

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY)					
BID NUMBER:	RFB 006/2021-2022	CLOSING DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 2021	Validity Period: 120 Days	CLOSING TIME:	11:00
DESCRIPTION	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF TRAVEL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES TO PROVIDE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO GCIS FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
GCIS					
1035 TSHEDIMOSETSO HOUSE					
C/O FRANCIS BAARD AND FESTIVAL STREET					
HATFIELD					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON	NAMANE MAHLABA/ MPHOS RAMASHI		CONTACT PERSON	Mary-Jane Rabodiba/ Avhashoni Singo	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 473 0093/0194		TELEPHONE NUMBER	012 473 0172/0075	
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	RFB006/2021-2022@gcis.gov.za namane@gcis.gov.za/mpho@gcis.gov.za/		E-MAIL ADDRESS	RFB006/2021-2022@gcis.gov.za/ maryJa@gcis.gov.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
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 B:3]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?

☐ YES ☐ NO

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.

PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:

- 1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
- 1.2. ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED—(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.
- 1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
- 1.4. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).

2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- 2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
- 2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE."

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

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

DATE:

BID VALIDITY PERIOD: 120 DAYS

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

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

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

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:

2.2 Identity Number:

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

2.4 Company Registration Number:

2.5 Tax Reference Number:

2.6 VAT Registration Number:

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

¹"State" means –

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

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

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

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder/ member:

Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed :

Position occupied in the state institution:

Any other particulars:

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

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

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

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

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

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

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YES/NO

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YES/NO

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4 DECLARATION

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

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.
I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF
PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT 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

May 2011

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

1.2

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

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

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

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

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

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

80/20

or

90/10

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

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

P_t = Price of bid under consideration

P_{\min} = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

- 4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

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

5. BID DECLARATION

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

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

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

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

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

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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- 7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

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

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017:

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

Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1 Name of company/firm:

8.2 VAT registration number:

8.3 Company registration number:

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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

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

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

(a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;

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

WITNESSES

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS

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CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

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

PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER)

1. I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached bidding documents to (name of the institution)..... in accordance with the requirements and task directives / proposals specifications stipulated in Bid Number..... at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the bid .
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:
 - (i) Request for Quotation documents, viz
 - Invitation to quote
 - Tax clearance certificate
 - Pricing schedule(s)
 - Filled in task directive/proposal
 - Preference Certificates in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2001
 - Declaration of interest
 - Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (ii) General Conditions of Contract; and
 - (iii) Other (specify)
3. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the services specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.
4. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of this contract.
5. I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.
6. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

NAME (PRINT)

CAPACITY

SIGNATURE

NAME OF FIRM

DATE

WITNESSES

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DATE:

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, www.treasury.gov.za , click on the icon "Register for Tender Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 3265445.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

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

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CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

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

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:
(Name of Bidder)

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

6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium^a 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.

^a 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.

SBD 9

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

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

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THE NATIONAL TREASURY

Republic of South Africa



GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

July 2010

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NOTES

The purpose of this document is to:

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

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

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

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General Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 "Closing time" means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 "Contract" means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the supplier, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 "Contract price" means the price payable to the supplier under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any thing of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 "Countervailing duties" are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 "Country of origin" means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 "Day" means calendar day.
 - 1.8 "Delivery" means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 "Delivery ex stock" means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 "Delivery into consignees store or to his site" means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the supplier bearing all risks and charges involved until the supplies are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 "Dumping" occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the

RSA.

- 1.12 "Force majeure" means an event beyond the control of the supplier and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
- 1.13 "Fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 1.14 "GCC" means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 "Goods" means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 "Imported content" means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the supplier or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the supplies covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such

obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.

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

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but excluding immovable property, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, special conditions of contract are also laid down to cover specific supplies, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such special conditions of contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 With certain exceptions, invitations to bid are only published in the Government Tender Bulletin. The Government Tender Bulletin may be obtained directly from the Government Printer, Private Bag X85, Pretoria 0001, or accessed electronically from www.treasury.gov.za

4. Standards

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

5. Use of contract documents and information; inspection.

- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the supplier in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser’s prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier’s performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier’s records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.

6. Patent rights

- 6.1 The supplier shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security

- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
 - (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
 - (b) a cashier's or certified cheque
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the supplier not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Department or an organization acting on behalf of the Department.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or

analyzed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.

- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

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

10. Delivery and documents

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

11. Insurance

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

12. Transportation

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

13. Incidental services

- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual 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 supplier for similar services.

14. Spare parts

14.1 As specified in SCC, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:

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

15. Warranty

15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the supplier, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.

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

15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.

15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take

such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the supplier under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The supplier shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the supplier.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

- 17.1 Prices charged by the supplier for goods delivered and services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the supplier in his bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or in the purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Contract amendments

- 18.1 No variation in or modification of the terms of the contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties concerned.

19. Assignment

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

20. Subcontracts

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

21. Delays in the supplier's performance

- 21.1 Delivery of the goods and performance of services shall be made by the supplier in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.
- 21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the supplier or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods and performance of services, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the supplier's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the supplier's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.
- 21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.
- 21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the

supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the supplies are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

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

22. Penalties

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

23. Termination for default

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

- (a) if the supplier fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- (b) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- (c) if the supplier, in the judgment of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any

person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the supplier.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

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

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

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

23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.

24. Anti-dumping and countervailing duties and rights

24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which

may be due to him

25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract is the result of an event of force majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the supplier shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the purchaser in writing, the supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination for insolvency

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

27. Settlement of Disputes

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the supplier in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the supplier may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
- (a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - (b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due the supplier.

28. Limitation of liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the supplier shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the supplier to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and

	(b) the aggregate liability of the supplier to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.
29. Governing language	29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.
30. Applicable law	30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise specified in SCC.
31. Notices	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>
32. Taxes and duties	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the Department must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.</p>
33. National Industrial Participation Programme (NIP)	33.1 The NIP Programme administered by the Department of Trade and Industry shall be applicable to all contracts that are subject to the NIP obligation.
34 Prohibition of Restrictive practices	<p>34.1 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 (or bid rigging).</p> <p>34.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.</p>

- 34.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

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BID CHECK LIST

Have you submitted CSD report? Mandatory requirements on CSD must be compliant (Tax, Banking details, In business, not restricted) In case of consortium, have all parties to the consortium/joint venture submitted their CSD report?	YES	NO
Have you submitted original EME sworn affidavit signed by commissioner of oath? Bidders other than EMEs must submit their original and valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a certified copy thereof	YES	NO
Is the SBD 6.1 form signed by the duly authorized person? (Failure to sign the SBD 6.1 will result in the invalidation of your bid)	YES	NO
Are the following forms completed and/or signed? Failure to do so will result in the invalidation of your bid 1. SBD 1 2. SBD 4 3. SBD 6.1 4. SBD 7.2 5. SBD 8 6. SBD 9 7. GCC	YES	NO

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Signature

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Date:

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ANNEXURE A1



Request for Proposal for Appointment of a Panel of Travel
Management Companies to Provide Travel Management
Services to GCIS for period of 36 months

RFB 006/2021-2022

Closing date and time: 20 September 2021

@ 11:00 a.m.

