

GEORGE MUNICIPALITY



BID DOCUMENT NUMBER: FIN008/2021

**INVITATION TO PRACTISING ATTORNEY TO TENDER FOR DEBT
COLLECTION LITIGATION, FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE
PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

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ISSUED BY:
THE CITY COUNCIL
MUNICIPALITY OF GEORGE
PO BOX 19
GEORGE, 6530

SUMMARY FOR TENDER OPENING PURPOSES

NAME OF BIDDER:

SUPPLIER DATABASE NO.: MAAA

TOTAL PRICE (INCLUDING VAT)

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PREFERENCES CLAIMED FOR:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor:

Preference Points Claimed:

B-BBEE certificates submitted with the tender document MUST be VALID ORIGINAL B-BBEE CERTIFICATES or VALID CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE B-BBEE CERTIFICATES

TENDER CLOSES AT 12H00 ON MONDAY, 3 MAY 2021

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BIDDER CONTACT DETAILS

This information shall be used for any correspondence or contact with the bidder.

Please indicate whether you want to receive any correspondence via e-mail or send to your postal address by registered mail.

Name of Bidding Company:		Mark choice of correspondence with X
Postal Address: Postal Code:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Cellular Number:	
Facsimile Number:	

GEORGE MUNICIPALITY / GEORGE MUNISIPALITEIT
TENDER NUMBER / NOMMER: FIN008/2021

Tenders are hereby invited from **Practising Attorneys to tender for Debt Collection Litigation, from date of appointment for the period of three (3) years.**

Completed tenders in a sealed envelope, clearly marked:

Tender No. FIN008/2021 must be placed in the tender box at the George Municipality on the First Floor, Directorate: Financial Services, Supply Chain Management, York Street, George by no later than **12:00 on Monday, 3 May 2021**. Tenders will be opened on the same day in the Committee Room at 12:05. Late or unmarked tenders will not be considered. No posted tenders or tenders per fax or e-mail will be accepted.

Tender documents are available at a non refundable deposit of R231-00 each from the Supply Chain Management Unit, First Floor, Civic Centre, York Street, George.

Tender documents are available on the George Municipality's website: www.george.gov.za, free of charge.

Tenders will be evaluated as follows:

Stage 1: Pre-Qualification

Only tenders scoring a minimum of 32 out of 50 points in stage 1 will be further considered for evaluation in stage 2.

Stage 2:

Tenders will be evaluated and adjudication in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act 5 of 2000) Regulations 2017 and the George Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy, where 80 points will be scored for price and 20 points for B-BBEE status.

For more information, contact Ms Berdien Gouws at (044) 801 9177.

The Municipality reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to tender and/or to readvertise or to reject any tender or to accept a part of it. The Municipality is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

A TCS PIN for bidders' tax compliance information must be submitted with the tender document.

It will be required from the successful bidder to register on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

M GRATZ
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER
GEORGE MUNICIPALITY
GEORGE, 6530

Tenders word hiermee ingewag van **Praktiserende Prokureurs om te tender vir Skuldinvorderingslitigasie, vanaf datum van aanstelling vir die tydperk van drie (3) jaar.**

Voltooide tenders in 'n verseelde koevert, duidelik gemerk:

Tender Nr. FIN008/2021 moet voor **Maandag, 3 Mei 2021** om **12:00** in die tender bus by die George Munisipaliteit op die Eerste Vloer, Direktoraat: Finansiële Dienste, Voorsieningskanaal Bestuurseenheid, Burgersentrum, Yorkstraat, George geplaas word. Tenders sal om 12:05 dieselfde dag in die Komiteekamer oopgemaak word. Laat of ongemerkte tenders sal nie oorweeg word nie. Geen tenders per pos, faks of e-pos sal aanvaar word nie.

Tender dokumente is verkrygbaar teen 'n R231-00 nie-terugbetaalbare deposito elk by die Voorsieningskanaalbestuur Eenheid op die Eerste Vloer, Burgersentrum, Yorkstraat, George.

Tender dokumente is gratis op die George Munisipaliteit se webblad beskikbaar: www.george.gov.za.

Tenders sal as volg ge-evalueer en toegeken word:

Fase 1: Voorafbepaalde kriteria

Slegs tenderaars wat 'n minimum van 32 uit 50 punte behaal in fase 1, sal verder vir evaluering in fase 2 oorweeg word.

Fase 2:

Tenders sal ge-evalueer en toegeken word in terme van die Wet op die Raamwerk vir Voorkeurverkrygingsbeleid (Wet 5 van 2000) Regulasies 2017, asook George Munisipaliteit se Voorsieningskanaalbestuursbeleid, waar 80 punte ten opsigte van die prys en 20 punte ten opsigte van B-BBEE status toegeken sal word.

