

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

SERVICES	X
GOODS	

DESCRIPTION:	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO RENDER MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE SARAO WEBSITE FOR A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS		
RFQ NUMBER:	NRF SARAO SRES AO 004 2019		
CLOSING DATE AND TIME:	13 January 2020 at 11.00AM		
BIDS SUBMITTED TO:	anwuli@ska.ac.za , or The Tender Box at, Reception, SARAO Offices, 2 Fir Street, Black River Park, North Gate Entrance, Observatory, Cape Town		
DELIVERY INFORMATION - N/A			
Bidding procedures enquiries may be directed to:		Technical information enquiries may be directed to:	
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SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
Name of Bidder Name:					
Street Address:					
Telephone Number					
Code		Number			
Cell Phone Number					
Code		Number			
Facsimile Number					
Code		Number			
E-Mail Address					
VAT Registration Number					
Tax Compliance Status	Tax Compliance System PIN		OR	Central Supplier Database No.	MAAA
B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate	Tick Applicable Box. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE Status Level Sworn Affidavit	Tick Applicable Box. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
[A B-BBEE status level verification certificate/sworn affidavit (for EMEs & QSEs) must be submitted in order to qualify for preference points for B-BBEE – also refer to the SBD 6.1]					
Are you the accredited representative in South Africa for the goods/services/works offered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes enclose proof]		Are you a foreign-based supplier for the goods/services/works offered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes, answer the questionnaire below]	
Is the entity a resident of the Republic of South Africa (RSA)?					
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the entity have a branch in the RSA?					
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the entity have a permanent establishment in the RSA?					
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the entity have any source of income in the RSA?					
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the entity liable in the RSA for any form of taxation?					
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If the answer is "No" to all of the above, then it is not a requirement to register for a tax compliance status system pin code from the South African Revenue Service (SARS).					

1. INTRODUCTION TO SARAO

The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO, formerly in part SKA SA) is the business unit of the National Research Foundation (NRF) that houses and operates South Africa's national radio telescope shared facilities, including the MeerKAT, KAT-7 and Hartebeesthoek 26-m radio telescopes.

As a member of the international effort to build the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), which will be the world's largest radio telescope, South Africa (through the NRF's business units) is responsible for the construction and operation of the MeerKAT precursor telescope, for hosting the SKA Mid Frequency telescope, and for implementation of the African VLBI Network.

The SARAO project office has offices based in Johannesburg and Cape Town, as well as the radio-quiet SKA host site in the Karoo, 90km from Carnarvon in the Northern Cape, which hosts the Square Kilometre Array mid-frequency telescopes, MeerKAT, and KAT-7 radio telescope installations, as well as a number of guest instruments, including the HERA telescope.

2. SPECIFICATION

SARAO wishes to appoint website maintenance and support service provider for a period of 18 months.

2.1 Compatibility

Compatibility of the website must be maintained to perform optimally on all popular browsers including Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, etc.

2.2 Mobile Devices

The website should be accessible and readable by most mobile devices.

2.3 Security, Hosting and Intellectual Property

In order to prevent any hacking of the SARAO website, security needs to be managed effectively and proactively. Any use, change or adaptation of any information on the website will be done only with the explicit permission of SARAO.

2.4 Social Media

Social media functionality such as Facebook, Twitter, etc should be maintained on the website, as well as an RSS feed.

2.5 Design

Updates and refreshments on the website should be done in accordance with the current look and feel.

2.6 Content Management

Content management plays a critical role in the effectiveness of SARAO's Website. It is, therefore, important that the content management system provide the following functionality:

- (i) Ease of use

- (ii) User access control with administration login history
- (iii) Text editor with ability to insert images, captions, tables and attachments (eg PDF files)
- (iv) Ability to handle video
- (v) Form fields for author, upload and delete date
- (vi) Content tags
- (vii) Ability to create contact forms
- (viii) Automatically delete/archive content on expiry or, alternatively, to notify web champion of content expiry.

2.7 Website Maintenance and Performance Tracking

The appointed service provider will be required to conduct monthly website maintenance for the duration of the contract to the back-end and front-end to ensure the smooth running of the website. The appointed service provider is required to provide monthly reports on the performance of the website. Reports should, among others, include:

- (i) The number of hits (and description of the visitors to the site – demographic, geographic, etc.);
- (ii) Points of impact – identify surges in usage and highlight possible reasons for these trends with recommendations on increasing and redirecting traffic to the website and associated social media platforms;
- (iii) Content performance – report on how long visitors spend on the various components of the website and make suggestions on what should be done to increase performance in this area;
- (iv) Cross reference – provide SARAO with an understanding of which other Websites reference the content on the SARAO website;
- (v) Social media reports on the performance of SARAO specific social media platforms with recommendations on how this can be improved.

2.8 Ad hoc requirements

From time to time the service provider will be asked to perform ad-hoc requests such as uploading press releases, progress photographs or videos, bulk email sending, etc. The requirements should include the following (but is not limited to):

(a) SARAO Intranet

- (i) Hosting for a period of 18 months at new ISP
- (ii) Web administration – at least 10 hours per month (including uploading of content, uploading of videos and photographs, updating and uploading staff details, assist with uploading documents, creating new tabs, redesign of pages, or creating new pages and sub-menus if necessary)
- (iii) Website maintenance – at least 3 hours per month (including daily backups, uptime monitoring, security checks, performance checks, maintenance and support of the plugins and extensions)
- (iv) Coverage of License Renewal for a period of 18 months for all plugins.
- (v) Migration of Intranet – 24 hours in total once-off (from current hosting provider to new hosting provider, inclusive of full Intranet and database. DNS changes to be performed once Intranet has been successfully uploaded, assistance from the current hosting provider will be required during this stage. Assist in the setup of SSL certificate, provided by SARAO).

(b) SARAO Website

- (i) Hosting – at least 10 hours per month (the appointed service provider will be required to migrate the SARAO website to a new hosting ISP for 18 months)
- (ii) Web administration - at least 20 hours per month (including uploading of press releases and new content, updating current content, uploading of videos and photographs, assist with uploading documents, creating new tabs, pages and sub-menus if necessary, bulk email sending to databases),

Google analytics reports which include number of hits, points of impact, content performance, social media reports on the performance of SARAO specific social media platforms, cross-referencing with other website references as pertains to SARAO. Service provider to accommodate for any requests to update layout of content on existing pages to allow for better user experience).

- (iii) Service Provider Handover - to ensure that all relevant information, logins and website files are transferred to from present Service Provider - 6 hours in total once-off.
- (iv) Website maintenance – at least 5 hours per month (including daily backups of the SARAO website, SEO ranking, uptime monitoring, security checks, performance checks, monitoring vital signs of the website)
- (v) Migration of website - 24 hours in total once-off (from current hosting provider to new hosting provider, inclusive of full SARAO website and database. DNS changes to be performed once Intranet has been successfully uploaded, assistance from the current hosting provider will be required during this stage. Assist in the setup of SSL certificate, provided by SARAO).

3. EVALUATION

Submissions will be evaluated in three phases, as follows:

Phase 1 - Administrative Compliance

Phase 2 - Functionality – Compliance with functionality requirements specified in the specifications.

Phase 3 - Price and BBBEE scoring

Phase 1 – Administrative Compliance

Bidding Form /	Measurement methodology	Mandatory (M) / Optional (O)
SBD 1 - Invitation to Bid	Has the bidder completed and signed the SBD 1 form?	M
SBD 3 - Pricing Schedule	Has the bidder completed the pricing schedule and/or attached a detailed pricing schedule/quotation?	M
SBD 4 - Declaration of Interest	Has the bidder completed and signed the SBD 4 form?	M (if bid exceeds R30 000)
SBD 6.1 - Preference points claimed	Has the bidder completed and signed the SBD 6.1 form?	M (if bid exceeds R30 000)
SBD 8 - Declaration of past SCM practices	Has the bidder completed and signed the SBD 8 form?	M (if bid exceeds R30 000)
SBD 9 - Certificate of independent bid determination	Has the bidder confirmed that by submitting its bid, it has determined its bid independently?	M (if bid exceeds R30 000)

Original/certified BBBEE certificate, or sworn affidavit, if bidder is an EME or QSE	Has the bidder claimed preference points, and submitted its BBBEE certificate or sworn affidavit in support?	O
CSD supplier number	Is the bidder registered with CSD?	M

Phase 2 – Functionality Criteria

Bidders are required to comply with the functionality/quality criteria below. Service providers that do not achieve a 'GO' for all criteria listed below will not be considered further –

No.	Selection criteria	How will this be evaluated	GO / NO GO
1.	Submit evidence of capacity and capability to execute the works described in this bid	Bidder must provide - (i) A portfolio of at least three projects done, similar to the services required in this invitation (ii) At least three valid web addresses of clients the bidder has serviced within the last five years.	
2.	Submit at least three written reference letters confirming scope of work done, period the services were provided and the client's level of satisfaction with the services provided	The letters of reference must evidence the following – (i) That the bidder has provided similar services to the scope of work in this invitation (ii) That the services were provided in the recent past, i.e., within the last 5 years (iii) That the bidder's previous clients were satisfied with the services provided by the bidder.	
3.	Work experience of dedicated Web Designer to be allocated to the SARAO account	Submit CV of dedicated web designer. The CV must evidence at least five (5) years' experience in a mid-level web designer position, or proven record of successful freelance experience, working on different accounts over the span of 5 years	
4.	Qualifications of Web Designer	Submit certified copies of web designer's qualifications. Web designer must have at least a Diploma in Web Design	

Phase 3 – Price and BBBEE Status Level

Submissions will be evaluated on the 80/20 price and preference system, in the event of the lowest quotation exceeding R30 000.

PRICING SCHEDULE - SERVICES (SBD 3.1)

PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 60 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

Respondents are requested to please complete the pricing schedule below in response to this scope of work. Bidders may itemise the detailed activities required for the upgrade in a separate pricing schedule.

SARAO Intranet				
No	Quantity	Description	Unit of measure	Price Incl. VAT
1	18 months	Hosting	PER MONTH	R
2	10 hours	Web admin	PER MONTH	R
3	10 hours	Web maintenance	PER MONTH	R
4	5 hours	Consumables	PER MONTH	R
5	Once-off, including annual renewal for period of 18 months.	Migration	Once-off fee	R
Total inclusive of VAT per month				R
Total inclusive of VAT for 18 months				R

SARAO Website				
No	Quantity	Description	Unit of measure	Price Incl. VAT
1	18 months	Hosting	PER MONTH	R
2	20 hours	Web admin	PER MONTH	R
3	6 hours	Service Provider Handover	Once-off fee	R

4	5 hours	Web maintenance	PER MONTH	R
5	24 hours	Migration	Once-off fee	R
Total inclusive of VAT per month				R
Total inclusive of VAT for 18 months				R

A detailed quotation must also be submitted that corresponds to the above pricing schedule.

The total estimated cost of the contract will not exceed R 500 000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Rand) including VAT and all disbursement.

4. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The appointed bidder's performance will be measured against the following –

Performance	Measurement	Penalty
Respond to email request for design of product within 8 working hours.	Email confirmation of receipt of request within 8 working hours, confirming when first draft will be expected and ready within 72 hours/3 working days.	Failure to respond as prescribed on 3 occasions will deem the Purchase Contract void.
Overall Compliance of all bidders documents in term of CSD compliance (Business Status, Bank Details & Tax status) during the 12 month period	Successful Bidder will be required to maintain a compliant CSD status throughout the contract period	Failure to maintain a compliant CSD status will deem the Purchase Contract void.

5. CONDITIONS

The following conditions will apply:

- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least sixty (60) days from date of your offer.
- Price(s) quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT.



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- Submit your original or certified BBBEE Certificate if you are claiming for BBBEE points, failing which, the BBBEE claimed will be forfeited or zero points will be allocated.
- Bidders must submit their CSD supplier number or, updated CSD summary report. To register <https://secure.csd.gov.za/>

Payment

- Payment terms are as less than 30 days from date of receipt of invoice. Qualifying invoices for payment must meet the following minimum requirements:
- Reference to purchase order number
- Detailed Line items as specified in purchase order

Quotations over a value of R 30 000.00 (VAT included) must be accompanied by the relevant SBD documentation for Quotations duly completed, and the enclosed Declaration of interest (SBD 4), preference points claim form in terms of the preferential Procurement regulations 2017 (SBD 6.1), Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Chain Management Practices (SBD8), Certificate of Independent Bid Determination (SBD9)

- The successful provider will be the one scoring the highest points in the event of the lowest bid being higher than R30 000.00.
- Late or faxed quotations will not be considered. SARAO reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to quote and/or to re-advertise or to accept a part of it. SARAO does not bind itself to accepting the lowest quotation.

Failure to comply with the highlighted conditions will invalidate your offer.

This request for formal quotation is subject to the preferential procurement policy framework act and the preferential procurement regulations, 2017, the general conditions of contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other special conditions of contract.

SBD 4 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST WITH GOVERNMENT

Any legal person, including persons employed by the State (meaning 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); any municipality or municipal entity; provincial legislature; National Assembly or the National Council of Provinces; or National Parliament), 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:

- a. The Bidder is employed by the State; and/or
- b. 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:	
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Identity Number:	
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Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder, member):	
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Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement:	
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Tax Reference Number:	
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VAT Registration Number:	
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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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Name of person/ director/ trustee/ shareholder/member:
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Name of State institution at which you or the person connected to the Bidder is employed
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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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 including any business units of the National Research Foundation in the previous twelve months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 they are bidding for this contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If so, furnish particulars as an attached schedule	

SBD 6.1 - PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIMED

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 R 50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and

1.1.2 The 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R 50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included)

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

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	20
TOTAL POINTS FOR PRICE AND B-BBEE MUST NOT EXCEED	100

1.2 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.

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

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

80/20 :	$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$	OR	90/10 :	$P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$
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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

1.5 Points awarded for B-BBEE status level of contributor

1.5.1 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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Non-compliant contributor 0
Number of points (90/10 system)	10	9	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Number of points (80/20 system)	20	18	14	12	8	6	4	2	

2 Bid declaration

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

B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL	Level:
B-BBEE POINTS CLAIMED	Points

2.2 Points claimed in respect of paragraph 3 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 2 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

3 Sub-contracting

3.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? (Tick applicable box)

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

1. What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
2. The name of the sub-contractor.....
3. The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....

3.3 Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE? (Tick applicable box)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.4 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Black people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black people who are youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black people who are women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black people with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooperative owned by black people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

4 Declaration with regard to company/firm

- 4.1 Name of company/firm:
- 4.2 VAT registration number:
- 4.3 Company registration number.....
- 4.4 Type of company/ firm (Tick applicable box)

TYPE	Tick applicable box
Partnership/Joint Venture /Consortium	
One person business/sole proprietor	
Close corporation	
Company	
(Pty) Limited	

- 4.5 Describe principal business activities

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- 4.6 Company classification (Tick applicable box)

TYPE	Tick applicable box
Manufacturer	
Supplier	
Professional service provider	
Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.	

- 4.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:

5 Bidder declaration

I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBEE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

1. The information furnished is true and correct;
2. The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
3. In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1 and 3, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
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

- (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.

SBD 8 - DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SCM PRACTICES

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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The Database of Restricted Suppliers and Register for Tender Defaulters resides on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	

SBD 9: CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the signatory to this document, in submitting this Bid in response to the invitation for the Bid made by the National Research Foundation, 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 (meaning an association of persons for combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill, and knowledge in an activity for the execution of the bid) 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

*Please refer to SARAO's website for the National Treasury's general conditions of contract

<http://www.SARAO.ac.za/tenders/procurement-documents>

BID SIGNATURE (SBD 1)

I, the bidder, warrant by signature as having read and accepted each page in this document including any annexes attached to this document. I undertake to supply all or any of the goods, works, and services described in this procurement invitation to NRF Corporate in accordance with the requirements and specifications stipulated in this bid document at the price/s quoted. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my offer/bid in response to this invitation, covering all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s), rate(s), and calculations are at my own risk. My offer remains binding upon me and open for acceptance by NRF Corporate during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of bid invitation. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me in terms of this document as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of the subsequent contract conditions if awarded to me.



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I declare that during the bidding period did not have access to any NRF proprietary information or any other matter that may have unfairly placed our bid in a preferential position in relation to any of the other bidder(s).

I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this offer/ bid response.

NB: Failure to provide / or comply with any of the above particulars may render the bid invalid.

Signature of bidder: