveraging private sector funding for the sustainable development of human settlements.

More specifically, NHFC's strategic priorities are to:

- Expand housing finance activities, through the effective provision of housing finance solutions, enabling low-to-middle income households to have the choice of renting, owning or incrementally building to meet their housing needs;
- Facilitate increased and sustained lending by financial institutions to the affordable housing market;
- Mobilise funding into the human settlements space on a sustainable basis, in partnership with a broad range of institutions;
- Conduct the business activities of the NHFC in an ethical manner that ensures the continued economic sustainability of the NHFC, while promoting sustainable social and environmental development; and
- Stimulate the low-to-middle income housing sector by providing robust, relevant and timely research and market analysis to practitioners and housing customers.

15. PURPOSE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (“RFP”) is to solicit proposals from potential bidders for the provision for office space for NHFC for renting / occupation in Rosebank or Illovo area, in Johannesburg. The approximate space needed is 2 060 square metres including office storage rooms but excluding the parking bays. This is not an offer to do business with NHFC but merely serves as an invitation to bidders to facilitate a requirements-based decision process. In addition to the above, the bidder must provide the pricing for space planning designs for the NHFC to ensure effective and efficient usage of the available office space.

16. SCOPE OF WORK

The NHFC is looking for a service provider to provide:

- Office space with secured parking facilities in a secure environment in Rosebank or Illovo areas.

The lease period will be from 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2025 and the NHFC wishes to have the right but not obligation to extend the lease for a further two years. However, with respect to the actual pricing to be quoted on the Pricing Schedule, bidders should quote for 3 years inclusive of VAT.

Ensure that the proposal covers sustainability through use of renewable power, lighting, water harvesting and where appropriate carbon power generators. In addition, accessibility needs for people with mobility or visibility constraints must be catered for.

17. EMPLOYEE NUMBERS

NHFC currently employs 125 people, with a prospect of accommodating 20 more in future. However, as the NHFC intends adopting a hybrid working structure, it will require office space which will accommodate approximately 80 staff/employees at any point in time.

18. DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

Building regulations and Compliance

The leased premises shall comply with the latest council by-laws and National Building Regulations. Any programme to prepare the premises to be legally compliant must be submitted as part of the required returnable documentation.

REQUIREMENTS	NUMBER/SIZE
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Total space needed (rentable/usable area), excluding parking	Approximately 2 060m ²										
Office/open plan space	Mainly open plan with 2 floors										
Employees	80 people at a point in time should be able to be accommodated. Executives =7 General Manager = 5 General staff = 40 Other (temps, etc) = 26										
Secured Parking: Basement, covered, including disabled parking & visitors	80 undercover bays 15 shade net parking The parking bays should not be less than 5 000 mm in length and 2 500 mm in width.										
Kitchen (cold and hot water)	1 kitchen on each floor (2 floors)										
General Boardrooms	Small Meeting rooms for 4 to 6 people (3 per floor). 2 big board rooms for 20 and 30 people (1 each floor)										
Document Storage/Archive facility, with counter for receiving and dispatching; incorporating copy/scanning machine room/area, bulk shredding room/area	1 per floor (4 *5 square meters per storeroom)										
General store rooms	8 storerooms (4*5 square meters per storeroom)										
Reception/ reception waiting area	1 main reception area 1 small floor reception area on each floor										
Security Control Centre	1 control room										
IT Server room	1 server room										
Toilet/bathrooms Separate for men and women - Cold and Hot water)	For a population/staff up to 120: MALES <table border="1" data-bbox="836 1696 1474 1814"> <tr> <td>WC pans</td> <td>Urinals</td> <td>Washbasins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>6</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </table> FEMALES <table border="1" data-bbox="836 1885 1260 2003"> <tr> <td>WC pans</td> <td>Washbasins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </table>	WC pans	Urinals	Washbasins	3	6	5	WC pans	Washbasins	9	5
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	<p>In excess of 120 staff,</p> <p>MALES: 1 WC, 1 urinal and 1 basin for every 100 additional staff</p> <p>FEMALES: 1 WC for every 50 additional staff and 1 basin for every 100 additional staff.</p> <p>On each floor, the property must provide at least one toilet with the appropriate facilities for disabled persons.</p>
Backup clean water tank	<p>To supply kitchens & toilets in case of water disruptions.</p> <p>The water tank must have a minimum capacity should be 2000 litres</p>
Generator backup	<p>Adequate generator backup in case of load-shading or power failure or available space to locate our existing generator. The property owner shall be responsible for the wiring and reticulation costs of the generator.</p>
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosebank, Johannesburg • Illovo, Johannesburg
Access to Public Transport	<p>The building needs to be within easy access to public transport (Taxi ranks/stops, Gautrain station and bus stops)</p>
Signage	<p>Specific interior and exterior signage rights available to NHFC, including building, lobby and suite signage, etc.</p>
Hours of Service	<p>NHFC shall have access to the space at all times.</p>
Operating expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The property, buildings, premises and the office (both its exterior and its interior) offered to the NHFC shall be fully serviced and maintained by the Premises/bidder, at the Premises/bidder' sole expense, against the NHFC paying an all-inclusive cost-to-company gross rental. Without limiting the generality of the aforementioned, the NHFC requires the Premises/bidder to supply, fit, commission, replace, repair, maintain and regularly service the following, at the Premises/bidder's sole expense: • remote control for each one (1) of the parking bays;

