

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**



SCM /Tender Ref #: DPME 04-2019/20

Request for proposals for:	Supply and delivery of newspapers and magazines for 2 years (2019/07/01 to
Request for proposals for.	2021/06/30)

Bid closing date and time as well as the date and time of briefing session (if any) are indicated on the attached SBD1. Quotations / proposals received after the closing date and time indicated on SBD 1 will not be accepted.

Bidders must provide one original and 5 (five) copies of proposals submitted.

Only 1 (one) original price proposal and SBDs are required.

Estimated project start date:	Expected project duration (Months)
01 July 2019	24 months

### 1. BID INFORMATION

Information and guidelines on the format and delivery of bids are contained in the attached bid documents. Please take note of the closing date and date of compulsory briefing session (if any).

### 2. PROPOSAL FORMAT

A detailed proposal in response to this ToR must be submitted. The proposal should contain all the information required to evaluate the bid against the requirements stipulated in this terms of reference. The following must be attached to the proposal as annexures:

- Annexure A: Additional information and requirements
- Annexure B: Summary of past experience, with detail on contactable references
- Annexure C: Pricing information. Price proposals must include VAT and should be fully inclusive to deliver the all outputs indicated in the terms of reference)
- The published terms of reference (this document, including Annexure A to this document).
- All other forms / certificates required (see bid documents).

### 3. CONDITIONS OF BID

Detailed conditions applicable to all bids are contained in the bid documents accompanying this Terms of Reference. Only suppliers that meet all the requirements stipulated in the terms of reference and bid documents will be considered.

No late bids will be accepted. Only bids from service providers that attended the compulsory briefing session (if specified above) will be considered. Bids must be valid for a minimum period of 90 days after the closing date.

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### 1. BACKGROUND

Annexure A contains a detailed description of the requirements for this project, including:

- Background / context
- Problem statement / purpose
- Objectives and scope of project
- Proposed methodology / approach
- Deliverables and time frames

### 2. EXPERIENCE / PAST PERFORMANCE / RESOURCES

The attached sheet must be used to summarise past experience and to cost the proposal.

### 2.1. Team composition

## 2.1.1. Empowerment requirements

The Service provider must meet the following empowerment requirements:

• **Black owned %:** At least 50% of the company must be black owned. A detailed B-BBEE certificate must be attached for verification purposes.

### 2.1.2. Experience required

It is required for the bidders to have at least a minimum of 3 years' experience in the distribution and delivery of newspapers and magazines. Bidders must demonstrate adequate experience through the number, types and geographical spread of projects/assignments undertaken. The attached template must be used to summarise experience. The proposal should contain letters of references, or any other means of verifying past experience. Also refer to special conditions as listed in the Terms of reference.

A detailed management structure of the company and management structure relative to the provision for this service to the DPME as well as full contact details must be submitted. The dedicated account manager needs to be contactable at all times.

## 2.2. Past performance

The past performance of bidders in executing similar projects will be evaluated using the references supplied by bidders as well as any other information available to the panel. A minimum of 3 contactable references with full contact detail is required. Below satisfactory performance on a particular project may only be considered if such performance was communicated to the bidder by the contracting party and the bidder was given a reasonable opportunity to correct any deficiencies highlighted by the contracting party. The Department reserves the right to reject a bid if the service provider failed to perform satisfactorily on similar projects.

## 2.3. Project management

To ensure a continuation of services it is required for bidders to provide a contingency plan to ensure the delivery of newspapers/magazines/publications are done and on time. Bidder must provide a detailed plan to ensure that services are delivered as required with specific reference to late deliveries and instances of shortage or no delivery of services.

## 2.4. Resources for project

The proposal must contain information on the allocation of resources to ensure delivery of newspapers/magazines/publications. This must indicate transport/means of delivery in Gauteng and Cape Town. Methods of handling emergencies to ensure of service delivery or failure of delivery due to transport failure must be discussed in the project plan.

### 3. COSTING METHODOLOGY

The service provider will invoice the Department on a monthly basis in arrears for actual deliveries made. The Department will pay valid invoices within 10 working days on average but no later than 30 calendar days. Bidders must provide a pricing schedule provided as part of **Annexure C.** 

Prices must be inclusive of VAT (if VAT registered) and must address all deliverables indicated in this TOR.

### 4. EVALUATION OF BIDS

### 4.1. Administrative requirements

Only bids / quotes that comply with all administrative requirements and that submitted all required bid documents (acceptable bids) will be considered during the functional evaluation phase. Only acceptable bids / quotes will be scored by the Bid Evaluation Committee against the functional criteria indicated in this Terms of Reference.

## 4.2. Scoring of bids (functional criteria)

The following weighting and scoring system will be applied to the evaluation of all functional criteria:

Weight allocation	Scoring system
1 – Value adding requirement (minimum score of 2)	1 – Does not comply with the requirements
3 – Important requirement (minimum score of 6 or	2 – Partial compliance with requirements
9)	3 – Full compliance with requirements
5 – Essential requirement / integral part of project	4 – Exceeds requirements
(minimum score of 15)	

**Score per criteria**: The final score obtained by a bidder for each criteria will be calculated by multiplying the <u>weight</u> and the <u>score indicated by each Bid Evaluation Panel member</u> and then by averaging the scores of all panel members. The average score per criteria is expressed as a number.

The **overall score** obtained by a bidder (expressed as a percentage) will be calculated as follows:

Overall Score (%) = 
$$\frac{Sum\ of\ average\ scores\ for\ all\ criteria}{Sum\ of\ weights\ X\ 4}$$
 X 100

## 4.3. Functional evaluation Part 1 - Quantitative criteria

Part 1: Minimum functional requirements: Only bids that scored at least the minimum score for each criteria will proceed to functional evaluation part 2. In cases where bidders submitted insufficient evidence or where evidence is ambiguous, bidders may be requested to provide additional evidence and may be re-scored based on this information. Additional information submitted may only be used as evidence to substantiate what is already contained in the proposal. The costing and content of proposals may not be amended.

Fund	ctional Evaluation Criteria	Weight	Min. Score
1.1	3= Proposed company meets the empowerment criteria.		9
1.2	Proven track record of distribution and delivery of newspapers (par 2.1.2 of ToR)  1= The company does not meet the minimum requirements of 3 years' experience in delivery of newspapers.  3= The company meet the minimum requirement of 3 years' experience in the distribution and delivery of newspapers.	3	9

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F	unctional Evaluation Criteria	Weight	Min. Score
1	Contactable references (par 2.2 of ToR)  1= The company does not meet the minimum requirements of 3 contactable references from different clients. No proof is attached to bid documents.  3= The company does meet the minimum requirements of 3 contactable references from different clients. Proof is attached to bid documents.	3	9

### 4.4. Functional evaluation Part 2 - Qualitative criteria

The functional evaluation criteria indicated below will be applied during Part 2 of functional evaluation to all bids that met the minimum requirements stipulated under Functional evaluation Part 1. During part 2 the Bid Evaluation Committee may:

- Evaluate and score bids based on the bid documents and proposals submitted; or
- Provisionally evaluate and score bidders based on proposals submitted and then invite bidders that met all requirements under Part 1 and a provisional overall score of at least 60% for both functional evaluation parts 1 and 2, to present their bids.

The final evaluation and scoring of bids will based on the proposals submitted, as well as on information provided by bidders during bid presentations (if applicable). Presentations can be used to summarise and clarify bids and may not substantially depart from the proposals submitted.

If a bidder is unable to attend a bid presentation on the date requested by the Bid Evaluation Committee, then the bidder must be afforded another opportunity within 5 workings. If a bidder is for a second time unable to attend a bid presentation, then the bid must be evaluated based on the bid documents and proposals submitted only.

<u>Part 2: Minimum functional requirements</u>: Only bids that obtained the <u>minimum score for each criteria</u> as well as an <u>overall score of at least 75%</u> for both functional evaluation parts 1 and 2, will proceed to Price/PPPFA evaluation.

Fund	Functional Evaluation Criteria		Min. Score
2.1	<ul> <li>Project plan (par 2.3 of ToR):</li> <li>1= No project plan included in bid.</li> <li>2= Project plan does not fully address all task or does not indicate completion within the required time frames.</li> <li>3= Project plan addresses all deliverables and indicates completion of the project within the required time frames.</li> <li>4= Project plan addresses all deliverables and indicates completion of the project in significantly less that the envisaged time frames.</li> </ul>	5	15
2.2	Proposed approach proven capacity to deliver in both Cape Town and Gauteng i.e. resources, delivery method (par 2.4 of ToR)  1= Proposed approach does not prove capacity to deliver in both Provinces  2= Proposed approach partially prove capacity to deliver in both Provinces.  3= Proposed approach proves to have capacity to deliver in both Provinces.  4= In addition to 3, the proposed approach is innovative and will add value to ensure service delivery in both province.	5	15

### 4.5. Price / BBBEE / PPPFA

Only bids that meet the minimum administrative and functional requirements / specifications indicated in the ToR (qualifying bids) will be evaluated in terms of the Preferential Procurement Framework Act and related regulations – see attached bid documents. The evaluation method (80/20 or 90/10) and preference points allocation applicable to this bid are indicated in the attached SBD 6.1.

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### 5. CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a service level agreement (SLA) with the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. The National Treasury General Conditions of Contract (GCC) will form part of the SLA to be concluded between DPME and the successful bidder. A copy of the standard DPME SLA is available on the DPME tender website. Bidders should familiarise themselves the content of the standard template.

### Bidders should note that:

- All information related to this bid, or information provided to the service provider subsequent to the award of
  this bid, must be treated as confidential and may not be disclosed in any way to third parties without the
  explicit written consent of DPME.
- All right, title and ownership of any Intellectual Property developed by or for the Service Provider or DPME independently and outside of execution/production of the Deliverables related to this bid, and provided during the course of this project ("Background IP") shall remain the sole property of the party providing the Background IP.
- To the extent that the Service Provider utilises any of its Background IP in connection with the Deliverables, such Background IP shall remain the property of the Service Provider and DPME shall acquire no right or interest therein, save that, upon payment of the applicable consideration, the Service Provider shall grant DPME a non-exclusive, royalty-free, non-transferable licence to use such Background IP strictly for purposes of making beneficial use of the Deliverables into which such Background IP has been incorporated.
- All Intellectual Property rights in Bespoke Deliverables are or will be vested in and owned by DPME unless
  specifically agreed otherwise in writing. The Service Provider agrees that it shall not, under any circumstances,
  question or dispute the rights and ownership of DPME in and to the Bespoke Deliverables. DPME shall grant
  the Service Provider a non-exclusive, royalty free, non-transferable licence to use the Bespoke Deliverables for
  the purpose of performing its obligations under this project.
- The Service Provider may not publish or sell, in whole or in part, any Bespoke Deliverables emanating from this project without the explicit written consent of DPME.
- The Copyright of any Bespoke Deliverables shall vest in DPME.

### 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THIS BID

- 6.1. Minimum of three (3) years' experience in the field of newspaper deliveries
- 6.2. At least 3 contactable references in the field of newspaper deliveries and/or electronic access must be provided from three different clients
- 6.3. Delivery vehicle(s) must be reliable, roadworthy for the full duration of the contract. Any other means of delivery must be stated and should be reliable for the duration of this contact.
- 6.4. The successful bidder must have offices in Gauteng and means of delivery in Cape Town.
- 6.5. The successful bidder must have appointed dedicated drivers with cellphones.
- 6.6. A constant high standard work quality shall be maintained.
- 6.7. It is the responsibility of the successful bidder to keep an electronic record of the distribution lists and must update the list every time changes are made in writing by DPME.
- 6.8. An updated list must be provided on request in excel format.
- 6.9. The Department reserves the right to award this bid to more than one company if this deemed appropriate or to award the contract partially.
- 6.10. The Department also reserves the right not to award the contract.
- 6.11. The Bid Evaluation committee reserves the right to do due diligence based on the minimum requirements as specified in the Terms of Reference.
- 6.12. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a service level agreement with the Department.
- 6.13. Bidders failing to meet all mandatory requirements will be disqualified.
- 6.14. Bidders must submit their prices on the pricing schedule provided.
- 6.15. Bidders must be able to work irregular hours and attend to Emergencies immediately once reported.
- 6.16. Main bidder will be 100% liable if there is any subcontracting done.
- 6.17. The Department reserves the right to make changes as needs requirements change for newspaper/magazines (as the quantity may change from time to time.)

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Request for proposals for:	(2019/07/01 to 2021/06/30)	

### 1. BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

The Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) is need of a service provider to provide daily newspapers/magazines/publications to the offices based in Gauteng, Tshwane and Cape Town. The structure of the department necessitates that newspapers be delivered to our executives at home as well as the offices.

Furthermore, the department wants to explore the various options of delivery of any publications. The available infrastructure of the department allows us to access technology through smart devices, laptops and office equipment. Guided by the cost containment measures in Government, the department want to enter into a contract that will ensure service delivery and proof to ensure value for money.

### 2. PROBLEM STATEMENT / PURPOSE

To acquire services for the supply and delivery of newspapers and magazines (electronic and physical) on a daily/weekly/monthly basis to the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) at agreed times and places for a period of 24 months (2 years).

### 3. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF PROJECT

The department requires a company (s) that can provide the options as indicated below. The department will determine the most economical method to procure the services required. The Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation reserves the right to appoint one company for both options or more than one company (split options) to provide the services required, which deems to be most economical for DPME.

### 3.1 Option1: Physical delivery of Newspapers and magazines

The daily/weekly/monthly provision of newspapers and magazines to DPME.

The service provider will be provided with a list of newspapers and magazines to be delivered during a particular month by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. If no list is received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month, the list of the previous month will apply.

## a) Delivery address

- East Wing reception, Union Buildings, Government Avenue, Arcadia, Pretoria
- 330 Grosvenor Street, Hatfield, Pretoria
- Tuynhuys, Parliament Street, Cape town
- Week-end deliveries and deliveries to employee's private residents as required (Gauteng only), address will be provided upon award of the bid.

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### b) Time Frames

- All deliveries must be made before 7:30am
- Short deliveries must be corrected by 9:00am
- Weekend deliveries must be made before 7:30am
- Weekend short deliveries must be made before 9:00am
- Late and non-deliveries may not be invoiced
- Problem solving skills and be able to adjust or react to urgent requests
- Fast and effective deliveries at the physical addresses in Gauteng and Cape Town

## c) Method

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Physical and hand delivery of newspapers and magazines

- All newspapers/Magazines must be labeled with the recipient's name according to the list that will be provided
- Newspapers must be neatly wrapped in plastic to protect against weather and must be sealed when delivered.
- The driver/person delivering the newspapers/magazines must be presentable, identifiable and conduct themselves in a professional manner.

### d) Contingency plan

- Stipulate what measures will be in place should non delivery or late delivery occur
- Time frames for delivery on emergency requests

## 3.2 Option 2: Electronic provision of subscription to newspapers and magazines

The provision of electronic newspapers/magazines/publications to DPME.

The service provider will be provided with a list of newspapers/magazines/publications to be made available for DPME electronically for senior managers to access on a daily basis.

### a) Requirements for Online access:

- Access to publications must be available before 06h00
- Users must be able to download Newspapers/magazines/publications
- Online notification must be provided, free of charge
- Must be accessible through any smart device example laptop, desktop, smart phone or tablet
- Online access and download reports must be available for DPME to analyse on a monthly basis
- Subscriptions must be for 24 month
- The changes or amendments of user access must be done within 24 Hours of reporting
- Resolution of Access problems must be dissolve within 24 Hours

## 4. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY / APPROACH

The department will evaluate all bid that scored the minimum criteria and proceeded to price evaluation. The department will then determine the most economical method to contract the services. Bidders may provide proposals for Option 1 or Option 2 or both.

## 5. DELIVERABLES AND TIME FRAMES

- 5.1. Hand deliver newspapers/magazines/publication on a daily basis to the physical addresses provided in both Gauteng and Cape Town.
- 5.2. Accessibility of online publications within 24 hours of issuing of Purchase order.

## 6. PROJECT MANAGEMENT / REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

Any short fall, non-delivery has to be reported immediately to DPME. Payment will be done on confirmation of actual deliveries of newspapers/magazines/publications.

## 7. OTHER

## 7.1. The Service Provider undertakes to:

- 7.1.1. Conduct business in a courteous and professional manner.
- 7.1.2. Provide the necessary documentation as requested prior to the awarding of the contract.
- 7.1.3. Comply with all relevant employment legislation and applicable bargaining council agreements, including UIF, PAYE, etc. DPME may monitor compliance for the duration of the contract and implement penalties for non-compliance.
- 7.1.4. Manage internal disputes among his/her staff in such a way that DPME is not affected by those disputes.

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- 7.1.5. Comply with the DPME security and emergency policies, procedures and regulations at DPME premises.
- 7.1.6. Ensure that all work performed and all equipment used at DPME facilities are in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act no. 85 of 1993) and any regulations promulgated in terms of this Act and the standard instructions of DPME;
- 7.1.7. Ensure that all staff working on this project are adequately trained prior to the commencement of the project.
- 7.1.8. Ensure that DPME is informed of any changes in staff related to the execution of the project. For security reasons, DPME reserves the right to vet all persons working on this project.
- 7.1.9. Undertakes to store and handover all data generated by the project to DPME in an accessible and confidential manner.

### 7.2. DPME undertakes to:

- 7.2.1. Manage the contract in a professional manner.
- 7.2.2. Provide appropriate information as and when required and only in situations where it is required by the service provider to fulfil their duties.
- 7.2.3. Not accept any responsibility for any damages suffered by the service provider or their staff for the duration of the project.
- 7.2.4. Not tolerate any unfair labour practices between the service provider and their staff that happen during the execution of the project activities.
- 7.2.5. Not accept any responsibility for accounts/expenses incurred by the service provider that was not agreed upon by the contracting parties.

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# STANDARD DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR ALL BIDS (INCL. TENDERS) FROM R30,000 UP TO R50,000,000

The term "Bid" Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

Required Documents	Check Bidder	Verified SCM Unit
Central Suppliers Database Registration Report Attached – Not older than 30 days NB: Only suppliers registered on CSD may bid. All required CSD information up to date.		
Invitation to bid (SBD 1)		
Declaration of interest (SBD 4)		
Preference Points Claim (SBD 6.1)		
Declaration of past supply chain management practices (SBD 8)		
Certificate of Independent Bid Determination (SBD 9)		
Valid B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate (Original or Certified Copy) bearing SANAS logo. QMEs/EMEs: Sworn affidavit / CIPC confirmation of turnover etc.		
Additional documentation required for certain types of bids. If applicable the	Check	Verified
additional documents will be distributed as part of the tender / bid documentation	Bidder	SCM Unit
Declaration certificate for local production and content for designated sectors (SBD 6.2) and all applicable Annexures.		

### Declaration

- I have read and agree to the General Conditions of Contract related to Government procurement (Available on DPME tenders web page or from National Treasury).
- I have studied, accurately completed and submitted all the documents indicated in the above checklist.
- I have read and agree with the conditions applicable to all bids as contained in this document.
- I have noted and will comply with the delivery time frames indicated in the specifications / terms of Reference.
- I am the authorised signatory of the applicant.
- I have noted that the Department may publish the names of bidders, total bid prices indicated in SBD 1 and B-BBEE points claimed, after the closing date of the bid.

Signature	Date	
Name of Signatory		
Designation of Signatory		
Name of bidder (if different)		

## ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Contact persons indicated on the bid documents; or

Head of Procurement Services: 330 Grosvenor Street, Hatfield, Pretoria. dpme.scm@dpme.gov.za. Tel 012 473 1222

ALL DPME BID DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DPME WEBSITE OR DPME OFFICES AND ARE NEVER SOLD

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 WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.

### 1. GENERAL

This request is issued in terms of all applicable legislation, including but not limited to: the Public Finance Management Act (Act 1 of 1999) as amended (PFMA), Treasury Regulations, the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000 (PPPFA), the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 (PPR), Supply Chain Management instructions issued by the National Treasury, General Conditions of Contract published by National Treasury (GCC), the B-BBEE Act (Act 53 pf 2003), applicable Departmental Policies and any other special conditions of contract indicated in bid documents.

- Lead times / delivery periods should be clearly indicated in the quotation / proposal where applicable. The Department reserves the right to cancel any order where the delivery period indicated in the quotation / proposal is extended.
- The Department reserves the right to require delivery of the goods as specified, at the price quoted, regardless of any differences in specifications contained in the quotation.
- The Department reserves the right to make public the names of all bidders as well as total bid prices and B-BBEE points claimed, after the closing date and time for the bid.
- The Department reserves the right NOT to appoint any Service Provider or to withdraw this request for bids/proposals.
- The Department reserves the right to split the award of the bid between two or more Service Providers or to award only a part of the bid.
- The Department reserves the right to call bidders that meet the minimum functional requirements to present their proposals. The Bid Evaluation Committee may decide to amend the scoring assigned to a particular bid based on the presentation made.

## 2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. Bidders must ensure compliance with their tax obligations.
- 2.2. Bidders are required to submit their unique personal identification number (pin) issued by SARS to enable the Department to verify the taxpayer's profile and tax status.
- 2.3. Applications for a tax compliance status (TCS) certificate or pin may be made via e-filing through the SARS website <a href="https://www.sars.gov.za">www.sars.gov.za</a>. Bidders may also submit a printed TCS certificate with this bid.
- 2.4. Where no TCS pin is available but the bidder is registered on the central supplier database (CSD), a CSD number must be provided and the tax compliance status on CSD will be utilised by the Department.
- 2.5. In bids where consortia / joint ventures / sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate TCS certificate / pin / CSD number.
- 2.6. The tax compliance requirements are not applicable to foreign bidders / individuals with no South African tax obligations or no history of doing business in South Africa. Foreign suppliers must complete a pre-award questionnaire from SARS on their tax obligation categorisation.
- 2.7. For the purposes of section 256 of the Tax Administration Act of 2011 the bidder / supplier authorises the South African Revenue Service to disclose "taxpayer information" as contemplated under the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Act in relation to the compliance status of tax registration, tax debt and filing requirements to the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation.

### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE

Only proposals that comply with all administrative requirements (including tax compliance requirements) will be considered <u>acceptable</u> for further evaluation. Incomplete and late bids may be rejected. <u>All</u> documents indicated on page 1 must be submitted with each bid. Bidders <u>must</u> use the Standards Bid Documents (SBDs) included in this document (documents may <u>not</u> be re-typed)

All quoted prices must be **inclusive of VAT** and must be valid (firm) for at least 30 days for all bids excluding open tenders and for 120 days for open tenders, from the closing date indicated on SBD 1. Prices dependent on the **exchange rate** should include reference to the exchange rate used. Price escalations and the conditions of escalation should be clearly indicated. No variation of contract price or scope creep will be permitted unless specifically allowed in the ToR / specifications.

### 4. FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION

Functional criteria and/or specifications are contained in the specifications sheet or Terms of Reference distributed for this bid. Unless otherwise indicated in the ToR / specifications sheet, only service providers that submitted acceptable bids and that met all functional / specifications requirements will proceed to the PPPFA evaluation phase

### 5. PRICE EVALUATION: THE PPPFA

DPME applies the provisions of the PPPFA and Regulations to all bids with an estimated cost from R30,000. Bid amounts in the case of this particular RFQ/RFP/Tender are estimated to be R30,000 or more and the PPPFA preference points system will be applied, even if all bids received are below R30,000.

Only bids that meet all administrative requirements and meet the minimum functional requirements indicated in the ToR / specifications sheet will be evaluated in terms of the PPPFA and related regulations. Points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table contained in SBD 6.1. The applicable evaluation method is indicated in SBD 6.1.

Consortia or joint ventures must take note of SBD 6.1, paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5 regarding requirements for B-BEEE certificates.

If the 80/20 preference point system is specified on SBD 6.1 and all bids received exceed R50,000,000, the bid will be evaluated on the 90/10 preference point system.

## 6. REJECTION OF QUOTES / PROPOSALS

Any effort by a bidder to influence the bid evaluation, comparisons or award decisions in any manner, may result in rejection of the bid. DPME shall reject a bid if the bidder has committed a proven corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for a particular contract. DPME may disregard any bid if the bidder or any of its subcontractors:

- a) Is not tax compliant
- b) Have abused the Supply Chain Management (SCM) system of the Department or any other government department, agency or entity.
- c) Have committed proven fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
- d) Have failed to perform on any previous contract.
- e) Supplied incorrect information in the bid documentation.

### 7. VETTING

The Department reserves the right to approach the relevant authorities to verify the following for each bidder: Citizenship status (individuals); Company information; Criminal records (individuals); Previous tender and government contracts track records; Government employment status (individuals); Company / closed corporation ownership / membership status (individuals); Suitability to handle confidential government information; government employment status of bidders/staff/directors; Qualifications of bidders / contractors / team members; and any other information contained in bid documents

## 8. CENTRAL SUPPLIERS DATABASE

- 8.1. All suppliers must be registered on the Central Suppliers Database (CSD) managed by National Treasury (www.csd.gov.za).
- 8.2. The following information must be up to date on CSD:
  - Tax compliance status
  - B-BBEE Level (as indicated on B-BBEE certificate or sworn affidavit)

- Turnover (EME, QSE, etc.)
- Black ownership
- Women ownership
- Youth, Disabled and Military Veteran ownership
- Verified banking details
- Contact details
- 8.3. It is the responsibility a supplier to inform the DPME immediately in writing of any changes in details and to provide DPME with an updated CSD report. DPME shall have the right to, in addition to any other remedy that it may have in terms of applicable legislation, cancel the contract and to claim damages if a bid is awarded based on incorrect information contained in the CSD report.

### 9. COMMITMENTS BY PARTIES

- 9.1. The Service Provider undertakes to:
  - 9.1.1. Conduct business in a courteous and professional manner.
  - 9.1.2. Provide the necessary documentation as requested prior to the awarding of the contract.
  - 9.1.3. Comply with all relevant employment legislation and applicable bargaining council agreements, including UIF, PAYE, etc. DPME may monitor compliance for the duration of the contract and implement penalties for non-compliance.
  - 9.1.4. Manage internal disputes among his/her staff in such a way that DPME is not affected by those disputes.
  - 9.1.5. Comply with the DPME security and emergency policies, procedures and regulations at DPME premises.
  - 9.1.6. Ensure that all work performed and all equipment used at DPME facilities are in compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 (Act no. 85 of 1993) and any regulations promulgated in terms of this Act and the standard instructions of DPME;
  - 9.1.7. Ensure that all staff working on this project are adequately trained prior to the commencement of the project.
  - 9.1.8. Ensure that DPME is informed of any changes in staff related to the execution of the project. For security reasons, DPME reserves the right to vet all persons working on this project.
  - 9.1.9. Store and hand over all data generated by the project (if any) to DPME in an accessible and confidential manner.
  - 9.1.10. Not proceed with any work and not to incur any expense for which DPME could be liable, until such time as an official written government purchase order has been issued by DPME.

## 9.2. DPME undertakes to:

- 9.2.1. Manage all contracts in a professional manner.
- 9.2.2. Provide appropriate information as and when required and only in situations where it is required by the service provider to fulfil their duties.
- 9.2.3. Not accept any responsibility for any damages suffered by the service provider or their staff for the duration of the project.
- Not tolerate any unfair labour practices between the service provider and their staff that happen 9.2.4. during the execution of the project activities.
- 9.2.5. Not accept any responsibility for accounts/expenses incurred by the service provider that was not agreed upon by the contracting parties.

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9.2.6. Pay all valid invoices within 30 calendar days.

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## **INVITATION TO BID (SBD 1)**

# YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

(Subject to the terms and conditions applicable to all bids as indicated earlier in this bid document)

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BID NUMBER	DPME04/2019-20	CLOSING DATE	28 June	2019	CLOSING TIME	12:00
COMPULSORY BRIE	FING SESSION	Date	N/A		Time	I
DESCRIPTION	Supply and delivery	of newspapers and	d magazine	s for 2 yea	rs]	
BID DOCUMEN	TS FOR RFQs:	BID DO	CUMENTS	FOR RFPs	AND TENDERS MUST BI	E:
The email address o that sent out the recand CC to DPME.SCI	of the SCM official quest for quotes	POSTED TO: Department of Pla and Evaluation He Services Private Bag X944,	ad: Procur	nitoring ement 0001	OR DEPOSITED IN THE E SITUATED AT (STREET A 330 Grosvenor Street, H Pretoria The bid box is accessible days between 8:00 and	ADDRESS): latfield, e on working
BIDDING PROCEDU	RE ENQUIRIES MAY	BE DIRECTED TO				
Contact persons ind Pretoria. dpme.scm	n@dpme.gov.za. Te		of Procurer	nent Servio	ces: 330 Grosvenor Stree	et, Hatfield,
Name of bidder						
Postal address						
Street address						
Telephone number			Cell phor	ne number		
E-mail address			30 p			
ID / company Reg. #	#		Vat regis	tration #		
Supplier tax	Compliant	CSD MAAA	_			
compliance status	Not compliant	TCS Pin (if r	no CSD #)			
	None	<u> </u>	•			
B-BBEE Status Level	All (except EMI	Es/QSEs): Certificato	e Issued by	SANAS acc	credited verification age	ncv.
verification		All (except EMEs/QSEs): Certificate Issued by SANAS accredited verification agency.  EMEs/QSEs: Sworn affidavit by EME representative and attested to by				
	Commissioner	of oaths.				
attach proof					/works offered? If yes	YES N
FOREIGN SUPPLIERS documentation to b	•	this form. You mu	st contact	the Depart	tment to obtain the req	uired
Total bid price (Incl.	. VAT)					
DETAILED TERMS A AS IN THE ATTACHE				IN PAGES 2	2 TO 4 OF THIS DOCUME	ENT AS WELL
Signature (Attach posign this bid; e.g. residirectors ats.)					Date	
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directors, etc.)  Name of Signatory						
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## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST (SBD 4)**

### NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM:

- 1. Persons in the service of the State
- 2. Companies/ close corporations with directors/ members who are persons in the service of the State.
- 3. NGO's / Non-profit institutions with directors (whether remunerated or not) in the service of the State Where exceptions are allowed in terms of the applicable legislation, the bidder must attach an approved and valid Remunerative Work Outside of the Public Service (RWOPS).

Any other natural or legal person legal person may make an offer or offers in terms of an invitation to bid., or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where:

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

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

Full Name of bidder or his or her representative		
Identity Number		
Position occupied in Company (director, trustee, shareholder <sup>1</sup> , member):		
he names of all directors / trustees / share	nolders / members, their individual identity numbers, and if applicated in the CSD report provided.	cable,
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		1.25	110
1.1	Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the state?		
1.1.1	The bidder acknowledges that bids from Government employees or from companies/close co with directors/members that are government employees cannot be considered.	rporati	ons
1.1.2	The bidder further acknowledges that any false declaration in this regard will be reported to t authorities	he rele	vant
1.1.3	If your answers to 1.1 is yes, then please provide details:		
		YES	NO
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		YES	NO
1.2	Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors /trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months?		
1.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

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		YES	NO
1.3	Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?		
1.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
		YES	NO
1.4	Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?		
		YES	NO
1.5	Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract??		
1.5.1	If so, furnish particulars:	-1	.1
Full c	details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.		
See C	CSD report		
DECL	ARATION		
•	E UNDERSIGNED CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.	HAT THE	Ε
Signatı	ure Date		
Name	of Signatory		
Design	ation of Signatory		
Name	of bidder (if different)		

### PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM (SBD 6.1)

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

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

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

### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
  - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50,000,000 (all applicable taxes included); and
  - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50,000,000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 1.2 The value of this bid is estimated to exceed/not exceed R50,000,000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 system shall be applicable. Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:

(a)	Price; and	80
(b)	B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.	20
	TOTAL	100

- 1.3 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit a B-BBEE Verification Certificate from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS), or a sworn affidavit confirming annual turnover and level of black ownership in case of an EME together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.
- 1.4 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 "B-BBEE" means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 2.2 "B-BBEE status level of contributor" means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- 2.3 "bid" means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of services, works or goods, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- 2.4 "Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act," means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- 2.5 "EME" means an Exempted Micro Enterprise as defines by Codes of Good Practice under section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act with an annual turnover up to R10 million;
- 2.6 "functionality" means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents;
- 2.7 "proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor" means:
  - 1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
  - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
  - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;

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- 2.8 "prices" includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- 2.9 "QSE" means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act);
- 2.10 "rand value" means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

#### 3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE: THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20 (Up to R50,000,000)

90/10 (From R50,000,000)

$$Ps = 80 \left( 1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min} \right)$$
 Or

$$Ps = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{Pt - P \min}{P \min} \right)$$

Ps = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

Pt = Comparative price of bid under consideration

Pmin = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

### POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION

4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

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

- 4.2 A bidder who qualifies as a EME in terms of the B-BBEE Act must submit a sworn affidavit confirming Annual Total Revenue and Level of Black Ownership. An EME automatically qualifies as a level 4 contributor. An EME with at least 75% black ownership qualifies as level 1 contributor and an EME with black ownership from 51% to 74% qualifies as a level 2 contributor.
- 4.3 A Bidder other than EME must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof, substantiating their B-BBEE rating. The certificate must be issued by a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS.

### 5. **BID DECLARATION**

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

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.2 AND 4.1

B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: ..... = ..... (maximum of <del>10 or</del> 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 6 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

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### 7. SUB-CONTRACTING

Will	any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? YES / NO (delete which is not applicable). If yes, indicate:
<b>(I)</b>	(what percentage of the contract will be subcontracted?%
(11)	the name of the sub-contractor?
(III)	the B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor?
(IV)	whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE? YES / NO (delete which is not applicable)
(V)	Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential
	Procurement Regulations, 2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51%	EME	QSE
owned by:	√	٧
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

### 8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBEE status level of contributor indicated in paragraph 6 of the foregoing document, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- (I) The information furnished (including information in SBD 1) 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 paragraph 6, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- (IV) If the B-BBEE status level of contribution has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have
  - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
  - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
  - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
  - (d) restrict the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, 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

Signature	Date	
Name of Signatory		
Designation of Signatory		
Name of bidder (if different)		

## **DECLARATION OF PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (SBD 8)**

- 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	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database 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 National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied)	Yes	No
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? (To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, <a href="www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a> , click on the icon "Register for Tender Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 3265445.	Yes	No
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes	No
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes	No
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

## CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED 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		
Name of Signatory				
Designation of Signatory				
Name of bidder (if different)				

### **CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION (SBD 9)**

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids<sup>1</sup> 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).<sup>2</sup> 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:

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:				
(Bid Number and Description)				
in response to the invitation for the bid made by <u>The Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation</u> (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 authorised 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 authorised 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;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 (SBD 9)**

- (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
- (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
- The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>3</sup> 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

Signature	Date	
Name of Signatory		
Designation of Signatory		
Name of bidder (if different)		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 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.