



# REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO SUBMIT A QUOTATION FOR THE CULTURE, ARTS, TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND SPORT SECTOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AUTHORITY (CATHSSETA)

SBD 1

<b>Description</b>	<b>CATHSSETA seeks to appoint a suitable service provider for the provision of a complete Bulk SMS distribution solution for a period of one (1) year.</b>
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<b>Date issued</b>	12 March 2021	<b>RFQ number</b>	R&P002/1
<b>Closing Date:</b>	19 March 2021	<b>Closing Time:</b>	14:00pm
<b><u>CSD</u> Registration number</b>			

## SUBMISSION

The successful bidder will be required to fill in and sign a written Contract Form

(SBD 7)

Proposal documents may be hand delivered **in the box situated at CATHSSETA head office:**

**Supply Chain Management Unit,**

CATHSSETA

01 Newtown Avenue,

Johannesburg

Killarney,

or emailed before the closing date and time at: [supplychain@cathsseta.org.za](mailto:supplychain@cathsseta.org.za)



The following particulars must be furnished;  
(failure to do so may result in your bid being disqualified):

Name of bidder

Postal Address

Street Address

Telephone Number

Code:

Number:

Cellphone Number

Facsimile Number

Email Address

VAT Registration Number

Has an original and valid tax clearance certificate been submitted? (SBD 2)

Yes

No

Has a B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate been submitted? (SBD 6.1)

Yes

No

If yes, who was the certificate issued by? [tick applicable box]

<input type="checkbox"/>	An accounting officer as contemplated in the Close Corporation Act (CCA)
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	A verification agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System (SANAS)
	A registered auditor

NOTE: a B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate must be submitted in order to qualify for preference points for B-BBEE

Are you an accredited representative in South Africa for the goods / services / work offered?

Yes	No	[If yes, please enclose proof]
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**Total Bid Price:**

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**Total number of items offered:**

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**Signature of bidder** .....

**Capacity under which this bid is signed** .....

**Date** .....

## 1. BACKGROUND TO CATHSSETA

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The Skills Development Act (No 97 of 1998) (SDA) makes provision for the establishment of Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) for each national economic sector and thereby aims to develop the skills of the South African workforce by increasing the investment in education and training in the labour market; and encouraging employers to play a meaningful role in developing employees, particularly the previously disadvantaged. The Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA) was established through the SDA, to research and establish nationally recognised Sector Skills Plan (SPP) supported by skills development programmes serving the interest of the following sectors:

- Culture, Arts and Heritage
- Tourism and Travel Services
- Hospitality
- Gaming and Lotteries
- Conservation; and
- Sport, Recreation and Fitness

These sectors are diverse and unique and they play a significant role not only in the economy, but also in the broader quest for social cohesion and formulation of a unique South African national identity.

CATHSSETA's critical success factors are described as the key processes that deliver services to the CATHSSETA beneficiaries, i.e. learners and employers. The process is based on the three critical components of the CATHSSETA service delivery Value Chain:

- Facilitation of Learning Interventions. Involves facilitation of all skills development initiatives
- Quality Assurance of Skills Development. Involves accreditation of skills development facilitators, verification of learners, and development of occupational qualifications
- Employer engagements. Involves the receipt of levies and payments of grants.

The importance of the three areas are the points of integration between them.

## 2. SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

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There is a recognized need for specialized service provider/ firm to assist the CATHSSETA with the provision of a bulk SMS distribution solution;

CATHSSETA hereby invites suitably qualified and experienced service providers/firms to submit RFQ proposals for the provision of a bulk SMS distribution solution for a period of twelve (12) months.

### 2.1 The proposed solution must have the following functionality:

- Bulk SMS messaging;
- Short-code service;
- USSD service;
- Ability to cater for a functionality to allow more than 160 characters as and when required
- Ability to resend correspondence
- Ability to distribute SMS messages as and when required from desktop.
- Delivery reports should at least indicate whether delivery was successful or failed and if failed, the reason for the failed delivery is required.
- Ability to distribute bulk SMS messages across all South African cell phone networks
- Allow for recipients to respond to messages via reply SMS at standard rate cost
- Response files must be made available to CATHSSETA daily via a secure file transfer solution
- Ability to distribute SMS to groups of two: 200 staff. 1000 Stakeholders as and when required
- Distribution reporting (customisable)
- Programming Interface (API) integration for file transfers Value add services e.g. Email clean up, Domain verifications, and Mobi sites
- Dedicated personnel to service the CATHSSETA account – support and account management
- Audit certificate to confirm adequacy of the WASPs internal control environment
- Annual assurance report by independent auditors to confirm accuracy of accounting/billing 99% system availability,
- Compliance with the minimum requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act (Popi) 4 of 2013 in respect of processing of personal information.
- Full report of all messages sent (Date and Time, Recipient, Message and Status) for CATHSSETA to note and record.