- Fire detection (e.g. smoke detectors and alarms etc.) and firefighting equipment, including fire extinguishers, and the regular servicing thereof and the fitment of fire-push bar emergency unlocking mechanisms to emergency exit doors etc.;
- The maintenance of any escalators or lifts and the regular servicing thereof;
- Air-conditioning (central where feasible or individual units) to all office, storage spaces, patch rooms and the regular servicing thereof;
- General upkeep, maintenance and regular servicing of the structure of the office both external and internal (including fences, gates, walkways, driveways, parking bays and areas, covers to covered parking bays, roof, walls, floors, basements, waterworks including basins, taps, pipes and drains, boilers, geysers, ablution facilities, toilets, urinals, sewerage system and pipes, refuse bins, refuse compacting and refuse removal, electrical infrastructure including electrical fittings, switches, lights, plugs and wiring, interior infrastructure including doors, partitioning walls, ceilings, floor covering (e.g. tiles and carpets) including for normal wear and tear, shop fronts, windows, window blinds, paint on external and internal walls, roaming remote control reception devices used to open automated gates.
- General and weekly upkeep and maintenance of any court yards, gardens, grounds, trees, plants and lawns;
- The landlord should certify that the building is pest free on occupation date. (Pest control should have been done before occupation date)
- The Premises/bidder must offer, at the Premises' expense, to customize the premises by means of tenant installation to fit the NHFC's corporate image and to suit the NHFC's operational functions (including change in drywalls and moving of air-conditioning units etc.), according to the specifications of the NHFC, will receive

	<p>preference. In this regard, the NHFC expects the Landlord to do the NHFC tenant installation, fit-out and alterations to the requirements of the NHFC or offer a reasonable tenant installation allowance to the NHFC.</p>
Lease Term	<p>The contract duration is for three 3 years with an option to extend for renewal by at least two (2) years. (Extension is subject to statutory requirements, NHFC Policy and Procedures).</p>
Occupational Date	<p>1 October 2022</p>
Building Grading	<p>The requirement of the building should be Grade A or B (as per SA Property Owner's Association definition)</p> <p>Grade A:</p> <p>The SA Property Owners' Association (SAPOA) defines A-grade office space as office space generally not older than 15 years, or which has had major renovation if older than 15 years, has high-quality modern finishes, air-conditioning, adequate onsite parking.</p> <p>Grade B:</p> <p>Older buildings with accommodation and finishes close to modern standards as a result of refurbishments, with air-conditioning and onsite parking.</p> <p>(Documentations to prove the age of the building and/or proof of major renovation to support the Grade level, should be provided)</p>
Fire Protection and Risk Management	<p>The property, the building and the premises (including the interior of the office space) must comply with all legislative and site related issues like zoning rights (e.g. office rights), servitudes, national/provincial and local authority requirements, environmental, heritage, fire protection requirements, Occupational Health and Safety Standards (including the provisioning of the necessary signage, evacuation plans and routes etc.), electrical compliance and other related statutory requirements must be cleared. Proof of compliance or clearance must be submitted along with the bidder's proposal/bid.</p>
Municipal Rates & Services	<p>The bidder must quote the NHFC an all-inclusive cost-to-company rental for the full duration of the contract; inclusive of everything (including VAT)</p>