Bid Validity Period: 120 days

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Officials of GCIS are required on a regular basis, to perform official duties away from their normal place of work. The services of reputable prospective bidders (Travel Management Companies) is required to provide and coordinate the travel and associated services of the department. Included in the travel and associated services is securing of flights, accommodation, car rental and where necessary insurance, visa's, petrol cards, etc.
- 1.2 The air travel service is for both domestic and international trips. Accommodation will be mainly for domestic trips. International accommodation will be at the discretion of the department.
- 1.3 The head office of GCIS is based in Hatfield Pretoria. The department has provincial offices throughout the country and travel arrangements is decentralized.
- 1.4 All meetings related to the travel accounts will be held in Pretoria.
- 1.5 GCIS require an "off-site" TMC to render the service.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR BID (RFB)

- 2.1 The purpose of this Request for bid (RFB) is to solicit proposals from potential bidder(s) for the provision of travel management services to GCIS.
- 2.2 This RFB document details and incorporates, as far as possible, the tasks and responsibilities of the potential bidder required for the provision of travel management services to GCIS.
- 2.3 This RFB does not constitute an offer to do business with GCIS, but merely serves as an invitation to bidder(s) to facilitate a requirements-based decision process.

3. DEFINITIONS

Accommodation means the rental of lodging facilities while away from one's place of abode, but on authorised official duty.

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After-hours service refers to an enquiry or travel request that is actioned after normal working hours, i.e. 17h00 to 8h00 on Mondays to Fridays and twenty-four (24) hours on weekends and public holidays

Air travel means travel by airline on authorised official business.

Authorising Official means the employee who has been delegated to authorise travel in respect of travel requests and expenses,

Car Rental means the rental of a vehicle for a short period of time by a Traveller for official purposes.

Department means GCIS.

Domestic travel means travel within the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

Emergency service means the booking of travel when unforeseen circumstances necessitate an unplanned trip or a diversion from original planned trip.

International travel refers to travel outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

Merchant Fees are fees charged by the lodge card company at the point of sale for bill back charges for ground arrangements.

Quality Management System means a collection of business processes focused on consistently meeting customer requirements and enhancing their satisfaction. It is expressed as the organizational structure, policies, procedures, processes and resources needed to implement quality management.

Regional travel means travel across the border of South Africa to any of the SADC Countries, namely; Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Service Level Agreement (SLA) is a contract between the TMC and GCIS that defines the level of service expected from the TMC.

Shuttle Service means the service offered to transfer a Traveller from one point to another, for example from place of work to the airport.

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Third party fees are fees payable to third party service providers that provides travel related services on an ad hoc basis that is not directly provided by the TMC. These fees include visa fees and courier fees.

Transaction Fee means the fixed negotiated fee charged for each specific service type e.g. international air ticket, charged per type per transaction per traveller.

Traveller refers to a GCIS official, consultant or contractor travelling on official business on behalf of GCIS.

Travel Authorisation is the official form utilised by GCIS reflecting the detail and order number of the trip that is approved by the relevant authorising official.

Travel Booker is the person coordinating travel reservations with the Travel Management Company (TMC) consultant on behalf of the Traveller, e.g. the personal assistant of the traveller.

Travel Management Company or TMC refers to the Company contracted to provide travel management services (Travel Agents).

Travel Voucher means a document issued by the Travel Management Company to confirm the reservation and/or payment of specific travel arrangements.

Value Added Services are services that enhance or complement the general travel management services e.g. Rules and procedures of the airports.

VAT means Value Added Tax.

VIP or Executive Service means the specialised and personalised travel management services to selected employees of GCIS by a dedicated consultant to ensure a seamless travel experience.

4. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THE BID

4.1. Tax Legislation

- 4.1.1. Bidder(s) must be compliant when submitting a proposal to GCIS and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

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- 4.1.2. It is a condition of this bid that the tax matters of the successful bidder be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.
- 4.1.3. It is a requirement that bidders grant a written confirmation when submitting this bid that SARS may on an ongoing basis during the tenure of the contract disclose the bidder's tax compliance status and by submitting this bid such confirmation is deemed to have been granted.
- 4.1.4. Bidders are required to be registered on the Central Supplier Database and GCIS shall verify the bidder's tax compliance status through the Central Supplier Database.
- 4.1.5. Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database.

4.2. Procurement Legislation

GCIS has a detailed evaluation methodology premise on Treasury Regulation 16A3 promulgated under Section 76 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act, No. 1 of 1999), the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 (Act, No.5 of 2000) and the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act, No. 53 of 2003).

5. BRIEFING SESSION (NON- COMPULSORY)

Two **non-compulsory briefing** and clarification sessions will be held at GCIS, 1035 Tshedimosetso House, Cnr Francis Baard and Festival, Hatfield, on 06 September 2021 at 10:00am -11:00am for first session and 12:00pm – 13:00pm for second session to clarify to bidder(s) the scope and extent of work to be executed. Due to COVID-19 regulations each session will be limited to 50 people. To ensure compliance to the COVID-19 regulations potential bidders are to confirm their attendance not later than **2 September 2021**. Potential bidders are to confirm which session the bidder will be attending.

Confirmation of attendance of the briefing session must be emailed to **RFB006/2021-2022@gcis.gov.za**

COVID-19 Regulations will be complied with.

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6. TIMELINE OF THE BID PROCESS

The period of validity of tender and the withdrawal of offers, after the closing date and time is 120 days. The project timeframes of this bid are set out below:

Activity	Due Date
Advertisement of bid on Government e-tender portal and GCIS Website	24 August 2021
Two Non-compulsory briefing and clarification sessions	6 September 2021 First Session: 10:00 am to 11:00 am Second Session: 12:00pm – 13:00 pm
Bid closing date	20 September 2021
Notice to bidder(s)	GCIS will endeavour to inform bidders of the progress until conclusion of the tender by publishing the information on the website of GCIS as per the legislative requirements.

All dates and times in this bid are South African standard time.

Any time or date in this bid is subject to change at GCIS's discretion. The establishment of a time or date in this bid does not create an obligation on the part of GCIS to take any action, or create any right in any way for any bidder to demand that any action be taken on the date established. The bidder accepts that, if GCIS extends the deadline for bid submission for any reason, the requirements of this bid otherwise apply equally to the extended deadline.

7. CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

- 7.1. A nominated official of the bidder(s) can make enquiries in writing, by sending an email to **RFB006/2021-2022@gcis.gov.za**. The delegated office of GCIS may communicate with Bidder(s) where clarity is sought in the bid proposal.
- 7.2. Any communication to an official or a person acting in an advisory capacity for GCIS in respect of the bid between the closing date and the award of the bid by the Bidder(s) is discouraged.
- 7.3. All communication between the Bidder(s) and GCIS must be done in writing.

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- 7.4. Whilst all due care has been taken in connection with the preparation of this bid, GCIS makes no representations or warranties that the content of the bid or any information communicated to or provided to Bidder(s) during the bidding process is, or will be, accurate, current or complete. GCIS and its employees will not be liable with respect to any information communicated which may not accurate, current or complete.
- 7.5. If Bidder(s) finds or reasonably believes it has found any discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in this bid or any other information provided by GCIS (other than minor clerical matters), the Bidder(s) must promptly notify GCIS in writing of such discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in order to afford an opportunity to consider what corrective action is necessary (if any).
- 7.6. Any actual discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in the bid or any other information provided by GCIS will, if possible, be corrected and provided to all Bidder(s) without attribution to the Bidder(s) who provided the written notice.
- 7.7. All persons (including Bidder(s)) obtaining or receiving the bid and any other information in connection with the Bid or the Tendering process must keep the contents of the Bid and other such information confidential, and not disclose or use the information except as required for the purpose of developing a proposal in response to this Bid.

8. LATE BIDS

Bids received after the closing date and time, at the address indicated in the bid documents, will not be accepted for consideration and where practicable, be returned unopened to the Bidder(s). **The bid will close on 20 September 2021 at 11h00 a.m.**

9. FRONTING

- 9.1. Government supports the spirit of broad based black economic empowerment and recognizes that real empowerment can only be achieved through individuals and businesses conducting themselves in accordance with the Constitution and in an honest, fair, equitable, transparent and legally compliant manner. Against this background the Government condemn any form of fronting.

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- 9.2. The Government, in ensuring that Bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the bid evaluation processes, conduct or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations to determine the accuracy of the representation made in bid documents. Should any of the fronting indicators as contained in the Guidelines on Complex Structures and Transactions and Fronting, issued by the Department of Trade and Industry, be established during such enquiry / investigation, the onus will be on the Bidder / Contractor to prove that fronting does not exist. Failure to do so within a period of 14 days from date of notification may invalidate the bid / contract and may also result in the restriction of the Bidder /Contractor to conduct business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten years, in addition to any other remedies GCIS may have against the Bidder / Contractor concerned.

10. SUPPLIER DUE DILIGENCE

- 10.1 GCIS reserves the right to conduct supplier due diligence prior to final award or at any time during the contract period. This may include site visits and requests for additional information.

11. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- 11.1. Bid documents may either be posted to (preferably registered mail)

Private Bag X 745
Pretoria,
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OR placed in the tender box situated at GCIS, Tshedimosetso House, Cnr Francis Baard and Festival Streets, Hatfield, OR couriered to the aforesaid address on or before the closing date and time.

- 11.2. Bid documents will only be considered if received by GCIS before the closing date and time, regardless of the method used to send or deliver such documents to GCIS. **Proposals submitted through e-mail will not be considered.**

The bidder(s) are required to submit one (1) original proposal and one (1)

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CD-ROM / USB. The Proposal and CD-ROM / USB must be marked correctly

FILE 1 (TECHNICAL AND FUNCTIONALITY FILE)
Exhibit 1: Pre-qualification documents <i>(Refer to Section 16.1 - Gate 0: Pre-qualification Criteria (Table 1))</i>
Exhibit 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Functionality Responses and Bidder Compliance Checklist for Functionality Evaluation.• Supporting documents for technical responses. <i>(Refer to Section 16.2 - Gate 1: Functionality Evaluation Criteria and Annexure A2 – Functionality Evaluation Technical Scorecard and Compliance Checklist)</i>
Exhibit 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Conditions of Contract (GCC)
Exhibit 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Company Profile• Any other supplementary information• Proposed Draft Service Level Agreement• <i>(Refer to Section 18 – Service Level Agreement)</i>

and sealed for ease of reference during the evaluation process. The CD-ROM / USB must not be corrupted, must be accessible and the contents thereof must be consistent with the hardcopy of the proposal. The contents of the CD-ROM / USB must be in PDF format

11.3. Bidders are requested to number and initial each page of the tender document.

12. DURATION OF THE CONTRACT

The successful bidder/s will be appointed for a period of 36 (thirty six) months. The performance of the successful bidder will be monitored throughout the contract period.

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13. SCOPE OF WORK

13.1. Background

GCIS currently utilise a panel of travel management companies to manage the travel requisition and travel expense processes within the travel management lifecycle. As outlined in the introduction, GCIS has nine provincial offices throughout the country and the head office is based in Hatfield Pretoria.

Travel bookers within the department will contact the Travel Management Company (TMC) for reservations on a rotation basis. Once all the quotations are forwarded to the travel booker by the TMC, the travel arrangement will be authorised by the delegated official. Thereafter GCIS will issue the TMC with an official order as authorisation that the TMC must confirm the booking with the third parties.

GCIS's primary objective in issuing this RFB is to enter into agreement with a successful bidder(s) who will achieve the following:

- a) Provide GCIS with travel management services that are consistent and reliable and will maintain a high level of traveller satisfaction in line with the service levels.
- b) Achieve significant cost savings for GCIS without any degradation in the services;
- c) Appropriately contain GCIS's risk and traveller risk.

13.2. Travel Volumes

The current GCIS's total volumes per annum includes air travel, accommodation, car hire, etc. The table below details the estimated number of transactions for the period 2019 to March 2021:

Service Category	Estimated Number of Transactions per annum
Air travel – Domestic	1250
Accommodation – Domestic	2060
Air Travel International	110
Car Rental	660

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Note: These figures are projections based on the current trends and they may change during the tenure of the contract. The figures are meant for illustration purposes to assist the bidders to prepare their proposal.

13.3. Service Requirements

13.3.1. General

The successful bidder(s) will be required to provide travel management services. Deliverables under this section include without limitation, the following:

- a. The travel services will be provided to all Travellers travelling on behalf of GCIS, locally and internationally. This will include employees and contractors, consultants and clients where the agreement is that GCIS is responsible for the arrangement and cost of travel.
- b. Provide travel management services during normal office hours (Monday to Friday 8h00 – 17h00) and provide after hours and emergency services as stipulated in paragraph 13.3.6.
- c. Assist with further negotiations for better deals with travel service providers.
- d. Familiarisation with current GCIS Travel Policy and implementations of controls to ensure compliance.
- e. Penalties incurred as a result of the inefficiency or fault of a travel consultant will be for the TMC's account, subject to the outcome of a formal dispute process.
- f. Provide a facility for GCIS to update their travellers' profiles.
- g. Manage the third party service providers by addressing service failures and complaints against these service providers.
- h. Consolidate all invoices from travel suppliers.
- i. Provide a detailed transition plan for implementing the service without service interruptions and engage with the incumbent service providers to ensure a smooth transition.

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- j. Provide the reference letters from at least three (3) contactable existing/recent clients (within past 3 years) which are of a similar size to GCIS or bigger but not lesser than GCIS in size.
- k. The Bidder must be a member of ASATA (Association of South African Travel Agents). Proof of such membership must be submitted with the bid at closing date and time. Bidders are to submit a valid certified copy of certificate not older than 6 months. In terms of Joint Ventures, each company must submit ASATA certificate in their name. Service provider submitting other company's certificate will be deemed as non-compliant
- l. Potential bidders must provide a company profile containing proof of registration of the company, the number of years the company has been providing travel management services. This aspect will form part of the evaluation criteria of proposals submitted. The points will be allocated to suppliers on a sliding scale depending on the number of years in offering travel management services.

13.3.2. Reservations

The Travel Management Company will:

- a. Receive travel requests from travellers and/or travel bookers, respond with quotations (confirmations) and availability. Upon the receipt of the relevant approval, the travel agent will issue the required e-tickets and vouchers immediately and send it to the travel booker and traveller via the agreed communication medium.
- b. Always endeavour to make the most cost effective travel arrangements based on the request from the traveller and/or travel booker.
- c. Apprise themselves of all travel requirements for destinations to which travellers will be travelling and advice the Traveller of alternative plans that are more cost effective and more convenient where necessary.
- d. Obtain a minimum of three (3) price comparisons for all travel requests where the routing or destination permits.
- e. Book the negotiated discounted fares and rates.