## 3. EXPECTED OUTPUTS/DELIVERABLES

- 3.1 Ability to distribute SMS to groups
- 3.2 Ability to provide annual assurance report from an independent auditors to confirm accuracy of billing
- 3.3 Categorized summary full report of all messages sent (Date and Time, Recipient, Message and Status) for CATHSSETA to note and record.
- 3.4 Ability to distribute bulk SMS messages across all South African cell phone networks

#### **4. SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS/COMPETENCIES**

The service provider is expected to have at least but not limited to the following competencies:

- 4.1 Proven experience of providing a bulk SMS distribution solution
- 4.2 Adequate capacity and equipment to execute the project
- 4.3 Project management skills

#### **5. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The appointed service provider will enter into a contractual agreement with CATHSSETA for a period of 12 months commencing from 01 April 2021 ending 31 March 2022.

#### **6. CONDITIONS**

- a) All quoted prices accepted from the successful service provider/s will remain fixed and firm from date of acceptance until the 31 March 2022, the service provider/s must take this into consideration.
- b) The RFQ should be submitted with a detailed proposal of service.
- c) Proposal must be submitted with a detailed cost breakdown and total amounts must be inclusive of VAT.
- d) A Service Level Agreement shall be signed with the preferred service provider.
- e) The CATHSSETA reserves the right to invite short listed service providers to present their proposals for final decision.

#### **7. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The RFQ will be evaluated on the 80/20 (Price and BBBEE points) preference point system in terms of the PPPFA Act and its regulations 2017. The contract will be awarded to the service provider that scored the highest total number of points

## 8. PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEM

Criteria	Points
Price	80
B-BBEE	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 points</b>

NOTE: the failure to attach proof of valid BBBEE will result in the forfeiture of preference points

## 9. Pricing Schedule

Item No	Description	Quantity	Price
1	Provision of Bulk SMS Distribution service ( 12 months)	1200	
Total Cost (VAT included)			

## 10. SUBMISSION OF QUOTES

The following documents are mandatory; failure to submit the below documents will disqualify your bid:

- Government Procurement: General Conditions of Contracts are obtainable from <http://www.cathsseta.org.za> conditions of contracts;
- Original, and Valid Tax Clearance Certificate;
- SBD 4, 8 and 9 (Completed and signed)
- BBBEE certificate (optional)
- The proposal must be valid for 60 days from the closing date of bid.

## 11. CONTACT DETAILS AND DISCLAIMER

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All enquiries must be directed by e-mail to [supplychain@cathsseta.org.za](mailto:supplychain@cathsseta.org.za) before the closing date. CASTSSETA reserves the right to engage with more than one service provider, and to apply and follow CASTSSETA Supply Chain Management guidelines. **All costs incurred in drafting the quotation are those of the service provider.**

## 12. CLOSING DATE

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The quotations must be submitted by no later than, **19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 14: 00pm.**

## 13. TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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

- In order to meet these requirement bidders are required to complete in full the attached form TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate Requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit Bids.
- SARS will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of approval.
- The original Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted together with the bid.
- In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.
- Copies of the TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" form are available from any SARS branch Office nationally or on the website [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za).
- Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, Taxpayers will need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za).





## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state<sup>1</sup>, 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, shareholder<sup>2</sup>, member):  
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2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:  
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2.5 Tax Reference Number: .....

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.

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

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

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



presently employed by the state?

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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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 If so, furnish particulars.

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

YES/NO

1 If so, furnish particulars:

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**Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders**

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

<sup>1</sup>“State” means –

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

<sup>2</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.



**4 DECLARATION**

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

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

.....  
Signature

.....  
Date

.....  
Position

.....  
Name of bidder

November 2011

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

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

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

**1. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
  - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

- 1.2
- a) The value of this bid is estimated to **exceed/not exceed** R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the **.....** preference point system shall be applicable; or
  - b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).

- 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:

	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	
<b>B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR</b>	
<b>Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed</b>	<b>100</b>

- 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 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS**

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

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

Where

- P<sub>s</sub> = Points scored for price of bid under consideration
- P<sub>t</sub> = Price of bid under consideration
- P<sub>min</sub> = 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  NO

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  NO

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		
<b>OR</b>		
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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 .....  
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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.

WITNESSES
1. ....
2. ....

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
DATE: .....
ADDRESS .....
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**DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

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

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector?</p> <p><b>(Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).</b></p> <p>The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website(<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)?</p> <p><b>The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (<a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a>) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</b></p>	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:		

**SBD 8**

**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**

.....  
**Name of Bidder**

Js365bW

## CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 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:

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

<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

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

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(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

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(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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

<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.

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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