	<p>except water and electricity (this must be supported by separate meters that will be used to determine the monthly costs) used by the NHFC on the premises.</p> <p>Bidders must include in their quotations the Rates, Taxes, Levies, Sanitation, refuse removal and/or any other levies or charges (Excluding, water and electricity consumption in the leased premises) on the property, the building, or the premises.</p> <p>Property, building and third-party liability insurance on the property, the buildings, and the premises, including SASRIA insurance.</p>
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Estimated Square Meters per unit

Estimated square meters per unit	Total square meters per unit	
Office space (cubicles) general employees	4	2 x 2 sqm per cubicle
Office space (cubicles) Executives	12	3 x 4 sqm per cubicle
Office space (cubicles) General Managers	12	3 x 4 sqm per cubicle
Office space (cubicles) Other	4	2 x 2 sqm per cubicle
Storerooms	20	4 x 5 sqm per storeroom
Strong rooms	12	3 x 4 sqm per strongroom
Server rooms	20	4 x 5 sqm per server room
Kitchens	25	5 x 5 sqm per kitchen
Small board rooms	20	4 x 5 sqm per small boardroom
Big boardrooms	78	6 x 13 sqm per big board room
Main Reception	48	8 x 6 sqm for 1 main reception

19. CONTRACT DURATION

The duration of this contract is three (3) years or thirty-six (36) months, with a possibility of renewal for a further 24 months.

20. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Criterion 1 – Compulsory Requirements

Bidders will first be evaluated in terms of the gatekeeper/minimum requirements on page 9 of this document. Bidders who do not fulfil all the requirements or do not submit the required documents

will not proceed to the next phase of functionality. Those who fulfil all the requirements or have submitted the required documents will be further evaluated on functionality.

Criterion 2 – Functionality

Functionality is worth 100 points. The minimum threshold is 70 points. Bidders who score less than 70 points on functionality will therefore be disqualified. Bidders who score 70 points and above will be further evaluated in terms of price and preference points after the BEC has conducted a due diligence of property proposed. (i.e. on the B-BBEE status level of contributor). The functionality evaluation is broken down as follows:

Category	Functional / Technical Evaluation Criteria	Sub-category	Weighting (points)
1.	<u>Proximity to Amenities</u> Demonstrate that the office space is closer to Amenities i.e taxis (such as Rosebank Taxi rank on Cradock Avenue), Gautrain station (Rosebank station) or buses, shopping centres (e.g Rosebank Mall or Ilovo Trupps Centre)	3 km and less = 30	30
		4 km to 5 km = 15 points	
		Over 5 km = 0 points	
2.	<u>Security Requirements</u> 24 hour Grade C security guard registered with PSIRA (proof of certificate to be attached). The site must be under twenty-four (24) hour operational CCTV surveillance, and monitored by security services. Bidder to provide a confirmation letter from the security service provider.	Attach a letter confirming that PSIRA registered security company will be appointed for the duration of the contract	15
		No attached letter = 0 points	0
	The site must be under twenty four (24) hour operational CCTV surveillance, and monitored by security services. Bidder to provide a confirmation letter from the security service provider.	Bidder to provide a confirmation letter , which confirms that 24 hour operational CCTV Surveillance will be provided and monitored for the duration of the contract. provider No contract/letter of intent provided from the security service provider = 0 points	15

