

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)							
BID NUMBER: DBE 176		CLOSING DATE: 14 December 2021			CLOSING TIME: 11:00		
DESCRIPTION		Appointment of a service provider or a consortium of service providers for printing, storage, packaging and distribution of workbooks for the Department of Basic Education for a period of three (3) years with an option to extend for another two (2) years					
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)							
MAIN ENTRANCE / RECEPTION, SOL PLAJIE HOUSE							
DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION							
222 STRUBEN STREET							
PRETORIA							
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO				TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			
CONTACT PERSON		Ms N Metula		CONTACT PERSON		Mr S Sibiya	
TELEPHONE NUMBER		012 357 3134		TELEPHONE NUMBER		012 357 4252	
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SUPPLIER INFORMATION							
NAME OF BIDDER							
POSTAL ADDRESS							
STREET ADDRESS							
TELEPHONE NUMBER		CODE		NUMBER			
CELLPHONE NUMBER							
FACSIMILE NUMBER		CODE		NUMBER			
E-MAIL ADDRESS							
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER							
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS		TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE		TICK APPLICABLE BOX]		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				<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]							
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]	
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS							
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) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.							

PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:
1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED—(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).
2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

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CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

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(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

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NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

BID NO : DBE176

CLOSING DATE : 14 December 2021

TIME : 11:00

Compulsory briefing session will be held as follows:

DATE : 29 November 2021

**VENUE : Department of Basic Education,
Conference Centre,
222 Struben Street,
Pretoria**

TIME : (strictly) 11:00 until 12:00

CONTACT PERSON: Mr Banda SH

TEL. : (012) 357 3268



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Department:
Basic Education
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Appointment of a service provider or a consortium of service providers for printing, storage, packaging and distribution of workbooks for the Department of Basic Education for a period of three (3) years, with an option to extend for another two (2) years

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ABBREVIATIONS

BAC	: Bid Adjudication Committee
B-BBEE	: Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment
CPA	: Contract Price Adjustment
CSD	: Central Supplier Database
DBE	: Department of Basic Education
ERRP	: Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan
GCC	: The General Conditions of Contract
LED	: Local Economic Development
LTSM	: Learner Teacher Support Material
NATIS	: National Traffic Information System
SBD	: Standard Bidding Document
TCBD	: Transversal Contract Bidding Document
VAT	: Value - Added Tax
PED	: Provincial Education Department
POPI	: Protection of Personal Information
SANAS	: The South African National Accreditation System
SMME	: Small, Medium and Micro-enterprises
SCC	: Special Conditions of Contract
SLA	: Service Level Agreement

1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- 1.1 The project seeks to provide all Grades R to 9 learners in public schools with learner workbooks to enhance learning and teaching and improve learner outcomes.
- 1.2 The Department of Basic Education (DBE) is required to print and distribute the Grades R to 9 Volume 1 and 2 workbooks to all public schools.
- 1.3 The printed workbooks must be distributed as indicated in Annexure A: Scope of work in paragraph 5.

2 PURPOSE

- 2.1 The workbooks are intended to support the improvement of learner performance in Languages, Life Skills and Mathematics by assisting teachers to expose learners to a set of standardized exercises.
- 2.2 The purpose of this bid invitation is to appoint a suitably qualified service provider or a consortium of service providers to print, store, package, and distribute Grades R to 9 learner workbooks to public schools/education districts/Provincial Education Department (PED) offices as well as DBE offices. Bidders are requested to note that printing includes binding of materials. Bidders are also requested to note that packaging, includes picking and packing of materials. The distribution of learner workbooks to education districts, PED offices and DBE offices may be made as a special request, however these special requests also form part of the contract as contemplated in paragraph 4.3.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Since 2011, the Department of Basic Education has been providing learner workbooks for identified subjects to learners in public schools. The provision of a workbook for each learner in each subject is a critical deliverable of the DBE.

4 THE SCOPE OF WORK / KEY DELIVERABLES

- 4.1 The successful service provider or a consortium of service providers is/are expected to perform the following key deliverables in the execution of ensuing contracts:
 - 4.1.1 Print, store, package and deliver the specified Grades R to 9 learner workbooks to all public schools.

- 4.1.2 Ensure that Grades R to 9 learner workbooks are delivered at the correct school/s/education districts/PED offices/DBE office's address in proper condition, in correct quantities and signed for by the designated official with proof of receipt of the workbooks with a school stamp/education district stamp/PED stamp/DBE stamp.
- 4.1.3 The successful service provider or a consortium of service providers is required to print, store, package and deliver the following specified workbooks:

4.1.3.1 Grade R (terms 1, 2, 3 and 4 workbooks) in 11 Official Languages;

4.1.3.2 Grades 1 to 6 Home Language workbooks in 11 Official languages for Volumes 1 and 2;

4.1.3.3 Grades 1 to 3 Mathematics workbooks in 11 Official languages for Volumes 1 and 2;

4.1.3.4 Grades 4 to 9 Mathematics workbooks in English and Afrikaans Volumes 1 and 2;

4.1.3.5 Grades 1 to 3 Life Skills Workbooks in 11 Official Languages Volumes 1 and 2; and

4.1.3.6 Grades 1 to 6 English First Additional Language Volumes 1 and 2.

4.2 The detailed scope of work is attached as **Annexure A**.

4.3 Annually, the DBE will provide the data for the fluctuating number of learners to be provided with workbooks to the service provider. The unit price for printing, storage, packaging and distribution of this escalation or decrease in learner numbers will stay the same as the original price agreed upon in the contract.

5 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Bidders are required return all fully completed and signed attached SBD forms (SBD1, SBD3.1, SBD4, SBD6.1, SBD8 and SBD9). All bids must be submitted on the official forms (not to be retyped). **Any alteration on the forms will lead to disqualification.**

5.2 In case of a consortium or joint venture, SBD forms must be completed separately by each company that is on the joint venture. All bids must be submitted on the official forms (not to be retyped). **Any alteration on the forms will lead to disqualification**

6 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Bidder/s must:

- 6.1 Provide a detailed and relevant company profile. In the case of a consortium or a joint venture, a profile of each company must be submitted.
- 6.2 The Bidder is required to submit their LED strategy on how SMMEs, designated groups (Youth, Women and Persons with disabilities) and local communities will benefit from the project in all province. Signed agreements/contracts between parties in the case of subcontracting must be included as part of the strategy. The agreements/contracts must outline roles and responsibilities of each party.
- 6.3 Submit signed reference letters on the client's letterhead stating the following details:
- items/components (printing, storage, packaging and distribution) of the project;
 - the scope/size of the project; and
 - monetary value of the project.
- These letters must not be older than 5 years. The reference letters must contain contactable details.
- 6.4 Submit a detailed Project Plan that will ensure continued supply of Grades R to 9 learner workbooks to schools/education districts/PED offices as well as DBE offices.
- 6.5 Submit proof of ownership of (or of hiring) a dedicated and verifiable central warehouse space of a minimum of 30 000 m² located in any of the nine (9) provinces as well as 1000 m² for the other provinces. The proof, in the case of ownership must be a title deed or bond documents and in the case of hiring the proof must be in the form of a lease agreement (s) or a letter of commitment for the full duration of the contract from the owner to hire such a property accompanied by proof of ownership by the lessor.
- 6.6 Provide occupational health and safety document from the relevant authority for all facilities (e.g. warehouse/s and/or offices) to be utilised for the project.
- 6.7 Provide proof of insurance or letter (s) of intent for an insurance agreement from an accredited financial service provider for covering all stages (printing, storage, packaging and distribution) of the project.

- 6.8 Submit proof, in the case of ownership, an asset register of the company indicating high volume machine/s required for printing, binding, packaging, and quality management as per the functionality evaluation criteria below. In the case of hiring, the proof must be in the form of a lease agreement (s) or a letter of commitment for the full duration of the contract from the owner to hire such machine/s.
- 6.9 Submit proof of fleet of delivery vehicles to be utilised for the project as per the functionality evaluation criteria below. In the case of ownership, valid vehicle certificate of registration documents as per NATIS must be submitted and in the case of hiring, the proof must be in the form of a lease agreement (s) or a letter of commitment with copies of valid vehicle certificate of registration documents from the owner of such vehicles. A roadworthy certificate must be submitted per vehicle.
- 6.10 Provide a unit price including and the ceiling price (Grades R – 9) inclusive of VAT. The pricing schedule to be completed in full is attached as **Annexure B**.
- 6.11 Bidders who intend to bid as a consortium or joint venture are also required to provide:
- 6.11.1 an agreement signed by nominated members of both/ all consortium or joint venture partners; and
- 6.11.2 state the leading company.
- 6.12 If bidding with an intention of subcontracting certain tasks, the bidder must state the name of the subcontract Company/s and percentage to be sub-contracted.
- 6.13 A letter from an external auditor confirming the work done as found in the reference letters.
- 6.14 Copies of SLAs and/or contracts and or orders for the project done as found in the reference letters.
- 6.15 Documentation confirming stockpile and/or guarantees of minimum 30 000 tons of paper.
- 6.16 Letter from the bank/s demonstrating a financial viability of at least 50% of the project in year one (1).
- 6.17 Audited financial statements for the past three (3) financial years.
- 6.18 Auditor's letter guaranteeing that the entity(s) are a going concern for the duration of the project.