Vir verdere inligting, kontak Me Berdien Gouws by (044) 801 9177.

Die Munisipaliteit behou hom die reg voor om enige versoek vir 'n tender terug te trek en/of te her-adverteer of enige tender te verwerp of gedeeltelik te aanvaar. Die Munisipaliteit is nie daartoe gebind om die laagste of enige tender te aanvaar nie.

'n "TCS PIN" vir tenderaars se belasting nakoming inligting moet ingesluit wees by die tender dokument.

Dit sal van die suksesvolle tenderaar verwag word om op die Sentrale Verskaffersdatabasis (SVD) te registreer.

M GRATZ
WAARNEMENDE MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER
GEORGE MUNISIPALITEIT
GEORGE, 6530

INVITATION TO BID

**YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR DEBT COLLECTION LITIGATION,
FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

BID NUMBER: FIN008/2021

CLOSING DATE: 3 MAY 2021

CLOSING TIME: 12:00

BID DOCUMENTS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE TENDER BOX SITUATED AT:

Supply Chain Management Unit
The Civic Centre (1st Floor)
York Street
GEORGE

**Bidders should ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address.
If the bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.**

The bid box is open from 07:45 until 16:30, 5 days a week. Bids must be submitted on the Official Forms (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED).

B-BBEE certificates submitted with the tender documents MUST be a VALID ORIGINAL B-BBEE CERTIFICATE or VALID CERTIFIED COPY OF THE B-BBEE CERTIFICATE.

In the case of a Trust, Consortium or Joint Venture, they will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their B-BBEE status level certificate.

This Bid is subject to the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other Special Conditions of Contract.

This Bid will be evaluated and Adjudicated according to the following criteria:

1. Relevant specifications;
2. Value for money;
3. Capacity to execute the contract;
4. PPPFA Regulations 2017.

**NB: NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF
THE STATE, PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OR MUNICIPALITY.**

DETAILS OF TENDERER

Name of firm / entity / enterprise	
Trading as (if different from above)	
Postal address	Postal Code _____
Physical address	
Contact Details of the Person Signing the Tender:	Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Cellular Number: _____ E-mail address: _____
Contact Details of the Senior Manager Responsible for Overseeing Contract Performance:	Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Cellular Number: _____ E-mail address: _____
Contact Details of Person Responsible for Accounts / Invoices:	Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Cellular Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

DETAILS OF TENDERING ENTITY'S BANK

I/We hereby authorize the Employer/Client to approach all or any of the following bank/s for the purposes of obtaining a financial reference:

DESCRIPTION OF BANK DETAIL	BANK DETAILS APPLICABLE TO TENDERER'S HEAD OFFICE
Name of bank	
Branch name	
Branch code	
Name of Account Holder	
Account number	
Type of Account	

Signature of Tenderer: _____

Date: _____

THE RESOLUTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS / MEMBERS / PARTNERS

RESOLUTION of a meeting of the Board of Directors / Members / Partners of

NAME OF TENDERER

Held at _____ on _____
(Place) (Date)

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The enterprise submits a Tender to the George Municipality in respect of the following:

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2. Mr/Mrs/Ms

In his/her capacity as

and who will sign as follows: _____
(SPECIMAN SIGNATURE)

be, and is hereby, authorized to sign the Tender and any and all other documents and/or correspondence in connection with and relating to the Tender, as well as to sign any contract, and or all documentation resulting from the award of the Tender to the enterprise mentioned above.

Note: The resolution **must be signed by all the directors or members / partners** of the bidding enterprise. Should the space provided below not be sufficient for all the directors to sign, please provide a separate sheet in the same format below.

	Name	Capacity	Signature
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

THE RESOLUTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A CONSORTIUM OR JOINT VENTURE

RESOLUTION of a meeting of the Board of Directors / Members / Partners of

NAME OF TENDERER

Held at _____ on _____
(Place) (Date)

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The enterprise submits a Tender to the George Municipality in respect of the following:

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(list all the legally correct full names and registration numbers, if applicable, of the Enterprises forming the Consortium / Joint Venture):

and

and

2. Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

In his/her capacity as _____

and who will sign as follows: _____

(SPECIMAN SIGNATURE)

be, and is hereby, authorized to sign the Tender and any and all other documents and/or correspondence in connection with and relating to the Tender, as well as to sign any contract, and or all documentation resulting from the award of the Tender to the **Consortium / Joint Venture** enterprise mentioned above.

