



Panel of Legal Experts Briefing Session

Date: 19 December 2019

Time: 12h00

Questions and Answers

- Question:** When is the last day for bidders to send the Questions regarding the Bid?

Answer: Before the bid closes, unless otherwise indicated to all bidders.
- Question:** The Fidelity Fund Certificate (FFC) is valid up to 31 December 2019, what if the bidder does not have the 2020 FFC by the time they submit a bid in January 2020?

Answer: The bidder must submit the latest FFC in possession by the time of submitting the bid. If the bidder submits in January 2020 and does not yet have the 2020 FFC the 2019 FFC will be acceptable on condition that the 2020 FFC will be provided by the bidder prior to award. Thereafter, the bidder will be given reasonable time to submit the valid 2020 FFC after the bid has closed.
- Question:** Where can the bidders get the briefing session presentation?

Answer: The presentation will be made available on the CATHSSETA website by close of business on the 20th of December 2019.
- Question:** What was the reason for the advertisement of the bid in December and closing in short time by 16 January when most offices are closed, including the offices that would have assisted bidders with reference letters?

Answer: CATHSSETA is considerate of the inconvenience caused by the bid being advertised during the December period and closing in January 2020. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the implementation of the procurement plan was delayed and given the fact that the financial year closes on the 31st of March 2020, it was therefore important that the bid be advertised at the earliest available time to ensure finalisation of all procurement matters prior to the 31st of March 2020.