NB: Bidders who do not comply with all the mandatory requirements will be disqualified.

7 CONDITIONS

- 7.1 Bidders including individual companies in a Joint venture or a consortium must be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) and provide their CSD Number as required on the attached SBD1 form.
- 7.2 The bidder must ensure that all financial and supply arrangements for goods and/or services have been mutually agreed upon between the bidder and the third party. No agreement between the bidder and the third party will be binding to DBE.
- 7.3 In the event that the bidder will be supported by a third party, the bidder must obtain written confirmation from the third party that the DBE can conduct due diligence and in loco inspection on the premises of the third party.
- 7.4 The DBE reserves the right to change the Terms of Reference prior to the closing of a bid. It is the responsibility of the bidders to visit the DBE website and e-portal for the updates.
- 7.5 Bids received at the address indicated in the bid documents after the closing date and time, will not be accepted for consideration.
- 7.6 The DBE reserves the right not to appoint a service provider and will not be held responsible for the reimbursement of the expenses incurred by bidders during the preparation of their bid.
- 7.7 The DBE reserves the right to negotiate the price with the preferred bidders prior to the award and with the successful bidder(s) post award.
- 7.8 The DBE reserves the right to award contracts to more than one service provider or a consortium of service providers for this contract.
- 7.9 The DBE will sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the successful bidder. The commencement date will be the day on which the last signing party appends their signature to the contract.
- 7.10 All datasets (learner enrolment numbers, school information, etc), and electronic material such as print ready copies, art work and any other materials, shall remain the sole property of the DBE and shall be expected to be returned to the Department on annual basis for the duration of the contract.

- 7.11 The DBE will from time to time amend the material as and when required. The successful bidder will be notified about these amendments to effect such changes at no additional cost.
- 7.12 The service provider will be expected to complete all deliverables of the project and adhere strictly to the deadlines agreed upon at all times and to compile written reports on completion of each deliverable, or as and when requested.
- 7.13 The DBE will confine its contractual dealings with the primary service provider in a case where there is a consortium.
- 7.14 The service provider shall undertake to avoid any activity of whatsoever nature that may be detrimental to the Department's interest, goodwill and reputation.
- 7.15 Material compiled by the DBE may not be used in any form or for any purpose other than the purpose stipulated in this agreement. If the service provider wishes to use such material in any other form or for any other purpose, including, but not limited to, workshops, media releases and the like, it must request permission in writing from the DBE for such use.
- 7.16 In the case of any material compiled, developed, researched, commented on, or evaluated on behalf of the DBE as a result of a contractual agreement with the service provider, or any other form of material, irrespective of whether in a completed form or otherwise, all intellectual property rights relating to such material will vest in the State. The service provider may not use any such material without first having obtained written approval from the DBE.
- 7.17 The DBE will request approval from the designated officer wherein the copyright vests. Only once the designated officer has granted written approval, will the DBE convey such written approval to the service provider and the service provider will then have permission for such usage.

7.18 Protection of Personal Information Act, No. 4 of 2013: Personal information must be processed lawfully and in a reasonable manner that does not encroach on the privacy of the data subject. Therefore, the Department will incorporate the terms and conditions of processing and collecting the required information in to the SLA to ensure compliance with the privacy requirements as set out by the POPI Act before any information is disclosed to such service provider.

7.19 Termination of contract: The Department, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the service provider reserves the right to terminate this contract with the appointed service provider or a consortium of service providers, in accordance with clause 23 of the General Conditions of Contract, should there be a breach of contract or challenges experienced with the service delivery and customer service to the Department.

7.20 The General Conditions of Contract (GCC) shall apply for this bid. In a case whereby there is a conflict between the GCC and the conditions and provisions as set out in this bid, then the Special Conditions of Contract as set out in this Terms of Reference will apply.

8 EVALUATION PROCESS

8.1 The evaluation process will be conducted in phases as follows:

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
Mandatory and other bid requirements	Functionality	Supplier due diligence	Price and B-BBEE
Compliance with mandatory and other bid requirements.	Bids will be evaluated in terms of functionality. Bidders that have achieved the minimum qualifying score of 90 points for functionality will qualify for the Due diligence Phase.	Site inspection of the supplier premises of business and/or main warehouse and/or Fleet and any other item/s to validate the information presented by the Bidder. The outcome of the validation process may affect the scores.	Bids will be evaluated in terms of the 90/10 preference point system

9 FUNCTIONALITY

9.1 Functionality will be evaluated on the basis of the responses and supporting documentation supplied by the bidders as follows:

No	Functionality Evaluation Criteria	Points
1	<p>Local Economic Development strategy (LED)</p> <p>a) The Bidder is required to submit their LED strategy on how SMMEs, designated groups (Youth, Women and Persons with disabilities) and local communities will benefit from the project in more than one province</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A bidder that submitted an LED strategy that demonstrate how designated groups (Youth, Women and Persons with disabilities) will benefit from the project in more than one province = 5 points ii. A bidder that submitted an LED strategy that does not demonstrate how designated groups (Youth, Woman and Persons with disabilities) will benefit from the project in more than one province = 0 points • SMMEs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. A bidder that submitted an LED strategy that demonstrate how SMMEs will benefit from the project in more than one province = 5 points iv. A bidder that submitted an LED strategy that does not demonstrate how SMMEs will benefit from the project in more than one province = 0 points • Local communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. A bidder that submitted an LED strategy that demonstrate how local communities will benefit from the project in more than one province = 5 points vi. A bidder that submitted an LED strategy that does not demonstrate how local communities will benefit from the project in more than one province = 0 points 	15

2	<p>Experience based on company profiles and reference letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidder's experience in printing of high volume of materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 10 years and more, experience in printing of high volume materials in South Africa = 3 points ii. 5 - 9 years experience in printing of high volume materials in South Africa = 2 points iii. 3 – 4 years of experience in printing of high volume materials in South Africa = 1 points iv. 1 - 2 years of experience in printing of high volume materials in South Africa = 0 points • Bidder's experience in storage and packaging of large volume of materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 10 years and more, experience in storage of high volume materials in South Africa = 3 points ii. 5 - 9 years experience in storage of high volume materials in South Africa = 2 points iii. 3 – 4 years of experience storage of high volume materials in South Africa = 1 points iv. 1 - 2 years of experience in storage of high volume materials in South Africa = 0 points • Bidder's experience in distribution of large volume of materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 10 years and more, experience in distribution of high volume materials in South Africa = 3 points ii. 5 - 9 years experience in distribution of high volume materials in South Africa = 2 points iii. 3 – 4 years of experience in of high volume materials in South Africa = 1 points iv. 1 - 2 years of experience in distribution of high volume materials in South Africa = 0 points 	20
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of materials printed, stored, packaged and distributed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Proven experience on printing, storing, packaging and distributing of 60 million materials and more in South Africa = 3 points ii. Proven experience on printing, storing, packaging and distributing of 40 – 59 999 million materials and more in South Africa = 2 points iii. Proven experience on printing, storing, packaging and distributing of 20 – 39 999 million materials and more in South Africa = 1 points iv. Proven experience on printing, storing, packaging and distributing of less than 20 million materials in South Africa 0 points • Reference letters on the client's letterhead stating the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • items/components (printing, storage, packaging and distribution) of the project; • the scope/size of the project; and • monetary value of the project. • These letters must not be older than 5 years. The reference letters must contain contactable details. In the case of a consortium or a joint venture, letters may come from different members of the consortium or a joint venture. • Each item/component (printing, storage, packaging and distribution) in one letter or different letters will count as one. A cumulative count will be conducted to assess the count per item/component/s as follows: • Printing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 5 or more references to printing = 2 points ii. 3 - 4 references to printing = 1 points iii. 1 - 2 references to printing = 0 points • Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 5 or more references to storage = 2 points ii. 3 - 4 references to storage = 1 points iii. 1 – 2 references to storage = 0 points 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packaging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 5 or more references to packaging = 2 points ii. 3 - 4 references to packaging = 1 points iii. 1 – 2 references to packaging = 0 points • Distribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 5 or more references to distribution = 2 points ii. 3 - 4 references to distribution = 1 points iii. 1 – 2 references to distribution = 0 points 	
3	<p>Artwork, Printing, die cutting and binding</p> <p>a) Process of artwork, sign off and provide support. Curriculum vitae (CVs) of the dedicated specialist must be submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The company has three (3) or more dedicated specialist employee/s to effect artwork changes to the materials and sign off for printing = 3 points ii. The company has two (2) dedicated specialist employee/s to effect artwork changes to the materials and sign off for printing = 2 points iii. The company has one (1) dedicated employee to effect artwork changes to the materials and sign off for printing = 1 point iv. The company has no dedicated employee to effect artwork changes to the materials and sign off for printing = 0 points <p>b) The capacity of printing machines: Specifications from the manufacture must be submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Capacity to print 40 000 and above pages per hour = 4 points ii. Capacity to print 30 000to 39 999 pages per hour = 3 points iii. Capacity to print 20 000 to 29 999 pages per hour = 2 points iv. Capacity to print below 19 999 pages per hour = 0 points 	15

	<p>c) Capacity of printers to do Inline die cutting for stickers: Specifications from the manufacture must be submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Capacity to do 15 000 and above pages per hour = 4 points ii. Capacity to do 1000 to 14 999 pages per hour = 3 points iii. Capacity to do 2000 to 4 999 pages per hour = 2 points iv. Capacity to do below 1 999 pages per hour = 0 points <p>d) Capacity of machine/s to do High volume binding: Specifications from the manufacture must be submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Capacity to bind 10 000 or more books per hour = 4 points ii. Capacity to bind 5000 to 9 999 books per hour = 3 points iii. Capacity to bind 2000 to 4 999 books per hour = 2 points iv. Capacity to bind below 1999 books per hour = 0 point 	
4	<p>Labour Capacity</p> <p>a) Staff complement for the duration of the contract: A List of staff members must be submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 40% or more staff is made up of Women = 2 points ii. Less than 40% staff is made up of Women = 0 points <p>b) Staff complement for the duration of the contract: A List of staff members must be submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 20% or more staff is made up of Youth = 1 points ii. Less than 20% staff is made up of Youth = 0 points <p>c) Staff complement for the duration of the contract: A List of staff members must be submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 5% or more staff is made up of Persons with disabilities = 2 points ii. Less than 5% staff is made up of Persons with disabilities = 0 points 	5

5	<p>Fleet availability or written guarantees of distribution vehicles for high volume materials:</p> <p>a) The bidder must demonstrate that they have enough delivery vehicles or provide written guarantees of distribution vehicles to deliver high volume materials.</p> <p>i. The company has fleet/written guarantees for a total number of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 or more of 34 tons (18meters); • 125 of 28 tons (15 meters); • between 125 and 150 of 24 tons (12 meters); and • a total of 500 between 8 and 1.4 tons nationally <p>= 10 points</p> <p>ii. The company has fleet/written guarantees for a total number of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between 75 and 99 of 34 tons (18meter); • between 100 and 124 of 28 tons (15 meters); • between 100 and 124 of 24 tons (12 meters); and • a total of 500 between 8 and 1.4 tons nationally <p>= 6 points</p> <p>iii. The company has fleet/written guarantees for a total number of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between 50 and 74 of 34 tons (18meter); • between 50 and 74 of 28 tons (15 meters); • between 100 and 124 of 24 tons (12 meters); and • a total of 500 between 8 and 1.4 tons nationally <p>= 2 points</p> <p>iv. The company has fleet/written guarantees for a total number of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • between 25 and 49 of 34 tons (18meter); • between 100 and 124 of 28 tons (15 meters); • between 100 and 124 of 24 tons (12 meters); and • a total of 500 between 8 and 1.4 tons nationally <p>= 0 points</p>	10
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6	<p>Warehousing:</p> <p>a) Central warehouse:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The bidder must demonstrate a dedicated and verifiable central warehouse space of a minimum of 30 000 m² = 5 points ii. The bidder does not demonstrate a dedicated and verifiable central warehouse space of a less than 30 000 m² = 0 points <p>b) Provincial warehouses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bidders must demonstrate a warehouse space of a minimum of 1000 m² in each of the eight (8) provinces, excluding the central warehouse = 2 points ii. Bidders that demonstrate a warehouse space of less than 1000 m² in one or more of the eight (8) provinces, excluding the central warehouse = 0 points <p>c) Bidders must demonstrate that the central and provincial warehouses have the necessary facilities and equipment or provide written guarantees to hire such equipment and facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Forklifts, trolley jacks, IT equipment, high end sorting equipment, scanners, etc. = 3 points ii. No Forklifts, trolley jacks, IT equipment, high-end sorting equipment, scanners, etc. = 0 points 	10
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7	<p>Project plan</p> <p>a) A detailed Project Plan that will ensure continued supply of Grades R to 9 learner workbooks to schools/education districts/PED offices as well as DBE offices that contains the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - process of printing, storage, packaging and distribution; - milestones, deliverables and timeframes; and - processes such as fully operational call centre, data management systems, processing of artwork, printing processes, pick and pack as well as deliveries and reporting, etc. <p>i. Project plan which clearly details the process of printing, storage, packaging and distribution of workbooks including milestones, deliverables and timeframes = 15 points</p> <p>ii. Project plan which does not detail the process of printing, storage, packaging and distribution of workbooks including milestones, deliverables and timeframes = 0 points</p>	15
8	<p>Risk management strategy:</p> <p>a) The bidders are required to submit a comprehensive risk management strategy associated with the project in printing, binding, storage, packaging and distribution. Each risk must be accompanied by a mitigating strategy.</p> <p>i. The bidder submitted a comprehensive risk management strategy associated with the project in printing, binding, storage, packaging and distribution. Each risk must be accompanied by a mitigating strategy = 10 points</p> <p>ii. The bidder submitted a risk management strategy not associated with the project in printing, binding, storage, packaging and distribution. Each risk is not be accompanied by a mitigating strategy = 0 point</p>	10
TOTAL		100 points

- 9.2 Bidders must submit supporting documents as proof for all the above elements.
- 9.3 Bidders that have achieved the minimum qualifying score of **90 points** for functionality will be evaluated further for price and B-BBEE.
- 9.4 The DBE will conduct a supplier due diligence prior to final award. The outcome of the validation process may affect the scores.

10 COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

- 10.1 The DBE will hold a compulsory briefing session as follows:

Venue: Department of Basic Education, Conference Centre

Date: 29 November 2021

Time: 11:00 – 12:00

11 PREFERENTIAL POINT SYSTEM

- 11.1 Only qualifying bids will be evaluated in terms of 90/10 preference point system where 90 points will be used for price only and 10 points for B-BBEE points. (Refer to attached SBD 6.1 form).

- 11.2 The following formula will be used for the calculation of price:

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

Ps= Points scored for price of bid under consideration

Pt= Rand value of acceptable bid under consideration

Pmin= Rand value of lowest bid

- 11.3 Bidders are required to submit a valid BBBEE certificate in order to claim preference points.
- 11.4 Non-submission of a valid BBBEE certificate will lead to a bidder scoring 0 for preference points.

12 CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENTS

12.1 Formula

- 12.1.1 Prices submitted for this bid will be regarded as firm and subject to adjustment(s) in terms of the following formula, defined areas of cost and defined periods of time.
- 12.1.2 Applications for price adjustments must be accompanied by documentary evidence in support of any adjustment claim.
- 12.1.3 The following price adjustment formula will be applicable for calculating contract price adjustments (CPA).

$Pa = (1 - V)Pt \left(D1 \frac{R1t}{R1o} + D2 \frac{R2t}{R2o} + D3 \frac{R3t}{R3o} + \dots + Dn \frac{Rnt}{Rno} \right) + VPt$		
Pa	=	The new adjusted price to be calculated
V	=	Fixed portion of the bid price (15% or 0.15)
Pt	=	Original bid price. Note that Pt must always be the original bid price and not an adjusted price.
(1-V)Pt	=	Adjustable portion of the bid price (85% or 0.85).
D1 – Dn	=	Each factor (or percentage) of the bid price, e.g., material, labour, transport, overheads, etc. The total of the various factors (or percentages) D1 – Dn must add up to 1 (or 100%).
R1t – Rnt	=	End Index. Index figure obtained from the index at the end of each adjustment period.
R1o – Rno	=	Base Index. Index figure at the time of bidding.
VPt	=	15% (or 0.15) of the original bid price. This portion of the bid price remains fixed, i.e. it is not subject to price adjustment.

12.2 Formula component definitions

12.2.1 Adjustable amount

The adjustable amount is the portion of the bid price which is subject to adjustment. In this bid the adjustable amount is 85% of the original bid price. For example, if the bid price is R1000, then only R850 will be subject to adjustment.

12.2.2 Fixed portion

The fixed portion represents those costs which will not change over the adjustment period and DOES NOT represent the profit margin. In this bid the fixed portion is 15% of the original bid price. Using the same example as above, it would amount to R150 which will remain fixed over the contract period.

12.2.3 Cost components and proportions

The cost components of the contract price usually constitute the cost of direct labour, cost of transport and those other costs which are inclined to change. The proportions are the contribution to the contract price of each of these cost components. In this bid the following cost components will be used to calculate contract price adjustments.

Bidders are requested to submit the cost breakdown of the bid price for each item with their bid. Should the cost breakdown be the same for all items on the bid, please indicate it clearly in the bid document. Bidders will not be allowed to change the cost breakdown of bid prices during the tenure of the contract.

Cost Component	Percentage
D1 – Labour	
D2 – Transport	
D3 – Housing and utilities	
D4 – Insurance	
D5 – Other	
TOTAL (Cost components must add up to 100%)	100

12.2.4 Applicable indices / references

The applicable index refers to the relevant market index, which is a true reflection of price movement(s) in the cost over time. In this bid the following indices or reference will be applicable:

Cost component	Index Publication	Index Reference
D1 – Labour	STATS SA P0141 (CPI), Or Labour agreement ¹	Table E - All Items Or Labour agreement to be provided
D2 – Transport	STATS SA P0141 (CPI) Or	Table E - Transport – Other Running Cost Or Table L2
D3 – Housing and utilities	STATS SA (CPI)	Table E – Housing and Utilities (Overall)
D4 – Insurance	STATS SA (CPI)	Table E – Insurance
D5 – Other	Specify	Documentary evidence to accompany claim during the adjustment period

12.2.5 Base Index Date

The base index date applicable to the formula is defined as the date at which the price adjustment starts. In this bid the base index date is 30 November 2021.

12.2.6 End Index Date

The end index dates are the dates at predetermined points in time during the contract period. In this bid the end indices are defined in the next paragraph (Price Adjustment Periods).

12.2.7 Price Adjustment Periods

Adjustment to contract prices may be applied for at the following dates:

Adjustment	CPA application to reach the office at the following dates	End Index Date	Dates from which adjusted prices will become effective
1st Adjustment	01 March 2023	March 2023	1 April 2023
2nd Adjustment	01 March 2024	March 2024	1 April 2024

12.3 Additional CPA requirements

- 12.3.1 Unless prior approval has been obtained from DBE, no adjustment in contract prices will be made by the contracted service provider or a consortium of service providers.
- 12.3.2 Applications for price adjustment must be accompanied by documentary evidence in support of any adjustment.
- 12.3.3 CPA applications will be applied strictly according to the specified formula and parameters above as well as the cost breakdown supplied by bidders in their bid documents.
- 12.3.4 An electronic price adjustment calculator will be available on request from DBE during the CPA period.
- 12.3.5 The Department reserves the right to negotiate a price adjustment or not grant any price adjustment.

13 CONTACT DETAILS

13.1 General

Department of Basic Education

Physical address: Sol Plaatje House, 222 Struben Street, cnr. Paul Kruger and Thabo Sehume Streets, Pretoria.

13.2 Bid Enquiries

Department of Basic Education

E-mail: Tenders@dbe.gov.za

13.3 Enquiries must be made at least seven (7) days before the closing date of the bid. The responses will be published on the eTender Publication Portal.

SBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the state¹, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes an advertised competitive bid, a limited bid, a proposal or written price quotation). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the state, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorised representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority where-

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or
- the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid.

2. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:

2.2 Identity Number:.....

2.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder², member):
.....

2.4 Registration number of company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:
.....

2.5 Tax Reference Number:

2.6 VAT Registration Number:

- 2.6.1 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers, tax reference numbers and, if applicable, employee / PERSAL numbers must be indicated in paragraph 3 below.

¹"State" means -

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

²"Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the enterprise or business and exercises control over the enterprise.

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

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:
Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed :
Position occupied in the state institution:

Any other particulars:
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2.7.2 If you are presently employed by the state, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment in the public sector? YES / NO

2.7.2.1 If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid document? YES / NO

(Note: Failure to submit proof of such authority, where applicable, may result in the disqualification of the bid.

2.7.2.2 If no, furnish reasons for non-submission of such proof:

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months? YES / NO

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? YES / NO

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any person employed by the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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

YES/NO

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

3 Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

[illegible]

4 DECLARATION

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

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

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Signature

.....
Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

November 2011

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2

a) The value of this bid is estimated to exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 90/10 preference point system shall be applicable; or

b) 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender.

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

(a) Price; and

(b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

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

	POINTS
PRICE	90
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	10
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

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

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) **"B-BBEE"** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section

1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

- (b) **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means:
 - 1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
 - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
 - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) **“QSE”** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (j) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

or

90/10

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

Where

P_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 contributor	0	0

5. BID DECLARATION

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

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

- 6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)
(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

- 7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(**Tick applicable box**)

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

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(**Tick applicable box**)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at 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:.....

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:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

(a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;

- (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
- (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
- (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
- (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES	
1.
2.

.....	
SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)	
DATE:
ADDRESS

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	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? (Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied). The Database of Restricted Suppliers now 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.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	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)? The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:
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SBD 8

CERTIFICATION

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....
 CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION
 FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

**I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT,
 ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION
 PROVE TO BE FALSE.**

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder

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CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Standard Bidding Document (SBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging). ² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Treasury Regulation 16A9 prescribes that accounting officers and accounting authorities must take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and authorizes accounting officers and accounting authorities to:
 - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
 - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
- 4 This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

DBE176: Appointment of a service provider or a consortium of service providers for printing, storage, packaging and distribution of workbooks for the Department of Basic Education for a period of three (3) years with an option to extend for another two (2) years

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by the Department of Basic Education

(Name of Institution)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder

6. 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 consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. 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.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

³ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Draw special attention to certain general conditions applicable to government bids, contracts and orders; and
- (ii) To ensure that clients be familiar with regard to the rights and obligations of all parties involved in doing business with government.

In this document words in the singular also mean in the plural and vice versa and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.

- The General Conditions of Contract will form part of all bid documents and may not be amended.
- Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) relevant to a specific bid, should be compiled separately for every bid (if applicable) and will supplement the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 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.
 - 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 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.
 - 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
 - 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 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 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 or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 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.

- 1.25 "Written" or "in writing" means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 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.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

- 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.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, 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 www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

6. Patent rights

- 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.

7. Performance security

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days 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.
- 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.
- 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:
 - (a) a 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
 - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque
- 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.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 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.

8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analyzed 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.

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.

9. Packing

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.

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.

10. Delivery and documents

10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance 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.

10.2 Documents to be submitted by the supplier are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

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.

12. Transportation

12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental services

13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:

- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
- (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
- (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual

- (d) for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods; 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
- (e) 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.

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 the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

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:

- (a) 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
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) Advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

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.

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.

15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.

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.

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.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 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.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

- 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.

18. Contract amendments

- 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.

19. Assignment

- 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.

20. Subcontracts

- 20.1 The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contracts 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.

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without canceling 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.

22. Penalties

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.

23. Termination for default

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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

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 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:

- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
- (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction
- (iii) the period of restriction; and
- (iv) 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 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.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

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

25. Force Majeure

- 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.
- 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.

26. Termination for insolvency

- 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 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.

27. Settlement of Disputes

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
- (a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - (b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) 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

- (b) 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.
- 29. Governing language** 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.
- 30. Applicable law** 30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
- 31. Notices** 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
- 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.
- 32. Taxes and duties** 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)** 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.
- 34. Prohibition of Restrictive practices** 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).
- 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.

- 34.3 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.

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