3. The enterprise in the form of a consortium or joint venture accept jointly and several liability with parties under item 1 above for the fulfillment of the obligations of the joint venture deriving from, and in any way connected with the contract to be entered into with the George Municipality in respect of the project described above under item 1.
4. The **Consortium / Joint Venture** enterprise chooses as its domicilium citandi et executandi for all purposes arising from this joint venture agreement and contract with the George Municipality in respect of the project under item 1:

(Physical Address)

Note: The resolution **must be signed by all the directors or members / partners** of the bidding enterprise. Should the space provided below not be sufficient for all the directors to sign, please provide a separate sheet in the same format below.

	Name	Capacity	Signature
1			
2			
3			
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JOINT VENTURE

Only to be completed if applicable

Name of Joint Venture:	
Names of Each Enterprise:	
(1) Name and Address of Enterprise:	
(2) Name and Address of Enterprise:	
(3) Name and Address of Enterprise:	
Has an original valid Tax Clearance Certificate been submitted for each enterprise?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
CIDB Registration Number(s), if any:	

Submit your Joint Venture Agreement together with this annexure. If no Joint Venture Agreement is submitted, your tender will be disqualified.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF JOINT VENTURE _____

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF TENDER ACCORDING TO THE
GEORGE MUNICIPAL PPPFA POLICY**

- The successful tenderer must establish an office in George.
- Employment of local people:
 - Employment from local community of para-legal personnel.
 - Employment of young and less experienced work seekers.
- Skills training by employer (basic):
 - Informal training by employer.
 - Opportunity to gain experience and skills development - interns.
 - Part time and holiday work and skills development upliftment - students.

TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

DEBT COLLECTION

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The George Municipality has an approved Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy and By-law. In terms of this Policy and By-law and other relevant legislation, the Municipality may embark on its own debt collection actions in the first instance and in doing so may exhaust all internal measures before taking legal action against debtors. The purpose of this tender is to seek the assistance of attorneys in the legal action process, to ensure that monies due and payable to the Municipality are collected and to provide legal assistance in matters incidental to the collection of the debt. These services, amongst others, include the following:
 - 1.1 SMS (phone);
 - 1.2 Email;
 - 1.3 Letter of Demand;
 - 1.4 Summons;
 - 1.5 Judgments;
 - 1.6 Credit Listing;
 - 1.7 Attachment;
 - 1.8 Court Appearance; and
 - 1.9 Sale in Execution.
2. Full particulars of the cost structure, must be provided on the attached pricing schedule (Annexure B), which must be completed by all bidders. Non-completion or partial completion will result in the tender being disqualified.
3. It is the intention of the Municipality to award this tender to one bidder from whom legal services (debt collection) will be required.
4. The allocation of the tender will depend on the following of which proof must be provided:
 - 4.1 The successful tenderer must be an admitted Attorney;
 - 4.2 Capacity to deliver with experienced staff;
 - 4.3 Ability to appear in court; and
 - 4.4 Proven debt collection experience for large institutional clients.
5. **A pre-qualification method will be followed to enable the Municipality to ascertain whether a bidder is qualified to render the service above. All bidders must complete the pre-qualification document (Annexure A) and provide the necessary supporting documentation. Non-completion or partial completion will result in the tenderer not qualifying for pre-qualification (stage 1).**

B. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

1. The successful tenderer, by acting as agents for the George Municipality, will be required to heed to the principles and conditions of legislation and applicable policies at all times when dealing with debtors. A comprehensive debt collection litigation service is required, focusing on the following applicable legislation:
 - 1.1 The Constitution;
 - 1.2 National Legislation;
 - 1.3 Provincial Legislation;
 - 1.4 Local Government Legislation;
 - 1.5 Credit Control & Debt Collection By-laws;
 - 1.6 Credit Control & Debt Collection Policy;
 - 1.7 All relevant/applicable Policies; and
 - 1.8 Council resolutions.
2. This tender only applies to new matters after the awarding hereof. The existing service provider will continue with all matters which have been handed over prior to the award of this tender.
3. Any successful tenderer, due to privileged information it might receive during its relationship with the municipality, may not act against the municipality or accept any instruction against the municipality during the term of its contract with the municipality, to avoid a conflict of interest.
4. The successful tenderer must have a sound knowledge of various aspects of municipal law, structures and systems, as to be in a position to protect the municipality's interest in matters referred to it by the municipality.
5. The successful tenderer must possess sound knowledge, experience and a proven success record in litigation and debt collection.
6. The successful tenderer must have the necessary infrastructure and have sufficient experience in the effective handling of bulk debt collection for large institutional clients.
7. The successful tenderer must certify that adequate staff with the necessary skills and relevant experience acceptable to the municipality, are available to perform the duties.
8. The successful tenderer must conduct its business during the business hours of the municipality and must be easily accessible to debtors and municipal staff.
9. The successful tender shall at all times as an agent of the municipality comply with the provision of the POPI Act (Act 4 of 2013).

C. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES REQUIRED

1. Take legal action against debtors of the Municipality.
2. Investigation of municipal data and documentation which is required to institute legal action against debtors.
3. Provide detail analysis when requested from debtors.
4. Do own investigation on properties when necessary.
5. Representing the municipality in court, as part of the debt collection process.
6. Taking the necessary action against debtors placed under administration or debt review and act on behalf of the municipality in business rescue and liquidation matters and in executions where the municipality has a vested interest.
7. The ability to trace debtors as part of the collection process, provided that this service is supplied on a 'no trace no charge' basis.
8. Receive payments on the municipal financial system and provide daily reconciliation and deposit reports to the Municipality.
9. Payments received after the daily pay-over will be paid over to the Municipality on the next working day and captured by the tenderer on the Municipality's financial system.
10. The successful tenderer will be required to assist with the interpretation and implementation of relevant new or amended legislation, as and when required.
11. The successful tenderer must assess and report to the Municipality on the prospects and cost effectiveness of the recovery of debt.
12. The successful tenderer must operate an acceptable electronic process when providing the following:
 - 12.1 Submission of all costs incurred and all payments received from debtors.
 - 12.2 The creation of a payment and fee's file in a predetermined electronic format.
13. The successful tenderer must prepare monthly progress reports on each debt handed over and on the highest debtors, which will have to be provided electronically in the format as prescribed by the Municipality.

14. All monies collected on behalf of the Municipality must be paid over to the Municipality and no payments shall be set-off against any monies due by the Municipality to the tenderer.
15. The successful tenderer must appoint and pay an independent auditor, to audit, on an annual basis, to ensure that all payments received on behalf of the Municipality have been paid over to the Municipality on a monthly basis. Proof of the Fidelity Fund Certificate is required.
16. Council reserves the right to request an audit report at any time.
17. Any other matter at the sole discretion of the Municipality.
18. The successful tenderer must enter into an agreement with the Municipality which will regulate the above.

D. MONTHLY REPORTING

The successful tenderer must prepare monthly progress reports on each debt handed over and on the highest debtors, which will have to be provided electronically in the format as prescribed by the Municipality. The data required will be as follows:

- Executive Summary of matters handed over for collection;
- Amounts collected for the month;
- Amount paid to attorney: Month, 3rd Party paid, Litigation, VAT, Total;
- Number of files and total active accounts at month end, total;
- Number of files and total accounts settled and closed for the month end, total;
- Actions instituted and judgments taken (sub-regulation 3(1)(e)) for the month ended;
- A full detailed report on the status of the accounts with High Value Arrear Debtors;
- List of accounts under query.

ENQUIRIES

The George Municipality's representative for the purpose of the tender shall be:

Mrs Berdien Gouws
Tel: 044 801 9177
Email: berdien@george.gov.za

PRE-QUALIFICATION – DEBT COLLECTION LITIGATION**ANNEXURE A**

(PLEASE NOTE: Complete this annexure by marking the appropriate block with a X)

A: PERSONNEL1. Qualified Admitted Attorneys

1.1. How many qualified admitted attorneys at your firm are currently working dedicatedly in the collection department?

	2 or more	Only 1	None
Points:	5	3	0

1.2. Please provide detailed information of the abovementioned attorneys' qualifications and experience in debt collection, litigation, and credit control.

	All the attorneys mentioned have more than five years' experience	Some of the attorneys mentioned have less than five years 5 experience	All the attorneys mentioned have less than five years' experience
Points:	5	3	1

2. Other personnel (excluding attorneys):

2.1 How many personnel are currently working in your debt collections department?

	More than 5	3-5	0-2
Points:	5	3	1

2.2 Please indicate the experience of the abovementioned personnel in:

Collections in general:

	10 years or more on average	5 – 9 years on average	Less than 5 years
Points:	5	3	1

(Supply full details for verification purposes in separate annexures.)

B: INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Computers and other hardware (Debt Collection):

- 1.1. Does the firm have the necessary network and other infrastructure to enable direct connection with the municipal network and computer systems, **for example** fibre optic cabling or wireless connection or web-based access (supply full details for verification in separate annexure).

	Yes	Current infrastructure can be upgraded to facilitate office space	No
Points:	5	3	0

- 1.2. Does the firm currently have sufficient printing, copying, and scanning capability to handle more than 15 000 copies per month? (Please give specific details of equipment for verification in separate annexure.)

	Yes	Will be able to obtain necessary capacity	No
Points:	5	3	0

- 1.3. Computers and other hardware: (Debt Collection)

How many computers per employee and access to email?

	Every employee has his/her own computer and email	Every employee has access to a computer and email	Computers will be purchased if tender is awarded to firm
Points:	5	3	0

2. Connection Software:

- 2.1. Does your firm use a dedicated software package developed specifically for collections? (Please give specific details of the nature of software and number of existing licences for verification in separate annexure.)

	5 or more user licenses	Less than 5 licenses	None
Points:	5	3	0

2.2. How many of your personnel are fully trained and experienced in the use of the software?

	More than 5 years on average	Between 3-4 years on average	Less than 3 years
Points:	5	3	1

2.3 Does your firm have electronic access to Deeds Office information, CIPC and the credit bureaus? (Please give specific details of access for verification in separate annexure.)

	Yes, have access to all	Yes, but only to some	None
Points:	5	3	0

Total points: 50

Please Note: A minimum score of 32 out of 50 points (64%) must be achieved for pre-qualification scoring to qualify for further evaluation for price and preference in stage 2.

If details/proof for verification purposes are not provided with the tender document, tenderers will score 0 points for pre-qualification.

ANNEXURE B - PRICING STRUCTURE

(PLEASE NOTE: Where fees involve a “time spent” component, fees must be tendered based on the tariff per 15 minutes or part thereof. **The specific fees in the schedules below are not an exhaustive list but are the fees that will be used to adjudicate the tender only.** Fees for any work not listed will be limited to the minimum fee applicable in terms of the relevant rules set by the Rules Board for each applicable court.)

Fees must be fixed for the full duration (3 years) of the tender

1. Fees for legal work that can be billed to a specific individual debtor’s account:
 - 1.1 Please indicate specific fees that will be charged for the following “Party-and-Party” work as per the Rules set by the Rules Board (undefended actions only): **(PRICES MUST INCLUDE VAT)**

	Price (R)
Taking of instruction	
Letter of demand	
Tracing	
Summons	
Judgment	
Consultation with debtor	
Telephone consultation with debtor	
Necessary attendance	
Necessary telephone call	
Correspondence sent	
Correspondence received	
Attending to court (counsel not employed)	
Drawing of bill of cost	
Warrant of Execution against movables	
Warrant of Execution against fixed property	
Notice of Application	
Drafting an affidavit	
TOTAL:	

1.2 Fees charged for “attorney and client” work. Please indicate the fee for each individual item **(PRICES MUST INCLUDE VAT):**

	Price (R)
Telephone call	
Correspondence to own client	
Correspondence from own client	
Consultation with client	
Telephone consultation with own client	
Attend meeting with client and debtor	
TOTAL:	

2. Fees for legal work that cannot be billed to a specific individual debtor’s account:

(Please note: The successful tenderer will be expected to assist the municipality in other credit control and debt collection areas, for which specific debtors cannot be billed. Please indicate what the costs for this extra work will be. Where fees involve a “time spent” component, fees must be tendered based on the tariff per 15 minutes or part thereof)

2.1 Fees for work done regarding a specific debtor, on matters not/not yet handed over for collection **(PRICES MUST INCLUDE VAT):**

	Price (R)
Consultation with municipal personnel	
Consultation, meeting, or negotiation with debtors of the municipality where the municipality need or require the assistance of an attorney during the meeting.	
TOTAL:	

2.2 Fees for work done at the special request of the municipality that do not relate to a specific debtor (PRICE MUST INCLUDE VAT)

	Price per 15 minutes or part thereof
Giving advice regarding existing municipal debt collection protocols and internal procedures at the request of the municipality.	
Supplying training to municipal personnel at the request of the municipality.	
Attending yearly workshops regarding the budget preparation process, and specifically when any of the policies which have a bearing on debt collection is discussed. (Please note that these workshops normally require 5 to 6 days per year.)	
Attending meetings with the Mayor and/or his Mayoral committee and/or meetings of the finance committee, at their request.	
Providing an annual audit of the municipality's internal procedures, forms, and protocols, to ensure compliance with new legislation and case law.	
Travelling time (Please note that travelling as far as the municipal offices in Uniondale/Haarlem is sometimes required).	
Travel expenses per km (Please note that travelling as far as the municipal offices in Uniondale/Haarlem is sometimes required).	R per km
The drafting of a detailed monthly report, in the format required by the municipality, on the progress in each individual collection file as well as the provision of any statistical information required by the municipality. The price must be indicated as a fee per file handed over.	R per file handed over

Complete fee structure for assisting the municipality in liquidations, deceased estates, debt review, business rescue proceedings, acknowledgments of debt and other more complicated legal matters, where the debtor has not been handed over to the attorney.	
TOTAL:	

TOTAL OF CATEGORIES ABOVE:

	CATEGORIES	PRICES (VAT INCLUDED)
1.1	“Party-and-Party” work as per the Rules set by the Rules Board	R
1.2	Fees charged for “attorney- and client” work	R
2.1	Fees for work done regarding a specific debtor, on matters not/not yet handed over for collection	R
2.2	Fees for work done at the special request of the municipality that do not relate to a specific debtor	R
GRAND TOTAL (VAT INCLUDED)		R

ANNEXURE C - MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS**We will provide:**

- A Remote login to the Municipal Financial System and any other system that may be required to perform the required function as outlined in this tender document.

MUNICIPAL COMPUTER INFRASTRUCTURE

Specifications for Municipal Computer Infrastructure

- Virtual running on Azure.

Note: For any queries regarding the IT requirements of the tender, please contact Ms Berdien Gouws at (044) 801 9177 or berdien@george.gov.za.

THE TENDER OFFER

I/We Mr/Mrs/Messrs _____
duly assigned to represent the service provider for the purpose of this tender, hereby tender to supply all or any of the goods and/or render all or any of the services described in the attached documents to the George Municipality on terms and conditions stipulated in this tender and in accordance with the specifications stipulated in the tender documents (which shall be taken as part of, and incorporated into this tender) **at the price/s reflected in the Pricing Schedules.**

I/we agree that this offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days commencing from the closing date and time of this tender.

I/we further agree that:

This tender and its acceptance shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the George Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy;

If I/we withdraw my/our tender within the period for which I/we have agreed that the tender shall remain open for acceptance, or fail to fulfill the contract when called upon to do so, the George Municipality may, without prejudice to its other rights, agree to the withdrawal of my/our tender or cancel the contract that may have been entered into between me/us and the George Municipality and I/we will then pay to the George Municipality any additional expense incurred by the George Municipality having either to accept any less favorable tender or, if fresh tenders have to be invited, the additional expenditure incurred by the invitation by the invitation of fresh tenders and by the subsequent acceptance of any less favorable tender; the George Municipality shall also have the right to recover such additional expenditure by set-off against moneys which may be due or become due to me/us under this or any other tender or contract or against any guarantee or deposit that may have been furnished by me/us or on my/our behalf for the due fulfillment of this or any other tender or contract and pending the ascertainment of the amount of such additional expenditure or retain such moneys, guarantee or deposit as security for any loss the George Municipality may sustain by reason of my/our default;

If my/our tender is accepted the acceptance may be communicated to me/us by letter or order by certified mail or registered mail. Such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice with effect from the date of posting/dispatch of such notice;

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the contract created by the acceptance of my/our tender and that I/we choose domicilium citandi et executandi in the Republic of South Africa, where any and all legal notices may be served at (full street address on this place):

Physical Address: _____

I/we furthermore confirm that I/we have satisfied myself/ourselves as to the correctness and validity of my/our tender; that the price(s) and rate(s) tendered cover all the work/item(s) specified in the tender documents and that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my/our obligations under a resulting contract and that I/we accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and calculations will be at my/our own risk.

I/we hereby accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfillment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me/us under this agreement as the Principal(s) liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.

I/we agree that any action arising from this contract may in all respects be instituted against me/us and I/we hereby undertake to satisfy fully any sentence or judgement which may be pronounced against me/us as a result of such action.

I/we declare that I/we have participation / no participation in the submission of any other offer for the supplies/services described in the attached documents. If in the affirmative, state name(s) of tenders involved.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This form must be completed and signed to be considered provisionally responsive.

ACCEPTANCE

By signing this part of the form of offer and acceptance, the employer identified below accepts the supplier's offer. In consideration thereof, the employer shall pay the supplier the amount due in accordance with the conditions identified in the tender data. Acceptance of the supplier's offer shall form an agreement between the employer and the supplier upon the terms and conditions contained in this agreement and in the contract that is the subject of this agreement.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this agreement comes into effect on the date when the supplier receives one fully completed original copy of this document, including the schedule of deviations (if any). Unless the supplier within five working days of the date of such receipt notifies the employer in writing of any reason why he cannot accept the contents of this agreement, this agreement shall constitute a binding contract between the parties.

Name: **MR LEON WALLACE**

Signature: _____

Capacity: **ACTING DIRECTOR: FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Date: _____

For the Employer: **GEORGE MUNICIPALITY
CIVIC CENTRE
YORK STREET
GEORGE**

TAX COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**PART A**

Tax Compliance Status	TCS Pin:		or	CSD No:	
B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate [Tick Applicable Box]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			B-BBEE Status Level Sworn Affidavit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE / SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FORM EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
Are You The Accredited Representative In South Africa For The Goods / Services / Works Offered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If Yes, Enclose Proof]			Are You A Foreign Based Supplier For The Goods / Services / Works Offered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [If Yes, Answer Part 2.]
Signature of Bidder			Date

PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS		
1.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.		
1.2 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.		
1.3 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 .		
1.4 FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B2.		
1.5 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.		
1.6 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.		
1.7 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.		
2. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS [Tick Applicable Box]		
2.1 Is the entity a resident of the Republic of South Africa (RSA)?	YES	NO
2.2 Does the entity have a branch in the RSA?	YES	NO
2.3 Does the entity have a permanent establishment in the RSA?	YES	NO
2.4 Does the entity have any source of income in the RSA?	YES	NO
2.5 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 1.3 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:

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1.	No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state*.	
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 the 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 / 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 (where applicable) 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 the following particulars: Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder member: Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: Position occupied in the state institution: Any other particulars:	

<p>3.9 3.9.1</p>	<p>Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months? If so, furnish particulars.</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>
<p>3.10 3.10.1</p>	<p>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? If yes, furnish the following particulars: Name of person: Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: Position occupied in the state institution: Any other particulars:</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>
<p>3.11 3.11.1</p>	<p>Are you aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between the bidder and any person in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? If yes, furnish the following particulars: Name of person: Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: Position occupied in the state institution: Any other particulars:</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>
<p>3.12 3.12.1</p>	<p>Are any of the company's directors, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in the service of the state? If yes, furnish the following particulars:</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>

	<p>Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder / member: </p> <p>Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: </p> <p>Position occupied in the state institution:</p> <p>Any other particulars:</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>3.13</p> <p>3.13.1</p>	<p>Is any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in the service of the state?</p> <p>If yes, furnish the following particulars:</p> <p>Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder / member: </p> <p>Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: </p> <p>Position occupied in the state institution:</p> <p>Any other particulars:</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>
<p>3.14</p> <p>3.14.1</p>	<p>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?</p> <p>If yes, furnish particulars:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>

4. Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders:			
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS COMPULSORY TO COMPLETE:			
Full Name	Identity Number	Individual Tax Number for each Director	State Employee Number (where applicable)
5.	The contract will be automatically cancelled if there is a conflict of interest which is not disclosed by the bidder.		

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Signature

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Date

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Capacity

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Name of Bidder

¹MSCM 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 or 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 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 exercise control over the company.

**DECLARATION FOR PROCUREMENT ABOVE R10 MILLION
(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)**

For all procurement expected to exceed R10 million (all applicable taxes included), bidders must complete the following questionnaire:

1 Are you by law required to prepare annual financial statements for auditing? ***YES / NO**

1.1 If yes, submit audited annual financial statements for the past three years or since the date of establishment if established during the past three years.

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2. Do you have any outstanding undisputed commitments for municipal services towards any municipality for more than three months or any other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days? ***YES / NO**

2.1 If no, this serves to certify that the bidder has no undisputed commitments for municipal services toward any municipality for more than three months or other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days.

2.2 If yes, provide particulars.

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3 Has any contract been awarded to you by an organ of state during the past five years, including particulars of any material non-compliance or dispute concerning the execution of such contract? ***YES / NO**

3.1 If yes, provide particulars.

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4 Will any portion of goods or services be sourced from outside***YES / NO** the Republic, and, if so, what portion and whether any portion of payment from the municipality / municipal entity is expected to be transferred out of the Republic?

4.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (NAME)

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
 - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2

- a) The value of this bid is estimated not to exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or
- b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).

- 1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

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

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

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

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

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

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

5. BID DECLARATION

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

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

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points).

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)

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

i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%

ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....

iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....

iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(Tick applicable box)

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

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1 Name of company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Company
- (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Professional service provider
- Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Municipality where business is situated:

Registered Account Number:

Stand Number:.....

8.8 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.9 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES
1.
2.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
DATE:
ADDRESS
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SWORN AFFIDAVIT – BBEE EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISE**SWORN AFFIDAVIT – B-BBEE EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISE**

I, the undersigned,

Full name & Surname	
Identity number	

Hereby declare under oath as follows:

1. The contents of this statement are to the best of my knowledge a true reflection of the facts.
2. I am a member / director / owner of the following enterprise and am duly authorised to act on its behalf:

Enterprise Name	
Trading Name	
Registration Number	
Enterprise Address	

3. I hereby declare under oath that:
 - The enterprise is _____ % black owned;
 - The enterprise is _____ % black woman owned;
 - Based on the management accounts and other information available on the _____ financial year, the income did not exceed R10,000,000.00 (ten million rands);
 - Please confirm on the table below the B-BBEE level contributor, **by ticking the applicable box.**

100% black owned	Level One (135% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	
More than 51% black owned	Level Two (125% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	
Less than 51% black owned	Level Four (100% B-BBEE procurement recognition)	

4. The entity is an empowering supplier in terms of **the dti** Codes of Good Practice.
5. I know and understand the contents of this affidavit and I have no objection to take the prescribed oath and consider the oath binding on my conscience and on the owners of the enterprise which I represent in this matter.
6. The sworn affidavit will be valid for a period of 12 months from the date signed by commissioner.

Deponent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Commissioner of Oaths
Signature & stamp

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.
- 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.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database as a company or person prohibited from doing business with the public sector?</p> <p>(Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	<p>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)?</p> <p>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.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.5.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

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.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 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 (MBD9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:
 - 1 **Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.**
 - 2 **Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.**

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

GEORGE MUNICIPALITY

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.

MBD9

6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No. 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature	Date
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Position	Name of Bidder

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.

CERTIFICATE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES (COMPULSORY TO COMPLETE)

Information required in terms of the Supply Chain Management Regulations, Regulation 28 (1) (c).

Tender Number: FIN008/2021
Name of the Bidder: _____

DETAILS OF THE BIDDER/S: Owner / Proprietor / Director(s) / Partner(s), etc:

Physical Business address of the Bidder	Municipal Account Number(s)

If there is not enough space for all the names, please attach the additional details to the Tender document.

Name of Director / Member / Partner	Identity Number	Physical residential address of Director / Member / Partner	Municipal Account number(s)

I, _____, the undersigned,

(full name in block letters)

certify that the information furnished on this declaration form is correct and that I/we have no undisputed commitments for municipal services towards a municipality or other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days.

Signature

THUS DONE AND SIGNED for and on behalf of the Bidder / Contractor

at _____ on the _____ day of _____ 2021

PLEASE NOTE:

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS FOR ALL PROPERTIES OWNED BY BIDDER/S MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE TENDER DOCUMENT!

Even if the requested information is not applicable to the Bidder, the table above should be endorsed **NOT APPLICABLE** with a reason and **THIS DECLARATION MUST STILL BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED**. In the event of leasing, a lease agreement **MUST** be attached to the tender document.

GEORGE MUNICIPALITY PROCUREMENT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

TABLE OF CLAUSES

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General Conditions of Contract

1. **Definitions:**

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:

- 1.1 “Closing time” means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
- 1.2 “Contract” means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
- 1.3 “Contract price” means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
- 1.4 “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
- 1.5 “Countervailing duties” are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
- 1.6 “Country of origin” means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
- 1.7 “Day” means calendar day.
- 1.8 “Delivery” means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
- 1.9 “Delivery ex stock” means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
- 1.10 “Delivery into consignees store or to his site” means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the goods are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
- 1.11 “Dumping” occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
- 1.12 “Force majeure” means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier’s fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 “Fraudulent practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 “GCC” means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 “Goods” means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 “Imported content” means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be

imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the goods covered by the bid will be manufactured.

- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.25 "Supplier" means the successful bidder who is awarded the contract to maintain and administer the required and specified service(s) to the State.
- 1.26 "Tort" means in breach of contract.
- 1.27 "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.
- 1.28 "Written" or "in writing" means hand-written 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 (excluding professional services related to the building and construction industry), 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 provider in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.

5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.

5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the provider'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 provider 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.

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

- (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
- (b) a cashier's or certified cheque.

7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the provider 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 goods to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage be subject to inspections, test and analyses, 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.
- 8.6 Goods and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract goods may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected 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 23 of GCC.

9. Packing:

- 9.1 The supplier shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.
- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents:

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods and arrangements for shipping and clearance obligations shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the terms specified in the contract.

11. Insurance:

11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified.

12. Transportation:

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

13. Incidental services:

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

- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
- (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
- (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
- (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
- (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.

13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the provider 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:

- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty:

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this

contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

- 15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise.
- 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 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 promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated.

17. Prices:

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the provider 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:

- 18.1 In cases where the estimated value of the envisaged changes in purchase does not exceed 15% 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:

- 19.1 The supplier shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontracts:

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

21. Delays in the Supplier's Performance:

21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.

21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.

21.3 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 goods 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 22.2 without the application of penalties.

21.5 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a goods 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:

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default:

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the supplier, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

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

- (b) if the supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
 - (c) if the supplier, in the judgement 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.
- 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 purchaser actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
 - (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
 - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction;
 - (iii) the period of restriction; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the restriction.These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.
- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.
- 24. Anti-Dumping and Counter-Vailing duties and rights:
 - 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-

dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the supplier to the purchaser or the purchaser may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the supplier in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him.

25. Force Majeure:

25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.

25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency:

26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the supplier if the supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of disputes:

27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.

27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.

27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.

27.4 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
(b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due to the supplier 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 willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;

- (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and
- (b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing language:

- 29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable law:

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

31. Notices:

- 31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the supplier concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice.
- 31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and duties:

- 32.1 A foreign supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.
- 32.2 A local supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.
- 32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid 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:

- 33.1 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:

- 34.1 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 are contemplated in section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 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.