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- f. Must keep abreast of carrier schedule changes as well as all other alterations and new conditions affecting travel and make appropriate adjustments for any changes in flight schedules prior to or during the traveller's official trip. When necessary, e-tickets and billing shall be modified and reissued to reflect these changes.
- g. Book parking facilities at the airports where required for the duration of the travel.
- h. Respond timely and process all queries, requests, changes and cancellations timeously and accurately.
- i. Must be able to facilitate group bookings (e.g. for meetings, conferences, events, etc.)
- j. Must issue all necessary travel documents, itineraries and vouchers timeously to traveller(s) prior to departure dates and times.
- k. Advise the Traveller of all visa and inoculation requirements well in advance.
- l. Assist with the arrangement of foreign currency and the issuing of travel insurance for international trips where required.
- m. Facilitate any reservations that are not bookable on the Global Distribution System (GDS).
- n. Facilitate the bookings that are generated through their own or third party Online Booking Tool (OBT) where it can be implemented.
- o. Note that, unless otherwise stated, all cases include domestic, regional and international travel bookings.
- p. Visa applications will not be the responsibility of the TMC; however the relevant information must be supplied to the traveller(s) where visas will be required.
- q. Negotiated airline fares, accommodation establishment rates, car rental rates, etc. that are negotiated directly or established by National Treasury or by GCIS are **non-commissionable**, where commissions are earned for GCIS bookings all these commissions should be returned to GCIS on a quarterly basis.

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- r. Ensure confidentiality in respect of all travel arrangements and concerning all persons requested by GCIS.
- s. Timeous submission of proof that services have been satisfactorily delivered (invoices) and attachment(s) as per GCIS instructions

13.3.3. Air Travel

- a. The TMC must be able to book full service carriers as well as low cost carriers.
- b. The TMC will book the most cost effective airfares possible for domestic travel.
- c. For international flights, the airline which provides the most cost effective and practical routings may be used.
- d. The TMC should obtain three or more price comparisons where applicable to present the most cost effective and practical routing to the Traveller.
- e. The airline ticket should include the applicable airline agreement number (if applicable) as well as the individual loyalty program number of the Traveller (also if applicable).
- f. Airline tickets must be delivered electronically through SMS or email format to the traveller(s) and travel bookers promptly after booking before the departure times.
- g. The TMC will also assist with the booking of charters for VIPs utilising the existing transversal term contract where applicable as well as the sourcing of alternative service providers for other charter requirements.
- h. The TMC will be responsible for the tracking and management of unused e-tickets as per agreement with the institution and provide a report on refund management once a quarter.
- i. The TMC must during their report period provide proof that bookings were made against the discounted rates on the published fares where applicable.
- j. Ensure that travellers are always informed of any travel news regarding airlines like baggage policies, checking in arrangements, etc.

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- k. Assist with lounge access if and when required.
- l. TMC to ensure that invoices relating to air travel are supported by a copy of the airline invoice / ticket. It will be the prerogative of GCIS to confirm the amount charged with the relevant airline.

13.3.4. Accommodation

- a. The TMC will obtain price comparisons within the maximum allowable rate matrix as per the cost containment instruction of the National Treasury.
- b. The TMC will obtain three price comparisons from accommodation establishments that provide the best available rate within the maximum allowable rate and that is located as **close as possible** to the venue or office or location or destination of the traveller.
- c. This includes planning, booking, confirming and amending of accommodation with any establishment (hotel group, private hotel, guest house or Bed & Breakfast) in accordance with GCIS travel policy.
- d. GCIS travellers may only stay at accommodation establishments with which National Treasury /GCIS has negotiated corporate rates. Should there be no rate agreement in place in the destination, or should the contracted establishment be unable to accommodate the traveller, the TMC will source suitable accommodation bearing in mind the requirement of convenience for the traveller and conformation with acceptable costs, or as stipulated in written directives issued from time to time by the National treasury or GCIS.
- e. Accommodation vouchers must be issued to all GCIS travellers by E-mail and SMS for accommodation bookings. The accommodation must be invoiced to GCIS as per arrangement. Such invoices must be supported by a copy of the original hotel accommodation charges.
- f. The TMC must during their report period provide proof, where applicable, that accommodation rates were booked within the maximum allowable rates as per the cost containment instruction of the National Treasury.

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- g. Cancellation of accommodation bookings must be done promptly to guard against no show and late cancellation fees.
- h. Provide a monthly report for no shows to GCIS

13.3.5. Car Rental and in exceptional cases Shuttle Services

- a. The TMC will book the approved category vehicle in accordance with the GCIS Travel Policy with the car rental service provider from the closest rental location (airport, hotel and venue).
- b. The travel consultant should advise the Traveller on the best time and location for collection and return considering the Traveller's specific requirements.
- c. The TMC must ensure that relevant information is shared with travellers regarding rental vehicles, e-tolls, refuelling, keys, rental agreements, damages and accidents and anything deemed of value by the TMC in relation to car rental and or shuttle services.
- d. The TMC will book transfers in line with the GCIS Travel Policy with the service providers. Transfers can also include bus and coach services.
- e. On request, the TMC should manage shuttle companies on behalf of the GCIS and ensure compliance with minimum standards. The TMC should also assist in negotiating better rates with relevant shuttle companies. GCIS appointed the panel of chauffer service through a competitive bids for service operated within PTA and OR Tambo airport. TMC should manage shuttle services outside the areas indicated above
- f. The TMC must during their report period provide proof that negotiated rates were booked, where applicable.

13.3.6. After Hours and Emergency Services

- a. The TMC must provide a consultant or team of consultants to assist Travellers with after hours and emergency reservations and changes to travel plans.
- b. A dedicated consultant/s must be available to assist Travellers with after hour or emergency assistance.

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- c. After hours' services must be provided from Monday to Friday outside the official hours (17h00 to 8h00) and twenty-four (24) hours on weekends and Public Holidays.
- d. A call centre facility or after hours contact number should be available to all travellers so that when required, unexpected changes to travel plans can be made and emergency bookings attended to.
- e. The TMC must have a standard operating procedure for managing after hours and emergency services. This must include purchase order generation of the request within 24 hours.

13.4. Communication

- 13.4.1. The TMC may be requested to conduct workshops and training sessions for Travel Bookers of GCIS.
- 13.4.2. All enquiries must be investigated and prompt feedback be provided in accordance with the Service Level Agreement.
- 13.4.3. The TMC must ensure sound communication with all stakeholders. Link the business traveller, travel coordinator, Travel Management Company in one smooth continuous workflow.

13.5. Financial Management

- 13.5.1. The TMC must implement the rates negotiated by National Treasury with travel service providers or the discounted air fares, or the maximum allowable rates established by the National Treasury where applicable.
- 13.5.2. The TMC will be responsible to manage the service provider accounts. This will include the timely receipt of invoices to be presented to GCIS for payment within the agreed time period.
- 13.5.3. Enable savings on total annual travel expenditure and this must be reported and proof provided during monthly and or quarterly reviews.
- 13.5.4. The TMC will is required to offer a 30 day bill-back account facility GCIS. 'Bill back', refers to the supplier sending the bill back to the TMC, who, in turn, invoices GCIS for the services rendered.

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- 13.5.5. Where pre-payments are required for smaller Bed & Breakfast /Guest House facilities, these will be processed by the TMC. These are occasionally required at short notice and even for same day bookings.
- 13.5.6. Consolidate Travel Supplier bill-back invoices.
- 13.5.7. The TMC is responsible for the consolidation of invoices and supporting documentation to be provided to GCIS Supply Chain Management on a weekly basis. This includes attaching the Travel Authorisation or Purchase Order and other supporting documentation to the invoices reflected on the Service provider bill-back report.
- 13.5.8. Ensure Travel Supplier accounts are settled timeously.
- 13.6. **Technology, Management Information and Reporting: To check if online bookings are applicable**
 - 13.6.1. The TMC must have the capability to consolidate all management information related to travel expenses into a single source document with automated reporting tools.
 - 13.6.2. The implementation of an Online Booking Tool to facilitate domestic bookings should be considered to optimise the services and related fees. All management information and data input must be accurate.
 - 13.6.3. The TMC will be required to provide the GCIS with a minimum of three (3) standard monthly reports that are in line with the National Treasury's Cost Containment Instructions reporting template requirements at no cost.

The reporting templates can be found on
<http://www.treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/TreasuryInstruction/AccountantGeneral.aspx>. On addition, the department will require reports on no-show
 - 13.6.4. Reports must be accurate and be provided as per GCIS's specific requirements at the agreed time. Information must be available on a transactional level that reflect detail including the name of the traveller, date of travel, spend category (example air travel, shuttle, accommodation).
 - 13.6.5. GCIS may request the TMC to provide additional management reports not indicated above.
 - 13.6.6. Reports must be available in an electronic format for example Microsoft Excel.

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13.6.7. Service Level Agreements reports must be provided on the agreed date. It will include but will not be limited to the following:

I. Travel

- a) After hours' Report;
- b) Compliments and complaints;
- c) Consultant Productivity Report;
- d) Long term accommodation and car rental;
- e) Extension of business travel to include leisure;
- f) Upgrade of class of travel (air, accommodation and ground transportation);
- g) Bookings outside Travel Policy.

II. Finance

- a) Reconciliation of commissions/rebates or any volume driven incentives;
- b) Creditor's ageing report;
- c) Creditor's summary payments;
- d) Daily invoices;
- e) No show report;
- f) Cancellation report;
- g) Receipt delivery report;
- h) Monthly Bank Settlement Plan (BSP) Report;
- i) Refund Log;
- j) Open voucher report, and
- k) Open Age Invoice Analysis.

13.6.8. The TMC will implement all the necessary processes and programs to ensure that all the data is secure at all times and not accessible by any unauthorised parties.

13.7. Account Management

13.7.1. An Account Management structure should be put in place to respond to the needs and requirements of GCIS and act as a liaison for handling all matters with regard to delivery of services in terms of the contract.

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- 13.7.2. The TMC must appoint a dedicated Account or Business Manager that is ultimately responsible for the management of the GCIS's account.
- 13.7.3. The necessary processes should be implemented to ensure good quality management and ensuring Traveller satisfaction at all times.
- 13.7.4. A complaint handling procedure must be implemented to manage and record the compliments and complaints of the TMC and other travel service providers.
- 13.7.5. Ensure that the GCIS's Travel Policy is enforced.
- 13.7.6. Ensure that workshops/training is provided to Travellers and/or Travel Bookers
- 13.7.7. During reviews, comprehensive reports on the travel spend and the performance in terms of the SLA must be presented.

13.8. Cost Management

- 13.8.1. The National Treasury cost containment initiative and the GCIS's Travel Policy is establishing a basis for a cost savings culture.
- 13.8.2. It is the obligation of the TMC Consultant to advise on the most cost effective option at all times, and costs should be within the framework of the National Treasury's cost containment instructions.
- 13.8.3. The TMC plays a pivotal role to provide high quality travel related services that are designed to strike a balance between effective cost management, flexibility and traveller satisfaction.
- 13.8.4. The TMC should have in-depth knowledge of the relevant supplier(s)' products, to be able to provide the best option and alternatives that are in accordance with GCIS's Travel Policy to ensure that the Traveller reaches his/her destination safely, in reasonable comfort, with minimum disruption, cost effectively and in time to carry out his/her business.

13.9. Quarterly and Annual Travel Reviews

- 13.9.1. Quarterly reviews are required to be presented by the TMC on all GCIS travel activity in the previous three-month period. These reviews are comprehensive and presented to GCIS's Supply Chain Management teams

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as part of the performance management reviews based on the service levels.

13.9.2. Annual Reviews are also required to be presented to GCIS's officials.

13.9.3. These Travel Reviews will include without limitation the following information

- I. After hours report
- II. Complement and complaints
- III. Consultant productivity report
- IV. Long term accommodation and car rental report
- V. Extension of business travel
- VI. Upgrade of class of travel(air, accommodation and ground transportation)

13.10. Office Management

13.10.1. The TMC to ensure high quality service to be delivered at all times to the GCIS's travellers. The TMC is required to provide GCIS's with highly skilled and qualified human resources of the following roles but not limited to:

- a. Senior Consultants
- b. Intermediate Consultants
- c. Junior Consultants
- d. Travel Manager (Operational)
- e. Finance Manager / Branch Accountant
- f. Admin Back Office (Creditors / Debtors/Finance Processors)
- g. Strategic Account Manager (per hour)
- h. System Administrator (General Admin)

14. PROMOTION OF BBBEE

14.1 In order to promote/ advance transformation within the sector, only bidders with a BBBEE status of level 1, 2, 3, Exempted Micro Enterprises (EME's) and Qualifying Small Enterprises (QSE's) with a BBBEE status of level 1, 2 will be eligible to submit the proposal. Non-submission of proof of BBEE in the form of a certificate or sworn of affidavit in the case of EME's / QSE's will lead to disqualification.

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15. AGENCY FEES

GCIS is willing to pay the following fees:

Service Category	Agency Fees (Vat inclusive)
Domestic Air travel reservation	136
Regional & International Air Travel reservation	280
Domestic hotel reservation	126
Domestic Car rental reservation	100
Domestic Shuttle reservation	75
Air refunds, Air Ticket re-issue, Air travel Cancellation, Car rental cancellation and Shuttle Service cancellation (domestic, regional and International)	
After Hour Service	126

The above fees includes VAT, and constitute the full amount claimable. Fees will be adjusted annually from the second year of the contract in line with the Consumer price index (CPI) published by National Treasury.

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16. EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

GCIS has set minimum standards (Gates) that a potential bidder needs to meet in order to be evaluated and selected as a successful bidder. The minimum standards consist of the following:

Pre-qualification Criteria (Gate 0)	Technical Evaluation Criteria (Gate 1)
Bidders must submit all documents as outlined in paragraph 16.1 (Table 1) below. Only bidders that comply with ALL these criteria will proceed to Gate 1.	Bidder(s) are required to achieve a minimum threshold of 65% in functionality/ technical evaluation. Bidders that scores 65% or more will be added on the Panel of Travel management Companies. It will be the prerogative of GCIS to request bidders who reached a score of 65% or more in functionality / technical evaluation to do presentation. Should this be the case, the same evaluation criteria as in functionality/ technical evaluation applied in Gate 1 will apply.

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16.1 Gate 0: Pre-qualification Criteria

Without limiting the generality of GCIS's other critical requirements for this Bid, bidder(s) must submit the documents listed in **Table 1** below. All documents must be completed and signed by the duly authorised representative of the prospective bidder(s). During this phase Bidders' responses will be evaluated based on compliance with the listed administration and mandatory bid requirements. The bidder(s) proposal may be disqualified for non-submission of any of the documents.

Table 1: Documents that must be submitted for Pre-qualification

No.	Document that must be submitted	Non-submission will result in disqualification?	
1.	Application of BBBEE as a Pre- Qualification criteria	YES	<p>I. In order to promote/ advance transformation within the sector, only bidders with a BBBEE status of level 1 2, 3, Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) and Qualifying Small Enterprise (QSE) with a BBBEE status of level 1, 2 & 4 will be eligible to submit the proposal.</p> <p>II. Non-submission of proof of BBBEE certificate or sworn of affidavit in the case of EME's / QSE's will lead to disqualification.</p>
2.	IATA Licence / Certificate	YES	<p>I. Bidders are required to submit their International Air Transport Association (IATA) licence / certificate (certified copy) together with proposal on closing date. Non-submission of a certified copy of the certificate will lead to disqualification</p> <p>II. In terms of Joint Ventures, each company must submit IATA certificate in their name. Potential bidders submitting other company's certificate will be deemed as non-compliant and lead to disqualification.</p>
3.	ASATA	YES	<p>I. Bidders are required to submit their ASATA licence certificate (certified copy) together with proposal on closing</p>

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			<p>date. Non-submission of a certified copy of the certificate will lead to disqualification</p> <p>II. In terms of Joint Ventures, each company must submit ASATA certificate in their name. Potential bidders submitting other company's certificate will be deemed as non-compliant and lead to disqualification.</p>
4.	Invitation to Bid – SBD 1	NO	Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
5.	Declaration of Interest – SBD 4	NO	Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
6.	Preference Point Claim Form – SBD 6.1	YES	Complete and sign. The form to be supported by proof of BBBEE. Refer to point no.1 on this table of pre-qualification.
7.	Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Chain Management Practices – SBD 8	NO	Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
8.	Certificate of Independent Bid Determination – SBD 9	NO	Complete and sign the supplied pro forma document
9.	Bidder Compliance form for Functional Evaluation	NO	Complete and sign
10.	Registration on Central Supplier Database (CSD)	YES	<p>I. Proof of Registration on the Central Supplier Database (Refer to paragraph 4.1.4)</p> <p>II. The Travel Management Company (TMC) must be registered as a service provider on the Central Supplier Database (CSD). If you are not registered proceed to complete the registration of your company prior to submitting your proposal. Visit https://secure.csd.gov.za/ to obtain your vendor number. Proof of registration to be submitted .</p>

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16.2 Gate 1: Technical Evaluation Criteria = 100 points

All bidders are required to respond to the technical evaluation criteria scorecard and compliance checklist. Refer to **Annexure A2** for detailed information

Only Bidders that have met the Pre-Qualification Criteria in (Gate 0) will be evaluated in Gate 1 for functionality. Functionality will be evaluated as follows:

- i. Functionality Evaluation – Bidders will be evaluated on functionality and are required to achieve a minimum threshold of 65%. **It will be the prerogative of GCIS to request bidders to do presentation. Should this be the case, the same evaluation criteria as in functionality/technical evaluation will apply. Bidders that scores 65% or more will be added on the panel of Travel management Companies.**
- ii. As part of due diligence, GCIS may conduct a site visit at a client of the Bidder (reference) for validation of the services rendered. The choice of site will be at GCIS's sole discretion.

a. Joint Ventures, Consortiums and Trusts

A trust, consortium or joint venture, will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as a legal entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE status level certificate.

A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for points for their B-BBEE status level as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid.

Bidders must submit concrete proof of the existence of joint ventures and/or consortium arrangements. GCIS will accept signed agreements as acceptable proof of the existence of a joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.

The joint venture and/or consortium agreements must clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of the Lead Partner and the joint venture and/or consortium party. The agreement must also clearly identify the Lead Partner, who shall be given the power of attorney to bind the other party/parties in

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respect of matters pertaining to the joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.

b. Sub-contracting

Bidders/ tenderers who want to claim Preference points will have to comply fully with regulations 11(8) and 11(9) of the PPPFA Act with regard to sub-contracting.

The following is an extract from the PPPFA Act:

11(8) "A person must not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the tender documents that such a tenderer intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a tenderer qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract."

11(9) "A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract."

17. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

Any award made to a bidder(s) under this bid is conditional, amongst others, upon –

- a. The bidder(s) accepting the terms and conditions contained in the General Conditions of Contract as the minimum terms and conditions upon which GCIS is prepared to enter into a contract with the successful Bidder(s).
- b. The bidder submitting the General Conditions of Contract to GCIS together with its bid, duly signed by an authorised representative of the bidder.

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18. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

- 18.1 Upon award GCIS and the successful bidder will conclude a Service Level Agreement regulating the specific terms and conditions applicable to the services being procured by GCIS.
- 18.2 To ensure that the Service Level Agreement will be concluded timeously, potential bidders are requested to submit with their bid proposals, proposed draft Service Level Agreement indicating the Service Level indicators. GCIS reserves the right to vary the proposed draft Service Level Indicators during the course of negotiations with a bidder/s by amending or adding thereto.
- 18.3 GCIS also reserves the right to accept or reject any proposed draft Service Level agreement and service level indicators proposed by a bidder if such proposals are unacceptable to GCIS or pose a risk to the organisation.

19 SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THIS BID

GCIS reserves the right:

- 19.1 To award this tender to a bidder that did not score the highest total number of points, only in accordance with section 2(1)(f) of the PPPFA (Act 5 of 2000)
- 19.2 To negotiate with one or more preferred bidder(s) identified in the evaluation process, regarding any terms and conditions, including price without offering the same opportunity to any other bidder(s) who has not been awarded the status of the preferred bidder(s).
- 19.3 To accept part of a tender rather than the whole tender.
- 19.4 To carry out site inspections, product evaluations or explanatory meetings in order to verify the nature and quality of the services offered by the bidder(s), whether before or after adjudication of the Bid.
- 19.5 To correct any mistakes at any stage of the tender that may have been in the Bid documents or occurred at any stage of the tender process.
- 19.6 To cancel and/or terminate the tender process at any stage, including after the Closing Date and/or after presentations have been made, and/or after tenders have been evaluated and/or after the preferred bidder(s) have been notified of their status as such.

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20 GCIS REQUIRES BIDDER(S) TO DECLARE

In the Bidder's Technical response, bidder(s) are required to declare the following:

20.1 Confirm that the bidder(s) is to: –

- a. Act honestly, fairly, and with due skill, care and diligence, in the interests of GCIS;
- b. Have and employ effectively the resources, procedures and appropriate technological systems for the proper performance of the services;
- c. Act with circumspection and treat GCIS fairly in a situation of conflicting interests;
- d. Comply with all applicable statutory or common law requirements applicable to the conduct of business;
- e. Make adequate disclosures of relevant material information including disclosures of actual or potential own interests, in relation to dealings with GCIS;
- f. Avoidance of fraudulent and misleading advertising, canvassing and marketing;
- g. To conduct their business activities with transparency and consistently uphold the interests and needs of GCIS as a client before any other consideration; and
- h. To ensure that any information acquired by the bidder(s) from GCIS will not be used or disclosed unless the written consent of the client has been obtained to do so.

21 CONFLICT OF INTEREST, CORRUPTION AND FRAUD

- 21.1** GCIS reserves its right to disqualify any bidder who either itself or any of whose members (save for such members who hold a minority interest in the bidder through shares listed on any recognised stock exchange), indirect members (being any person or entity who indirectly holds at least a 15% interest in the bidder other than in the context of shares listed on a recognised stock exchange), directors or members of senior management, whether in respect of

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GCIS or any other government organ or entity and whether from the Republic of South Africa or otherwise ("Government Entity")

- a. engages in any collusive tendering, anti-competitive conduct, or any other similar conduct, including but not limited to any collusion with any other bidder in respect of the subject matter of this bid;
- b. seeks any assistance, other than assistance officially provided by GCIS, from any employee, advisor or other representative of GCIS in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to GCIS;
- c. makes or offers any gift, gratuity, anything of value or other inducement, whether lawful or unlawful, to any of GCIS's officers, directors, employees, advisors or other representatives;
- d. makes or offers any gift, gratuity, anything of any value or other inducement, to any GCIS's officers, directors, employees, advisors or other representatives in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to GCIS;
- e. accepts anything of value or an inducement that would or may provide financial gain, advantage or benefit in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to GCIS;
- f. pays or agrees to pay to any person any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or any other consideration, that is contingent upon or results from, the award of any tender, contract, right or entitlement which is in any way related to procurement or the rendering of any services to GCIS;
- g. has in the past engaged in any matter referred to above; or
- h. has been found guilty in a court of law on charges of fraud and/or forgery, regardless of whether or not a prison term was imposed and despite such bidder, member or director's name not specifically appearing on the List of Tender Defaulters kept at National Treasury.

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22 MISREPRESENTATION DURING THE LIFECYCLE OF THE CONTRACT

- 22.1 The bidder should note that the terms of its Tender will be incorporated in the proposed contract by reference and that GCIS relies upon the bidder's Tender as a material representation in making an award to a successful bidder and in concluding an agreement with the bidder.
- 22.2 It follows therefore that misrepresentations in a Tender may give rise to service termination and a claim by GCIS against the bidder notwithstanding the conclusion of the Service Level Agreement between GCIS and the bidder for the provision of the Service in question. In the event of a conflict between the bidder's proposal and the Service Level Agreement concluded between the parties, the Service Level Agreement will prevail.

23 PREPARATION COSTS

The Bidder will bear all its costs in preparing, submitting and presenting any response or Tender to this bid and all other costs incurred by it throughout the bid process. Furthermore, no statement in this bid will be construed as placing GCIS, its employees or agents under any obligation whatsoever, including in respect of costs, expenses or losses incurred by the bidder(s) in the preparation of their response to this bid.

24 INDEMNITY

If a bidder breaches the conditions of this bid and, as a result of that breach, GCIS incurs costs or damages (including, without limitation, the cost of any investigations, procedural impairment, repetition of all or part of the bid process and/or enforcement of intellectual property rights or confidentiality obligations), then the bidder indemnifies and holds GCIS harmless from any and all such costs which GCIS may incur and for any damages or losses GCIS may suffer.

25 PRECEDENCE

This document will prevail over any information provided during any briefing session whether oral or written, unless such written information provided, expressly amends this document by reference.

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26 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

A bidder participates in this bid process entirely at its own risk and cost. GCIS shall not be liable to compensate a bidder on any grounds whatsoever for any costs incurred or any damages suffered as a result of the Bidder's participation in this Bid process.

27 TAX COMPLIANCE

No tender shall be awarded to a bidder who is not tax compliant. GCIS reserves the right to withdraw an award made, or cancel a contract concluded with a successful bidder in the event that it is established that such bidder was in fact not tax compliant at the time of the award, whose verification against the Central Supplier Database (CSD) proves non-compliant. GCIS further reserves the right to cancel a contract with a successful bidder in the event that such bidder does not remain tax compliant for the full term of the contract.

28 TENDER DEFAULTERS AND RESTRICTED SUPPLIERS

No tender shall be awarded to a bidder whose name (or any of its members, directors, partners or trustees) appear on the Register of Tender Defaulters kept by National Treasury, or who have been placed on National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers. GCIS reserves the right to withdraw an award, or cancel a contract concluded with a Bidder should it be established, at any time, that a bidder has been blacklisted with National Treasury by another government institution.

29 GOVERNING LAW

South African law governs this bid and the bid response process. The bidder agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the South African courts in any dispute of any kind that may arise out of or in connection with the subject matter of this bid, the bid itself and all processes associated with the bid.

30 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUB-CONTRACTORS AND BIDDER'S PERSONNEL

A bidder is responsible for ensuring that its personnel (including agents, officers, directors, employees, advisors and other representatives), its sub-contractors (if

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any) and personnel of its sub-contractors comply with all terms and conditions of this bid. In the event that GCIS allows a bidder to make use of sub-contractors, such sub-contractors will at all times remain the responsibility of the bidder and GCIS will not under any circumstances be liable for any losses or damages incurred by or caused by such sub-contractors.

31 CONFIDENTIALITY

Except as may be required by operation of law, by a court or by a regulatory authority having appropriate jurisdiction, no information contained in or relating to this bid or a bidder's tender(s) will be disclosed by any bidder or other person not officially involved with GCIS's examination and evaluation of a Tender.

No part of the bid may be distributed, reproduced, stored or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, photocopying, recording or otherwise, in whole or in part except for the purpose of preparing a Tender. This bid and any other documents supplied by GCIS remain proprietary to GCIS and must be promptly returned to GCIS upon request together with all copies, electronic versions, excerpts or summaries thereof or work derived there from.

Throughout this bid process and thereafter, bidder(s) must secure GCIS's written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to (i) the potential work or activities to which this bid relates; or (ii) the process which follows this bid. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification from the bid process and civil action.

32 GCIS PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

Bidder will on their bid cover letter make declaration that they did not have access to any GCIS proprietary information or any other matter that may have unfairly placed that bidder in a preferential position in relation to any of the other bidder(s).

33 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Should funds no longer be available to pay for the execution of the responsibilities of this bid (**RFB006/2021/2022**), the GCIS may terminate the Agreement at its own discretion or temporarily suspend all or part of the services by notice to the successful bidder who shall immediately make arrangements to

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stop the performance of the services and minimize further expenditure: Provided that the a successful bidder shall thereupon be entitled to payment in full for the services delivered, up to the date of cancellation or suspension.

34 CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The closing date for submission of the proposals is **20 September 2021** at **11:00 a.m.** Any bid proposal submitted after the indicated deadline will not be considered. Documents must be sent in a sealed envelope, Marked **RFB 006/2021/2022 and dropped in the tender box.**

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Annexure A2

DESKTOP EVALUATION TECHNICAL SCORECARD

AND COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF TRAVEL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES TO PROVIDE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (GCIS)

ANNEXURE A2: DESKTOP EVALUATION TECHNICAL SCORECARD AND COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

The form must be submitted in File 1 (Technical file), Exhibit 2

EXAMPLE OF HOW THE BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST:

Section No	Technical Criteria	Reference page in Proposal of the potential bidder	Comments
1.2	Experience of the bidder	Exhibit 2: Page numbers (potential bidder/s to indicate where the information can be found in their proposal as per the technical evaluation)	Bidder to summarise the motivation of compliance, partial compliance or non-compliance to the requirement.
2.1	Manage all reservations and bookings	Exhibit 2: Page numbers (potential bidder/s to indicate where the information can be found in their proposal as per the technical evaluation)	Bidder to summarise the motivation of compliance, partial compliance or non-compliance to the requirement.
2.2	Manage all refunds and non-refundable airline-tickets	Exhibit 2: Page numbers (potential bidder/s to indicate where the information can be found in their proposal as per the technical evaluation)	Bidder to summarise the motivation of compliance, partial compliance or non-compliance to the requirement.

RATING SCALE THAT BEC MEMBERS WILL USE

Rating	Definition	Score
Excellent	Exceeds the requirement. Exceptional demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and quality measures required to	5

	provide the goods / services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential added value, with supporting evidence.	
Good	Satisfies the requirement with minor additional benefits . Above average demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and quality measures required to provide the goods / services. Response identifies factors that will offer potential added value, with supporting evidence.	4
Acceptable	Satisfies the requirement. Demonstration by the supplier of the relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource, and quality measures required to provide the goods / services, with supporting evidence.	3
Minor Reservations	Satisfies the requirement with minor reservations . Some minor reservations of the supplier's relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and quality measures required to provide the goods / services, with little or no supporting evidence.	2
Serious Reservations	Satisfies the requirement with major reservations . Considerable reservations of the supplier's relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource and quality measures required to provide the goods / services, with little or no supporting evidence.	1
Unacceptable	Does not meet the requirement . Does not comply and/or insufficient information provided to demonstrate that the supplier has the ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource & quality measures required to provide the goods / services, with little or no supporting evidence.	0

The Bidders will be evaluated according to the technical evaluation criteria in the scorecard below.

Bidders must indicate their ability to do the following and to substantiate as required with supporting documentation.

#	TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERION	WEIGHT	REFERENCE IN BID DOCUMENT	REFERENCE PAGE IN BIDDERS PROPOSAL	COMMENTS
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BIDDER					
DESKTOP EVALUATION					
1	GENERAL (20)	100	SECTION 13.3.1		
1.1	Provide a detailed transition plan for implementing the service without service interruptions and engage with the incumbent service providers to ensure a smooth transition.	10	Section 13.3.1 (i)		
1.2	Bidders must provide a company profile containing proof of registration of the company, the number of years the company has been providing travel management services	10 1 - 2 = 2 2 - 4 = 4 4 - 6 = 6 Above 6 = 10			

2	RESERVATIONS (30)	SECTION 13.3.2 TO 13.3.6		
2.1	Manage all reservations/ bookings. Describe how all travel reservations/ bookings are handled in terms of accommodation (hotels, B&B and Lodges); car rental; flights, and chauffeur services.	10 Section 13.3.2 Section 13.3.3 Section 13.3.4 Section 13.3.5 Section 13.3.6		
2.2	Manage group bookings. Describe your capabilities for handling group bookings for meetings, conferences, events and indicate if the if these bookings would be done by the TMC or outsourced.	5 Section 13.3.2 (i)		
2.3	Directly negotiated rates Negotiated airline fares, accommodation establishment rates and car rental rates , that are negotiated directly or established by National Treasury or by GCIS are non-commissionable and where commissions are earned for GCIS ; bookings, all these commissions should be returned to GCIS on a quarterly basis. Describe how these specific rates will be secured. Describe any automated tools that will be used to assist with maintenance and processing of the said negotiated rates.	5 Section 13.3.2 (q)		

2.4	<p>Manage airline reservations.</p> <p>Describe in detail the process of booking the most cost-effective and practical routing for the traveller.</p> <p>This will include, without limitation, the refund process and how you manage the unused non-refundable airline tickets, your ability to secure special airline services for traveller(s) including preferred seating, waitlist clearance, special meals and travellers with disabilities.</p>	5	Section 13.3.3		
2.5	<p>After-hours and emergency services</p> <p>The bidder must have capacity to provide reliable and consistent after hours and emergency support to traveller(s).</p> <p>Please provide details/ Standard Operating Procedure of your after-hour support e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how it is accessed by Travellers, - where it is located, centralized/ regionalised, in-country (owned)/ outsourced. - is it available 24/7/365 - Reminders to GCIS to process purchase orders within 24 hours to reduce queries on invoices 	5	Section 13.3.6		

3	COMMUNICATION (5)	SECTION 13.4			
3.1	Describe how you will ensure that travel bookers are informed of the travel booking processes. Describe your communication process where the traveller, travel co-ordinator/booker and travel management company will be linked in one smooth continuous workflow.	5	Section 13.4		
4	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (5)	SECTION 13.5			
4.1	Describe how you will implement the negotiated rates and maximum allowable rates established either by GCIS or the National Treasury. Describe how you will manage the 30-day bill-back account facility. Describe how pre-payments will be handled where it is required for smaller Bed & Breakfast /Guest House facilities. Describe how invoicing will be handled, including the process of rectifying discrepancies between purchase orders and invoices, supporting documentation, reconciliation of transactions and the timely provision of invoices to GCIS.	5	Section 13.5		

6	ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT (10)	SECTION 13.7		
6.1	<p>Provide the proposed Account Management structure / organogram.</p> <p>Describe what quality control procedures/ processes you have in place to ensure that your clients receive consistent quality service.</p> <p>Describe how queries, requests, changes and cancellations will be handled. What is your mitigation and issue resolution process? Please provide a detailed response indicating performance standards with respect to resolving service issues. Complaint handling procedure must be submitted.</p> <p>What is in place to ensure that the GCIS's travel Policy is enforced.</p> <p>How will you manage the service levels and how will you go about doing customer satisfaction surveys?</p> <p>Indicate what workshops/training will be provided to Travellers and /or Travel Bookers.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Section 13.7.1 and 13.7.2</p> <p>Section 13.7.3</p> <p>Section 13.7.4</p> <p>Section 13.7.5</p> <p>Section 13.7.6</p> <p>Section 13.7.7</p>		

7	COST MANAGEMENT (5)	SECTION 13.8			
7.1	Describe your detailed strategic cost savings plan for the contract duration. What items do you target for maximum cost savings results? Describe how you will assist the GCIS to realise cost savings on annual travel spend.	5	Section 13.8		
9	QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL TRAVEL REVIEWS (5)	SECTION 13.9			
9.1	Provide a sample of a Quarterly and Annual review used for performance management during the life cycle of the contract.	5	Section 13.9		
10	OFFICE MANAGEMENT (10)	SECTION 13.10			
10.1	Provide an overview of your back-office processes detailing the degree of automation for air tickets workflow, ground arrangements and bill back workflow. Describe roles and responsibilities of assigned staff. Please provide the management	10	Section 13.10		

	hierarchy.				
	Describe type of training provided to travel agency personnel				
	Describe the forecasting system employed to staff operations in response to volume changes.				

It will be the prerogative of GCIS to request bidders who reached a score of 65% or more in functionality / technical evaluation to do presentation. Should this be the case, the same evaluation criteria as in functionality/ technical evaluation applied in Gate 1 will apply.

Also in this case, bidders who score 65% or more in functionality / technical evaluation will be included in the Panel of Travel Management Companies

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BIDDER DECLARATION (Section 22)

The bidder hereby declare the following:

We confirm that _____ (Bidder's Name) will: –

- a. Act honestly, fairly, and with due skill, care and diligence, in the interests of GCIS;
- b. Employ effectively the resources, procedures and appropriate technological systems for the proper performance of the services;
- c. Act with circumspection and treat GCIS; fairly in a situation of conflicting interests;
- d. Comply with all applicable statutory or common law requirements applicable to the conduct of business;
- e. Make adequate disclosures of relevant material information including disclosures of actual or potential own interests, in relation to dealings with GCIS;
- f. Avoid fraudulent and misleading advertising, canvassing and marketing;
- g. Conduct business activities with transparency and consistently uphold the interests and needs of GCIS; as a client before any other consideration; and
- h. Ensure that any information acquired by the bidder(s) from GCIS; will not be used or disclosed unless the written consent of the client has been obtained to do so.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name of Signatory: _____

Designation: _____

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF: _____ (Bidding Company's Name)