3.	<p><u>Building Compliance</u></p> <p>The following certification of compliance must be in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical Certificate COC (HVAC) • Electrical COC (An electrical COC to be provided prior to the signing of the lease if not supplied with this bid) • Fire Clearance Certificate issued by a municipality or any SANS accredited institution. • Municipal approved building plans • Occupation Certificate (to be provided prior to the signing of the lease if not supplied with this bid) 	Attached all certificates (4 points per certificate)	20
		No certificates attached = 0 points	0
4.	<p><u>Accessibility</u></p> <p>The premises and offices, including toilet facilities, offered to NHFC must be easily accessible by people living with disabilities, including those in wheelchairs.</p> <p>The bidder will be required to explain how ramps, toilets for people with disabilities and lifts (if premises offered are not on the ground floor) are incorporated into the building. Ramps from car parking to lift if necessary and toilets cubicles for people living with disabilities must be considered.</p>	The bidder will be required to explain how disabilities are accommodated in the premises.	20
	TOTAL		100

Criterion 3 – Price and Preference Evaluation

Bidders who score a minimum of 70 points will be further evaluated in terms of Price and Preference points (B-BBEE status level of contributor). As per the table below, price is evaluated over 80 points and preference points over 20:

Price Assessment	80 Points
TOTAL	80
Preferential Elements	20 Points
B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

21. PRICING SCHEDULE

Bidder must submit total price for the services with applicable taxes.

PRICING DETAIL						
SBD 3.1						
Name of bidder:						
Bid number:						
ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED						
IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT						
OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 120 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID. (NHFC will only accept rate per square meter of the usable office space beside the none usable space as per the regulation, if the bidder proposed a higher square meter floor size, NHFC is not entitled to pay for additional office space)						
The bidder must provide the total price of the accommodation and service for a three (3) year lease including the escalation rate						
ALL-INCLUSIVE COST-TO-COMPANY GROSS RENTAL (VAT INCLUSIVE), WHICH COMPRISES OF THE FOLLOWING:						
A. OFFICE SPACE (1 860 square meters)						
Basic Rental for <u>Grade "A/B" office space</u>	Rate per m ² (Excluding VAT)	Area expressed in m ²	Monthly Basic Rental for the full area (Excluding VAT)	Value Added Tax (VAT)	Monthly Basic Rental for the full area (Including VAT)	Annual Basic Rental for full area (Including VAT)
First year of Lease	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the first year						%
Second Year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the second year						%
Third year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the third year						%
Total Amount for Office Space					R	

B. STORAGE SPACE (200 square meters)

Basic Rental for Storage space	Rate per m² (Excluding VAT)	Area expressed in m²	Monthly Basic Rental for the full area (Excluding VAT)	Value Added Tax (VAT)	Monthly Basic Rental for the full area (Including VAT)	Annual Basic Rental for full area (Including VAT)
First year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the first year				%		
Second year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the second year				%		
Third year	R		R	R	R	R
Total Amount for Storage Space R						

C. PARKING BAYS

80 undercover bays

15 shade net parking

The parking bays should not be less than 5 000 mm in length and 2 500 mm in width.

Parking Rental	Rate per parking bay (Excl VAT)	Number of parking bays	Monthly Basic Rental for all the parking bays (Excluding VAT)	Value Added Tax (VAT)	Monthly Basic Rental for all parking bays (Including VAT)	Annual Basic Rental for full all parking bays (Including VAT)

C1. BASEMENT PARKING

First year	R		R	R	R	R
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Annual rate of escalation after the first year				%		
Second year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the second year				%		
Third year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the third year				%		
C. COVERED PARKING (E.G CARPORTS AND SHADE-NET COVERED PARKING BAYS)						
First year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the first year				%		
Second year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the second year				%		
Third year	R	R	R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the third year				%		
D. OPERATING COSTS & EXPENSES						
All-inclusive Contribution to Operating Costs & expense	Rate per m² (Excluding VAT)	Area expressed in m²	Monthly operating costs for the full area upon which operating costs & expenses are levied (Excluding VAT)	Value Added Tax (VAT)	Monthly operating costs & expenses for the full area upon which operating costs & expenses are levied (Including VAT)	Annual operating costs & expenses for the full area upon which operating costs & expenses are levied (Including VAT)
First year	R		R	R	R	R
Annual rate of escalation after the first year				%		
Second year	R		R	R	R	R

E. TENANT INSTALLATION OR TENANT INSTALLATION ALLOWANCE				
Premises undertakes to do tenant installation, as part of operating costs		YES or NO		
Alternatively, the Premises offers a tenant installation allowance to the NHFC of not less than this number of months' rental for every year of the lease		Number		
Do the premises have a fully compliant ICT sever and data room? If so, please be specific on its interior size (in m²), approved carry weight of its floor area, building specifications (e.g. specification of the walls, doors, windows and ceilings, if any, etc.), fitted air-conditioning specifications (in BTU grading) and finishes (e.g. anti-static wall, floor and ceiling covering, access control, fire suppression systems etc.).				
If the premises does not have a fully compliant ICT sever and data room, then what tenant installation allowance does the bidder offer in respect of the ICT sever and data room, only (i.e. distinct and <u>in addition to</u> any other tenant-installation work or allowances offered)		R		
Aggregate total gross tenant installation allowance: a) the general fit-out or tenant installation allowance. b) the ICT cabling allowance; and c) the ICT server or data room allowance, offered to the NHFC, as included in the NHFC s all-inclusive cost-to-company gross rental.		R		
NB: SUM TOTAL AGGREGATE FULL COST OF THREE-YEAR LEASE CONTRACT				
All-inclusive cost-to-company Gross Rental inclusive of:	Monthly Gross Rental (Excluding VAT)	Value Added Tax (VAT)	Monthly Gross Rental (Including VAT)	Annual Gross Rental (Including VAT)
a) the Basic Rental (both office space and storage areas).				
b) operating Costs and expenses.				
c) rental on all parking bays (basement, covered and open); and				
d) the all-inclusive tenant fit-out or installation allowances)				
First Year	R	R	R	R
Second Year	R	R	R	R
Third Year	R	R	R	R
TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE FOR FULLTHREE YEAR LEASE				R
LESS the aggregate value of tenant allowance or bidder's contribution to the cost of the NHFC's tenant's installation (i.e.the general fit-out tenant allowance, the special additional allowance for the ICT cabling and installation and the special additional allowance for the ICT server or data room)				R
BIDDER'S TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE				R

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written price proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

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

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:
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2.2 Identity Number:.....

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder², member):
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2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:.....
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2.5 Tax Reference Number:
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2.6 VAT Registration Number:
.....

2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / PERSAL numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

¹“State” means –

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

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

2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state? **YES / NO**

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:

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Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed :

.....

Position occupied in the state institution:

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Any other particulars:

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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? **YES / NO**

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid document? **YES / NO**

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company’s directors/ trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months? **YES / NO**

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have **YES / NO**

any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

YES/NO

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

.....

2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES/NO

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

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

4 DECLARATION

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

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

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

.....
 Signature

.....
 Date

.....
 Position

.....
 Name of Bidder

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

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

1.2

a) The value of this bid is estimated to exceed/not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

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

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

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

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

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

5. BID DECLARATION

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

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

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)
 (Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.)

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(Tick applicable box)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME	QSE
Black people	√	√

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

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
 - One person business/sole propriety
 - Close corporation
 - Company
 - (Pty) Limited
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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.....

8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
 - Supplier
 - Professional service provider
 - Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

<p>WITNESSES</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>
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<p>.....</p> <p>SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)</p>
<p>DATE:</p> <p>ADDRESS</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	<p>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?</p> <p>(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 audi alteram partem rule was applied).</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

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

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

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

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.

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

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

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

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder

RESOLUTION TO SIGN

Signatory for companies shall confirm their authority thereto by either signing the below or attaching a duly signed and dated copy of the relevant resolution of the boards of directors to this form.

An example is given below:

By resolution of the board of directors passed at a meeting held on

Mr/Mrs , whose signature appears below, has been duly authorised

to sign all documents in connection with the Bid for Contract No. and any Contract that may arise there from on behalf of (name of Bidder in block capitals)

.....

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY:

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

DATE:

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY:.....

- WITNESSES:**
- 1.
 - 2.

CURRENT AND PAST EXPERIENCE FOR NHFC AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Bidders must furnish hereunder details of *similar* works/service, which they are currently undertaking or have undertaken. Bidders to provide contactable references for all projects listed below.

EMPLOYER /INSTITUTION NAME	NATURE OF WORK/ PROJECT NAME	AWARDED AMOUNT	COMMENCEMENT DATE	COMPLETION DATE	EMPLOYER CONTACT NO. AND CONTACT PERSON

.....
DATE

.....
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER

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)

I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached bidding documents to NHFC 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.

The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:

Bidding documents, viz

Invitation to bid;

Tax clearance certificate;

Pricing schedule(s);

Filled in task directive/proposal;

Preference claims for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Status Level of Contribution in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011;

Declaration of interest;

Declaration of bidder's past SCM practices;

Certificate of Independent Bid Determination;

Special Conditions of Contract;

General Conditions of Contract; and

Other (specify)

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.

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.

I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.

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

NAME (PRINT)

CAPACITY

SIGNATURE

NAME OF FIRM

DATE

WITNESSES	
1
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DATE:.....	

CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

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).

An official order indicating service delivery instructions is forthcoming.

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	B-BBEE STATUS OF CONTRIBUTION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT (if applicable)

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

SIGNED ATON.....

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

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NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

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

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
 - 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
 - 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
 - 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders

(prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.

- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.25 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

- 3. General**
- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za
- 4. Standards**
- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.
- 5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.**
- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.
- 6. Patent rights**
- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.
- 7. Inspections, tests and analyses**
- 7.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 7.2 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.

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.

- 7.4 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.

- 7.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 7.6 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.
- 7.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.
- 7.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

8. Delivery and documents

- 8.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract.
- 8.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in tender document.

9. Transportation

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

10. Payment

- 10.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

11. Prices

- 11.1 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.

12. Contract amendments

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

- 13. Assignment** 13.1 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.
- 14. Subcontracts** 14.1 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.
- 15. Delays in the supplier's performance** 15.1 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.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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.
- 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.
- 15.6 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.
- 16. Penalties** 16.1 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.
- 17. Termination for default** 17.1 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.

17.2 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.

17.3 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.

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

17.5 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.

17.6 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.

17.7 These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

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

and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

**18. Anti- dumping
and
countervailing
duties and
rights**

18.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping 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

**19. Force
Majeure**

19.1 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.

19.2 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.

**20. Termination
for insolvency**

20.1 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.

**21. Settlement
Disputes of**

21.1 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.

22.2 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.

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

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

23.5 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.
24. Limitation of liability	<p>24.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;</p> <p>(a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and</p> <p>(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.</p>
25. Governing language	25.1 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.
26. Applicable Law	26.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
27. Notices	<p>27.1 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</p> <p>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.</p>
28. Taxes and duties	<p>28.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.</p> <p>28.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.</p> <p>28.3 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.</p>
29. National Industrial Participation (NIP) Programme	29.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
30. Prohibition of Restrictive Practices	30.1 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).

- 30.2 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.

- 30.3 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.

SIGNED ATON.....

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE