

## REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

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<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>X</b>
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DESCRIPTION:	<b>REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SOFTWARE DEVELOPER FOR DIGITAL EARTH SOUTH AFRICA (DESA) PROJECT</b>		
RFQ NUMBER:	<b>SARAO RFQ SCSA 002 2020</b>		
CLOSING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, 29 May 2020 at 11.00AM		
QUOTATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO:	<a href="mailto:anwuli@ska.ac.za">anwuli@ska.ac.za</a>		
<b>DELIVERY INFORMATION - N/A</b>			
LOCATION:	South African National Space Agency (SANSA), Enterprise Building Mark Shuttleworth Street Innovation Hub Pretoria 0087, Gauteng, South Africa.		
LEAD TIME (purchase order date)	N/A		
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<b>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</b>					
<b>Name of Bidder Name:</b>					
<b>Street Address:</b>					
<b>Telephone Number</b>					
Code		Number			
<b>Cell Phone Number</b>					
Code		Number			
<b>Facsimile Number</b>					
Code		Number			
<b>E-Mail Address</b>					
<b>VAT Registration Number</b>					
<b>Tax Compliance Status</b>	Tax Compliance System PIN		<b>OR</b>	Central Supplier Database No.	MAAA
<b>B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate</b>	Tick Applicable Box. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>B-BBEE Status Level Sworn Affidavit</b>	Tick Applicable Box. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>[A B-BBEE status level verification certificate/sworn affidavit (for EMEs &amp; QSEs) must be submitted in order to qualify for preference points for B-BBEE – also refer to the SBD 6.1]</b>					
<b>Are you the accredited representative in South Africa for the goods/services/works offered?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If yes enclose proof]	<b>Are you a foreign-based supplier for the goods/services/works offered?</b>	<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

### About 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 Hartbeeshoek 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.

### About SANSA

The South African National Space Agency (SANSA) came into being in December 2010. SANSA was created to promote the use of space and strengthen cooperation in space-related activities while fostering research in space science, advancing scientific engineering through developing human capital, and supporting industrial development in space technologies. A significant part of SANSA's work involves monitoring the Earth and our surrounding environment, and using the collected data to ensure that navigation, communication technology and weather forecasting services function as intended. SANSA's Head Office is in Pretoria, and they oversee SANSA operations and management of the Earth Observation programme.

## 2. BACKGROUND

SARAO and SANSA are in a collaboration to develop and realize the Digital Earth South Africa (DESA) solution. DESA is an Earth Observation Data Cube (EODC): a digital platform through which users can interact with Earth Observation (EO) data and a solution to store, organize, manage and analyze EO data. It is based on the Open Data Cube, an Open Source EODC solution. The main objective of the DESA is to facilitate EO data usage by addressing complex space data challenges and providing access to large spatio-temporal data in an analysis ready format.

The DESA solution should allow users to:

- Catalogue large amounts of Earth Observation data. SANSa has a repository of data from multiple EO instruments for this purpose.
- Provide users with a high-performance querying interface and data access
- Give scientists and other users the ability to perform Exploratory Data Analysis
- Allow scalable processing of the stored data
- Track the provenance of all the contained data to allow for quality control and updates

Key technical deliverables of the DESA development project consist of acquiring and deploying:

- The computer hardware for the solution. This includes the compute, network, storage and their respective supporting infrastructure.
- The platform software that serves the hardware to the application layer
- The actual DESA EODC software in its optimal functional configuration
- The EO data and its respective pipelines to serve the DESA EODC
- Services required for the productivity of the solution, such as security, DevOps, and High Availability.
- An integrated end solution that abstracts the underlying technology and processes from the user.
- The solution should be supported and maintained
- Technical skills transfer should occur between the developers and the SANSa team for sustainable operation of the DESA post-deployment.

The project's allocated resources, scope, timelines and other contractual details will be finalised, agreed upon and shared with the winning bidder.

### 3. SPECIFICATION / SCOPE OF WORK

**Duties include (but not limited to):**

- Develop, test, and maintain Data Cube system, its interfaces and other components
- Participate in the documentation and refinement of system requirements, design and implementation solutions
- DESA system quality assurance and control
- Work in a continuous release environment
- Participate in project management and systems engineering activities

The ideal respondent will have 8 or more years' experience in most of the following:

- Comprehension of geospatial data, its models, data systems and technical requirements.
- Working with satellite images, preferably SPOT, SENTINEL families of satellites.
- Working with space data receiving and archiving systems
- Working with geospatial software packages
- Knowledge of geospatial data processing and quality assurance processes
- Developing software and systems in Python and other languages
- Working with open source tools or in an open source environment

- Working with formal project management and agile practices and methods
- Exposure and knowledge of systems analysis and engineering
- Integrating and configuring various software technologies and infrastructure

#### 4. EVALUATION

Bids will be evaluated in the following three phases:

<b>Phase 1:</b>	Administrative compliance / submission of all returnable documents and completion of all returnable schedules to qualify for evaluation in Phase 2
<b>Phase 2:</b>	Phase 2 will be broken down into two sub-stages as follows:  <b>Stage 1:</b> Minimum requirements <b>Stage 2:</b> Presentation and interview
<b>Phase 3:</b>	Price and BBBEE evaluation

#### Phase 1 – Administrative Compliance

All returnable documents marked mandatory ('M'), must be completed or submitted by service providers in order to proceed to be evaluated further in Phase 2.

Returnable document/ schedule	Page reference	Mandatory (M) / Optional (O)
Signed and completed SBD 3.1 form (pricing schedule)	Page 8	<b>M</b>
Signed and completed SBD 4 form	Page 10-11	<b>M</b> (if bid exceeds R30 000)
Signed and completed SBD 6.1 form	Page 12-14	<b>M</b> (if bid exceeds R30 000)
Signed and completed SBD 8 form	Page 14	<b>M</b> (if bid exceeds R30 000)
Signed and completed SBD 9 form	Page 15-16	<b>M</b> (if bid exceeds R30 000)
Signed SBD 1 form	Page 16	<b>M</b>
Original or certified BBBEE certificate, or sworn affidavit detailing annual turnover, in the case of EMEs and QSEs		<b>O</b> (preference points will not be allocated if not submitted)

**Phase 2 – Compliance with Mandatory Functionality Requirements**

Phase 2 will be broken down into two sub-stages as follows:

**Stage 1:** Functionality requirements as described in the table below

**Stage 2:** Presentation and interview

Service providers must meet the functionality requirements listed below. Service providers with a **total score below 22** will not be considered for Stage 2.

**Stage 1: Functionality Requirements**

No.	Functionality requirement	How this will be evaluated	Weight	Scoring Criteria
1.	Academic qualifications	Certified copies of qualification(s)	3	1 = 3 years' experience or higher in Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Geoscience, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) or equivalent 0 = No degree
2.	Experience working with Geospatial data, models, systems and technical requirements.	Reference projects highlighting tools or systems used	2	2 = 6 years' experience working with Geospatial data, models, systems and technical requirements. 1 = 4 - 5 years' experience working with Geospatial data, models, systems and technical requirements. 0 = Less than 4 years' experience
3.	Experience in satellite image processing, and quality assurance processes, preferably SPOT, SENTINEL systems.	Reference projects highlighting tools or systems used.	3	2 = 6 years' experience in satellite image processing, and quality assurance processes, preferably SPOT, SENTINEL systems 1 = 4 - 5 years' experience in satellite image processing, and quality assurance processes, preferably SPOT, SENTINEL

				systems 0 = Less than 4 years' experience
4.	Experience working with geospatial software packages	Reference projects highlighting tools or systems used.	3	2 = 6 years' experience working with geospatial software packages 1 = 4 - 5 years working with geospatial software packages 0 = Less than 4 years' experience
5.	Experience developing software and systems in Python, or other imperative languages	Reference projects highlighting tools or systems used.	3	2 = 6 years' experience developing software and systems in Python, or other imperative languages 1 = 4 - 5 years developing software and systems in Python, or other imperative languages 0 = Less than 4 years' experience
6.	Location	Provide residential address	2	2 = The service provider must be based within an 80km radius of the SANSI Innovation Hub offices in Pretoria 1 = Service provider based outside the specified radius
7.	Ability to work remotely	Mention connectivity capabilities	2	1 = Ability to work remotely 0 = Not able to work remotely
Maximum possible score				<b>31 points</b>
<b>Minimum score required for Gate 1</b>				<b>22 points</b>

