

Request for Proposals for the Appointment of a Service Provider to Develop a Local Government e-Learning Implementation Strategy/Blue-print on Behalf of SALGA

BID NO. SALGA/56/2017

Closing date and time: 26 January 2018 at 11:00 am

Bid Validity Period: 120 days

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1. INTRODUCTION

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) is a public entity established by the Organised Local Government Act (Act 52 of 1997) to assist in the comprehensive transformation of local government in South Africa. SALGA is managed within the framework of the Public Finance Management Act (Act 1 of 1999) and is listed as a schedule 3A public entity. Its main objectives are to:

- Represent, promote and protect the interests of local government;
- Transform local government to enable it to fulfil its developmental role;
- Enhance the role and status of its members as provincial representatives and consultative bodies of local government;
- Enhance the role and status of municipalities;
- Be recognised by national and provincial governments to be the representative and consultative body in respect of all matters concerning local government and to make representations to both provincial and national governments in respect of any matter concerning local government;
- Ensure the full participation of women in organised local government;
- Be the National Employers' Association representing all municipal members and, by agreement, associate members.

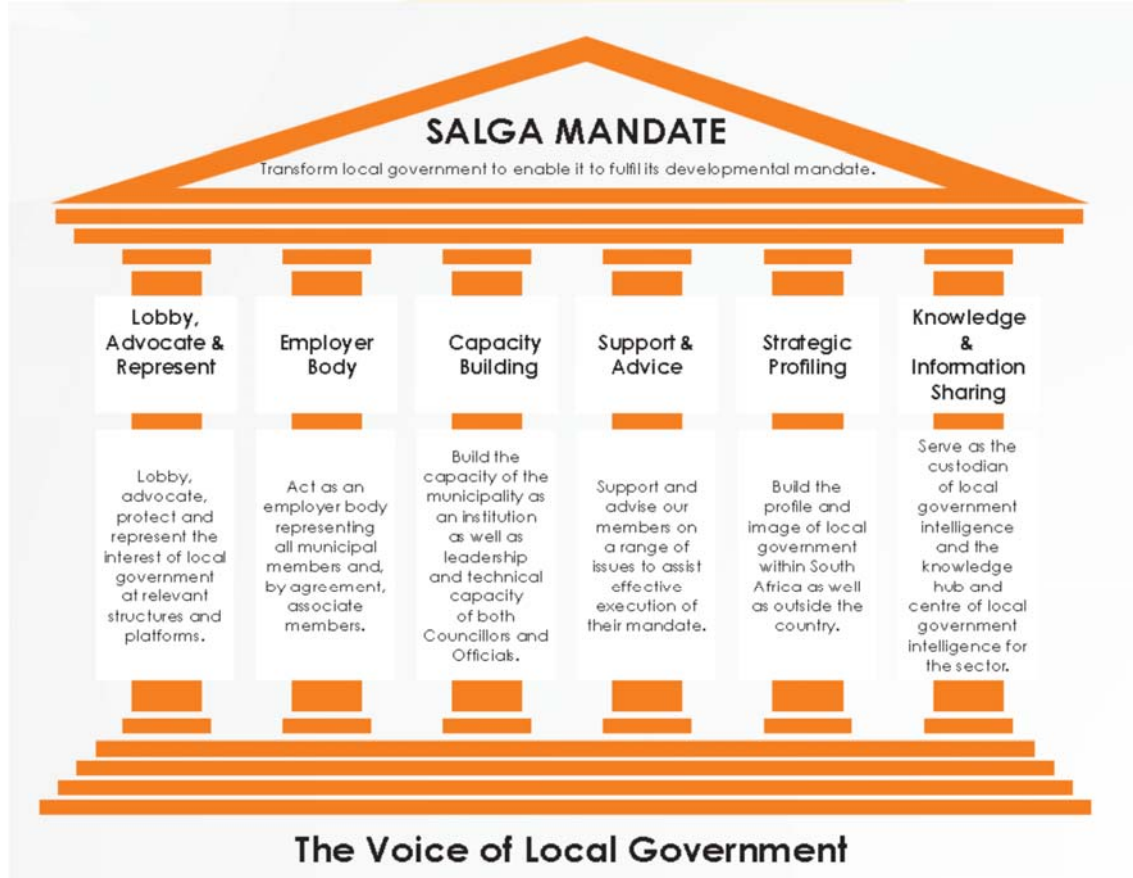
2. SALGA MANDATE

Developmental Local Government is an essential component of the machinery of government. In accordance with its constitutional mandate, SALGA is obliged to transform the local government sector to one that has the required capacity to make a meaningful contribution to poverty alleviation, economic development and all socio-economic opportunities that the state has geared itself to provide for its people. SALGA also serves as the representative voice of all 257 municipalities in the country. For the past 20 years, since its establishment, SALGA has endeavoured to bring focus to its mandate of supporting local government transformation in a complex environment, characterised by a highly diverse and diffuse membership-base of municipalities. In terms of its amended Constitution, SALGA is a unitary body that consists of a national association and nine provincial offices. Its mandate rests on six primary pillars:

- (1) **Representation, Advocacy and Lobbying** refers to representing the interests of members in legislatures and other policy making and oversight structures. It also refers to engaging with various stakeholders, public debates etc. in the interest of Local Government.
- (2) **Employer Body** refers to being an effective employer representative for members. Employer representation is carried out through collective bargaining (in terms of the Labour Relations Act) in various structures including but not limited to those established in the South African Local Government Bargaining Council.
- (3) **Capacity Building** refers to facilitating capacity building initiatives through among others; representing member interests in the Local Government Sector Education Authority (LGSETA). SALGA strives to facilitate a coherent, well-co-ordinated capacity building programme for municipal councillors and officials.
- (4) **Support and Advice** refers to the provision of tools and services that enable municipalities to understand and interpret trends, policies and legislation affecting Local Government and to implement the said policies and plans

- (5) **Strategic Profiling** of Local Government refers to enhancing the profile and image of local government as an important and credible agent for the delivery of services. Profiling focuses within South Africa, the African continent and the rest of the world.
- (6) **Knowledge and Information Sharing** refers to building and sharing a comprehensive hub of Local Government knowledge and intelligence that will enable informed delivery of other SALGA mandates. The knowledge hub is also a useful reference point for all who seek Local Government information.

Diagrammatically the mandate is depicted as follows:



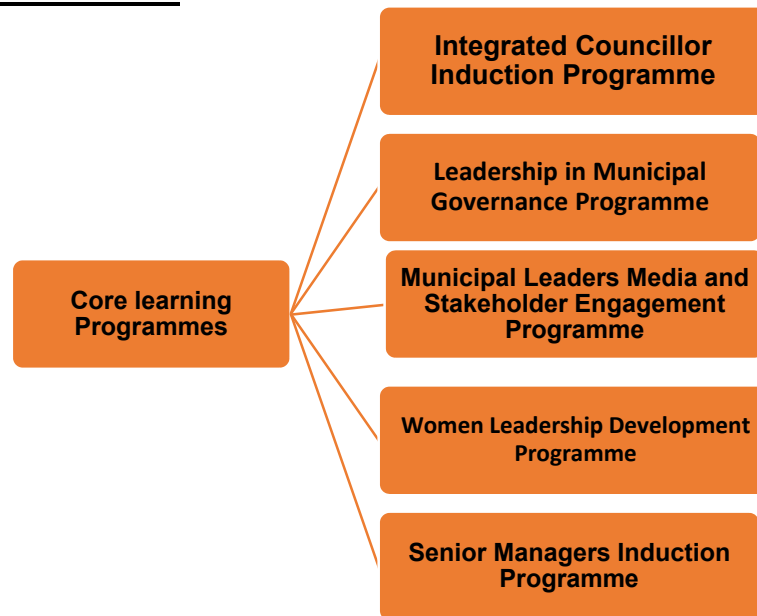
3. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST

The purpose of this document is to call for proposals from competent and suitably qualified service providers to assist the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) with the development of a Local Government e-learning strategy which will inform and underpin the support provisions required to achieve the optimal functionality of the newly designed SALGA Learner Management Systems (LMS) commonly known as The Leadership Village with a view that in the medium to longterm SALGA will be able to deliver some of its capacity building programmes using e-learning platforms.

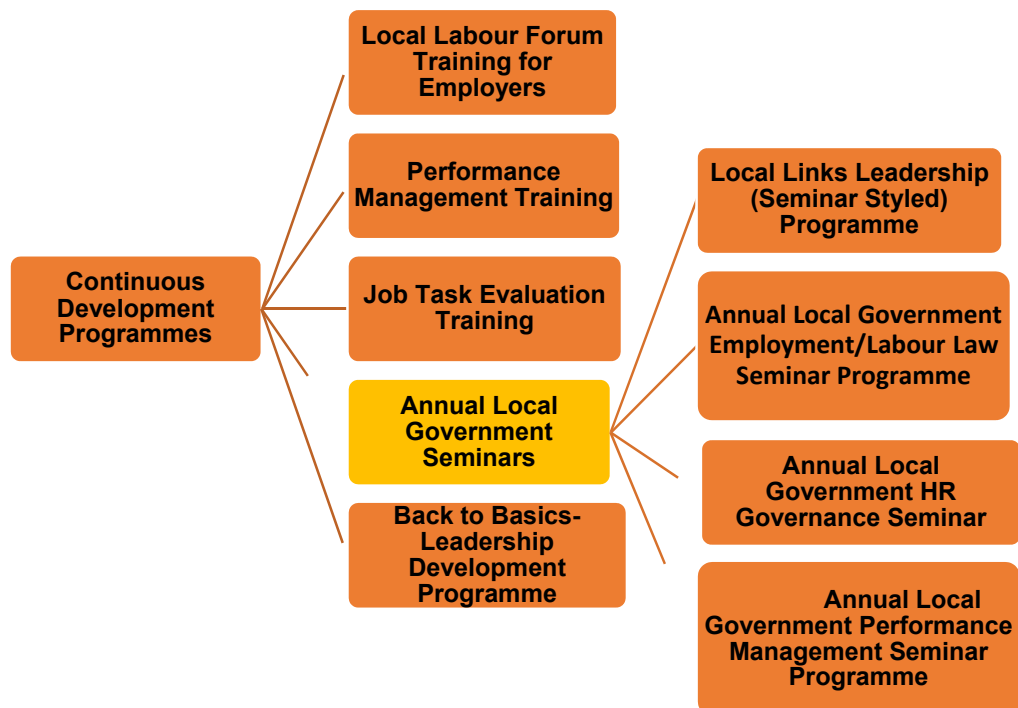
4. BACKGROUND AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION CONTEXT

The Local Government Capacity Building Funding Plan 2017/18 -2020/21 which was submitted to the LGSETA provides for, amongst others; the implementation of continuous development programmes under the auspices of the SCLG as outlined in the diagram below:

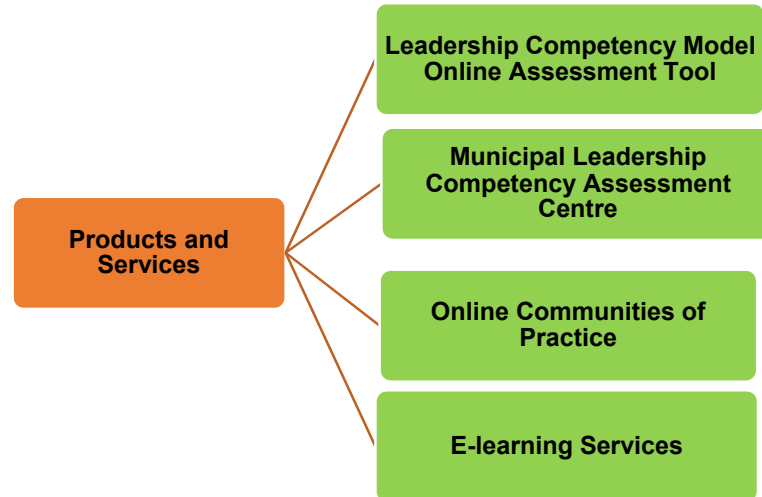
- **CORE PROGRAMMES:**



- **CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:**



▪ **PRODUCTS AND SERVICES:**



5. SCOPE OF WORK

SALGA intends to appoint a suitably qualified and competent service provider to assist with the following services:

5.1. ORGANISATIONAL EVALUATION AND E-LEARNING FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT:

5.1.1. CONDUCTING AS IS ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

- Evaluate the obtaining learner management environment (systems, procedures, structures and delivery mechanisms) within SALGA in the context of SALGAs aspirations of evolving into a blended learning (e-learning) provider of choice for the sector;
- This evaluation exercise must be complimented by a comprehensive analysis successful e-learning initiatives across various sectors and industries (inclusive of institutions of higher learning) which have undergone transformational migration from legacy or traditional training methodologies;

5.1.2. DEVELOPMENT OF E-LEARNING FRAMEWORK

Develop an e-learning strategy/blue-print framework with due regard to the following important considerations, over and above the key lessons derived from the comparative benchmarking evaluation exercise contemplated above:

- How do we position SALGA through the SCLG to be the provider of choice for the sector in relation to e-learning i.e. how to make SALGA the market leader in e-learning, and what is the transformational journey that SALGA would need to navigate to realise this goal?
- What are the appropriate e-learning strategic choices available to SALGA as an organisation with a goal-orientation of building resilient municipal institutions having established the SCLG as an institutional manifestation of driving learning, reflection and sharing aspirations?
- What are the important building blocks (systems, procedures, structures and delivery mechanisms) that SALGA needs to put in place to navigate a journey towards realising its goal of being a provider of choice for blended learning in the local government sector?

5.2. DEVELOPMENT OF E-LEARNING STRATEGY/BLUE PRINT AND PROVISION OF IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT:

- Develop e-learning strategy underpinned by SALGA's strategic framework and guided by comparative benchmarking best practice in the form of a business plan with projected financial and human resource implications. The estimated budget outlined in the business plan should include:
 - a) Costs of hardware, software and/or application/functionality development.
 - b) Consulting and related services.
 - c) Operational costs, including maintenance and support costs if applicable;
 - d) Licensing, (where any of these costs considerations are essential to the achievement of the business plan objectives);
- Provide a change management plan that will be required to support this transformational journey including the skills transfer interventions that are required to realise meaningful transfer of skills in-house and the sustainability of institutionalising internal ownership of these processes by SALGA to avoid perpetual reliance on third party support;
- Develop a detailed requirements specification document that will form the basis for optimising the existing LMS functionality capability as well as any other related technology enablement requirements to enable conversion of conventional training content to content offered online. This exercise should result in a statement of specifications and requirements which will incorporate the following considerations:
 - a) How does SALGA in the short and medium term leverage its assets (learner management system and existing human capital) to achieve an optimal utilisation and/or functional learner management system environment in which its human capital is optimally utilised and gainfully employed? this assessment including the development of possible options towards achieving this optimal outcome must have regard to the existing programmes which require conversion into online offerings and the implementation requirements for such conversion;
 - b) What institutional and/or third party contractual arrangements does SALGA need in order to receive bespoke advisory services to navigate this journey?
 - c) Investigate cutting edge technology –based instruments or devices that can be successfully used by SALGA to enhance its training delivery footprint and effectiveness as a provider of blended learning programmes eg. handheld devices (with baseline functionality including but not limited to id scanning, photos taking, capturing attendance registers & electronic signatures etc with built in real-time capability to interface with LMS) and the feasibility of creating an app to provide interactive online learning.

5.3. BIDDER REQUIREMENTS

The appointed bidder will be expected to demonstrate technical ability and capacity to undertake an assignment of this complexity.

The bidder must fulfil the following requirements:

- a) Attend a compulsory briefing at a time to be advertised on the advert;
- b) Shortlisted bidders will be required to make a presentation to SALGA on their value proposition;
- c) Demonstrate extensive experience in the development and implementation of e-learning strategies;
- d) Demonstrate extensive experience in developing learner management systems and supporting their implementation;

- e) Demonstrate experience in blended learning methodologies including conversion of training programmes from conventional to e-learning formats using best practice e-learning software;
- f) A proven track record for managing projects of a comparative size and nature accompanied by 3 written contactable references;
- g) Excellent research, business plan development and writing skills;
- h) Have sound knowledge of the local government sector and the capacity building landscape coupled to legislation governing skills development e.g. NSDSIII, National Qualifications Framework, Qualifications Authority Act, Public Finance Management Act & Skills Development Act etc.)
- i) Must possess competency in IT skills, dashboard reporting and development of reporting, monitoring and evaluation of the project;
- j) A detailed project management plan that outlines the details of all the elements of the project from development and rollout through to completion;
 - A project plan reflecting the scheduling, organisation and resource mobilisation that will match the project of this magnitude;
- k) The bidder must have an administrative capacity, including office space, equipment and personnel that is commensurate to the magnitude of this project. To this end SALGA will reserve the right to conduct a site inspection of the bidder's premises and/or claimed delivery milestones to validate proof of concept;
- l) The bidder must provide a detailed project budget breakdown

5.4. CONTENT OF PROPOSAL

(Information to be submitted by the bidders)

The proposal should include

- 5.4.1. all relevant perceived strengths and weaknesses of the firm bidding for the service, e.g. similar previous experience, in-house skills, etc; providing information which will assist SALGA to assess its capabilities, competitive advantages, etc.;
- 5.4.2. the summary of the bidder's mission statement, the vision statement, values and long term strategies and objectives as comprehensively as possible;
- 5.4.3. a list of references of previous and current appointments relevant to the required services; examples of such services capabilities and experience and more specifically the number and size of organisations where service rendered in specific sectors in government and areas of expertise.
- 5.4.4. an organogram or list of partners, managers, specialists, together with the *curriculum vitae* of the staff who will be available for the duration of the work; any staff changes regarding staff allocated to SALGA must be done in consultation with the Project Manager representing the organisation. The successful bidder should provide experienced specialists relevant to the required services.
- 5.4.5. A breakdown of the project costs VAT inclusive, per category as required for services rendered. Expenditure incurred without the prior approval of SALGA will not be reimbursed. An analysis of costs must be given to cover the full amount, and where possible, costs should be linked with specific tasks to be undertaken. All other incidental costs should be included in the budget breakdown.

- 5.4.6. In so far as is possible, a comprehensive budget, showing the service of activities proposed, with charge-out rates and budgeted hours per activity, detailing all assumptions made in arriving at a proposed budget, including all cost factors such as traveling.
- 5.4.7. How the bidder proposes to provide governance assistance to SALGA; and
- 5.4.8. In so far as is possible, provide an overview of the methodology to be applied.
- 5.4.9. How the bidder will ensure that there is transfer of skills to the SALGA team.

5.5 APPOINTMENT, COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

The appointed bidder is anticipated to commence the work upon appointment for a duration of **36 of months** until the completion of the project.

5.5. DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT OF WORK (PROJECT MANAGEMENT)

5.5.1. Performing of assignments

Assignments are to be performed in accordance with the industry/profession standards as well as the terms of reference. All reports will be reviewed by the relevant Project Manager representing the organisation.

All working papers and reports and documents will become the property of SALGA. The successful bidder shall work with the Directorate of SALGA on the planning of various phases of the service activities, and must be prepared to regularly report the progress to the relevant Project Manager.

5.5.2 Timing of assignments

The performance of this assignment shall be in accordance with the approved plan by the Project Committee. The final responsibility of approving the scope and extent of the work resides with the relevant Project Manager.

5.5.3 Quality assurance reviews of the work

The bidder shall ensure that all work conforms to the required SETA quality assurance standards

5.5.4 Monitoring progress of assignments

On a mutually agreed basis, the bidder shall meet with the Project Manager to report progress of the work, and at the Project Committee meetings.

5.5.5 Payments

SALGA undertakes to pay out within a reasonable time period all valid claims for work done to its satisfaction upon presentation of a substantiated claim. No payment will be made on outstanding information not submitted by the bidder.

The parties shall, upon appointment of the bidder, sign a service level agreement to govern their business relationship.

Acceptance of any bid does not mean that work on an uninterrupted basis is guaranteed for the duration of the contract.

5.5.6 Expenditure incurred by the bidder

The SALGA will not be held responsible for any costs incurred by the bidder in the preparation and submission of the bid.

6. INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS

6.1 General Instructions

This document constitutes a Request for Proposal (RFP), which specifies SALGA's requirements for the Request for Proposals for the Appointment of a Bidder to Develop a Local Government e-Learning Implementation Strategy/Blue-print on Behalf of SALGA. The information contained herein provides a format to facilitate bidder's responses to this RFP. It is important that the format be followed closely to help maintain the decision making timetable. Responses must be presented in the same order as the requirements appear, section by section, and numbered accordingly, with acknowledgement of all clauses. All pricing information should be fully disclosed with all charges clearly defined, i.e. a per unit fee based on activity. Please feel free to address any other potential services not specifically mentioned in this RFP that may be of benefit to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of SALGA which is the organisation's accounting authority.

6.2 Objectives

SALGA's objective in the call for proposals is to select a bidder the development of a Local Government e-Learning Implementation Strategy/Blue-print

6.3 Terms of Contract

The term of the contract shall be regulated by the Service Level Agreement (SLA) to be concluded with the winning bidder. It is anticipated that the term of the contract shall be for the duration of the assignment and shall expire upon fulfilment of the scope of work. The contract may be extended by mutual agreement. Thirty (30) days written notice must be given if either party wishes to terminate the agreement prior to the contract's expiry date.

6.4 Questions during Proposal Process

Any enquiries regarding this RFP should be directed to **Nokwanda Msomi**, Senior Buyer: SCM at nmsomi@salga.org.za, located at the SALGA National Office – 012 369 8000. Questions will only be taken up to four days prior the closing date.

Bidders finding apparent discrepancies or omissions in the RFP should notify Acting Head: Supply Chain Management at lmathe@salga.org.za at once. Bidders may during the bidding period, be advised by Addenda, of any additions, clarifications, deletions or alterations to these specifications. All such changes should be covered by the bidder's proposal. Information used in the preparation of a proposal from other than this RFP and any written addenda (considered as the proposal documents) will not be considered as valid or official.

No further addenda will be issued by SALGA after 12:00 noon, four business days prior to RFP closing without providing an extension of time.

6.4 Submission of Proposal

Submit four copies of the proposal, in sealed opaque envelopes and clearly marked RFP Response – Bid SALGA/56/2017 Request for Proposals for the Appointment of a Bidder to Develop a Local Government e-Learning Implementation Strategy/Blue-print on Behalf of SALGA addressed to:

E-mail address:

Nokwanda Msomi at nmsomi@salga.org.za

Or physical address:

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corner Garsfontein & Corobay Avenue
Waterkloof Glen ext. 11
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**Attention: Ms Nokwanda Msomi
Senior Buyer: SCM**

Proposals will be received at the reception desk on the first floor, during regular business hours only, up to 26 January 2018, at 11:00 am. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Bidders remain solely responsible for the method of conveyance of their proposal to the receiving point. Fax transmissions or any other electronic communications are not acceptable.

SALGA will not be responsible for any costs incurred by the bidders associated with the preparation of responses to the RFP.

Proposals received past the time stated above will not be considered, and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Proposals will not be opened in public.

All proposals will remain in force and will be irrevocable for **hundred and twenty days** after the proposal closing.

Proposals shall be stipulated sums without escalator clauses or other qualifications.

7.6. Contract Award

SALGA reserves the right to accept any proposal submitted, or reject all proposals.

Any proposal submitted, that is not in complete compliance with the requirements of the proposal documents may be accepted or disqualified, at the option of SALGA.

Please outline in your proposal the assistance your institution is prepared to provide in order to meet the estimated contract duration period for the full implementation of the scope of work.

7.7 Termination of Contract

SALGA reserves the right to terminate the agreement with 30 days written notice to the winning bidder subject to the following:

- 7.7.1 the winning bidder fails to perform in accordance with the specified service requirements as set out in the RFP;
- 7.7.2 the winning bidder fails to provide project deliverables as defined under **part Error! Reference source not found.above** without written explanation;
- 7.7.3 the winning bidder otherwise violates the provisions of the RFP to a substantial degree.

7.8 Liability

SALGA will not be held liable for any actions of the winning bidder and/or its employees.

7.9 Important Dates

Please note that some of the dates are based on estimated project timeframes.

8 CONDITIONS OF BID (FAILURE TO MEET ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW MAY RENDER YOUR BID PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE)

- 8.1. The requirement for content of the project proposal section below outlines the information that must be included in bid offers. **Failure to provide all or part of the information may result in your bid being excluded from the evaluation process.**
- 8.2. A contract will be signed with the appointed Bidder.
- 8.3. The Bidder will be required to sign confidentiality and indemnity agreements with SALGA.
- 8.4. SALGA may at its own discretion vary an instruction to include more work.
- 8.5. Failure to comply with any condition of this request for a proposal will invalidate respective tender proposal
- 8.6. In the event that any conflict of interest is discovered during the assignment, SALGA reserves the right to summarily cancel the agreement and demand that all the information, documents and property of SALGA be returned forthwith.
- 8.7. SALGA reserves the right to request new or additional information regarding each bidder and any individual or other persons associated with its project proposal.
- 8.8. Bidders shall not make available or disclose details pertaining to their project proposal with anyone not specifically involved, unless authorized to do so by SALGA.
- 8.9. Bidders shall not issue any press release, social media or other public announcement pertaining to the details of their project without the prior written approval of SALGA.
- 8.10. Bidders are required to declare any conflict of interest they may have in the transaction for which the bid is submitted or any potential conflict of interest. SALGA reserves the right not to consider further any bid where such a conflict of interest exists or where such potential conflict of interest may arise.
- 8.11. The bid offers and proposals should be valid and open for acceptance by SALGA for a period of 120 days from the date of submission.
- 8.12. Bidders are advised that submission of a project proposal gives rise to no contractual obligations on the part of SALGA.
- 8.13. Disputes that may arise between SALGA and a bidder must be settled by means of mutual consultation, mediation (with or without legal representation) or, when unsuccessful, in a South African court of law.

- 8.14. In addition to adherence to the specific terms and conditions of proposals, provided in this document, the bidder shall be bound by the provisions of the General Conditions of Contract attached hereto, an originally signed copy of which must be submitted together with all other bid documentation.
- 8.15. All returnable bid documents must be completed in full and submitted together with the bidder's proposal.
- 8.16. SALGA will not be liable for costs incurred during the site visits or any other cost related to the submission of the bid.
- 8.17. Completion of the Standard Bidding Documents stated herein below is **mandatory**, failure to do so **may** render your bid offer invalid.

8.18. Standard Bidding Forms

18.8.1. Preference Points Claim form

Form SBD 6.1 - Bidders must complete this document in full, special attention must be given to section 8 and 9. DO NOT RETYPE THESE FORMS. They must be completed on the original and signed, all in black ink.

18.8.2. Declaration of Interest

Form SBD 4 - Bidders must complete this document in full. DO NOT RETYPE THESE FORMS. They must be completed on the original and signed, all in black ink.

18.8.3. Declaration of past Supply Chain Management Practice

Form SBD 8 - Bidders must complete this document in full. DO NOT RETYPE THESE FORMS. They must be completed on the original and signed, all in black ink.

18.8.4. Certificate of Independent Bid Determination

Form SBD 9 - Bidders must complete this document in full. DO NOT RETYPE THESE FORMS. They must be completed on the original and signed, all in black ink.

9 EVALUATION

The following evaluation method will be used:

- After the closing date of the bid invitation, an appointed evaluation committee of SALGA officials and possibly other external parties will evaluate the proposals of the bidders.
- The committee will individually evaluate each of the bid proposals received against the appointed criteria as provided for in Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017

All proposals submitted will be evaluated on three categories:

- Functionality (technical content)
- Price
- B-BBEE status level of contribution

Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, using the 80/20 split. The 80/20 preference points system applies for acquisition of goods or services for Rand value equal or above R30 000 and up to R50 million.

Firstly, the assessment of functionality will be done in terms of the evaluation criteria and the minimum threshold value of 65 points. A bid will be disqualified if it fails to meet the minimum threshold value for functionality as per the bid invitation.

A Bid Evaluation Committee will review and evaluate the proposals. A maximum of four (4) bidders may be invited to present their proposal for the purpose of providing clarification and answers to questions by the committee. If presentations are necessary they will be made on the date, time and location to be confirmed.

Thereafter, only the qualifying bids after the presentation will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference points systems, 80 points will be used for price only and the 20 points will be used for B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution. The price points will be calculated in accordance with the formula prescribed in Regulation 6. (1) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017.

A recommendation for the awarding of the contract will be made at the meeting of the Bid Adjudication Committee to be confirmed, where applicable.

For functionality, the following criteria will be applicable and the maximum value of points breakdown for each criterion using these scale level descriptors:

SCALE LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS	RATING
No relevant response or information given to enable evaluation	0
Very poor response based on expected standard	1
Poor response based on expected standard	2
Average response based on expected standard	3
Good response based on expected standard	4
Excellent response based on expected standard	5

Points Breakdown:

CRITERIA FOR FUNCTIONALITY	BREAKDOWN OF POINTS	WEIGHTS
Understanding of the brief as well as submission of supporting documentation (Written track record in developing and implementing seminars, detail project plan and administrative capacity).	0= Lack of understanding of key deliverables and non- submission of documentation 3= Understanding of key deliverables and submission of documentation 5= Understanding of key deliverables and submission of all documentation as per terms of reference.	15
Approach and methodology (to include project plan to cover scope of work)	0= no submission of project plan and approach 3= Submission of project plan, management plan and methodology approach in line with scope of work	40

	5= Submission of project plan & management plan(that outlines the details of all the elements of seminar development to close out) in line with scope of work	
A proven written track record in developing and implementing elearning strategy/blue print.	0= none; 1=one letter; 2= two letters, 3= three letters, 4= four letters and 5= five letters.	30
Administrative capacity (including office space, equipment and personnel)	0= none, 3= Capacity (office space, equipment and personnel). 5= Office space (lease agreement), equipment and personnel (CVs and proof of qualifications)	15
Total for functionality		100
Threshold		60

Bidders who score 60 (average) points and above will be considered in phase 2 of the evaluation.

The 80/20 points system will be used when evaluating this Request for Proposal.

The remaining 20 points will be allocated in terms of Regulation 6(2) and 6(3) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, 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 (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

Phase 2 of evaluation will include the sum of the two criterions below:

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Price	80
B-BBEE status level of contribution	20
TOTAL	100

Bidders must submit proof of their B-BBEE status level of contributor.

A bidder failing to submit proof of B-BBEE status level of contribution or is a non-compliant contributor to B-BBEE may not be disqualified but may only score points out of 80 for price, and score 0 points out of 20 for B-BBEE.

10 GENERAL CONDITIONS

The following should be noted by interested parties:

- Intellectual property and ownership of all materials and products developed in the execution of the contract will be vested in SALGA.
- Materials and products may not be made available to any unauthorized person or institution or sold for profit without prior written consent from SALGA.
- On completion or termination of the agreement, all materials and products must be handed over to SALGA.
- No information concerning the tender or award of the tender may be made available by the bidder to other parties without prior consultation and written approval from SALGA.
- SALGA may at its own discretion vary this instruction to include more scope / work or to exclude work/service areas. In the case of the latter, the bidder shall not be entitled to claim for any work not required and may engage SALGA on the pricing of the additional work/ service proposed.
- All copyright and intellectual property rights that may result as a consequence of the work to be performed shall reside with SALGA and the bidder shall be required to sign an agreement of confidentiality.
- SALGA may dictate the framework in which documents (policies, plans, report etc.) shall be submitted; however the bidder should be able to submit a proposal on the layout of his/her choice for consideration by SALGA.
- SALGAs (general conditions of bid, contract and order) shall be applicable to this bid.
- The bidder shall be required to conclude and sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) after the appointment.
- SALGA reserves the right not to award the bid to any bidder at its own discretion.

**PART A
INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SALGA)					
BID NUMBER:	SALGA/56/2017	CLOSING DATE:	26 JANUARY 2018	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	Request for Proposals for the Appointment of a Service Provider to Develop a Local Government e-Learning Implementation Strategy/Blue-print on Behalf of SALGA				
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).					
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT <i>(STREET ADDRESS)</i>					
SALGA NATIONAL OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, BLOCK B, MENLYN CORPORATE PARK, C/O GARSFONTEIN AND COROBAY AVENUE, WATERKLOOF GLEN					
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES, WHO WAS THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY?					
AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA) AND NAME THE APPLICABLE IN THE TICK BOX	<input type="checkbox"/>	AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS)			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A REGISTERED AUDITOR			
		NAME:			
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/SWORN AFFIDAVIT(FOR EMEs& QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ANSWER PART B:3 BELOW]	
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER		DATE		
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED (Attach proof of authority to sign this bid; e.g. resolution of directors, etc.)					
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED			TOTAL BID PRICE (ALL INCLUSIVE)		
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY			CONTACT PERSON		
CONTACT PERSON			TELEPHONE NUMBER		
TELEPHONE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER			E-MAIL ADDRESS		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					

PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:
<p>1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.</p> <p>1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED-(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR ONLINE</p> <p>1.3. BIDDERS MUST REGISTER ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) TO UPLOAD MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS; AND BANKING INFORMATION FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES). B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.</p> <p>1.4. WHERE A BIDDER IS NOT REGISTERED ON THE CSD, MANDATORY INFORMATION NAMELY: (BUSINESS REGISTRATION/ DIRECTORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP/IDENTITY NUMBERS; TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID DOCUMENTATION. B-BBEE CERTIFICATE OR SWORN AFFIDAVIT FOR B-BBEE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BIDDING INSTITUTION.</p> <p>1.5. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER LEGISLATION OR SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.</p>
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
<p>2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.</p> <p>2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.</p> <p>2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.</p> <p>2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS TOGETHER WITH THE BID.</p> <p>2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE PROOF OF TCS / PIN / CSD NUMBER.</p> <p>2.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.</p>
3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS
<p>3.1. IS THE BIDDER A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>3.2. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>3.3. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>3.4. DOES THE BIDDER HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN, IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS / TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.</p>

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

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

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

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:

2.2 Identity Number:.....

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

2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:
.....

2.5 Tax Reference Number:

2.6 VAT Registration Number:

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

¹State" means –

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

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

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

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:
Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed :
Position occupied in the state institution:

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

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

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

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

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

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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4 DECLARATION

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

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS
DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

.....
Name of bidder

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

1.2

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

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

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

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

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

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

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

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **“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;

- (c) **“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 goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro 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;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“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;
- (i) **“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;
- (j) **“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

3.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

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

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of bid under consideration
 Pt = Price of bid under consideration
 Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

- 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

5. BID DECLARATION

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

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

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

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)

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

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

(Tick applicable box)

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

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

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

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

8.2 VAT _____ registration
number:.....

8.3 Company _____ registration
number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Company
- (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Professional service provider
- Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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

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

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a

- result of that person's conduct;
- (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

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

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, www.treasury.gov.za, 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION
FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

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

.....
Signature

.....
Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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.

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

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

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Signature	Date
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Position	Name of Bidder

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