

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
(iThemba LABS – M2017/18:21)  
For the  
APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO  
PERFORM A DUE DILLIGENCE OF  
THE CURRENT PROPOSAL AS WELL  
AS COMPILE A PROSPECTUS FOR  
PHASE ONE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
ISOTOPE FACILITY PROJECT AT  
iThemba LABS CAPE TOWN.**

For

**iThemba Laboratory for Accelerator Based Sciences**

A National Facility of the National Research Foundation established in terms of the National Research Foundation Act (Act No 23 of 1998) (Hereinafter referred to as "iThemba LABS")

**1 INTRODUCTION TO THE NRF**

The National Research Foundation ("NRF") is a juristic person established in terms of the National Research Foundation Act, Act 23 of 1998, and a Schedule 3A Public Entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act. The NRF is the government's national agency responsible for promoting and supporting research and human capital development through funding researchers, provision of the National Research Platforms, and science outreach platforms/programs to the broader community. The NRF provides these services in all fields of science and technology, including natural science, engineering, social science, and humanities. The NRF delivers its mandate through its internal business units which are both functional and geographical diverse. All contracts flowing from bidding only apply to iThemba LABS (Cape Town).

## 2 INTRODUCTION TO THE NRF BUSINESS UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS BID

iThemba LABS (Laboratory for Accelerator-Based Sciences) is a multi-disciplinary research laboratory based at two sites in the Western Cape and Gauteng respectively, these provide facilities for:

- Basic and applied nuclear physics research using particle beams
- Research radiation biophysics
- The supply of accelerator-produced radioactive isotopes for nuclear medicine and research

## 3 SITE LOCATION FOR DELIVERY

iThemba LABS Cape Town  
Old Faure Road  
Faure  
Western Cape  
7131  
South Africa

## 4 PROGRAMME FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY

The following key dates are applicable to this contract:

- Awarding of proposal: **July 2017**
- Issue an official order: **1 week after awarding**
- Delivery of service: **Within 14 days of award or as mutually agreed between iThemba LABS and successful bidder**
- Terms of Payment: **30 days from date of acceptance of invoice or statement whichever is agreed upon.**

## 5 REGISTRATION ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD)

The bidder must register on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database in order to do business with an organ of state or for the NRF to award a bid or contract. Registration on the CSD ([www.csd.gov.za](http://www.csd.gov.za)) provides a bidder with an opportunity to do business with all state organisations including provincial and municipal levels. National Treasury Contact Details: 012 406 9222 or email [csd.support@treasury.gov.za](mailto:csd.support@treasury.gov.za).

## SECTION 1: PROCESS DESCRIPTION & ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Intent of the document

This Request for Proposal is intended to allow the successful bidder to specify and present their skills, expertise and price for the above mentioned services to iThemba LABS Cape Town. Final acceptance of any proposal is not guaranteed this being the exclusive right of iThemba LABS. The purpose of this RFP is to invite proposals for the **APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO PERFORM A DUE DILLIGENCE OF THE CURRENT PROPOSAL AS WELL AS COMPILE A PROSPECTUS FOR PHASE ONE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ISOTOPE FACILITY PROJECT AT iThemba LABS CAPE TOWN** with the right to cancellation due to non – performance.

### 2. Background

The iThemba Laboratory for Accelerator-based Sciences (iThemba LABS) is a National Research Facility and the premier atomic particle accelerator laboratory on the African Continent and the only Facility of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. The Facility provides unique research infrastructure platforms supported by highly skilled scientists and operations staff as well as the development of the next generation of nuclear professionals.

The research agenda of the Facility is accomplished largely through the Separated Sector Cyclotron (SSC), a particle accelerator that produces particle beams for research, as well as for the production of radioisotopes. The SSC is however, a bespoke, aging research platform that has been identified for several years as a major strategic risk. Due to its age, the type of beams produced by the SSC, are decreasing in relevance, and with time will yield lower impact outputs as the world shifts research focus to exotic beams. The situation is further exacerbated by the fact that unscheduled downtime has been increasing year on year as the effect of accelerated aging through the extended use of the cyclotron outpaces the preventative maintenance protocols. In addition, the current oversubscription of beam time on the SSC limits the capacity of the Facility to fulfil its mandate. In the absence of an infrastructure renewal plan, the relevance of the facility in the global landscape will diminish with time. An immediate concern is that a serious mechanical failure of the SSC will have a catastrophic impact on the current research and the training agenda, as well as the production of radioisotopes.

To elevate the iThemba LABS contribution to knowledge production, and, consequently, mitigate the key risks to sustainability, the Facility has developed a robust strategy, in collaboration with a panel of international experts. The strategy will preserve the existing cyclotron for dedicated research and training in the interim, while enabling a significant increase in the production of exotic isotopes to a growing local and international market by creating a new Isotope Centre. The implementation of this plan consists of the two independent phases.

- The first phase will require the establishment of the **Accelerator Centre for Exotic Isotopes** (ACE-Isotopes). This will support the migration of the radioisotope production programme from the existing SSC to a proposed 70 MeV cyclotron. In doing so, the SSC will have freed capacity to devote to the trans-disciplinary research agenda of the Facility. Increase in beam time availability and isotope production capacity will result in a growth in revenue. Phase 1 includes, in addition to ACE-Isotopes, the realization of the radioactive ions production. The Low Energy Radioactive Ions Beams (LERIB) project is currently underway at iThemba LABS and is being partially funded through an Infrastructure Grant instrument. LERIB will deliver the infrastructure to produce radioactive ions.
- Phase 2 is envisaged to begin after the completion and commissioning of ACE-Isotopes and proposes the development of an **Accelerator Centre for Exotic Beams** (ACE-Beams) in support of the production of accelerated exotic isotopes from the LERIB. ACE-Beams will invigorate basic and applied research in innovative fields, from targeted cancer therapy modalities, to understanding of the origin and creation of the chemical elements of the universe. Increased revenue earned from implementing phase one can offset the cost of phase two.

Phase 1, namely ACE-Isotopes, implemented in parallel with LERIB, is a complete solution and will not be dependent on the completion of ACE-Beams for optimal productivity. LERIB, in isolation from ACE-Beams, will create a unique capability and will complement the science objectives of SAIF. For example, LERIB will support research to understand the synthesis of chemical elements in the universe.

### 3. Mandatory and Administrative Requirements

Pricing must be filled in on this document and can be supported by a separate proposal.

Detailed proposal and any additional information must accompany this signed Request for Proposal (RFP).

Prices supplied should be fully inclusive of all costs; value added tax, delivery charges and other taxes.

Prices must be in South African currency.

Price summary supplied in this document is firm prices.

Proposals not complying with the Technical Specifications will not be considered.

Bidders not submitting mandatory returnable evaluation documents will not be considered for evaluation.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS (M = Mandatory)</b> Please Tick Applicable		
Certified BBBEE Certificate	O	YES/NO
Company Profile	M	YES/NO
CSD (Central Supplier Database) Proof of Registration ( <a href="http://www.csd.gov.za">www.csd.gov.za</a> ).	M	YES/NO
SBD 4	M	YES/NO
SBD 6.1	M	YES/NO
SBD 8	M	YES/NO
SBD 9	M	YES/NO
Confirmation that the bidder has the necessary Professional Indemnity Insurance Cover.	M	YES/NO
Proof of professional registration as an Engineering Consultant.	O	YES/NO
Resolution by the Bidder authorizing signatory	M	YES/NO
<b>EVALUATION DOCUMENTS (Go/No Go)</b> Note: Compulsory to submit all returnable documents		
Comprehensive CV of the key personnel that will provide the service with minimum ten (10) years' experience in the field.	M	YES/NO
List of similar projects indicating cost and duration and contact details in the past 5 years.	M	YES/NO
Written Trade References for similar work. (Minimum of Three). Written references in the format under annexure (Page 46 -47).	M	YES/NO
Detailed Project/Work Plan as per the requirements/specification stipulated on this document.	M	YES/NO
Proof of address to demonstrate that the bidder's primary place of business is in South Africa.	M	YES/NO

#### 4. Proposal Submission

Proposal must reach iThemba LABS before the closing hour on the date shown below, and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope which must have inscribed on the outside:

RFP No: iThemba LABS – M2017/18:21  
Description: APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO PERFORM A DUE DILLIGENCE OF THE CURRENT PROPOSAL AS WELL AS COMPILE A PROSPECTUS FOR PHASE ONE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ISOTOPE FACILITY PROJECT AT iThemba LABS CAPE TOWN.

Closing Date and Time: **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 11:00 am**

Closing Address: *[Refer to section 5]*

#### 5. Delivery Instructions for Bids

##### 5.1 Delivery by Hand:

If delivered by hand, the envelope is to be deposited in the iThemba LABS Tender Box which is located at the Main Reception Area, Old Faure Road, Faure, Western Cape, 7131

##### 5.2 Despatches by Courier:

If dispatch by courier, the envelope must be addressed as follows and delivered to the Tender Box and a signature obtained from the security.

iThemba LABS Cape Town  
Main Reception Area  
Tender Box  
Old Faure Road  
Faure  
Western Cape  
7131

5.3 Please note that this RFP closes punctually at **11:00 am on 17 July 2017.** No late bids will be accepted.

5.4 If responses are not delivered as stipulated herein, such responses will not be considered and will be treated as “UNRESPONSIVE.” This included bids that are delivered late.

5.5 No email or facsimile responses will be considered, unless otherwise stated herein.

5.6 The responses to this RFP will be opened as soon as practicable after the expiry of the time advertised for receiving them.

- 5.7 iThemba LABS shall not, at the opening of responses, disclose to any other company any confidential details pertaining to the Proposals / information received i.e. pricing, delivery, etc. The names and locations of the Respondents will be divulged to other respondents upon request.
- 5.8 Envelopes must not contain documents relating to any RFP other than that shown on the envelope. All envelopes must reflect the return address of the Respondent on the reverse side.

## **6. Awarding of Request for Proposal and Appointment of Bidders**

- 6.1 The contract will be awarded to the bidder who scores the highest total number of points during the evaluation process, except where the law permits otherwise.
- 6.2 iThemba LABS will award the contract to qualified bidder(s)' whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to iThemba LABS, taking into consideration the technical (functional) solution, price and B-BBEE & Local Content (Refer to SBD 6.2)
- 6.3 Awarding of bidders will be published on iThemba LABS tender website. Regret letters will be sent out to all unsuccessful bidders.
- 6.4 Appointment as a successful service provider shall be subject to the parties agreeing to mutually acceptable contractual terms and conditions. In the event of the parties failing to reach such agreement iThemba LABS reserves the right to appoint an alternative supplier.

## **7. Evaluation Process**

- 7.1 Evaluation of proposals:

All proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation team for administrative compliance, functionality, price and B-BBEE. Based on the results of the evaluation process and upon successful negotiations, iThemba LABS will approve the awarding of the contract to successful bidder.

- 7.2 Preference points system:

The 80/20 preference point system will be used where 80 points will be dedicated to price and 20 points to B-BBEE status. If all bidders received are more than R500k, the proposal will be cancelled and re-issued.

- 7.3 Pricing Proposal:

7.3.1 Pricing proposal must be cross-referenced to the sections in the Technical Proposal.

7.3.2 Price needs to be provided in South African Rand (excl. VAT), with details on price elements that are subject to escalation and exchange rate fluctuations clearly indicated.

7.3.3 Only firm prices\* will be accepted during the bid validity period. Non-firm prices\*\* (including prices subject to rates of exchange variations) will not be considered.

7.4 Validity Period of the Proposal:

Each proposal shall be valid for a minimum period of three (3) months calculated from the closing date.

## **8. Communication**

8.1 Bidders are warned that a Proposal will be liable to disqualification should any attempt be made by a Respondent either directly or indirectly to canvass any officer or employee of iThemba LABS in respect of this RFP between the closing date and the date of the award of the business.

8.2 For specific queries relating to this RFP, Respondents must contact SCM Office in writing. In the interest of fairness and transparency iThemba LABS response to such a query will then be made available to the other Respondents who have attended the compulsory site clarification meeting.

8.3 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may communicate with iThemba LABS Supply Chain Management Section, at [scm@tlabs.ac.za](mailto:scm@tlabs.ac.za) on any matter relating to its RFP proposal.

8.4 Respondents found to be in collusion with one another will be automatically disqualified and blacklisted from doing business with iThemba LABS in future.

## **9. RFP Documentation Availability**

The RFP documents are available from the iThemba LABS website – [www.tlabs.ac.za/administration/supply](http://www.tlabs.ac.za/administration/supply) chain management/bids.



## **SECTION 2: GENERAL SPECIFICATION**

The prospective consulting engineer must have demonstrable experience in production planning, business analysis and the ability to develop the basic documents and models to support a high fidelity prospectus of information. The consulting engineer will report directly to the Managing Director for the duration of this scope of work outlined in this document and will have unfettered access to the information already available at iThemba LABS. The consulting engineer will be supported by a team of domain experts at the Facility who will assist with sourcing and making available the necessary information.

### **SCOPE OF WORK AND EXTET OF SERVICE REQUIRED**

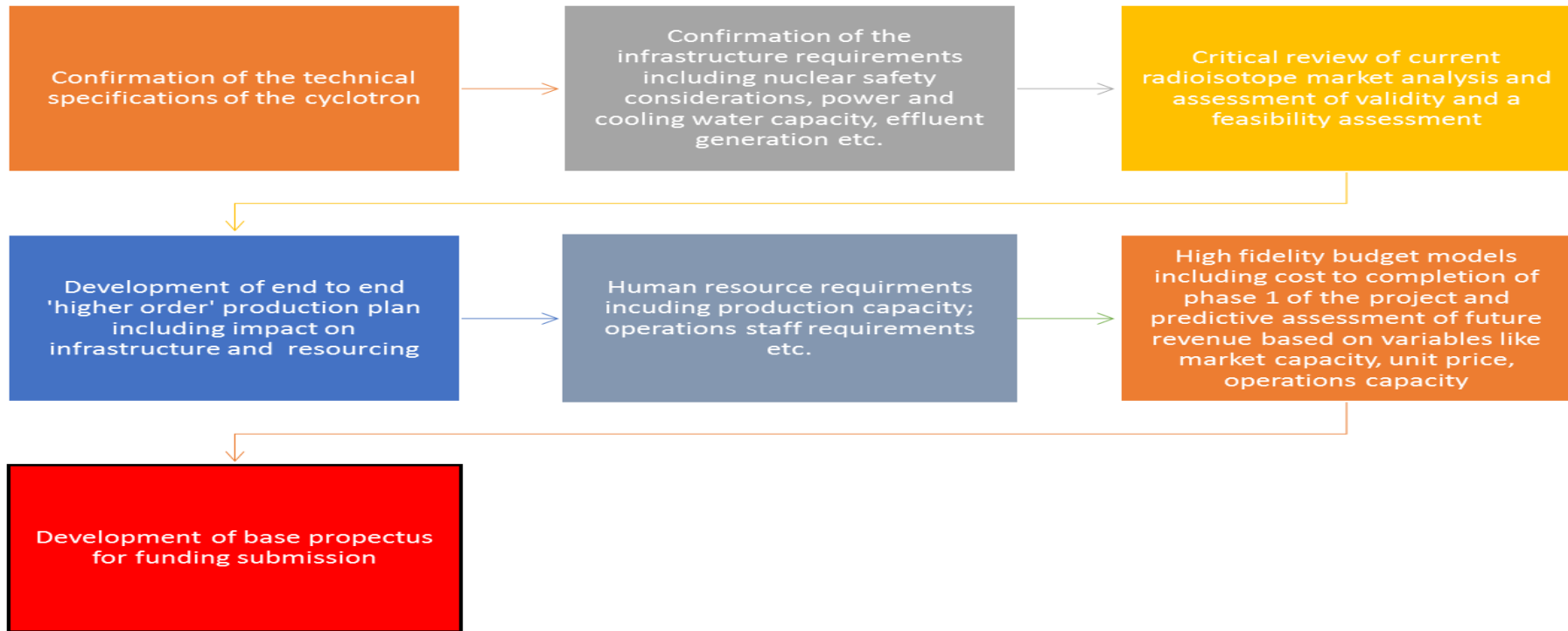
At this point, the NRF Board has endorsed the project and the NRF has started the process for engaging with various potential funders in an attempt to fund phase one. For the various funding submissions to be made, it is imperative to develop a high fidelity prospectus of information. iThemba LABS intends to procure the services of a consulting engineer to:

1. Review and validate the existing models, data and other information;
2. Develop appropriate predictive models on funding, capacity, and production planning if necessary; and
3. Compile a high fidelity prospectus that will form the base for the various funding submissions to development funders, banks, and or public sector funding sources as needed.

The prospective consulting engineer must have demonstrable experience in production planning, business analysis and the ability to develop the basic documents and models to support a high fidelity prospectus of information. The consulting engineer will report directly to the Managing Director for the duration of this scope of work outlined in this document and will have unfettered access to the information already available at iThemba LABS. The consulting engineer will be supported by a team of domain experts at the Facility who will assist with sourcing and making available the necessary information.

The figure below outlines the various bodies of information required to support the development of a high fidelity prospectus. It is envisaged that these models and planning document will form the basis of the Systems Engineering Management Plan (SEMP) in the execution phase of the project.

Figure 1: Bodies of information required to support the development of a high fidelity prospectus



The Engineering Consultant shall provide the Review and validate the existing models, data and other information; Develop appropriate predictive models on funding, capacity, and production planning if necessary; and Compile a high fidelity prospectus that will form the base for the various funding submissions to development funders, banks, and or public sector funding sources as needed.

### List of existing information/ documents to be provided by iThemba LABS

- Project Overview
- Science Agenda (for information)
- Review Panel Report
- Cyclotron Specification
- Base Support Infrastructure Requirements i.e. power capacity, foundation integrity, effluent treatment requirements etc.
- Existing Market Analysis
- Existing Budget Model
- Existing Revenue Projections
- Current Capacity Plan
- Nuclear Safety Requirements and Considerations – Planning for nuclear safety requirements will remain the responsibility of the Managing Director

### Request for Quotation

A detailed quotation including time and materials is request for the scope of work. The quotation will consider that iThemba LABS will be providing a team of experts to support the execution of the scope of work and that various sets of information are already in existence and need to be validated before use.

### Basis of Remuneration, Method of Tendering and Estimated Fees

As a state institute the utilisation of consultants and determination of professional fees for services to be rendered are governed by the Department Public Service and Administration Guide on Hourly Fee Rates for Consultants.

### Pricing Schedule

Specifications and Functionalities Requirements	Quantity	Total (VAT Inclusive)
Professional Engineering Consultancy Fee hourly rate	1	R
Professional Engineering Consultancy Fee project	1	
Disbursements	1	
<b>Total Cost (Inclusive of VAT)</b>		<b>R</b>

### THRESHOLD TO QUALIFY FOR PRICE/PREFERENCE EVALUATION STAGE 3

Bidders are not eligible for the next stage of evaluation, which is Price and Preference scoring, where they score less than the minimum threshold of:

1. 70% on total score and/or scores “Meet Specifications”
2. Meeting all administrative requirements as “GO/NO GO”

<b>Competence Criterion</b>	<b>Key Aspects of Criterion</b>	<b>Points Allocation</b>		<b>Total Points</b>
<b>Methodology</b>	Project/ Work Plan	No submission	0	20
		Poor – inadequate information	5	
		Satisfactory – Required Information supplied lack underlying detail	10	
		Good – well laid out and detailed work plan	15	
		Excellent – exceptionally laid out and thoroughly detailed work plan	20	
<b>Relevant Company Experience</b>	Company Due Diligence: Experience in provision of similar professional services (attach letters of recommendation from previous clients)	No submission	0	40
		Less than 3 years	10	
		Less than 4 years	20	
		5 years’ experience	30	
		More than 5 years’ experience	40	
	Capacity of key professionals, CV qualification certificates, similar project experience	No submission	0	40
		Less than 5 years’ experience	10	
		Ten years’ experience	30	

	and team project management	More than 10 years' experience	40	
<b>Total</b>				<b>100</b>

**PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIMED (SBD 6.1)**

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

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

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

**1. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

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

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

1.1.2. the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2.

1.2.1. 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:

1.3.1. Price; and

1.3.2. 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>80</b>
<b>B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>20</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

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

2.9. “**QSE**” means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

2.10. “**rand value**” means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

### 3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

#### 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:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 80/20 & \text{or} & 90/10 \\
 P_s = 80 \left( 1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) & \text{or} & P_s = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)
 \end{array}$$

Where

$P_s$  = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

$P_t$  = Price of bid under consideration

$P_{\min}$  = 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	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	
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7.1.1. If yes, indicate:

7.1.1.1. What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%

7.1.1.2. The name of the sub-contractor.....

7.1.1.3. The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....

7.1.1.4. Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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7.1.1.5. 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 least 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:

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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:

8.8.1. The information furnished is true and correct;

8.8.2. The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;

8.8.3. 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;

8.8.4. 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 –

8.8.4.1. disqualify the person from the bidding process;

8.8.4.2. recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;

8.8.4.3. 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;

8.8.4.4. 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

8.8.4.5. forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES

1. ....

2. ....

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE: .....

**SBD 9: CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

I, the undersigned, in submitting this Bid in response to the invitation for the Bid made by the NRF, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;

I understand that the Bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;

I am authorised by the Bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the Bid, on behalf of the Bidder;

Each person whose signature appears on the Bid has been authorised by the Bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the Bid on behalf of the Bidder;

For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying Bid, I understand that the word “competitor” shall include any individual or organisation, 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

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.

In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:

- a) Prices;
- b) Geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation);
- c) Methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
- d) The intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a Bid;
- e) The submission of a Bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the Bid; or
- f) Bidding with the intention not to win the Bid.

In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements, or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this Bid invitation relates.

The terms of this 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 the bid or to the signing of the contract.

I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to Bids and contracts, Bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of Section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the

public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation	
<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	
<b>SBD 8 - DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SCM PRACTICES</b>	
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? If Yes, furnish particulars as an attached schedule:	YES / NO
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)? If Yes, furnish particulars as an attached schedule:	YES / NO
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? If Yes, furnish particulars as an attached schedule:	YES / NO
Was any contract between the Bidder and any NRF terminated during the past five years because of failure to perform on or comply with the contract? If Yes, furnish particulars as an attached schedule:	YES / NO
The Database of Restricted Suppliers and Register for Tender Defaulters 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.	
<b>SBD 4 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST WITH GOVERNMENT</b>	
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/s person who is/are involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the Bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and/or adjudication of the Bid.

In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with this Bid:

	Full Name of Bidder or his/her representative
	Identity Number:
	Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder, member):
	Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement
	Tax Reference Number:
	VAT Registration Number:
	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 a separate schedule including the following questions:

Schedule attached with the above details for all directors/members/shareholders

Are you or any person connected with the Bidder presently employed by the STATE? If so, furnish the following particulars in an attached schedule	YES / NO
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Name of person/ director/ trustee/
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	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:	
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
	If Yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the Bid document?	
	If No, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof as an attached schedule	
	(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the Bid.)	
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
	If so, furnish particulars as an attached schedule:	
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
	If so, furnish particulars as an attached schedule.	
Do you or any of the directors/ trustees/ shareholders/ members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not		YES / NO



they are bidding for this contract?	
	If so, furnish particulars as an attached schedule:

<b>National Research Foundation</b>	
	<p><b>3. Contract Management</b></p> <p>3.1. The NRF manages this contract fairly and objectively in accordance to the terms and conditions set out in this document.</p> <p><b>4. Contract Manager</b></p> <p>4.1. The NRF appoints a contract manager and notifies the other party in writing of the name and contact details of the appointed contract manager.</p> <p><b>5. Contract Communication</b></p> <p>5.1. The NRF communicates all communications in writing as well as through email.</p> <p>5.2. The NRF maintains all contract documentation, correspondence, etc. in a defined contract file open for inspection.</p> <p>5.3. The NRF states the contract number with secondary reference numbers i.e. purchase numbers on all communication, documentation such as purchase orders issued, etc. The NRF will consider any communication without the contract number on as not being legal communication between the parties and not enacted on by either party as a protection against fraud.</p> <p><b>6. Communicating “As and When” in terms of the specific contract clauses</b></p> <p>6.1. Where prices and/or availability need to be confirmed, a request for an updated detail quotation/information is issued and the Project Leader must complete a B52 (Request for Order). The detailed quotation together with the signed B52 must be submitted to Supply Chain Management Office for processing;</p> <p>6.2. Where specific procurement items as specified in the contract are required, the NRF issues a purchase order stating the contract number for the requirement.</p>

6.3. Such purchase order has the following detail (where this is not provided, the purchase order is not a valid communication in terms of this contract):

- 6.3.1. Purchase Order Number
- 6.3.2. Contract Number
- 6.3.3. Quantity
- 6.3.4. Description of the required procurement. Where detailed, reference must be made to the relevant technical document attached;
- 6.3.5. Catalogue number if applicable;
- 6.3.6. Unit price per this contract;
- 6.3.7. Delivery Date;
- 6.3.8. Business unit code; and
- 6.3.9. The specific delivery site.

**7. Communicating where incidental services are required as listed in this document**

- 7.1. Incidental services are specified in the incidental services clause
- 7.2. Incidental services are priced in accordance with the incidental clause where such prices have not been set in the SBD form.

**8. Communicating where spare parts are required as listed in this document**

- 8.1. The spare parts services are specified in the spare parts clause

**9. Performance Management**

- 9.1. The NRF measures performance throughout the contract life.
- 9.2. The NRF has regular performance review with the contractor.
- 9.3. Where severe non-performance occurs will terminate the contract earlier in consultation with the contractor.

**PERFORMANCE LEVELS**

Service being Measured	Measurement	Minimum level
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Due diligence of current proposals	Review and validate the existing models, data and other information	100% compliance to the specification as stipulated on the RFP
Business, Operational and Funding Modelling	Develop appropriate predictive models on funding, capacity, and production planning if necessary	100% compliance to the specification as stipulated on the RFP
Compilation of High Fidelity Prospectus	High fidelity prospectus that will form the base for the various funding submissions to development funders, banks, and or public sector funding sources as needed	100% compliance to the specification as stipulated on the RFP
Timely Submission of the Due Diligence report and Prospectus	Submission within the agreed timeline as per work plan	On time submission

### **CONTRACTED BIDDER**

#### **1. Managing the Contract**

1.1. The contracted party manages this contract fairly and objectively in accordance to the terms and conditions set out in this document.

1.2. The Service Provider will supervise and exercise proper control over its personnel and shall not hold the iThemba LABS liable for any loss or injury caused to the said personnel. The Service Provider will seek to resolve any

problems relating to its personnel in line with the laws of the country (e.g. Labour Laws).

## **2. Contract Manager**

2.1. The contracted party appoints a contract manager and notifies the NRF in writing of the name and contact details of the appointed contract manager.

## **3. Communication**

3.1. The contracted party communicates in writing and through email.

3.2. The contracted party always state the contract number on communication, documentation such as correspondence, purchase orders issued, etc. and will not act upon any communication without the contract number or must verify such communication with the NRF prior to acting upon it.

## **4. Managing Stages (if applicable), Delivery Scheduling (if applicable), Milestones (if applicable)**

4.1. Where different stages apply, the contracted party communicates in writing the commencement of the stage to the NRF.

## **5. Health and Safety Requirements**

5.1. In terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS Act No 85 of 1993 and its Regulations), the contracted supplier is responsible for the health and safety of its employees and those other people affected by the operations of the supplier.

5.2. The contracted supplier ensures all work performed and/or equipment used on site complies with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS Act No 85 of 1993 and its Regulations).

5.3. To this end, the contracted supplier shall make available to NRF the valid letter of good conduct and shall ensure that its validity does not expire while executing this bid.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa, words in the masculine mean in the feminine and neuter, and words such as “will/should” mean “must”.

The NRF cannot amend the National Treasury’s General Conditions of Contract (GCC). The NRF appends Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) providing specific information

relevant to a GCC clause directly below the specific GCC clause and where the NRF requires a SCC that is not part of the GCC, the NRF appends the SCC clause after all the GCC clauses. No clause in this document shall be in conflict with another clause.

GCC1	<p><b>1. Definitions - The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:</b></p> <p>1.1. “Closing time” means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.</p> <p>1.2. “Contract” means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.</p> <p>1.3. “Contract price” means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.</p> <p>1.4. “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.</p> <p>1.5. "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.</p> <p>1.6. “Country of origin” means the place where the goods were mined, grown, or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.</p> <p>1.7. “Day” means calendar day.</p> <p>1.8. “Delivery” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.</p> <p>1.9. “Delivery ex stock” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.</p> <p>1.10. “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so</p>
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delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.

- 1.11. "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
- 1.12. "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars, or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13. "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14. "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15. "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16. "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17. "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18. "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components, and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19. "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods

	<p>or works or the rendering of a service.</p> <p>1.20. “Project site,” where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.</p> <p>1.21. “Purchaser” means the organization purchasing the goods.</p> <p>1.22. “Republic” means the Republic of South Africa.</p> <p>1.23. “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.</p> <p>1.24. “Services” means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.</p> <p>1.25. “Written” or “in writing” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.</p>
GCC2	<p><b>2. Application</b></p>
	<p>2.1. These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.</p> <p>2.2. Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to, cover specific supplies, services or works.</p> <p>2.3. Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.</p>
GCC3	<p><b>3. General</b></p>
	<p>3.1. Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.</p> <p>3.2. With certain exceptions (National Treasury’s eTender website), invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from <a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za">www.treasury.gov.za</a></p>

<b>GCC3 SCC</b>	The RFP will also be published on iThemba LABS website.
GCC4	<b>4. Standards</b>
	4.1. The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.
GCC5	<b>5. Use of contract documents and information</b>
	<p>5.1. The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.</p> <p>5.2. The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.</p> <p>5.3. Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.</p> <p>5.4. The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.</p>
GCC6	<b>6. Patent rights</b>
	6.1. The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.
GCC7	<b>7. Performance security</b>
	7.1. Within thirty days (30) of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.



	<p>7.2. The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.</p> <p>7.3. The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:</p> <p>7.3.1. bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or</p> <p>7.3.2. a cashier's or certified cheque</p> <p>7.4. The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.</p>
GCC8	<p><b>8. Inspections, tests and analyses</b></p>
	<p>8.1. All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.</p> <p>8.2. If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.</p> <p>8.3. If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period, it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.</p> <p>8.4. If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.</p> <p>8.5. Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether</p>

	<p>such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests, or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.</p> <p>8.6. Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.</p> <p>8.7. Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies, which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.</p> <p>8.8. The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.</p>
GCC9	<b>9. Packing</b>
	<p>9.1. The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.</p> <p>9.2. The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.</p>
GCC10	<b>10. Delivery and Documentation</b>
	10.1. Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance

	<p>with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified in SCC.</p> <p>10.2. Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.</p>
GCC11	<b>11. Insurance</b>
	<p>11.1. The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.</p>
<b>GCC11 SCC</b>	The bidder has the necessary Professional Indemnity Insurance Cover.
GCC12	<b>12. Transportation</b>
	<p>12.1. Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.</p>
GCC13	<b>13. Incidental services</b>
	<p>13.1. The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13.1.1. performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;</li> <li>13.1.2. furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;</li> <li>13.1.3. furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;</li> <li>13.1.4. performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and</li> <li>13.1.5. training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.</li> </ul> <p>13.2. Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by</p>

	the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.
GCC14	<b>14. Spare parts</b>
	<p>14.1. As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:</p> <p>14.1.1. such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and</p> <p>14.1.2. in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:</p> <p>14.1.2.1. Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and</p> <p>14.1.2.2. Following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.</p>
GCC15	<b>15. Warranty</b>
	<p>15.1. The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.</p> <p>15.2. This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.</p>

	<p>15.3. The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.</p> <p>15.4. Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.</p> <p>15.5. If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.</p>
<b>GCC16</b>	<b>16. Payment</b>
	<p>16.1. The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.</p> <p>16.2. The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfilment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.</p> <p>16.3. Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.</p> <p>16.4. Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC</p>
<b>GCC16 SCC</b>	<p>Schedule of payments are as follows:</p> <p>30 days from receipt of invoice. The invoice must be accompanied by signed timesheet.</p>
<b>GCC16 SCC</b>	<p>Method and conditions of payment are as follows:</p> <p>The NRF only accepts invoices supported by signed delivery documents in accordance with this contract as valid payment requests.</p> <p>The other party submits the above invoices to the appointed contract manager for submission to the respective finance unit.</p> <p>The NRF does not settle invoices for outstanding goods or services.</p> <p>Payment is made in the South African Rands or any other currency as per the invoice.</p>
<b>GCC17</b>	<b>17. Prices</b>

	17.1. Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.
GCC18	<b>18. Contract amendment</b>
	18.1. No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.
GCC19	<b>19. Assignment</b>
	19.1. The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.
GCC20	<b>20. Subcontract</b>
	20.1. The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract
<b>GCC20 SSC</b>	<p>The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts under this contract inclusive of termination of such sub-contracts and the replacement of sub-contracts previously notified in writing.</p> <p>The supplier cannot sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the supplier, unless the supplier sub-contracts to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.</p> <p>The supplier provides proof, in the legislated formats, of the sub-contractor's B-BBEE status for each sub-contract to this contract to the NRF.</p>
GCC21	<b>21. Delays in supplier's performance</b>
	<p>21.1. Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.</p> <p>21.2. If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly</p>

	<p>notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.</p> <p>21.3. No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.</p> <p>21.4. The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.</p> <p>21.5. Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.</p> <p>21.6. Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.</p>
GCC22	<b>22. Penalties</b>
	<p>22.1. Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.</p>

GCC22 SSC	<b>PENALTIES FOR NOT MEETING THE MINIMUM LEVELS SET OUT IN THE SERVICE PERFORMANCE LEVELS EARLIER IN THIS DOCUMENT</b>	
	<b>Situation Requiring Penalty</b>	<b>Penalty where below minimum</b>
	Due diligence review of current proposals	As stipulated on GCC 22.1
	Business, Operational and Funding Modelling	As stipulated on GCC 22.1
	Compilation of High Fidelity Prospectus	As stipulated on GCC 22.1
	Timely Submission of the Due Diligence report and Prospectus	As stipulated on GCC 22.1
GCC23	<b>23. Termination for default</b>	
	<p>23.1. The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">23.1.1. if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">23.1.2. if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">23.1.3. if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.</p> <p>23.2. In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not</p>	



terminated.

23.3. Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4. If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5. Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6. If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:

23.6.1. the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;

23.6.2. the date of commencement of the restriction

23.6.3. the period of restriction; and

23.6.4. the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

23.7. If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the

	<p>person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.</p>
GCC24	<p><b>24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties</b></p>
	<p>24.1. When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him</p>
GCC25	<p><b>25. Force Majeure</b></p>
	<p>25.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.</p> <p>25.2. If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.</p>
GCC26	<p><b>26. Termination for insolvency</b></p>
	<p>26.1. The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise</p>

	<p>insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.</p>
GCC27	<p><b>27. Settlement of disputes</b></p>
	<p>27.1. If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.</p> <p>27.2. If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.</p> <p>27.3. Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.</p> <p>27.4. Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.</p> <p>27.5. Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">27.5.1. the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">27.5.2. the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.</p>
GCC28	<p><b>28. Limitation of liability</b></p>
	<p>28.1. Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">28.1.1. the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and</p>

	<p>28.1.2. the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.</p>
GCC29	<p><b>29. Governing language</b></p>
	<p>29.1. The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.</p>
GCC30	<p><b>30. Applicable law</b></p>
	<p>30.1. The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.</p>
GCC31	<p><b>31. Notices</b></p>
	<p>31.1. Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice</p> <p>31.2. The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice</p>
GCC32	<p><b>32. Taxes and duties</b></p>
	<p>32.1. A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.</p> <p>32.2. A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.</p> <p>32.3. No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services</p>

GCC33	<b>33. National Industrial Participation Programme</b>
	33.1. The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
GCC34	<b>34. Prohibition of restrictive practices</b>
	<p>34.1. In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder (s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).</p> <p>34.2. If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.</p> <p>34.1. If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.</p>
<b>BID SCC</b>	<p><b>Intellectual property provided in the bid invitation</b></p> <p>The ownership and intellectual property rights of all designs, specifications, programming code and all other documentation provided by the NRF to the Bidder, both successful and unsuccessful, remain the property of the NRF</p>
<b>BID SCC</b>	<p><b>Intellectual property contained in the deliverables</b></p> <p>The ownership and intellectual property rights of all designs, specifications, programming code and all other documentation required as part of the delivery to the NRF reside with the NRF.</p>
<b>BID SCC</b>	<p><b>Third Party Warranty</b></p> <p>Where the contracted party sources goods or services from a third party, the contracted party warrants that all financial and supply arrangements are</p>

	agreed between the contracted party and the third party.
<b>BID SCC</b>	<b>Third Party Agreements</b>  No agreement between the contracted party and the third party is binding on the NRF.
<b>BID SCC</b>	<b>Contracted Party Due Diligence</b>  The NRF reserves the right to conduct supply chain due diligence at any time during the contract period including site visits.

<b>NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION ANNEXURES</b>			
<b>Reference Letter Template</b>			
Bidder's Letterhead			
<p>We are submitting a bid for the contract described below. We appreciate your assistance and effort in completing on your letterhead the reference as set out below on your experience with us.</p>			
<b>Referee Letterhead</b>	<b><u>Referee Legal Name</u></b>		
<b><u>REFERENCE ON COMPANY</u></b>			
<b>Bid Number:</b>			
<b>Bid Description</b>			
Describe the service/work the above bidder provide to you below			
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Needs improvement</b>	<b>Meets requirements</b>	<b>Exceeds requirements</b>
Professionalism			

Customer centricity			
Turnaround times on the overall project			
Scope Management (Clear Works Program)			
Quality Management			
Risk Management			
Time Management.			
Cost Management			
Analytical and conceptual abilities and report writing skills			
Communication management			
Overall Impression			
No. of times used in past year	Would you use the provider again?	YES/ NO	

Completed by:	
Signature:	
Company Name:	
Contact Telephone Number:	
Date:	
Company Stamp:	

NAME (PRINT)	
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CAPACITY	
SIGNATURE	
Witness 1	
NAME	
SIGNATURE	
Witness 2	
NAME	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	