## Stage 2: Presentation/ Interview

**Only bidders who score a minimum of 22 points in Stage 1** will be invited to stage 2 where they will be expected to present their portfolio of projects and participate in a practical test. Presentation criteria will be provided with the invitation.

**Phase 3: Price and BBBEE Evaluation**

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

**5. 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 complete the pricing schedule below in response to this Scope of Work. If the respondent feels there are any additional items that should be priced but were not included as part of the original scope of work, please include them in a separate pricing schedule.

Respondents are requested to provide their hourly rate. Payment will be issued on a milestone basis.

No.	Description of services	Estimated man hours	Rate per hour	Total
1.	A software developer is required to develop, test, and maintain the data cube system, its interfaces and other components. Participate in the documentation and refinement of system requirements, design and implementation solutions			
Disbursements				
VAT (15%)				
<b>TOTAL</b>				



## 6. PERFORMANCE

- 6.1 The contracted bidder recognises that failure to meet the performance levels of this contract will have a material adverse impact on the operations of SARAO and that the damage from the contracted bidder's failure to meet any performance level is not susceptible to any precise determination.
- 6.2 SARAO excuses the contracted bidder from failing to comply with the performance levels to the extent that non-performance or delayed performance is solely and directly attributable to an act or omission of SARAO or its staff, or circumstances of force majeure referred to in this agreement.
- 6.3 If the contracted bidder fails to meet any performance level:
- (i) the contracted bidder shall investigate and report on the root causes of the performance level failure;
  - (ii) promptly correct the failure and begin meeting the set performance levels;
  - (iii) advise SARAO as and to the extent requested by SARAO of the status of the remedial efforts being undertaken with respect to such performance level failure; and
  - (iv) take appropriate preventative measures to prevent the recurrence of the performance level failure.
- 6.4 Both parties are responsible for monitoring and measuring the performance of the contracted bidder against the performance levels set on this document. SARAO deems failure by the contracted bidder to measure performance with respect to the contract specifications for any measurement period as a failure to meet the stipulated performance levels.

Software developer contractor / services	Measurement methodology
A milestone driven project plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time sheets</li> <li>• Milestone status i.e milestones achieved and not achieved</li> </ul>

## 7. 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.
- Submit your original or certified BBBEE Certificate if you are claiming for BBBEE points, failing which, the BBEEE claimed will be forfeited or zero points will be allocated.
- Provide an updated CSD summary report. To register <https://secure.csd.gov.za/>. **No award will be made to a service provider who is not registered on CSD.**

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), Declaration, 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.

<b>SBD 4 - DECLARATION OF INTEREST WITH GOVERNMENT</b>	
<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bidder is employed by the State; and/or</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	
<p>In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with this Bid:</p>	
<p>Full Name of Bidder or his/her representative:</p>	
<p>Identity Number:</p>	
<p>Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder, member):</p>	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of person/ director/ trustee/ shareholder/member:	
Name of State institution at which you or the person connected to the Bidder is employed	
Position occupied in the State institution	
Any other particulars:	
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		NO	
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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		NO	
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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√	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		

#### 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 ( <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.	

## 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

Signature of bidder:

## GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The National Treasury General Conditions of Contract shall govern the contractual relationship between SARAO and the successful bidder. The contract is not attached, however is accessible on SARAO's website - <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 annexures attached to this document. I undertake to supply all or any of the goods, works, and services described in this procurement invitation to SARAO 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 SARAO 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.

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: