



INVITATION TO BID

BID NUMBER:	02/2024/25
DESCRIPTION:	TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
DATE:	24 OCTOBER 2024
CLOSING DATE:	25 NOVEMBER 2024
CLOSING TIME:	11:00 AM
BRIEFING SESSION	No briefing session
BID RESPONSES MUST BE HAND DELIVERED / COURIERED TO:	BLOCK 1 CROSSWAY PARK 240 LENCHEN AVENUE CENTURION
ATTENTION:	CFO
N.B. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE LOCKED TENDER BOX AT THE LENCHEN STREET ENTRANCE OF THE OFFICE BLOCK.	

BIDDER NAME:

TOTAL BID PRICE INC. OF VAT:

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PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATORS					
BID NUMBER:	02/2024/25	CLOSING DATE: 25 NOVEMBER 2024	CLOSING TIME:	11:00	
DESCRIPTION	Travel Management Services for period of three years				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
Crossway Office Park					
240 Lenchen Avenue					
CENTURION					
0046					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
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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
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]	
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.					

**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	
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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.
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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:



**Request for Proposal for Travel Management Services
For the period of 36 months**

02/2024/25

Date Issued: 24 OCTOBER 2024

Closing date and time: 25 NOVEMBER 2024 at 11:00

Bid Validity Period: 120 days

TENDER BOX ADDRESS:

South African Council for Educators
Crossway Office Park, Block 1
240 Lenchen Avenue
Centurion,0046

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1. INTRODUCTION

The South African Council for Educators is a Schedule 3A Public Entity established in terms of South African Council for Educators Act, 2000 (Act no. 31 of 2000). The purposes of the South African Council for Educators are:

- A. To provide for the registration of educators
- B. To promote the Professional development of educators; and
- C. To set, maintain and protect ethical and professional standards for educators.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The Contract of the Travel Management Service Provider came to an end on the 30 September 2024 . It has therefore become necessary for SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATORS to appoint a service provider, hence this request for a service provider which will bring in the relevant services and expertise to render the Travel Management Services for the Council, for a period of three (3) years.

Our membership is approximately 500 000 educators of which 85% are employed in Public Schools whereas the others are in Private Institutions. The organization travels across the borders of South Africa in an effort to deliver its Mandatory functions which involve all as mentioned above.

The Council also travel around the world in an effort to improve the delivery of its Mandatory functions.

This RFP does not constitute an offer to do business with South African Council for Educators, but merely serves as an invitation to bidder(s) to facilitate a requirements-based decision process.

3. DEFINITIONS

Accommodation means the rental of lodging facilities while away from one's place of abode, but on authorised official duty.

After-hours service refers to an enquiry or travel request that is actioned after normal working hours, i.e. 17h00 to 8h00 on Mondays to Fridays and twenty-four (24) hours on weekends and public holidays

Air travel means travel by airline on authorised official business.

Authorising Official means the employee who has been delegated to authorise travel in respect of travel requests and expenses, e.g. line manager of the traveller.

Car Rental means the rental of a vehicle for a short period of time by a Traveller for official purposes.

Department means the organ of state, Department or Public Entity that requires the provision of travel management services.

Domestic travel means travel within the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

Emergency service means the booking of travel when unforeseen circumstances necessitate an unplanned trip or a diversion from original planned trip. **GCommerce** refers to the Government's buy-site for transversal contracts.

International travel refers to travel outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

Lodge Card is a credit card which is specifically designed purely for business travel expenditure. There is typically one credit card number which is "lodged" with the TMC at to which all expenditure is charged.

Management Fee is the fixed negotiated fee payable to the Travel Management Company (TMC) in monthly instalments for the delivery of travel management services, excluding any indirect service fee not included in the management fee structure (visa, refund, frequent flyer tickets etc).

Merchant Fees are fees charged by the lodge card company at the point of sale for bill back charges for ground arrangements.

Quality Management System means a collection of business processes focused on consistently meeting customer requirements and enhancing their satisfaction. It is expressed as the organizational structure, policies, procedures, processes and resources needed to implement quality management.

Regional travel means travel across the border of South Africa to any of the SADC

Countries, namely, Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC),

Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Service Level Agreement (SLA) is a contract between the TMC and Government that defines the level of service expected from the TMC.

Shuttle Service means the service offered to transfer a Traveller from one point to another, for example from place of work to the airport.

Third party fees are fees payable to third party service providers that provides travel related services on an ad hoc basis that is not directly provided by the TMC. These fees include visa fees and courier fees.

Transaction Fee means the fixed negotiated fee charged for each specific service type e.g. international air ticket, charged per type per transaction per traveller.

Traveller refers to a Government official, consultant or contractor travelling on official business on behalf of Government.

Travel Authorisation is the official form utilised by Government reflecting the detail and order number of the trip that is approved by the relevant authorising official.

Travel Booker is the person coordinating travel reservations with the Travel Management Company (TMC) consultant on behalf of the Traveller, e.g. the personal assistant of the traveller.

Travel Management Company or TMC refers to the Company contracted to provide travel management services (Travel Agents).

Travel Voucher means a document issued by the Travel Management Company to confirm the reservation and/or payment of specific travel arrangements.

Value Added Services are services that enhance or complement the general travel management services e.g. Rules and procedures of the airports.

VAT means Value Added Tax.

VIP or Executive Service means the specialised and personalised travel management services to selected employees of Government by a dedicated consultant to ensure a seamless travel experience.

4. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THE BID

4.1. Tax Legislation

4.1.1. Bidder(s) must be compliant when submitting a proposal to South African Council for Educators and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

4.1.2. It is a condition of this bid that the tax matters of the successful bidder be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

4.1.3. The Tax Compliance status requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit bids.

4.1.4. It is a requirement that bidders grant a written confirmation when submitting this bid that SARS may on an ongoing basis during the tenure of the contract disclose the bidder's tax compliance status and by submitting this bid such confirmation is deemed to have been granted.

4.1.5. Bidders are required to be registered on the Central Supplier Database and the National Treasury shall verify the bidder's tax compliance status through the Central Supplier Database.

4.1.6. Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database.

4.2. Procurement Legislation

South African Council for Educators has a detailed evaluation methodology premised on Treasury Regulation 16A3 promulgated under Section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act, No. 1 of 1999), the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 (Act, No.5 of 2000) and the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act, No. 53 of 2003).

4.3. Technical Legislation and/or Standards

Bidder(s) should be cognisant of the legislation and/or standards specifically applicable to the services.

5. BRIEFING SESSION

No briefing session.

6. TIMELINE OF THE BID PROCESS

The period of validity of tender and the withdrawal of offers, after the closing date and time is 120 days. The project timeframes of this bid are set out below:

Activity	Due Date
Advertisement of bid on Government e-tender portal / SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATORS website / Tender Bulletin	
Non-compulsory briefing and clarification session	No briefing session
Questions relating to bid from bidder(s)	No briefing session
Bid closing date	25 NOVEMEBR 2024
Notice to bidder(s)	South African Council for Educators will endeavour to inform bidders of the progress until conclusion of the tender through the SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATORS website.

All dates and times in this bid are South African standard time.

Any time or date in this bid is subject to change at South African Council for Educators' discretion. The establishment of a time or date in this bid does not create an obligation on the part of South African Council for Educators to take any action, or create any right in any way for any bidder to demand that any action be taken on the date established. The bidder accepts that, if South African Council for Educators extends the deadline for bid submission (the Closing Date) for any reason, the requirements of this bid otherwise apply equally to the extended deadline.

7. CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

- 7.1. A nominated official of the bidder(s) can make enquiries in writing, to the specified person, Ms Mpho Moloi via email Mpho.Moloi@sace.org.za and/or 012 663 0422. Bidder(s) must reduce all telephonic enquiries to writing and send to the above email address.
- 7.2. The delegated office of South African Council for Educators may communicate with Bidder(s) where clarity is sought in the bid proposal.
- 7.3. Any communication to an official or a person acting in an advisory capacity for South African Council for Educators in respect of the bid between the closing date and the award of the bid by the Bidder(s) is discouraged.
- 7.4. All communication between the Bidder(s) and South African Council for Educators must be done in writing.
- 7.5. Whilst all due care has been taken in connection with the preparation of this bid, South African Council for Educators makes no representations or warranties that the content of the bid or any information communicated to or provided to Bidder(s) during the bidding process is, or will be, accurate, current or complete. South African Council for Educators, and its employees and advisors will not be liable with respect to any information communicated which may not accurate, current or complete.
- 7.6. If Bidder(s) finds or reasonably believes it has found any discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in this bid or any other information provided by South African Council for Educators (other than minor clerical matters), the Bidder(s) must promptly notify South African Council for Educators in writing of such discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in order to afford South African Council for Educators an opportunity to consider what corrective action is necessary (if any).
- 7.7. Any actual discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in the bid or any other information provided by South African Council for Educators will, if possible, be corrected and provided to all Bidder(s) without attribution to the Bidder(s) who provided the written notice.
- 7.8. All persons (including Bidder(s)) obtaining or receiving the bid and any other information in connection with the Bid or the Tendering process must keep the contents of the Bid and other such information confidential, and not disclose or use the information except as required for the purpose of developing a proposal in response to this Bid.

8. LATE BIDS

Bids received after the closing date and time, at the address indicated in the bid documents, will not be accepted for consideration and where practicable, be returned unopened to the Bidder(s).

9. COUNTER CONDITIONS

Bidders' attention is drawn to the fact that amendments to any of the Bid Conditions or setting of counter conditions by Bidders or qualifying any Bid Conditions will result in the invalidation of such bids.

10. FRONTING

10.1. Government supports the spirit of broad based black economic empowerment and recognizes that real empowerment can only be achieved through individuals and businesses conducting themselves in accordance with the Constitution and in an honest, fair, equitable, transparent and legally compliant manner. Against this background the Government condemn any form of fronting.

10.2. The Government, in ensuring that Bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the bid evaluation processes, conduct or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations to determine the accuracy of the representation made in bid documents. Should any of the fronting indicators as contained in the Guidelines on Complex Structures and Transactions and Fronting, issued by the Department of Trade and Industry, be established during such enquiry / investigation, the onus will be on the Bidder / contractor to prove that fronting does not exist. Failure to do so within a period of 14 days from date of notification may invalidate the bid / contract and may also result in the restriction of the Bidder /contractor to conduct business with the public

sector for a period not exceeding ten years, in addition to any other remedies South African Council for Educators may have against the Bidder / contractor concerned.

11. SUPPLIER DUE DILIGENCE

South African Council for Educators reserves the right to conduct supplier due diligence prior to final award or at any time during the contract period. This may include site visits and requests for additional information.

12. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

12.1. Bid documents may either be posted to 240 Lenchen Avenue, Block 1 Crossway Office Park, Centurion, 0046 placed in the tender box OR couriered to the aforesaid address on or before the closing date and time.

12.2. Bid documents will only be considered if received by South African Council for Educators before the closing date and time, regardless of the method used to send or deliver such documents to South African Council for Educators.

12.3. The bidder(s) are required to submit three (3) copies of each file (one (1) original and two (2) duplicate) with content of each file by the closing date at 11:00. Each file must be marked correctly and sealed separately for ease of reference during the evaluation process. Furthermore, the file must be labelled and submitted in the following format:

FILE 1 (TECHNICAL FILE)	FILE 2 (PRICE & SPECIFIC GOALS)
Exhibit 1: Pre-qualification documents <i>(Refer to Section 17.1 - Gate 0: Pre-qualification Criteria (Table 1))</i>	Exhibit 1: Pricing Schedule <i>(Refer to Section 16 – Pricing Model and Annexure 3 – Pricing Submission)</i>
Exhibit 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Responses and Bidder Compliance Checklist for Technical Evaluation • Supporting documents for technical responses. 	
<i>(Refer to Section 17.2 - Gate 1: Technical Evaluation Criteria and Annexure 2 – Desktop Evaluation Technical Scorecard and Compliance Checklist)</i>	
Exhibit 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Conditions of Contract (GCC) • Draft Service Level Agreement <i>(Refer to Section 20 – Service Level Agreement)</i>	
Exhibit 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Profile • Any other supplementary information 	

12.4. Bidders are requested to initial each page of the tender document on the bottom right hand corner.

13. PRESENTATION / DEMONSTRATION (SITE VISIT)

South African Council for Educators reserves the right to request presentations/demonstrations (Site visit) from the short-listed Bidders as part of the bid evaluation process.

14. DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

The successful bidder will be appointed for a period of 36 (thirty-six) months with an option to renew in **South African Council for Educators** sole discretion for an additional 3 (three) months **period** on the same terms and conditions as determined by Council.

15. SCOPE OF WORK

15.1. Background

South African Council for Educators currently uses Nexus Travel to manage the travel requisition and travel expense processes within the travel management lifecycle. The travel requisition process is currently a semi-automated process. The travel requisition is electronically captured on the system that go through a electronic authorisation approval procedure and are then forwarded to the South African Council for Educators **Supply Chain division**. The South African Council for Educators Supply Chain division captures the requisition into Nexus Travel which goes through an approval workflow process and then through to the travel management company for travel booking.

South African Council for Educators' primary objective in issuing this RFP is to enter into agreement with a successful bidder(s) who will achieve the following:

- a) Provide South African Council for Educators with the travel management services that are consistent and reliable and will maintain a high level of traveller satisfaction in line with the service levels;
- b) Achieve significant cost savings for South African Council for Educators without any degradation in the services;
- c) Appropriately contain South African Council for Educators' risk and traveller risk.

15.2 Travel Volumes

The current South African Council for Educators total volumes per annum includes air travel, accommodation, car hire, forex, conference, etc. The table below details the number of transactions for the FY 2023 calendar year as follows:

Service Category	Estimated Number of Transactions per annum	Estimated Expenditure per annum
Air travel - Domestic	618	R3 223 460.50
Air Travel - Regional & International	16	R190 093.20
Car Rental - Domestic	159	R623 597.55
Car Rental - Regional & International	0	R -
Shuttle Services - Domestic	0	R -
Accommodation - Domestic	689	R2 246 021.98
Accommodation - Regional & International	7	R332 670.00

Transfers - Domestic	118	R228 661.70
Transfers - Regional & International	0	R -
Bus/Coach bookings	0	R -
Train - Regional & International	0	R -
Conferences/Events	32	R2 235 112.82
After Hours	0	R -
Parking	0	R -
Insurance	10	R7 120.00
Forex	0	R -
GRAND TOTAL		R9,086 737.75

Note: These figures are projections based on the current trends and they may change during the tenure of the contract. The figures are meant for illustration purposes to assist the bidders to prepare their proposal.

15.3. Service Requirements

15.3.1. General.

The successful bidder will be required to provide travel management services.

Deliverables under this section include without limitation, the following:

- a. The travel services will be provided to all Travellers travelling on behalf of South African Council for Educators, locally and internationally. This will include employees and contractors, consultants and clients where the agreement is that South African Council for Educators is responsible for the arrangement and cost of travel.
- b. Provide travel management services during normal office hours (Monday to Friday 8h00 – 17h00) and provide after hours and emergency services as stipulated in paragraph 15.3.6.
- c. Familiarisation with current South African Council for Educators travel business processes.
- d. Familiarisation with current travel suppliers and negotiated agreements that are in place between South African Council for Educators and third parties. Assist with further negotiations for better deals with travel service providers.
- e. Familiarisation with current South African Council for Educators Travel Policy and implementations of controls to ensure compliance.
- f. Penalties incurred as a result of the inefficiency or fault of a travel consultant will be for the TMC's account, subject to the outcome of a formal dispute process.

- g. Provide a facility for South African Council for Educators to update their travellers' profiles.
- h. Manage the third party service providers by addressing service failures and complaints against these service providers.
- i. Consolidate all invoices from travel suppliers.
- j. Provide a detailed transition plan for implementing the service without service interruptions and engage with the incumbent service provider to ensure a smooth transition.

15.3.2. Reservations

The Travel Management Company will:

- a. Receive travel requests from travel bookers, respond with quotations (confirmations) and availability. Upon the receipt of the relevant approval, the travel agent will issue the required e-tickets and vouchers immediately and send it to the travel booker and traveller via the agreed communication medium.
- b. always endeavour to make the most cost-effective travel arrangements based on the request from the travel booker.
- c. apprise themselves of all travel requirements for destinations to which travellers will be travelling and advise the Traveller of alternative plans that are more cost effective and more convenient where necessary.
- d. obtain a minimum of three (3) price comparisons for all travel requests where the routing or destination permits excluding after hours transactions.
- e. book the negotiated discounted fares and rates where possible.
- f. must keep abreast of carrier schedule changes as well as all other alterations and new conditions affecting travel and make appropriate adjustments for any changes in flight schedules prior to or during the traveller's official trip. When necessary, e-tickets and billing shall be modified and reissued to reflect these changes.
- g. book parking facilities at the airports where required for the duration of the travel.
- h. respond timely and process all queries, requests, changes and cancellations timeously and accurately.

- i. Must be able to facilitate group bookings (e.g. for meetings, conferences, events, etc.)
- j. must issue all necessary travel documents, itineraries and vouchers timeously to traveller(s) prior to departure dates and times.
- k. advise the Traveller of all visa and inoculation requirements well in advance.
- l. assist with the arrangement of foreign currency and the issuing of travel insurance for international trips where required.
- m. facilitate any reservations that are not bookable on the Global Distribution System (GDS).
- n. facilitate the bookings that are generated through their own- or third-party Online Booking Tool (OBT) where it can be implemented.
- o. note that, unless otherwise stated, all cases include domestic, regional and international travel bookings.
- p. Visa applications will not be the responsibility of the TMC; however, the relevant information must be supplied to the traveller(s) where visas will be required.
- q. Negotiated airline fares, accommodation establishment rates, car rental rates, etc, that are negotiated directly or established by National Treasury or by South African Council for Educators are **non-commissionable**, where commissions are earned for South African Council for Educators bookings all these commissions should be returned to South African Council for Educators on a quarterly basis.
- r. Ensure confidentiality in respect of all travel arrangements and concerning all persons requested by South African Council for Educators.
- s. Timeous submission of proof that services have been satisfactorily delivered (invoices) as per South African Council for Educators' instructions

15.3.3. Air Travel

- a. The TMC must be able to book full-service carriers as well as low-cost carriers.
- b. The TMC will book the most cost-effective airfares possible for domestic travel.
- c. For international flights, the airline which provides the most cost effective and practical routings may be used.
- d. The TMC should obtain three or more price comparisons where applicable to present the most cost effective and practical routing to the Traveller.

- e. The airline ticket should include the applicable airline agreement number as well as the individual loyalty program number of the Traveller (if applicable).
- f. Airline tickets must be delivered electronically (SMS and/or email format) to the traveller(s) and travel bookers promptly after booking before the departure times.
- g. The TMC will also assist with the booking of charters for VIPs utilising the existing transversal term contract where applicable as well as the sourcing of alternative service providers for other charter requirements.
- h. The TMC will be responsible for the tracking and management of unused tickets as per agreement with the institution and provide a report on refund management once a quarter.
- i. The TMC must during their report period provide proof that bookings were made against the discounted rates on the published fares where applicable.
- j. Ensure that travellers are always informed of any travel news regarding airlines (like baggage policies, checking in arrangements, etc.)
- k. Assist with lounge access if and when required.

15.3.4. Accommodation

- a. The TMC will obtain price comparisons within the maximum allowable rate matrix as per the cost containment instruction of the National Treasury.
- b. The TMC will obtain three price comparisons from accommodation establishments that provide the best available rate within the maximum allowable rate and that is located as close as possible to the venue or office or location or destination of the traveller
- c. This includes planning, booking, confirming and amending of accommodation with any establishment (hotel group, private hotel, guest house or Bed & Breakfast) in accordance with South African Council for Educators' travel policy.
- d. South African Council for Educators travellers may only stay at accommodation establishments with which South African Council for Educators has negotiated corporate rates. Should there be no rate agreement in place in the destination, or should the contracted establishment be unable to accommodate the traveller, the TMC will source suitable accommodation bearing in mind the requirement of convenience for the

traveller and conformation with acceptable costs, or as stipulated in written directives issued from time to time by the National treasury or South African Council for Educators.

- e. Accommodation vouchers must be issued to all South African Council for Educators travellers for accommodation bookings and must be invoiced to South African Council for Educators as per arrangement. Such invoices must be supported by a copy of the original hotel accommodation charges.
- f. The TMC must during their report period provide proof, where applicable, that accommodation rates were booked within the maximum allowable rates as per the cost containment instruction of the National Treasury.
- g. Cancellation of accommodation bookings must be done promptly to guard against no show and late cancellation fees.

15.3.5. Car Rental and Shuttle Services

- a. The TMC will book the approved category vehicle in accordance with the South African Council for Educators Travel Policy with the appointed car rental service provider from the closest rental location (airport, hotel and venue).
- b. The travel consultant should advise the Traveller on the best time and location for collection and return considering the Traveller's specific requirements.
- c. The TMC must ensure that relevant information is shared with travellers regarding rental vehicles, like e-tolls, refuelling, keys, rental agreements, damages and accidents, etc.
- d. For international travel the TMC may offer alternative ground transportation to the Traveller that may include rail, buses and transfers.
- e. The TMC will book transfers in line with the South African Council for Educators Travel Policy with the appointed and/or alternative service providers. Transfers can also include bus and coach services.
- f. The TMC should manage shuttle companies on behalf of the South African Council for Educators and ensure compliance with minimum standards. The TMC should also assist in negotiating better rates with relevant shuttle companies.
- g. The TMC must during their report period provide proof that negotiated rates were booked, where applicable.

15.3.6. After Hours and Emergency Services

- a. The TMC must provide a consultant or team of consultants to assist Travellers with after hours and emergency reservations and changes to travel plans.
- b. A dedicated consultant/s must be available to assist VIP/Executive Travellers with after hour or emergency assistance.
- c. After hours' services must be provided from Monday to Friday outside the official hours (17h00 to 8h00) and twenty-four (24) hours on weekends and Public Holidays.
- d. A call centre facility or after hours contact number should be available to all travellers so that when required, unexpected changes to travel plans can be made and emergency bookings attended to.
- e. The Travel Management Company must have a standard operating procedure for managing after hours and emergency services. This must include purchase order generation of the request within 24 hours.

15.4. Communication

- 15.4.1. The TMC may be requested to conduct workshops and training sessions for Travel Bookers of South African Council for Educators.
- 15.4.2. All enquiries must be investigated, and prompt feedback be provided in accordance with the Service Level Agreement.
- 15.4.3. The TMC must ensure sound communication with all stakeholders. Link the business traveller, travel coordinator, travel management company in one smooth continuous workflow.

15.5. Financial Management

- 15.5.1. The TMC must implement the rates negotiated by South African Council for Educators with travel service providers or the discounted air fares, or the maximum allowable rates established by the National Treasury where applicable.
- 15.5.2. The TMC will be responsible to manage the service provider accounts. This will include the timely receipt of invoices to be presented to South African Council for Educators for payment within the agreed time period.
- 15.5.3. Enable savings on total annual travel expenditure and this must be reported and proof provided during monthly and quarterly reviews.
- 15.5.4. The TMC will be required to offer a 30 day bill-back account facility to institutions should a lodge card not be offered. 'Bill back', refers to the supplier sending the bill back to the TMC, who, in turn, invoices South African Council for Educators for the services rendered.

15.5.5. Where pre-payments are required for smaller Bed & Breakfast /Guest House facilities, these will be processed by the TMC. These are occasionally required at short notice and even for same day bookings.

15.5.6. Consolidate Travel Supplier bill-back invoices.

15.5.7. In certain instances where institutions have a travel lodge card in place, the payment of air, accommodation and ground transportation is consolidated through a corporate card vendor.

15.5.8. The TMC is responsible for the consolidation of invoices and supporting

documentation to be provided to South African Council for Educators' Financial Department on the agreed time period (e.g. weekly). This includes attaching the Travel Authorisation or Purchase Order and other supporting documentation to the invoices reflected on the Service provider bill-back report or the credit card statement.

15.5.9. Ensure Travel Supplier accounts are settled timeously.

15.6. Technology, Management Information and Reporting

15.6.1. The TMC must have the capability to consolidate all management information related to travel expenses into a single source document with automated reporting tools.

15.6.2. The implementation of an Online Booking Tool to facilitate domestic bookings should be considered to optimise the services and related fees.

15.6.3. All management information and data input must be accurate.

15.6.4. The TMC will be required to provide the South African Council for Educators with a minimum of three (3) standard monthly reports that are in line with the National Treasury's Cost Containment Instructions reporting template requirements at no cost.

The reporting templates can be found on

<http://www.treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/TreasuryInstruction/AccountantGeneral.aspx>

15.6.5. Reports must be accurate and be provided as per South African Council for Educators' specific requirements at the agreed time. Information must be available on a transactional level that reflect detail including the name of the traveller, date of travel, spend category (example air travel, shuttle, accommodation).

15.6.6. South African Council for Educators may request the TMC to provide additional management reports.

15.6.7. Reports must be available in an electronic format for example Microsoft Excel.

15.6.8. Service Level Agreements reports must be provided on the agreed date. It will include but will not be limited to the following:

i. Travel

- a) After hours' Report;
- b) Compliments and complaints;
- c) Consultant Productivity Report;
- d) Long term accommodation and car rental;
- e) Extension of business travel to include leisure;
- f) Upgrade of class of travel (air, accommodation and ground transportation);
- g) Bookings outside Travel Policy.

ii. Finance

- a) Reconciliation of commissions/rebates or any volume driven incentives;
- b) Creditor's ageing report;
- c) Creditor's summary payments;
- d) Daily invoices;
- e) Reconciled reports for Travel Lodge card statement;
- f) No show report;
- g) Cancellation report;
- h) Receipt delivery report;
- i) Monthly Bank Settlement Plan (BSP) Report;
- j) Refund Log;
- k) Open voucher report, and
- l) Open Age Invoice Analysis.

15.6.9. The TMC will implement all the necessary processes and programs to ensure that all the data is secure at all times and not accessible by any unauthorised parties.

15.7. Account Management

15.7.1. An Account Management structure should be put in place to respond to the needs and requirements of the SACE and act as a liaison for handling all matters with regard to delivery of services in terms of the contract.

15.7.2. The TMC must appoint a dedicated Account or Business Manager that is ultimately responsible for the management of the South African Council for Educators' account.

15.7.3. The necessary processes should be implemented to ensure good quality management and ensuring Traveller satisfaction at all times.

15.7.4. A complaint handling procedure must be implemented to manage and record the compliments and complaints of the TMC and other travel service providers.

- 15.7.5. Ensure that the South African Council for Educators' Travel Policy is enforced.
- 15.7.6. The Service Level Agreement (SLA) must be managed and customer satisfaction surveys conducted to measure the performance of the TMC.
- 15.7.7. Ensure that workshops/training is provided to Travellers and/or Travel Bookers
- 15.7.8. During reviews, comprehensive reports on the travel spend and the performance in terms of the SLA must be presented.

15.8. Value Added Services

The TMC must provide the following value added services:

- 15.8.1. Destination information for regional and international destinations:
 - i. Health warnings;
 - ii. Weather forecasts;
 - iii. Places of interest;
 - iv. Visa information;
 - v. Travel alerts;
 - vi. Location of hotels and restaurants;
 - vii. Information including the cost of public transport;
 - viii. Rules and procedures of the airports;
 - ix. Business etiquette specific to the country;
 - x. Airline baggage policy; and
 - xi. Supplier updates
- 15.8.2. Electronic voucher retrieval via web and smart phones;
- 15.8.3. SMS notifications for travel confirmations;
- 15.8.4. Travel audits;
- 15.8.5. Global Travel Risk Management;
- 15.8.6. VIP services for Executives that include, but is not limited to check-in support.

15.9. Cost Management

- 15.9.1. The National Treasury cost containment initiative and the South African Council for Educators' Travel Policy is establishing a basis for a cost savings culture.
- 15.9.2. It is the obligation of the TMC Consultant to advise on the most cost effective option at all times, and costs should be within the framework of the National Treasury's cost containment instructions.

15.9.3. The TMC plays a pivotal role to provide high quality travel related services that are designed to strike a balance between effective cost management, flexibility and traveller satisfaction.

15.9.4. The TMC should have in-depth knowledge of the relevant supplier(s)' products, to be able to provide the best option and alternatives that are in accordance with South African Council for Educators' Travel Policy to ensure that the Traveller reaches his/her destination safely, in reasonable comfort, with minimum disruption, cost effectively and in time to carry out his/her business.

15.10. Quarterly and Annual Travel Reviews

15.10.1. Quarterly reviews are required to be presented by the Travel Management Company on all South African Council for Educators travel activity in the previous three-month period. These reviews are comprehensive and presented to South African Council for Educators' Procurement and Finance teams as part of the performance management reviews based on the service levels.

15.10.2. Annual Reviews are also required to be presented to South African Council for Educators' Senior Executives.

15.10.3. These Travel Reviews will include without limitation the following information i.

Institution to list the information that will be required. The reporting requirements in the National Treasury Instruction 3 of 2016/17 (Cost Containment Measures related to Travel & Subsistence) may be used as minimum

15.11. Office Management

15.11.1. The TMC to ensure high quality service to be delivered at all times to the South African Council for Educators' travellers. The TMC is required to provide South African Council for Educators with highly skilled and qualified human resources of the following roles but not limited to:

- a. Senior Consultants
- b. Intermediate Consultants
- c. Junior Consultants
- d. Travel Manager (Operational)
- e. Finance Manager / Branch Accountant
- f. Admin Back Office (Creditors / Debtors/Finance Processors)
- g. Strategic Account Manager (per hour)
- h. System Administrator (General Admin)

16. PRICING MODEL

South African Council for Educators requires bidders to propose two pricing models being the transactional fee model and the management fee model. South African Council for Educators will at their discretion select the best possible cost effective solution.

16.1. Transaction Fees

Refer Annexure 3: Pricing Schedule

16.1.1. The transaction fee must be a fixed amount per service. The fee must be linked to the cost involved in delivering the service and not a percentage of the value or cost of the service provided by third party service providers.

- i. Off-site Option (Template 1)

16.2. Management Fee

Refer Annexure 3: Pricing Schedule

16.2.1. The management fee is the total fee per annum that will be charged to South African Council for Educators in twelve payments. The council will pay the fee monthly in arrears.

- i. Off-site Option (Template 2)

16.3. Volume driven incentives

16.3.1. It is important for bidders to note the following when determining the pricing:

- i. National Treasury has negotiated non-commissionable fares and rates with various airlines carriers and other service providers;
- ii. No override commissions earned through South African Council for Educators reservations will be paid to the TMCs;
- iii. An open book policy will apply and any commissions earned through the South African Council for Educators volumes will be reimbursed to South African Council for Educators.
- iv. TMCs are to book these negotiated rates or the best fare available, whichever is the most cost effective for the institution.

17. EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

South African Council for Educators has set minimum standards (Gates) that a bidder needs to meet in order to be evaluated and selected as a successful bidder. The minimum standards consist of the following:

Pre-qualification Criteria (Gate 0)	Desktop Technical Evaluation Criteria 70% (Gate 1)	Site Visit Technical Evaluation Criteria 30% (Gate 2)	Price and Specific Goals Evaluation (Gate 3)
Bidders must submit all documents as outlined in paragraph 17.1 (Table 1) below. Only bidders that comply with ALL these criteria will proceed to Gate 1.	Bidders who score 50% and above out of 70%, will be shortlisted for site visits.	Site Visit will account for 30% technical evaluation and a minimum of 20% must be achieved to proceed to the next stage. Bidder(s) are required to achieve a minimum of 70 points out of 100 points to proceed to Gate 3	80% Price and 20% Specific Goals

17.1. Gate 0: Pre-qualification Criteria

Without limiting the generality of South African Council for Educators' other critical requirements for this Bid, bidder(s) must submit the documents listed in **Table 1** below. All documents must be completed and signed by the duly authorised representative of the prospective bidder(s). During this phase Bidders' responses will be evaluated based on compliance with the listed administration and mandatory bid requirements. The bidder(s) proposal may be disqualified for non-submission of any of the documents.

Table 1: Documents that must be submitted for Pre-qualification

Document that must be submitted	Non-submission may result in disqualification?
Invitation to Bid – SBD 1	Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
Tax Status pin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Written confirmation that SARS may on an ongoing basis during the tenure of the contract disclose the bidder's tax compliance status. (Refer Section 4.1.4) ii. Proof of Registration on the Central Supplier Database (Refer Section 4.1.5) iii. Vendor number iv. In the event where the Bidder submits a hard copy of the Tax Status pin, the CSD verification outcome will take precedence.

Declaration of Interest – SBD 4		Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
Preference Point Claim Form – SBD 6.1		Non-submission will lead to a zero (0) score on Specific Goals
Declaration of Bidder’s Past Supply Chain Management Practices – SBD 8		Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
Certificate of Independent Bid Determination – SBD 9		Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
Bidder Compliance form for Functional Evaluation		Complete and sign
Registration on Central Supplier Database (CSD)		The Travel Management Company (TMC) must be registered as a service provider on the Central Supplier Database (CSD). If you are not registered proceed to complete the registration of your company prior to submitting your proposal. Visit https://secure.csd.gov.za/ to obtain your vendor number. Submit proof of registration.
IATA Licence / Certificate		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bidders are required to submit their International Air Transport Association (IATA) licence/ certificate (certified copy) at closing date. ii. Where a bidding company is using a 3rd party IATA licence, proof of the agreement must be attached and copy of the certificate to that effect at closing date.
Pricing Schedule		Submit full details of the pricing proposal as per Annexure 3 in a separate envelope

17.2. Gate 1 and 2: Technical Evaluation Criteria = 100 points

All bidders are required to respond to the technical evaluation criteria scorecard and compliance checklist. Refer to **Annexure 2** for detailed information

Only Bidders that have met the Pre-Qualification Criteria in (Gate 0) will be evaluated in Gate 1 for functionality. Functionality will be evaluated as follows:

- i. Desktop Technical Evaluation – Bidders will be evaluated out of 70 points and are required to achieve minimum threshold of 50 points of 70 points to qualify for site visit.
- ii. Availability of a Call Centre, Observation on how business is conducted e.g. Responsiveness (site visit) – Bidders will be evaluated out of 30 points and are required to achieve minimum

threshold of 20 points out of 30 points. All Bidders who score LESS than (70% out of 100%) on functionality including site visit will not be considered for further evaluation on Price and Specific Goals.

iii. The overall combined score must be equal or above 70 points in order to proceed to Gate 3 for Price and Specific Goals evaluations.

As part of due diligence, South African Council for Educators will conduct a site visit at a client of the Bidder (reference) for validation of the services rendered. The choice of site will be at South African Council for Educators' sole discretion.

The Bidder's information will be scored according to the following points system:

Functionality	Maximum Points Achievable	Minimum Threshold
Desktop Technical Evaluation Details found in Annexure 2 – Technical Scorecard	70	50
Presentation and On-site Reference Checks	30	20
OVERALL COMBINED POINTS	100	70

17.3. Gate 3: Price and Specific Goals Evaluation (80+20) = 100 points

Only Bidders that have met the 70 point threshold in Gate 1 and 2 will be evaluated in Gate 3 for price and Specific Goals. Price and Specific Goals will be evaluated as follows:

In terms of regulation 6 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations pertaining to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2022 (Act 5 of 2000), responsive bids will be adjudicated on the 80/20-preference point system in terms of which points are awarded to bidders on the basis of:

- The bid price (maximum 80 points)
- Specific Goals (maximum 20 points)

i. Stage 1 – Price Evaluation (80 Points)

Criteria	Points
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Price Evaluation	80
$P_s = 80 \left[1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right]$	

The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price:

Where

P_s = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

P_t = Comparative price of bid under consideration

P_{min} = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

Stage 2 – Specific Goals (20 Points)

a. Specific Goals Points allocation

CRITERIA	POINTS	SCORE
Price	80	
SPECIFIC GOALS	As specified below	
51% Black ownership	10	
51% women ownership	5	
10% People living with disabilities ownership	2	
30% Youth ownership	3	

- A duly completed Preference Point Claim Form: Standard Bidding Document (SBD 6.1); and - B-BBEE Certificate

b. Joint Ventures, Consortiums and Trusts

A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.

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 bid.

Bidders must submit concrete proof of the existence of joint ventures and/or consortium arrangements. **South African Council for Educators** will accept signed agreements as acceptable proof of the existence of a joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.

The joint venture and/or consortium agreements must clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of the Lead Partner and the joint venture and/or consortium party. The agreement must also clearly identify the Lead Partner, who shall be given the power of attorney to bind the other party/parties in respect of matters pertaining to the joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.

c. Sub-contracting

Bidders/ tenderers who want to claim Preference points will have to comply fully with regulations 11(8) and 11(9) of the PPPFA Act with regard to sub-contracting.

The following is an extract from the PPPFA Act:

11(8) "A person must not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the tender documents that such a tenderer intends sub- contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a tenderer qualifies for, unless the intended subcontractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the subcontract."

11(9) "A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher BBBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is subcontracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the subcontract."

iii. Stage 3 (80 + 20 = 100 points)

The Price and Specific Goals points will be consolidated.

18. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

Any award made to a bidder(s) under this bid is conditional, amongst others, upon –

- a. The bidder(s) accepting the terms and conditions contained in the General Conditions of Contract as the minimum terms and conditions upon which South African Council for Educators is prepared to enter into a contract with the successful Bidder(s).
- b. The bidder submitting the General Conditions of Contract to South African Council for Educators together with its bid, duly signed by an authorised representative of the bidder.

19. CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Contract price adjustments will be done annually on the anniversary of the contract start date. The price adjustment will be based on the Consumer Price Index Headline Inflation

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20. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

20.1. Upon award South African Council for Educators and the successful bidder will conclude a Service Level Agreement regulating the specific terms and conditions applicable to the services being procured by South African Council for Educators, more or less in the format of the draft Service Level Indicators included in this tender pack.

20.2. South African Council for Educators reserves the right to vary the proposed draft Service Level Indicators during the course of negotiations with a bidder by amending or adding thereto.

20.3. Bidder(s) are requested to:

- a. Comment on draft Service Level Indicators and where necessary, make proposals to the indicators;
- b. Explain each comment and/or amendment; and
- c. Use an easily identifiable colour font or “track changes” for all changes and/or amendments to the Service Level Indicators for ease of reference.

20.4. South African Council for Educators reserves the right to accept or reject any or all amendments or additions proposed by a bidder if such amendments or additions are unacceptable to South African Council for Educators or pose a risk to the organisation.

21. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THIS BID

South African Council for Educators reserves the right:

- 21.1. To award this tender to a bidder that did not score the highest total number of points, only in accordance with section 2(1)(f) of the PPPFA (Act 5 of 2000)
- 21.2. To negotiate with one or more preferred bidder(s) identified in the evaluation process, regarding any terms and conditions, including price without offering the same opportunity to any other bidder(s) who has not been awarded the status of the preferred bidder(s).
- 21.3. To accept part of a tender rather than the whole tender.
- 21.4. To carry out site inspections, product evaluations or explanatory meetings in order to verify the nature and quality of the services offered by the bidder(s), whether before or after adjudication of the Bid.
- 21.5. To correct any mistakes at any stage of the tender that may have been in the Bid documents or occurred at any stage of the tender process.
- 21.6. To cancel and/or terminate the tender process at any stage, including after the Closing Date and/or after presentations have been made, and/or after tenders have been evaluated and/or after the preferred bidder(s) have been notified of their status as such.
- 21.7. Award to multiple bidders based either on size or geographic considerations.

22. SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATORS REQUIRES BIDDER(S) TO DECLARE

In the Bidder's Technical response, bidder(s) are required to declare the following:

- 22.1. Confirm that the bidder(s) is to: –
 - a. Act honestly, fairly, and with due skill, care and diligence, in the interests of South African Council for Educators;
 - b. Have and employ effectively the resources, procedures and appropriate technological systems for the proper performance of the services;
 - c. Act with circumspection and treat South African Council for Educators fairly in a situation of conflicting interests;
 - d. Comply with all applicable statutory or common law requirements applicable to the conduct of business;

- e. Make adequate disclosures of relevant material information including disclosures of actual or potential own interests, in relation to dealings with South African Council for Educators;
- f. Avoidance of fraudulent and misleading advertising, canvassing and marketing;
- g. To conduct their business activities with transparency and consistently uphold the interests and needs of South African Council for Educators as a client before any other consideration; and
- h. To ensure that any information acquired by the bidder(s) from South African Council for Educators will not be used or disclosed unless the written consent of the client has been obtained to do so.

23. CONFLICT OF INTEREST, CORRUPTION AND FRAUD

23.1. South African Council for Educators reserves its right to disqualify any bidder who either itself or any of whose members (save for such members who hold a minority interest in the bidder through shares listed on any recognised stock exchange), indirect members (being any person or entity who indirectly holds at least a 15% interest in the bidder other than in the context of shares listed on a recognised stock exchange), directors or members of senior management, whether in respect of South African Council for Educators or any other government organ or entity and whether from the Republic of South Africa or otherwise ("Government Entity")

- a. engages in any collusive tendering, anti-competitive conduct, or any other similar conduct, including but not limited to any collusion with any other bidder in respect of the subject matter of this bid;
- b. seeks any assistance, other than assistance officially provided by a Government Entity, from any employee, advisor or other representative of a Government Entity in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
- c. makes or offers any gift, gratuity, anything of value or other inducement, whether lawful or unlawful, to any of South African Council for Educators' officers, directors, employees, advisors or other representatives;
- d. makes or offers any gift, gratuity, anything of any value or other inducement, to any Government Entity's officers, directors, employees, advisors or other

- representatives in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
- e. accepts anything of value or an inducement that would or may provide financial gain, advantage or benefit in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
 - f. pays or agrees to pay to any person any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or any other consideration, that is contingent upon or results from, the award of any tender, contract, right or entitlement which is in any way related to procurement or the rendering of any services to a Government Entity;
 - g. has in the past engaged in any matter referred to above; or
 - h. has been found guilty in a court of law on charges of fraud and/or forgery, regardless of whether or not a prison term was imposed and despite such bidder, member or director's name not specifically appearing on the List of Tender Defaulters kept at National Treasury.

24. MISREPRESENTATION DURING THE LIFECYCLE OF THE CONTRACT

24.1. The bidder should note that the terms of its Tender will be incorporated in the proposed contract by reference and that South African Council for Educators relies upon the bidder's Tender as a material representation in making an award to a successful bidder and in concluding an agreement with the bidder.

24.2. It follows therefore that misrepresentations in a Tender may give rise to service termination and a claim by South African Council for Educators against the bidder notwithstanding the conclusion of the Service Level Agreement between South African Council for Educators and the bidder for the provision of the Service in question. In the event of a conflict between the bidder's proposal and the Service Level Agreement concluded between the parties, the Service Level Agreement will prevail.

25. PREPARATION COSTS

The Bidder will bear all its costs in preparing, submitting and presenting any response or Tender to this bid and all other costs incurred by it throughout the bid process. Furthermore, no statement in this bid will be construed as placing South African Council for Educators, its employees or agents under any obligation whatsoever, including in respect of costs, expenses or losses incurred by the bidder(s) in the preparation of their response to this bid.

26. INDEMNITY

If a bidder breaches the conditions of this bid and, as a result of that breach, South African Council for Educators incurs costs or damages (including, without limitation, the cost of any investigations, procedural impairment, repetition of all or part of the bid process and/or enforcement of intellectual property rights or confidentiality obligations), then the bidder indemnifies and holds South African Council for Educators harmless from any and all such costs which South African Council for Educators may incur and for any damages or losses South African Council for Educators may suffer.

27. PRECEDENCE

This document will prevail over any information provided during any briefing session whether oral or written, unless such written information provided, expressly amends this document by reference.

28. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

A bidder participates in this bid process entirely at its own risk and cost. South African Council for Educators shall not be liable to compensate a bidder on any grounds whatsoever for any costs incurred or any damages suffered as a result of the Bidder's participation in this Bid process.

29. TAX COMPLIANCE

No tender shall be awarded to a bidder who is not tax compliant. South African Council for Educators reserves the right to withdraw an award made, or cancel a contract concluded with a successful bidder in the event that it is established that such bidder was in fact not tax compliant at the time of the award, or has submitted a fraudulent Tax Clearance Certificate to South African Council for Educators, or whose verification against the Central Supplier Database (CSD) proves non-compliant. South African Council for Educators further reserves the right to cancel a contract with a successful bidder in the event that such bidder does not remain tax compliant for the full term of the contract.

30. TENDER DEFAULTERS AND RESTRICTED SUPPLIERS

No tender shall be awarded to a bidder whose name (or any of its members, directors, partners or trustees) appear on the Register of Tender Defaulters kept by National Treasury, or who have been placed on National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers. South African Council for Educators reserves the right to withdraw an award, or cancel a contract concluded with a Bidder should it be established, at any time, that a bidder has been blacklisted with National Treasury by another government institution.

31. GOVERNING LAW

South African law governs this bid and the bid response process. The bidder agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the South African courts in any dispute of any kind that may arise out of or in connection with the subject matter of this bid, the bid itself and all processes associated with the bid.

32. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUB-CONTRACTORS AND BIDDER'S PERSONNEL

A bidder is responsible for ensuring that its personnel (including agents, officers, directors, employees, advisors and other representatives), its sub-contractors (if any) and personnel of its sub-contractors comply with all terms and conditions of this bid. In the event that South African Council for Educators allows a bidder to make use of sub-contractors, such sub-contractors will at all times remain the responsibility of the bidder and South African Council for Educators will not under any circumstances be liable for any losses or damages incurred by or caused by such sub-contractors.

33. CONFIDENTIALITY

Except as may be required by operation of law, by a court or by a regulatory authority having appropriate jurisdiction, no information contained in or relating to this bid or a bidder's tender(s) will be disclosed by any bidder or other person not officially involved with South African Council for Educators' examination and evaluation of a Tender.

No part of the bid may be distributed, reproduced, stored or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, photocopying, recording or otherwise, in whole or in part except for the purpose of preparing a Tender. This bid and any other documents supplied by South African Council for Educators remain proprietary to South African Council for Educators and must be promptly returned to South African Council for Educators upon request together with all copies, electronic versions, excerpts or summaries thereof or work derived there from.

Throughout this bid process and thereafter, bidder(s) must secure South African Council for Educators' written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to (i) the potential work or activities to which this bid relates; or (ii) the process which follows this bid. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification from the bid process and civil action.

34. SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATORS PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Bidder will on their bid cover letter make declaration that they did not have access to any South African Council for Educators proprietary information or any other matter that may have unfairly placed that bidder in a preferential position in relation to any of the other bidder(s).

35. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Should funds no longer be available to pay for the execution of the responsibilities of this bid 02/2024/2025, the South African Council for Educators may terminate the Agreement at its own discretion or temporarily suspend all or part of the services by notice to the successful bidder who shall immediately make arrangements to stop the performance of the services and minimize further expenditure: Provided that the successful bidder shall thereupon be entitled to payment in full for the services delivered, up to the date of cancellation or suspension.

PRICING SCHEDULE
(Professional Services)

NAME OF BIDDER:	BID NO.:
CLOSING TIME 11:00	CLOSING DATE... <u>25 November 2024</u>

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

ITEM CURRENCY	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA
NO TAXES INCLUDED)		** (ALL APPLICABLE

1.The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.

2.Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project.R.....

3.PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND
 RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE
 RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)

4.PERSON AND POSITION	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE
-----	R-----	-----
-----	R-----	-----
-----	R-----	-----
-----	R-----	-----
-----	R-----	-----

5. PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT

-----	R-----	----- days
-----	R-----	----- days
-----	R-----	----- days
-----	R-----	----- days

5.1 Travel expenses (specify, for example rate/km and total km, class of airtravel, etc). Only actual costs are recoverable. Proof of the expenses incurred must accompany certified invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
-----	R.....
-----	R.....
-----	R.....-
-----	R.....
TOTAL: R.....			

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

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

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
.....	R.....
.....	R.....
.....	R.....
.....	R.....

TOTAL: R.....

6.Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid

7.Estimated man-days for completion of project

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

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

*[DELETE IF NOT APPLICABLE]

Any enquiries regarding bidding procedures may be directed to the –

SACE

Tel: 012 663 0422

Or for technical information –

MAPINDANI G M
Tel: 012 663 0417

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state?

YES/NO

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship

1 the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or

not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....
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3 **DECLARATION**

I, _____ the _____ undersigned,
(name)..... in submitting the
accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be
true and complete in every respect:

3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;

3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;

3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.

3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market

allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

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

3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring

2 Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract. institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

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

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

Name of bidder

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 **80/20** preference point system.

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	
51% Black ownership	10
51% women ownership	5
10% People living with disabilities	2
30% Youth ownership	3
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

- 1.5. Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.6. The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“tender”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) **“price”** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) **“tender for income-generating contracts”** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) **“the Act”** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

80/20 or 90/10

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right) \text{ OR } P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

P_t = Price of tender under consideration

P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—

(a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or

(b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,

then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

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

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

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

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
51% Black ownership	10	
51% women ownership	5	

10% People living with disabilities	2	
30% Youth ownership	3	

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.

.....
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 **South African Council for Educators** in accordance with the requirements and task directives / proposals specifications stipulated in Bid Number **02/2024/25** 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;
 - 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;
 - (ii) General Conditions of Contract; and
 - (iii) Proposal requirements

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	
1
2
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 ATON.....

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

1

2

DATE:

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? (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).</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	<p>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.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	<p>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?</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	<p>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?</p>	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

Js365bW

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

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

I certify, on behalf of _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.

However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.

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

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Signature

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Date

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Position