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MATATIELE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

BID DOCUMENTS

BID NUMBER: MATAT/2025/2026-44

PROJECT NAME: PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WASTE AUDIT OF LANDFILL SITE OF MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

NAME OF THE COMPANY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATA BASE NO (CSD): _____

BID AMOUNT: R_____ (AMOUNT TO BE INCLUSIVE OF VAT)

BID AMOUNT IN WORDS_____

_____

Issued by:

BUDGET AND TREASURY OFFICE
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT UNIT
MOUNTAIN VIEW OFFICES
MATATIELE
4730

Enquires:
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1. CHECKLIST

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING FORMS HAVE BEEN DULY COMPLETED AND SIGNED AND THAT ALL DOCUMENTS AS REQUESTED, ARE ATTACHED TO THE TENDER DOCUMENT:

MBD 1 Invitation to tender?	**Yes**		**No**	
Authority to Sign a Bid Is the form duly completed and is a **certified copy** of the **resolution** attached?	**Yes**		**No**	
Tax Clearance Certificate Is an **ORIGINAL** and **VALID** Tax Clearance Certificate attached?	**Yes**		**No**	
MBD 4 (Declaration of Interest) Is the form duly completed and signed?	**Yes**		**No**	
MBD 6.1 (Preference Points claim form for purchases/services) Is the form duly completed and signed?	**Yes**		**No**	
MBD 7.1 CONTRACT FORM - PURCHASE OF GOODS/WORKS	**Yes**		**No**	
MBD 8 (Declaration of Past Supply Chain Practices) Is the form duly completed and signed?	**Yes**		**No**	
MBD 9 (Certificate of Independent Bid Determination) Is the form duly completed and signed?	**Yes**		**No**	
SCHEDULE A – CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION OF TENDERER ON NATIONAL TREASURY DATABASE				
SCHEDULE B – TENDERER'S PAST EXPERIENCE				

(i) SIGNATURE	(ii)	**(iii) NAME**	(iv)
(v) CAPACITY	(vi)	**(vii) DATE**	(viii)
(ix) NAME OF FIRM	(x)		

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TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER ADVERTISEMENT

ADVERTISED ON:	**MUNICIPAL NOTICE BOARD, MUNICIPAL WEBSITE, NATIONAL TREASURY e-Tender and LOCAL NEWSPAPER**		
TENDER DESCRIPTION	**BID NO.**		
PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WASTE AUDIT OF LANDFILL SITE OF MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY	**MATAT/2025/2026-44**		
PUBLISHED DATE:	**12/06/2026**	**CLOSING DATE:**	**26/06/2026**
CLOSING TIME:	10h00: Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter, in public at Matatiele Local Municipality Mountain View BTO Offices R56		

AVAILABILITY OF TENDER DOCUMENTS			
Bid Documents will be available on Municipal Website and BTO Offices	The tender document fee is payable to Municipal bank account (Ned Bank 1011292106 branch code 198765, name of company and bid no as reference) To obtain tender documents please login to www.matatiele.gov.za or email mlekhooa@matatiele.gov.za. The tender documents will be available for download from our website (www.matatiele.gov.za) at no cost to the tenderer. Alternatively, hard copies may be purchased from the municipality at a prescribed fee.		
Date Available	**17/06/2026**	**Non-Refundable Fee**	**R300.00**

TENDER SUBMISSION RULES:

- Tenders must be completed in accordance with the tender conditions and tender rules contained in the tender document.
- The tender document and compulsory attachments/supporting documents must be placed in a sealed envelope and externally endorsed with: Tender Number; Description and Closing Date of the Tender.
- Tender documents must only be submitted on the tender document issued by Matatiele Local Municipality.
- Tender documents must be completed in black ink only and do not re-type the document when filling it.

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS- FAILURE TO SUBMIT ANYONE OF THEM WILL INVALIDATE YOUR TENDER OFFER.

● Proof of Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration- report printed ● Complete MBD 3.3, 4, 6.1,8 & 9 Forms and its Annexures in full as attached in tender document ● Ethics Commitment Form ●Authority to sign Form Prices quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT ●Joint Ventures Agreement signed by all parties involved.

●Tenders will be evaluated in terms of Matatiele Local Municipality Supply Chain Management Policy ● Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act No.5 of 2000 ●Section 217 of the Constitution Act No 108 of 1996

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Bids will be evaluated on the basis of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act is 80/20 in line with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) of November 2022.

Only competent bidders who are competent in the advertised work and who have exceeded the minimum functionality threshold will be two phases Phase 1= **Functionality=100 Points** and Phase 2= is 80/20 in line with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) as amended 16 January 2023. Only bidders who obtain 75 points as a minimum functionality threshold will be evaluated further on 80/20.

Points for functionality will be scored according to the table below: Detailed sub-criterions are contained in the tender document and are binding:

Functionality Criteria	Points
Company Experience	30
Personnel	70
Total	100

80/20 Evaluation Criteria

Preferential Goals	**80/20**	**Documents required for verification**
Maximum Points	**20**	
Goal 1- Ownership (Historically Disadvantaged Individuals-HDI)	6	ID Copy of the owner/director and CSD
Goal 2- Youth Ownership 14-35 Years (MLM Enterprises)	6	CSD, ● Proof of municipal accounts or ●Proof of residence signed by ward councillor or ●Affidavit
Goal 3- Women Ownership	4	ID Copy of the owner/director and CSD
Goal 4-Disability Ownership	2	ID Copy of the owner/director and CSD
Goal 5-Rural Enterprises	2	CSD, ● Proof of municipal accounts or ●Proof of residence signed by ward councillor or ●Affidavit
Tender Price	80	
TOTAL	**100 POINTS**	

TENDER ENQUIRIES

All SCM enquiries relating to this bid must be directed to M. Sabasaba, e-mail: MSabasaba@matatiele.gov.za during office hours (07h30 – 16h00) weekdays. All Technical enquiries relating to this bid must be directed to Ms D. Leeu, e-mail: DLeeu@matatiele.gov.za during office hours

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The Matatiele Local Municipality reserves the right not to appoint a contractor on highest points scored. Value for money, past experience and functionality will be the key determinants of appointment. *The Municipality will not make any award to a person or persons working for the state or failing to possess relevant credentials as stipulated in the tender requirements.*

Bidders are warned not to accept any person who requests any amount for award for this bid, it is a scam and fraud, that person must be reported to the nearest police station.

_____

Mrs N. Zembe
Acting Municipal Manager

MBD1
PART A
INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (*NAME OF MUNICIPALITY/ MUNICIPAL ENTITY*)					
BID NUMBER:	MATAT/2025/2026-44	CLOSING DATE:	26 JUNE 2026	CLOSING TIME:	10H00
DESCRIPTION	PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WASTE AUDIT OF LANDFILL SITE OF MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.				
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).					

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX
SITUATED AT *(STREET ADDRESS*

Matatiele Local Municipality
New BTO Offices
Matatiele
4730

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					
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:		**OR**	CSD No:	///
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	☐Yes ☐No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES OFFERED?	☐Yes ☐No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]	
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED			**TOTAL BID PRICE**	**R**	
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER	……		**DATE**		
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED					

BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		**TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**	
DEPARTMENT	BTO OFFICES	CONTACT PERSON	Mrs N. Marubelela
CONTACT PERSON	MS M SABASABA	TELEPHONE NUMBER	0397378153
TELEPHONE NUMBER	0397378263	FACSIMILE NUMBER	0397373611
FACSIMILE NUMBER	0397373611	E-MAIL ADDRESS	NMarubelela@matatiele.gov.za
E-MAIL ADDRESS	MSabasaba@matatiele.gov.za		

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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 ONLINE**
1.3.	THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
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 VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
2.3	APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
2.4	FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.
2.5	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
2.6	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
2.7	WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
3.	**QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS**
3.1.	IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.2.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.3.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.4.	DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
3.5.	IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? ☐ YES ☐ 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 ABOVE.

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.
NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: ……

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED: ……

DATE: ……..

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Municipality / Municipal Entity: Matatiele Local Municipality
Department: Budget and Treasury Office
Contact Person: Manager: Supply Chain Management and Fleet Management: Ms M. Sabasaba
Email: MSabasaba@matatiele.gov.za
Fax: 039 737 3611

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:
Contact Person: Chief Audit Executive: Ms N. Marubelela
Email: NMarubelele@matatiele.gov.za

Fax: 039 737 3611

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3. AUTHOURITY TO SIGN

1. SOLE PROPRIETOR (SINGLE OWNER BUSINESS) AND NATURAL PERSON

1.1. I, _____, the undersigned, hereby confirm that I am the sole owner of the business trading as _____.

OR

1.2. I, _____, the undersigned, hereby confirm that I am submitting this tender in my capacity as natural person.

SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
PRINT NAME:			
WITNESS 1:		WITNESS 2:	

2. COMPANIES AND CLOSE CORPORATIONS

2.1. **If a Bidder is a COMPANY**, **a certified copy of the resolution by the board of directors**, duly signed, authorizing the person who signs this bid to do so, as well as to sign any contract resulting from this bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and/or contract on behalf of the company **must be submitted with this bid,** that is, before the closing time and date of the bid

2.2. In the case of a **CLOSE CORPORATION (CC**) submitting a bid**, a resolution by its members**, authorizing a member or other official of the corporation to sign the documents on their behalf, **shall be included with the bid.**

PARTICULARS OF RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY/MEMBERS OF THE CC

Date Resolution was taken	
Resolution signed by (name and surname)	
Capacity	
Name and surname of delegated Authorized Signatory	
Capacity	
Specimen Signature	

Full name and surname of ALL Director(s) / Member (s)			
1.		2.	
3.		4.	
5.		6.	
7.		8.	
9.		10.	

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Is a CERTIFIED COPY of the resolution attached?	YES		NO	

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF COMPANY / CC:		DATE:	
PRINT NAME:			
WITNESS 1:		WITNESS 2:	

3. PARTNERSHIP

We, the undersigned partners in the business trading as _____ hereby authorize Mr/Ms_____ to sign this bid as well as any contract resulting from the bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and /or contract for and on behalf of the abovementioned partnership.

The following particulars in respect of every partner must be furnished and signed by every partner:

Full name of partner			Signature
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF PARTNERSHIP:		DATE:	
PRINT NAME:			
WITNESS 1:		WITNESS 2:	

4. CONSORTIUM

We, the undersigned consortium partners, hereby authorize_____ _____ (Name of entity) to act as lead consortium partner and further authorize Mr./Ms. _____ To sign this offer as well as any contract resulting from this tender and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this tender and / or contract for and on behalf of the consortium.

The following particulars in respect of each consortium member must be provided and signed by each member:

Full Name of Consortium Member	Role of Consortium Member	% Participation	Signature

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SIGNED ON BEHALF OF PARTNERSHIP:		DATE:	
PRINT NAME:			
WITNESS 1:		WITNESS 2:	

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT – GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

1. DEFINITIONS

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 anything 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.

1.13. 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.

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1.14. “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.

1.15. “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract.

1.16. “Goods” means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.

1.17. “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.

1.18. Local content” means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.

1.19. “Manufacture” means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.

1.20. “Order” means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.

1.21. “Project site” where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.

1.22. “Purchaser” means the organization purchasing the goods.

1.23. “Republic” means the Republic of South Africa.

1.24. “SCC” means the Special Conditions of Contract.

1.25. “Services” means that 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.

1.26. “Supplier” means the successful bidder who is awarded the contract to maintain and administer the required and specified service(s) to the State.

1.27. “Tort” means in breach of contract.

1.28. “Turnkey” means a procurement process where one service provider assumes total responsibility for all aspects of the project and delivers the full end product / service required by the contract.

1.29. “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. Invitations to bid are usually published in locally distributed news media and on the municipality / municipal entity website.

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 as 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.

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6.2. When a supplier developed documentation / projects for the municipality / municipal entity, the intellectual, copy and patent rights or ownership of such documents or projects will vest in the municipality / municipal entity.

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:

7.3.1. bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or

7.3.2. 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.

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 inspections tests and analysis, the bidder or contractor's premises shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the purchaser or an organization acting on behalf of the purchaser.

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 goods 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 goods or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such goods or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.

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

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8.7. Any contract goods 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 goods 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 goods which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected goods shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute goods forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected goods, purchase such goods 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 22 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, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery

Delivery of the goods shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the documents and terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the supplier are specified.

11. Insurance

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.

12. Transportation

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

13. Incidental

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

13.1.1. performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;

13.1.2. furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;

13.1.3. furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;

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13.1.4. performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and

13.1.5. training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

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, 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:

14.1.1. such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and;

14.1.2. in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:

14.1.2.1. advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and

14.1.2.2. Following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

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, 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.

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 by the purchaser **no later than thirty (30**) days after submission of an **invoice, statement** or claim by the supplier.

16.4. Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated.

17. Prices

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 or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Variation orders

In cases where the estimated value of the envisaged changes in purchase does not vary more tha15% of the total value of the original contract, the contractor may be instructed to deliver the goods or render the services as such. In cases of measurable quantities, the contractor may be approached to reduce the unit price and such offers, may be accepted provided that there is no escalation in price.

19. Assignment

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

The supplier shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under this contract, if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the supplier from any liability or obligation under the contract.

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. 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.

21.4. 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 22 without the application of penalties.

21.5. Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any goods delivered later at the supplier's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the supplier.

22. Penalties

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:

23.1.1. if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;

23.1.2. if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or

23.1.3. if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

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 supplier as having no objection and proceed with the restriction.

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23.5. Any restriction imposed on any person by the purchaser will, at the discretion of the purchaser, 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 purchase actively associated.

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

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

23.6.2. the date of commencement of the restriction

23.6.3. the period of restriction; and

23.6.4. the reasons for the restriction.

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

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

When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping 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 of 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.

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26. Termination for insolvency

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. Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,

27.4.1. the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and

27.4.2. the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due for goods delivered and / or services rendered according to the prescripts of the contract.

28. Limitation of liability

28.1. Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;

28.1.1. the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

28.1.2. the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment

29. Governing language

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

The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified.

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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

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 SARS must have certified that the tax matters of the preferred bidder are in order.

32.4. No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose municipal rates and taxes and municipal services charges are in arrears.

33. Transfer of contracts

The contractor shall not abandon, transfer, cede, assign or sublet a contract or part thereof without the written permission of the purchaser.

34. Amendment of contracts

No agreement to amend or vary a contract or order or the conditions, stipulations or provisions thereof shall be valid and of any force unless such agreement to amend or vary is entered into in writing and signed by the contracting parties. Any waiver of the requirement that the agreement to amend or vary shall be in writing, shall also be in writing.

35. Prohibition of restrictive practices.

35.1. In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder(s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding.

35.2. 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 section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 0f 1998.

35.3. 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.

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF TENDER

ALL TENDER CONDITIONS AND/OR INSTRUCTIONS SET OUT BELOW MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO, FAILING WHICH THIS TENDER SUBMISSION WILL BE DECLARED NON-RESPONSIVE

1. No tender will be considered unless submitted on this MATATIELE tender document.

2. The whole original tender document, as issued by MATATIELE must be submitted. A tender will be considered invalid and will not be accepted, if any part of this tender document is not submitted.

3. Bidders must submit one tender offer only, either as a single tendering entity or as a member of a joint venture.

4. Telephonic, telegraphic, telex, facsimile or emailed tender offers will not be accepted.

5. Any portion of the tender document not completed will be interpreted as 'not applicable'. Notwithstanding the afore-going, failure to complete any compulsory portion of the tender document will result in the tender being declared non-responsive.

6. Tenders must be properly received and deposited, on or before the closing date and on or before the closing time, in the **Informal Tender Box** at the MATATIELE Supply Chain Management Unit ('SCMU')…….. If the tender document is too large to fit in the allocated box, please enquire at the reception for assistance.

7. MATATIELE accepts no responsibility for ensuring that tenders are placed in the correct tender box, and should a tender be placed in the incorrect tender box, it will be not be accepted.

8. MATATIELE reserves the right to accept:

   8.1 the whole tender or part of a tender or any item or part of any item, or to accept more than one tender (in the event of a number of items being offered), and MATATIELE is not obliged to accept the lowest or any tender;

   8.2 a tender which is not substantially or materially different from the tender specification.

9. MATATIELE shall not consider tenders that are received after the closing date and time, as specified in the tender advertisement.

10. MATATIELE will not be held responsible for any expenses incurred by tenderers in preparing and submitting tenders.

11. MATATIELE may, after the tender closing date, request additional information or clarification of tenders in writing.

12. A tender may be rejected as non-responsive if the tenderer fails to provide any clarification requested by MATATIELE within the time for submission stated in the written request for such clarification.

13. A tenderer may request in writing, after the closing date, that the tender offer be withdrawn. Such withdrawal will be permitted or refused at the sole discretion of MATATIELE after consideration of the reasons for the withdrawal, which shall be fully set out by the tenderer in such written request for withdrawal.

14. The tender shall be signed by a person duly authorised to do so.

15. Tenders submitted by joint ventures, consortia, partnerships shall be accompanied by a joint venture, consortium, partnership agreement, in which it is defined precisely the conditions under which the joint venture, consortium or partnership will function, its period of duration, the persons authorised to represent and obligate it, the participation of the several firms of which it is formed, and any other information necessary to permit a full appraisal of its functioning.

16. Once the tender is awarded, all purchases will be made through an official MATATIELE order. Therefore, no goods must be delivered or services rendered before an official order has been forwarded to and accepted by the successful tenderer.

17. **Tender Evaluation**

17.1 Tenders will be evaluated on functionality, should functionality criteria be made a requirement of this tender in the special conditions of tender set out in terms of reference of this tender document.

17.2 In the event that a functionality assessment is applicable to this tender, the minimum functionality score that a tender shall be required to obtain in order to be evaluated further shall be indicated in terms of reference of this tender document.

17.3 The tender will be evaluated for price and preference using the 80/20 preference points system, as follows:

Price	80
Specific Goals	20

17.4 Tenderers may tender with or without VAT depending upon whether or not they are VAT vendors. In the calculation of price points, VAT shall be removed from the tender offer of tenderers registered as VAT vendors, so that financial offers can be evaluated on a

comparative basis as a price advantage cannot be afforded to tenderers who are not VAT vendors.

18. Test for Responsiveness

18.1 Invalid Tenders

Tenders shall be invalid if:

(a) The tender is not sealed when submitted into the tender box.

(b) The tender is not completed in non-erasable ink.

(c) The form of offer has not been completed in every respect and signed by the tenderer.

(d) In a two-envelope system, a tenderer fails to submit both a technical proposal and a separate, sealed financial offer.

(e) The tenderer has been listed on the National Treasury's Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, or has been listed on the National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers and who is therefore prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

(f) The tenderer is prevented from doing business with MATATIELE in terms of Regulation 38 and 44 of the Supply Chain Management Regulations (MFMA).

18.2 Non-responsive Tenders

Tenders will be declared as non-responsive and eliminated from further evaluation in the following circumstances –

(a) The tender does not comply with the tendering procedures.

(b) The tender has not achieved the minimum score for functionality as set out in the tender evaluation criteria, where functionality is applicable.

(c) Where there are material deviations or qualifications to the tender which in MATATIELE's opinion would –

(i) Detrimentally affect the scope, quality or performance of the works, services or supply identified in the scope of works;

(ii) Significantly change MATATIELE's or the tenderer's risks and responsibilities under the contract, or

(iii) Affect the competitive position of the tenderer, or other tenderers presenting responsive tenders, if it were to be rectified.

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(d) The tender will be declared non-responsive if the tenderer fails to adhere to a written request (within the specified period set out in such request) to –

(xi) Comply with one or more of the conditions contained in the general or special conditions of tender;

(xii) Comply with the general conditions applicable to tenders as contained in the MATATIELE Supply Chain Management Policy;

(xiii) Complete and/or sign any declarations and/or authorisations;

(xiv) Register on the MATATIELE Supplier database;

(xv) Submit an original and valid tax clearance certificate from the South African Revenue Services (SARS) certifying that the taxes of the tenderer are in order, or written confirmation from SARS that suitable arrangements have been made with SARS.

19. **Clarification of tender offer after submission**

The tenderer must provide clarification of its tender offer in response to a request to do so from MATATIELE during the evaluation of tender offers. This may include providing a breakdown of rates or prices and correction of arithmetical errors by the adjustment of certain rates or item prices (or both). No change in the competitive position of tenderers or substance of the tender offer may be sought, offered, or permitted.

20. **Provide other material**

The tenderer shall provide, on request by MATATIELE, any other material that has a bearing on the tender offer, the tenderer's commercial position (including notarized joint venture agreements), or samples of materials, considered necessary by MATATIELE for the purpose of a full and fair risk assessment. Should the tenderer not provide the material, or a satisfactory reason as to why it cannot be provided, by the time for submission stated in MATATIELE's request, MATATIELE may regard the tender offer as non-responsive.

21. **Inspections, tests and analysis**

The tenderer shall, at the request of MATATIELE, provide access during working hours to its business premises for any inspections, tests and analyses as provided for in these tender conditions.

22. **Securities, bonds, policies, etc**

If required, the tenderer must submit for MATATIELE's acceptance before formation of the contract, all securities, bonds, guarantees, policies and certificates of insurance required in terms of the conditions of contract.

23. **Imbalance in tendered rates**

23.1 In the event of tendered rates or lump sums being declared by MATATIELE to be unacceptable to it because they are either excessively low or high or not in balance with other rates or lump sums, the Tenderer may be required to produce evidence and advance arguments in support of the tendered rates or lump sums objected to.

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23.2 If after submission of such evidence and any further evidence requested, MATATIELE is still not satisfied with the tendered rates or lump sums objected to, it may request the tenderer to amend these rates and lump sums along the lines indicated by it.

23.3 The tenderer will then have the option to alter and/or amend the rates and lump sums objected to and such other related amounts as are agreed on by MATATIELE, but this shall be done without altering the tender offer as tendered for.

23.4 Should the Tenderer fail to amend his tender in a manner acceptable to MATATIELE, MATATIELE may reject the tender.

24. **Tender validity period**

24.1 Any tender submitted shall remain valid, irrevocable and open for written acceptance by MATATIELE for a period of 90 (ninety) days from the closing date or for such extended period as may be applicable.

24.2 The tender offer may not be amended during the aforesaid validity period.

24.3 In the event that an appeal in terms of the Municipal Systems Act No. 32 of 2000, is received, the validity period of the tender shall be deemed to be extended until the finalisation of the appeal; unless the tenderer has requested in writing that its tender be withdrawn. The provisions in respect of withdrawal as set out in clause 9 above will apply to such withdrawal.

24.4 A tenderer must be registered within 7 days of being requested to do so, failing which its tender shall be declared to be non-responsive.

24.5 It is each tenderer's responsibility to keep all the information on the MATATIELE Supplier Database updated. If any information required (e.g. tax clearance certificate, CIDB certificate, etc) is not valid or has expired, all transactions with the vendor may, in the sole discretion of MATATIELE, be suspended until such time as the correct, verified information is received.

25. **Tax clearance certificates.**

25.1 No award shall be made to a person whose tax matters have not been declared to be in order by the South African Revenue Service (SARS).

25.2 Tenderers are therefore required to obtain a valid original Tax Clearance Certificate from the local SARS office where such tenderer is registered for income tax/VAT purposes.

25.3 It is the responsibility of each contractor/supplier who has been awarded a MATATIELE tender, to submit an updated tax clearance certificate to MATATIELE, should any current certificate expire during the contract period. Failure to do so will

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lead to the suspension of transactions with the supplier until a valid tax clearance certificate is received by SCMU.

25.4 Each party to a consortium, joint venture or partnership must comply with all of the above.

26. **Inducements, rewards, gifts and other abuses of the Supply Chain Management System**

26.1 No provider or potential provider of goods or services, or a recipient or potential recipient of goods disposed of or to be disposed of, may directly or indirectly commit any fraudulent act during the tender process or abuse the supply chain management system of MATATIELE.

26.2 Fraud and abuse of the supply chain management system is not permitted and may result in the tender being rejected, an existing contract being cancelled, blacklisting, and any other remedies available to MATATIELE as provided for in the Supply Chain Management Regulations.

27. **Declarations and authorisation**

Tenderers are required to complete all statutory declarations and authorisations in the schedules attached to this tender document failing which the tender may be declared non-responsive.

28. **Samples**

If the specifications require a tenderer to provide samples, these shall be provided strictly in accordance with the instructions set out in the tender conditions.

29. **Alternative offers**

Alternative offers may be considered, provided that a tender free of qualifications and strictly in accordance with the bid document is also submitted. MATATIELE shall not be bound to consider alternative tenders.

30. **Alterations to tender document**

Tenderers may not make any alterations or additions to the tender document, except to comply with instructions issued by MATATIELE, or as are necessary to correct errors made by the tenderer. All signatories to the tender offer shall initial all such alterations. Erasures and the use of masking fluid are prohibited.

31. **Objections, Complaints, Queries and Disputes / Appeals in terms of Section 62 of the Systems Act**

31.1 **Objections, complaints, queries and disputes**

Persons aggrieved by decisions or actions taken by MATATIELE in the implementation of the supply chain management system or any matter arising from a contract awarded in terms of the supply chain management system may, within 14 days of the decision or action, lodge a written objection or compliant or query or dispute against the decision or action.

31.2 **Section 62 Appeals**

(a) In terms of section 62 of the Systems Act, a person whose rights are affected by a decision taken by a political structure, political office bearer, councillor or staff member of a municipality in terms of a power or duty delegated or sub-delegated by a delegating authority, may appeal against that decision by giving written notice of the appeal and reasons to the Accounting Officer within 21 days of the date of notification of the decision.

(b) An appeal shall contain the following:

(i) The reasons and/or grounds for the appeal;

(ii) The manner in which the appellant's rights have been affected;

(iii) The remedy sought by the appellant.

31.3 **Lodging of appeals, objections, complaints, queries and disputes relating to this tender**

Appeals, objections, complaints, requests for information, queries and disputes must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Acting Municipal Manager, Mrs N. Zembe .by email, NZembe@matatiele.gov.za

32. **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- Prices quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT.
- A firm delivery period must be indicated.

33. **Services to be provided**

The services required by the Contracting Authority are described in these Terms of Reference.

34. **Participating and sub-contracting**

34.1 Participation in this bid is open to everyone.

34.2 Bids should be submitted by the same service provider or consortium, which has submitted the proposal based on the above. **No change whatsoever in the identity or composition of the bidder is permitted.**

34.3 Short-listed service provider or consortia are allowed to form alliances with any other firms or to sub-contract to each other for the purpose of this contract;

34.4 Sub-contracting will be allowed, only in so far as it was stated in the initial bid.

Where Nature, Agriculture, Tourism are Investments of Choice.
Electrical Services: 079 522 9770 Prepaid Sales: 079 523 322 Finance Office: 039 737 3565 Disaster and Fire: 039-2560610/079 523 2223
Police(SAPS): 039-7379904/9905 Water: 082 520 1476 Ambulance: 10177 Traffic: 079 522 9774

35. **Duplication of bid document is prohibited.**

36. **Contents of Bids**

36.1 Each bid must comprise of a technical offer and a financial offer, each of which must be submitted separately.

37. **Presentations / Adjudication**

37.1 The Evaluation Committee may call for presentation by the short-listed bidders, after having established its written provisional conclusions but before concluding the technical evaluation.

37.2 The date and time of any such presentation will be confirmed or notified to the short-listed bidders at least seven days in advance. If a bidder is prevented from attending presentation by force majeure, a mutually convenient alternative appointment may be arranged with the bidder. If the bidder is unable to attend this second appointment, its bids will be eliminated from the evaluation process.

38. **Variant solutions**

38.1 Any variant solutions will not be taken into consideration.

39. **Cession**

39.1 No **cession agreement** will be entered to between the municipality and any Service Provider.

MATATIELE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Ethics Commitment for Suppliers of the Matatiele Local Municipality

In our dealings with the Matatiele Local Municipality we commit to uphold high standards of ethics. Among other things this means:

- We will be honest and deal in good faith;
- We will not try to improperly influence any municipal official or decision;
- We will avoid all conflicts of interest;
- We will not engage in any form of corruption (e.g. paying bribes, giving kickbacks);
- We will not give gifts to municipal officials or councillors;
- We will not be involved in collusion with other service providers (i.e. price-fixing);
- We will ensure that all information we submit to the municipality is accurate and truthful (e.g. we will not engage in BBBEE fronting).
- We will inform the Municipality of any unethical behaviour which we become aware of in the procurement process, either related to other suppliers or to municipal officials.*
- We will, through all our dealings, contribute to building a positive ethical culture in the Matatiele Local Municipality.

This is our commitment to help build an ethical community.

Name of Company: _____

Name of authorised person: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

* If you wish to report unethical conduct you can contact or *If you are aware of any fraud/ corruption within the municipality. These may be reported anonymously to
The Acting Municipal manager: NZembe@matatiele.gov.za

MBD 2

TAX CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

IT IS A CONDITION OF BIDDING THAT -

1.The taxes of the successful bidder must be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Receiver of Revenue to meet his / her tax obligations.

2.The attached form "Application for Tax Clearance Certificate (in respect of bidders)", must be completed in all respects and submitted to the Receiver of Revenue where the bidder is registered for tax purposes. The Receiver of Revenue will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of twelve (12) months from date of issue.

3.In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate. Copies of the Application for Tax Clearance Certificates are available at any Receiver′s Office.

Where Nature, Agriculture, Tourism are Investments of Choice.
Electrical Services: 079 522 9770 Prepaid Sales: 079 523 322 Finance Office: 039 737 3565 Disaster and Fire: 039-2560610/079 523 2223
Police(SAPS): 039-7379904/9905 Water: 082 520 1476 Ambulance: 10177 Traffic: 079 522 9774

APPLICATION FOR TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

(IN RESPECT OF BIDDERS)

1. Name of taxpayer / bidder: .....

2. Trade name: .....

3. Identification number: | | | | | | | | | | | | |

4. Company / Close Corporation registration number: | | | | | | | | | |

5. Income tax reference number: | | | | | | | | | | |

6. VAT registration number (if applicable): | | | | | | | | | | |

7. PAYE employer's registration number (if applicable): | | | | | | | | | | |

Signature of contact person requiring Tax Clearance Certificate: .....

Name: .....

Telephone number: Code:…… Number: .....

Address: .....

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.....

DATE: 20_____ / _____ / _____

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) WILL NOT EXERCISE HIS DISCRETIONARY POWERS IN FAVOUR OF ANY PERSON WITH REGARD TO ANY INTEREST, PENALTIES AND / OR ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIABLE DUE TO THE LATE- OR UNDERPAYMENT OF TAXES, DUTIES OR LEVIES OR THE RENDITION RETURNS BY ANY PERSON AS A RESULT OF ANY SYSTEM NOT BEING YEAR 2000 COMPLIANT.

MBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state[1].

2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.

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

3.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:……

3.2 Identity Number: ……

3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder[2]):

……

3.4 Company Registration Number: ……

3.5 Tax Reference Number: …….

3.6 VAT Registration Number: ……..

3.7 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.

3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars…..……

……..

[1] MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

(a) a member of –

(i) any municipal council;

(ii) any provincial legislature; or

(iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;

(b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;

(c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;

(d) an employee of 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);

(e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or

(f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

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

3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months? ……**YES / NO**

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars……..……..

…….

3.10 Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? …….. …… **YES / NO**

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars ……..

…….

3.11 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?.....**YES / NO**

3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars……

…….....

3.12 Are any of the company's directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?.....**YES / NO**

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars…….

…….

3.13 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?.....**YES / NO**

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars……...

……

3.14 Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders, or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other related companies or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract. **YES / NO**

3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars……..

……..

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

Full Name	**Identity Number**	**State Employee Number**

…… ……

Signature **Date**

..…….. …….

Capacity **Name of Bidder**

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

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1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- 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 To be completed by the organ of state

(*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).

a) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 90/10 preference point system.

b) The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.

c) Either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/ highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

(a) Price; and

(b) Specific Goals.

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	**100**

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

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

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) **"tender"** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;

(b) **"price"** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;

(c) **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

(d) **"tender for income-generating contracts"** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and

(e) **"the Act"** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 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**

$$\boldsymbol{Ps = 80\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\,min}{P\,min}\right)} \quad \text{or} \quad \boldsymbol{Ps = 90\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\,min}{P\,min}\right)}$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

3.2. FORMULAE FOR DISPOSAL OR LEASING OF STATE ASSETS AND INCOME GENERATING PROCUREMENT

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

80/20 **or** **90/10**

$$\boldsymbol{Ps = 80\left(1 + \frac{Pt - P\,max}{P\,max}\right)} \quad \text{or} \quad \boldsymbol{Ps = 90\left(1 + \frac{Pt - P\,max}{Pmax}\right)}$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

4.1. In terms of Regulation 4(2); 5(2); 6(2) and 7(2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded for specific goals stated in the tender. For the purposes of this tender the tenderer will be allocated points based on the goals stated in table 1 below as may be supported by proof/ documentation stated in the conditions of this tender:

4.2. In cases where organs of state intend to use Regulation 3(2) of the Regulations, which states that, if it is unclear whether the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system applies, an organ of state must, in the tender documents, stipulate in the case of—

(a) an invitation for tender for income-generating contracts, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system; or

(b) any other invitation for tender, that either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will apply and that the lowest acceptable tender will be used to determine the applicable preference point system,

then the organ of state must indicate the points allocated for specific goals for both the 90/10 and 80/20 preference point system.

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

(Note to organs of state: Where either the 90/10 or 80/20 preference point system is applicable, corresponding points must also be indicated as such.

***Note to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system.*)**

The specific goals allocated points in terms of this tender	Number of points allocated (90/10 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (To be completed by the organ of state)	Number of points claimed (90/10 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
Goal 1- Ownership (Historically Disadvantaged Individuals-HDI)		6		
Goal 2- Youth Ownership 14-35 Years (MLM Enterprises)		6		
Goal 3- Women Ownership		4		
Goal 4-Disability Ownership		2		
Goal 5-Rural Enterprises		2		

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.3. Name of company/firm…….

4.4. Company registration number: ……...

4.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One-person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Public Company
- ☐ Personal Liability Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited
- ☐ Non-Profit Company
- ☐ State Owned Company

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

4.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I 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 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;

iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

(a) disqualify the person from the tendering 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 tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted 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, if deemed necessary

……..
SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME: ……..
DATE: ……

ADDRESS: ……

……

……

CONTRACT FORM - PURCHASE OF GOODS/WORKS

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.

PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE BIDDER)

1. I hereby undertake to supply all or any of the goods and/or works described in the attached bidding documents to (name of institution)……..……. in accordance with the requirements and specifications stipulated in bid number……..…….. at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of bid.

2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:

   (i) Bidding documents, *viz*
   - Invitation to bid;
   - Tax clearance certificate;
   - Pricing schedule(s);
   - Technical Specification(s);
   - Preference claims for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Status Level of Contribution in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011;
   - Declaration of interest;
   - Declaration of bidder's past SCM practices;
   - Certificate of Independent Bid Determination;
   - Special Conditions of Contract;

   (ii) General Conditions of Contract; and

   (iii) Other (specify)

3. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the goods and/or works specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.

4. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.

5. I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.

6. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

NAME (PRINT) ……

CAPACITY ……

SIGNATURE ……

NAME OF FIRM ……

DATE ……

WITNESSES

1. ……

2. ……

MBD 7.1

CONTRACT FORM - PURCHASE OF GOODS/WORKS

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

1. I…… in my capacity as……..….. accept your bid under reference number ……dated……for the supply of goods/works indicated hereunder and/or further specified in the annexure(s).

2. An official order indicating delivery instructions is forthcoming.

3. I undertake to make payment for the goods/works delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of an invoice accompanied by the delivery note.

ITEM NO.	PRICE (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	RAND	DELIVERY PERIOD	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT (if applicable)

4. I confirm that I am duly authorized to sign this contract.

SIGNED AT ……ON……..

NAME (PRINT) …….

SIGNATURE …….

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

3. ……

4. ……
….

MBD 8

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.

2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities 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.

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 *audi alteram partem* 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 ☐	No ☐
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 ☐	No ☐
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 of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
Item	**Question**	**Yes**	**No**
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

3 The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:

a. abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;

b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;

c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or

d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).

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

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**

MBD 9

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids[1] 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 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:

a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;

b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and

c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.

4 This MBD 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 (MBD 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.

MBD 9

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

_____

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

_____

(Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity)

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 consortium[3] 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.

……	……
Signature	Date
……	……
Position	Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

DECLARATION IN TERMS OF CLAUSE 112(1) OF THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT (NO.56 OF 2003) - (To be signed in the presence of a Commissioner of Oaths)

I, _____, _____ (full name and ID no.), hereby acknowledge that according to SCM Regulation 38(1)(d)(i), the Municipality may reject the tender of the tenderer if any municipal rates and taxes or municipal service charges owed by the Tenderer or any of its directors/members/partners to the Matatiele Local Municipality, or to any other municipality or municipal entity, are in arrears for more than 3 (three) months.

I declare that I am duly authorised to act on behalf of _____ (name of the firm) and hereby declare, that to the best of my personal knowledge, neither the firm nor any director/member/partner of said firm is in arrears on any of its municipal accounts with any municipality in the Republic of South Africa, for a period longer than 3 (three) months.

I further hereby certify that the information set out in this schedule and/or attachment(s) hereto is true and correct. The Tenderer acknowledges that failure to properly and truthfully complete this schedule may result in the tender being disqualified, and/or in the event that the tenderer is successful, the cancellation of the contract.

PHYSICAL BUSINESS ADDRESS(ES) OF THE TENDERER	MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT NUMBER

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE BIDDER'S Director / Shareholder / Partners, etc.:

Director / Shareholder / partner	Physical address of the Business	Municipal Account number(s)	Physical residential address of the Director / shareholder / partner	Municipal Account number(s)

NB: Please attach certified copy(ies) of ID document(s)

If the entity or any of its Directors/Shareholders/Partners, etc. rents/leases premises, a copy of the rental/lease agreement must be submitted with this tender.

Signature	**Position**	**Date**

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Signed and sworn to before me at _____,on

this _____day of _____ 20__

by the Deponent, who has acknowledged that he/she knows and understands the contents of this Affidavit, it is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and that he/she has no objection to taking the prescribed oath and that the prescribed oath will be binding on his/her conscience.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS:-

Position: _____

Address:

Apply official stamp of authority on this page:

SCHEDULE A –

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION OF TENDERER ON NATIONAL TREASURY DATABASE

TENDERER NAME	NATIONAL TREASURY DATABASE REGISTRATION NUMBER

A tenderer who is not registered on the National Treasury Database (CSD) is not precluded from submitting a tender; however such tenderer must be registered on the database prior to the finalisation of the evaluation of the tender in order for its bid to be considered responsive.

It is the responsibility of a tenderer to ensure that this requirement is complied with. In the case of Joint Ventures and Consortia, this requirement will apply to each party to the Joint Venture or Consortium.

Note:

TENDERER'S SIGNATURE: ……

SCHEDULE B –

TENDERER'S PAST EXPERIENCE

Tenderers must furnish hereunder, details of similar works/service which they have satisfactorily completed in the past. The information shall include a description of the works/service, the contract value and the name of the employer. All the consultants/experts involved, must have at least performed three different projects in municipal Supply Chain Management environment; (Attach CV's of consultants as evidence of personnel to be involved in the project)Attach the Company profile / projects where team members were involved in and contactable references must clearly be reflected on the proposal.

SIMILAR COMPLETED / CURRENT PROJECTS					
PROJECT NAME	**EMPLOYER**	**EMPLOYER TEL. NUMBER**	**AWARDED AMOUNT**	**CONTRACT START DATE**	**ANTICIPATED/ ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE**

…..... ……

DATE **SIGNATURE OF BID**

PRICING SCHEDULE

MBD 3.3

PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WASTE AUDIT OF LANDFILL SITE OF MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Name of Bidder: …… Bid Number: ……..……

Closing Time: Closing Date……...

PRICING SCHEDULE (bidders are permitted to submit separate schedule to fit their needs with below minimum standards

Item	Description	QUANTITY	Unit Bid Price (R) Excluding VAT	Total Bid Price (R) Excluding VAT
1	PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WASTE AUDIT OF LANDFILL SITE OF MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY	1		
	Sub Total			
	VAT 15%			
	Grand Total			

NOTE

1. **All delivery costs MUST be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.**
2. **Document MUST be completed in non-erasable black ink.**
3. **All prices above include disbursement.**
4. **NO correction fluid/tape may be used.**
5. **In the event of a mistake having been made, it shall be crossed out in ink and be accompanied by an initial at each and every alteration.**

I / We _____
(Full name of Bidder) the undersigned in my _____

capacity as of the firm _____

hereby offer to Matatiele Local Municipality to render the services as described, in accordance with the specification and conditions of contract to the entire satisfaction of the Matatiele Local Municipality and subject to the conditions of tender, for the amounts indicated hereunder.

SPECIFICATION

MATATIELE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

102 Main Street,
Matatiele
P.O. Box 35,
Matatiele, 4730
Tel: 039 737 3135
Fax: 039 737 3611

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PROVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WASTE AUDIT OF LANDFILL SITE OF MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

1. PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The Matatiele Local Municipality requires services of a professional and suitable service provider to conduct an audit of environmental and waste landfill site management. The municipality currently has an Internal Audit Unit that is under the Office of the Municipal Manager with four (04) permanent employees and the Chief Audit Executive (CAE). The Internal Audit Unit require the external skills, since the unit does not have the person who possesses the skills of the environmental and waste management expertise.

Based on the approved Risk-Based Internal Audit Plan for 2025/2026 by the audit committee, it was resolved that the environmental and waste review of landfill site management and its life span be outsourced to the professional external service provider or consultants in order to achieve the above objectives.

The Risk Assessment Report for 2025/2026 financial year, the environmental and waste management was highlighted in red as one of the top 10 risks that need attention by management due to the fact that the municipality is ineffective in waste minimization and inadequate space in the landfill site for dumping and it has a residual risk factor of 60%, which some of their internal controls are satisfactory.

Therefore, the Chief Audit Executive (CAE) deemed it necessary to cover the landfill site management to advice management on how effective and efficient can make a provision for more space for dumping, waste minimization, utilization of the weighbridge, improve security and revenue collection through compliance with municipal permits on waste management.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT:

The objectives of the audit of environmental and waste landfill site are:

- To assess the life span of the municipality landfill site and compliance with the minimum environmental and waste management laws and regulations.
- To assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the landfill site management and compliance with the valid municipal permit licensing requirements.
- To assess the revenue generated through landfill site management and effectiveness of the newly installed weighbridge.

3. SCOPE:

The scope of this Environmental and Waste Landfill Site audit includes the role of the appointed service provider or consultant to assist Matatiele Local Municipality to develop the first-generation Landfill Audit that covers its entire jurisdiction as per NEMWA 59 of 2008.

The project should undertake in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the 'Minimum Requirements for the waste Disposal by Landfill Second Edition 1998, published by the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry'.

Conduct a comprehensive independent physical site inspection, provide an assessment of the following permit compliance elements.

a) Pre-Audit Meetings

- A pre-audit meeting during which the auditor will advise the client what aspects identified during physical inspection.
- The full scope of the landfill compliance audit.

b) Site Inspections Access control

- Cover material, Compaction, Documentation, Landfill plant and equipment, Operation and maintenance and Safety.

c) Previous audit report Review

- Identification of repeated audit findings.
- Review of audit remedial measures implemented.
- Improvement measures noted.
- Audit Report, Key Findings and Recommendations.

d) Compliance with minimum requirements of waste management

- A comprehensive report should be compiled after the site inspections and review of all data, relevant reports, and interviews.
- The landfill compliance audit report must give recommendations on non-compliance identified during the compliance audit.
- Compliance measure scores out of 100% should be provided as an indication of the level of current compliance with the Site Permit and licenses.

The following should be taken into consideration:

- Visit and assessment of Matatiele Landfill Site (assess compliance with ISO 14000 and EMP of the site).
- Assess permit compliance according to the landfill license.

- Document reviews.
- Monitoring the operation and maintenance of the site.
- Compile consolidated report (Permit Compliance checklist, Operation Audit checklist, photos, and graphs).

4. REPORTING:

Landfill Site Audit Report

1. The Landfill Site Audit report shall include, but not limited to, an assessment for each standard and an overall assessment for each standard series (site inspections and compliance status). The following minimum rating status shall be included in the report:
   - *Compliance, and/or*
   - *Not in Compliance.*
2. The report shall also include the following recommendations, but not limited to address:
   - Areas that were not in compliance with the minimum requirements of environmental and waste management,
   - Opportunities for improvement.
3. The Landfill Site Audit exercise is confidential, with the results provided only to Internal Audit Unit.
4. Upon completion of the assignment, a draft report shall be submitted to Chief Audit Executive within fifteen (15) working days after fieldwork.
5. The report will be finalized, taking into consideration comments received from Management.
6. The final report shall be addressed to the Chief Audit Executive and submitted within ten (10) working days after receipt of comments.
7. In accordance with the Global Standards, the Chief Audit Executive will submit the final report to the Municipal Manager and Senior Managers for administrative purposes and functionally to the Audit Committee.
8. Considering second paragraph above, a more detailed report might also be required by the Chief Audit Executive to provide more technical details on any recommendations for improvement or alignment with international best audit practices.

5. DELIVERABLES:

5.1 The Service Provider or Consultant must report to the Municipal Manager, Audit Committee only when there is a report that needs to be presented by their office and they work hand in hand with the Internal Audit Unit.

6. EXPECTED OUTCOME:

6.1 The Service Provider is required to complete the project within thirty (30) working days upon receipt of an order or an appointment letter. Failure to complete the project as per the agreement, the Municipality will then reserve the rights not to accept the project after the thirty (30) days have lapsed.

7. KEY COMPETENCIES:

7.1 The service provider/s appointed to undertake this project should demonstrate the following key competencies.

- Proven track record as a registered company.
- Technical ability to interpret the requirement of these Terms of Reference.
- Sound approach and methodology towards delivering on this assignment.
- Availability, accessibility, and dedication of expertise.
- Prices (s) quoted must be valid for at least ninety (90) days from the date of offer.

8. PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

The project will be coordinated and managed by the Matatiele Local Municipality Internal Audit Unit.

9. PROJECT TIMEFRAME:

The project will have to be finished within 30 days from the date of appointment.

10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Bids will be evaluated based on the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act is 80/20 and Functionality in line with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) of November 2022.

The bids will be evaluated in two stages, namely:

- Stage 1 – Functionality
- Stage 2 - Price and Specific goals Points

FUNCTIONALITY: (100)

With regards to functionality the following criteria will be applicable, and the maximum points as indicated.

NO.	FUNCTIONALITY	POINTS ALLOCATION	SCORE
1.	**Proven experience on Internal audit Services (Attach appointment letters accompanied by corresponding reference letters).**		
	1.1 Two (02) Appointment Letters and Reference Letters	10	**30**
	1.2 Three (03) Appointment Letter and Reference Letters	20	
	1.3 Five (05) Appointment Letter and Reference Letter	30	
2.	**Project Leader and Member must attach certified qualifications and certificates**		**60**
	(1) Project Team Leader		
	• Should have a Degree in Accounting or Auditing and Financial Management (NQF Level 7 and more).	30	
	• Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Qualified CA(SA) / PA, and Register member with IIA or SAICA		
	(2) Project Team Member		
	• Should have a master's in environmental science, Management and Project Management Certificate.	30	
	• Be registered as professional with one of the following bodies: International Association of Independent Impact Assessors (IAIA), Health Profession Council of South Africa (HPCSA), and South African Council of Natural Scientific Professional (SACNSP).		
3.	**Project Team Leader and Project Team Member (*Attach CVs*)**		**10**
	3.1 Project Team Leader with 5 years' experience in the Internal Audit Services	5	
	3.2 Project Team Member with 5 years' experience in the Environmental and Waste Management in the public sector.	5	
	4. Total Points		**100**

A bidder that scores less than 75 points out of 100 in respect of "functionality" will be regarded as submitting a non-responsive bid/ quote and will be disqualified.

Bids will be awarded points on the following basis:

1. Tender Price	**80 points**
2. HDI – Equity ownership	**6 points**
3. Youth-Enterprises 14-35 years (MLM)	**6 points**
4. Women – Equity ownership	**4 points**
5. Disability – Equity ownership	**2 points**
6. Rural Enterprises	**2 points**
TOTAL	**100 points**

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDERS

PUBLICATION REFERENCE:

In submitting their bid, bidders must respect all instructions, forms, Terms of reference, contract provisions and specifications contained in this bid dossier. Failure to submit a bid containing all the required information and documentation within the deadline specified will lead to the rejection of the bid.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Bidders are required to submit the following documents (copies must be certified):

- Proof of Company Registration, with CSD

Invalid or non-submission of the documents listed above will lead to the disqualification and where the bidder is registered on the Central Supplier Database System reference can be made to such document and it is the bidders responsibility to ensure that the document does exist and verification of such registration will be done by the municipality and where the bidder is found to be not registered or have submitted incorrect registration details will be regarded as non-responsive and be disqualified from the bid.

1. Services to be provided.

The services required by the Contracting Authority are described in these Terms of Reference.

2. Participating and sub-contracting

2.1 Participation in this bid is open to everyone.

2.2 Bids should be submitted by the same service provider or consortium, which has submitted the proposal based on the above. **No change whatsoever in the identity or composition of the bidder is permitted.**

2.3 Short-listed service provider or consortia are allowed to form alliances with any other firms or to sub-contract to each other for the purpose of this contract.

2.4 Sub-contracting will be allowed, only in so far as it was stated in the initial bid.

2.5 Duplication of bid document is prohibited.

3. Contents of Bids

3.1 Each bid must comprise of a technical offer and a financial offer, each of which must be submitted separately.

4. Presentations / Adjudication

4.1 The Evaluation Committee may call for presentation by the short-listed bidders, after having established its written provisional conclusions but before concluding the technical evaluation.

4.2 The date and time of any such presentation will be confirmed or notified to the short-listed bidders at least seven days in advance. If a bidder is prevented from attending presentation by force majeure, a mutually convenient alternative appointment may be arranged with the bidder. If the bidder is unable to attend this second appointment, its bids will be eliminated from the evaluation process.

5.Variant solutions

5.1 Any variant solutions will not be taken into consideration.

6.Period during which Bid are binding

6.1 Bidders are bound by their bids for 90 days after the deadline for the submission of bids. In exceptional cases, before the period of validity expires, the Contracting Authority may ask bidders to extend the period for a specific number of days, which may not exceed 60.

6.2 The successful bidder must maintain its bid for a further 60 days from the date of notification that its bid has been selected for the contract.

7.Additional information before the deadline for submission of bidders

7.1 The bid dossier should be clear enough to avoid the Contracting Authority from having request additional information during the procedure. If the Contracting Authority, either on own initiative or in response to the request of a short-listed candidate, provides additional information on the bid dossier, such information will be sent in writing to all other bidders at the same time.

7.2 Bidders may submit questions in writing to the following address up to 7 days before the deadlines for submission of bids, specifying the **publication reference** and the **bid title:**

Attention: Ms. M. Sabasaba: Manager: SCM & Fleet Management

Matatiele Local Municipality102 Main Street

P.O. Box 35

MATATIELE

4730

7.3 Any prospective bidders seeking to arrange individual meetings with the Contracting Authority during the bid period may be excluded from the bid procedure.

7.4 Any clarification of the bid dossier will be communicated simultaneously in writing to all bidders at the latest 3 calendar days before the deadline for submission of bids. No further clarifications will be given after this date.

7.5 Visit by individual prospective bidder during the bid period are not permitted other than the site visit for good reasons.

8. Submission of Bids

8.1 Bids must be submitted in English such that they are received before the deadline specified by in the letter of invitation to bid.

8.2 Any infringement of these rules (e.g. unsealed envelops) is to be considered a breach of the rules and will lead to rejection of the bid.

The envelope should carry the following information:

a) The address for submission of bid indicated above.

b) The words "Not to be opened before the bid opening sessions".

c) The pages of the Technical and Financial offers must be numbered.

9. Alterations or Withdrawal of Bids

9.1 Bidders may alter or withdraw bids by written notification prior to the deadline for submission of bids. No bid may be altered after this deadline.

9.2 Any such notification of alteration or withdrawal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with clause 8. The envelope must be marked "Alteration" or "Withdrawal" as appropriate.

10. Costs for preparing Bids

10.1 No costs incurred by the bidder in preparing and submitting the bid shall be reimbursable. All such costs shall be borne by the bidder. In particular, if proposed key members were interviewed, all costs shall be borne by the bidder.

11. Ownership of Bids

11.1 The Contracting Authority retains ownership in all bid received (this excludes intellectual property for all but the successful bidder) under this tendering procedure. Consequently, bidders have no right to have their bids returned to them.

12. Confidentiality

12.1 The entire evaluation procedure, from the drawing up of the shortlist to the signature of the contract, is confidential. The Evaluation / Adjudication Committee's decisions are collective and its deliberations are held in closed session. The members of the Evaluation / Adjudication Committee are bound to secrecy.

12.2 The evaluation reports and written records are for official use only and may be communicated to neither the bidders nor to any party other than the Contracting Authority.

13. Ethics clauses / Corruptive practices

13.1 Any attempt by a bidder to obtain confidential information, enter into unlawful agreements with competitors or influence the Evaluation / Adjudication Committee or the Contracting Authority during the process of examining, clarifying, evaluating, comparing and adjudication bid will lead to the rejection of its bid and may result in administrative penalties.

13.2 The bidder must not be affected by any potential conflict of interest.

13.3 The Matatiele Local Municipality reserves the right to suspend or cancel funding to this project if corrupt practices of any kind are discovered at any stage of the award process or during the implementation of a contract, if the Contracting Authority fails to take all appropriate measures to remedy the situation. For the purposes of this provision, "corrupt practices" are the offer of a bribe, gift, gratuity or commission to any person as an inducement or reward for performing or refraining from any act relating to the award of a contract or implementation of a contract already concluded with the Contracting Authority.

13.4 Bids will be rejected, or contracts terminated if it emerges that the award or execution of a contract has given rise to unusual commercial expenses. Such unusual commercial expenses are commissions not mentioned in the main contract or not stemming from a properly concluded contract referring to the main contract, commissions not paid in return for any actual and legitimate service, commissions paid to a payee who is not clearly identified or commissions paid to a company which has every appearance of being a front company.

13.5 Failure to comply with one or more of the ethics clauses may result in the exclusion of the bidder or contractor from other Community contracts and in penalties.

14. Documentary evidence required from the successful bidder

14.1 The successful bidder will be informed in writing that its bid has been accepted (notification of award). Before the Contracting Authority signs the contract with a Successful bidder, a

successful bidder may be requested to provide additional information as deemed necessary by the Contracting Authority.

14.2 This evidence or these documents must carry a date, which cannot be more than 180 days in relation to the deadline for the submission of the bidder. In addition, a sworn statement shall be furnished stating that the situations described in these documents have not changed since then.

14.3 If the successful bidder fails to provide these documents or is found to have provided false information, the award will be considered null and void. In such a case, the Contracting Authority may award the bid to another bidder or cancel the bid procedure.

15. Signature of contract(s)

15.1 Within 7 days of receipt of the contract already signed by the Contracting Authority, the selected bidder shall sign and date the contract and return it to the Contracting Authority.

15.2 Failure of the selected bidder to comply with this requirement may constitute grounds for the annulment of the decision to award the contract. In such a case, the Contracting Authority may award the bid to another bidder or cancel the bid procedure.

15.3 The other candidates will be informed that their bids were not accepted, by means of a standard letter.

16. Cancellation of the Bids procedure

16.1 In the event of cancellation of the bid procedure, bidders will be notified of the cancellation by the Contracting Authority. If the bid procedure is cancelled before the envelopes of any bid has been opened, the unopened and sealed envelopes will be returned to the bidders.

17. Cancellation may occur when:

17.1 The bid procedure has been unsuccessful, i.e., not qualitatively or financially worthwhile bid has been received or there is no response at all.

17.2 The economic or technical data of the project have been fundamentally altered.

17.3 Exceptional circumstances or *force majeure* render normal performance of the contract impossible.

17.4 All technically compliant bids exceed the financial resources available.

17.5 There have been irregularities in the procedure, where these have prevented fair competition.

17.6 In no event shall the Contracting Authority be liable for any damages whatsoever including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, in any way connected with the cancellation of a bid even if the Contracting Authority has been advised of the possibility of damages.

17.7 The publication of a procurement notice does not commit the Contracting Authority to implement the programme or project announced.