

GEORGE MUNICIPALITY



BID DOCUMENT NUMBER: GMT055/25-26

TENDER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE READING OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY METERS AND PROVISION OF OTHER METER RELATED SERVICES ON BEHALF OF GEORGE MUNICIPALITY FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT UNTIL 30 JUNE 2029

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ISSUED BY:
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 P O BOX 19
 GEORGE
 6530

SUMMARY FOR TENDER OPENING PURPOSES

NAME OF BIDDER:

SUPPLIER DATABASE NO.: MAAA

TOTAL RATES (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

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PREFERENCES CLAIMED FOR:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor and Point Claimed:	Level: _____	Point Claimed: _____
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Locality Status and Point Claimed:	Locality: _____	Point Claimed: _____
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B-BBEE certificates submitted with the tender document MUST be VALID ORIGINAL B-BBEE CERTIFICATES or VALID CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE B-BBEE CERTIFICATES

TENDER CLOSES AT 12H00 ON MONDAY, 06 JULY 2026

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BIDDER CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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

GEORGE MUNICIPALITY / GEORGE MUNISIPALITEIT
TENDER NUMBER / NOMMER: GMT055/25-26

Tenders are hereby invited for the: **TENDER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE READING OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY METERS AND PROVISION OF OTHER METER RELATED SERVICES ON BEHALF OF GEORGE MUNICIPALITY FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT UNTIL 30 JUNE 2029.**

Completed tenders in a sealed envelope, clearly marked:

Tender **No. GMT055/25-26** must be placed in the tender box at the George Municipality on the **Fifth (5) Floor, Supply Chain Management**, Civic Centre, 71 York Street, George by no later than 12:00 on **Monday, 06 July 2026**. Tenders will be opened on the same day in the Committee Room at 12:05. Late or unmarked tenders will not be considered. No posted tenders or tenders per fax or e-mail will be accepted.

Tender documents are available at a non-refundable deposit of R297.85 each from the Supply Chain Management Unit, Fifth Floor, Civic Centre, 71 York Street, George.

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

Tenders will be evaluated and awarded as follows:

Stage 1: Functionality

Functionality will be evaluated in **two (2) separate and independent stages**. Bidders must achieve the minimum qualifying score for **each individual stage** to progress to the next phase of evaluation. Failure to meet the minimum threshold in either stage will result in immediate disqualification.

Stage 1A:

Bidders will be evaluated based on the written documentation submitted. A minimum score of **70 out of 100** is required to progress to Stage 1B, presentation of their system.

Criteria:

1. Relevant Company (or JV) Experience carrying a weight of 30 points.
2. Relevant references of the Company carrying a weight of maximum 30 points.
3. Key Site Staff and Personnel allocated to this Tender carrying a weight of 20 points.
4. Plant, Equipment, Tools & Machinery carrying a weight of 20 points.

Stage 1B: Presentation

Only tenders scoring a minimum of **75 out of 100 points** in stage will be further considered for evaluation in Stage 2, price and preference.

Tenders word hiermee ingewag vir die: **TENDER VIR DIE AANSTELLING VAN 'N DIENSVERSKAFFER VIR DIE LEES VAN WATER- EN ELEKTRISITEITSMETERS EN VOORSIENING VAN ANDER METERVERWANTE DIENSTE NAMENS GEORGE MUNISIPALITEIT VANAF DATUM VAN AANSTELLING TOT 30 JUNIE 2029.**

Voltooide tenders in 'n verseëelde koevert, duidelik gemerk:

Tender Nr. GMT055/25-26 moet voor **Maandag, 06 Julie 2026** om **12:00** in die tender bus by die George Munisipaliteit op die **Vyfde (5de) Vloer, Voorsieningskanaalbestuurseenheid**, Burgersentrum, Yorkstraat 71, George geplaas word. Tenders sal om 12:05 dieselfde dag in die Komiteekamer oopgemaak word. Laat of ongemerkte tenders sal nie oorweeg word nie. Geen tenders per pos, faks of e-pos sal aanvaar word nie.

Tender dokumente is verkrygbaar teen 'n R297.85 neterugbetaalbare deposito elk by die Voorsieningskanaal Bestuurseenheid op die Vyfde Vloer, Burgersentrum, Yorkstraat 71, George.

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

Tenders sal as volg ge-evalueer en toegeken word:

Fase 1: Funksionaliteit

Funksionaliteit sal in twee (2) afsonderlike en onafhanklike fases geëvalueer word. Bieërs moet die minimum kwalifiserende punte vir elke individuele stadium behaal om na die volgende fase van evaluering te vorder. Versuim om die minimum drempel te bereik in enige stadium sal lei tot onmiddellike diskwalifikasie.

Fase 1A:

Bieërs sal geëvalueer word op grond van die geskrewe dokumentasie wat ingedien is. 'n Minimum van **70 uit 100** word vereis om na Fase 1B te vorder, aanbieding van hul stelsel.

Kriteria:

1. Relevante Maatskappy (of JV) Ondervinding wat 'n gewig van 30 punte dra.
2. Relevante verwysings van die Maatskappy wat 'n gewig van maksimum 30 punte dra.
3. Sleutel Terrein Personeel en Personeel toegeken aan hierdie Tender met 'n gewig van 20 punte.
4. Aanleg, toerusting, gereedskap en masjinerie wat 'n gewig van 20 punte dra.

Fase 1B: Aanbieding

Slegs tenders wat 'n minimum van **75 uit 100 punte** in hierdie fase behaal, sal verder oorweeg word vir evaluering in Fase 2, prys en voorkeur.

<p><u>Criteria</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look and Feel of the system carrying a weight of maximum 20 points. 2. Simplicity & ease of use of the system carrying a weight of maximum 30 points. 3. Functionality of the system carrying a weight of maximum 30 points. 4. Implementation plan of the system carrying a weight of maximum 20 points. <p>Tenderers that fail to score the minimum score for functionality will be deemed as non-responsive.</p> <p>Note: Stage 1A and Stage 1B are independent evaluations. Scores will not be combined or averaged.</p> <p><u>Stage 2 : Price and Preference</u></p> <p>Tenders will be evaluated and awarded in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act 5 of 2000) Regulations 2022; the George Municipality's Supply Chain Management Policy as well as the George Municipality's Preferential Procurement Policy, where 80 points will be scored for price and 20 points for B-BBEE status and Specific Goals.</p> <p>For more information contact Mr R. Coetzee at (044) 801 9031 or email at rcoetzee@george.gov.za.</p> <p>The Municipality reserves the right to withdraw any invitation to tender and/or to readvertise or to reject any tender or to accept a part of it. The Municipality is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.</p> <p>An alternative bidder may be appointed.</p> <p>A TCS PIN for bidders' tax compliance information must be submitted with the tender document.</p> <p>It will be required from the successful bidder to register on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).</p> <p>MR. B. ELLMAN ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER GEORGE MUNICIPALITY GEORGE 6530</p>	<p><u>Kriteria</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hoe die stelsel visueel vertoon en die gevoel gedurende gebruik sal 'n gewig van maksimum 20 punte dra 2. Eenvoud en gebruiksgemak van die stelsel wat 'n gewig van maksimum 30 punte dra 3. Funksionaliteit van die stelsel wat 'n gewig van maksimum 30 punte dra 4. Implementeringsplan van die stelsel wat 'n gewig van maksimum 20 punte dra <p>Tenderaars wat nie die minimum telling vir funksionaliteit behaal nie, sal as nie-reagerend beskou word.</p> <p>Let wel: Fase 1A en Fase 1B is onafhanklike evaluerings. Tellings sal nie gekombineer of die gemiddelde telling gebruik word nie.</p> <p><u>Fase 2: Prys en Voorkeur</u></p> <p>Tenders sal ge-evalueer en toegeken word in terme van die Wet op die Raamwerk vir Voorkeurverkrygingsbeleid (Wet 5 van 2000) Regulasies 2022; die George Munisipaliteit se Voorsieningskanaalbestuursbeleid sowel die George Munisipaliteit se Voorkeurverkrygingsbeleid, waar 80 punte ten opsigte van die prys en 20 punte ten opsigte van B-BBEE status en Spesifieke Doelwitte toegeken sal word.</p> <p>Vir verdere inligting, kontak Mnr. R. Coetzee by (044) 801 9031 of per epos by rcoetzee@george.gov.za.</p> <p>Die Munisipaliteit behou die reg voor om enige versoek vir 'n tender terug te trek en/of te her-adverteer of enige tender te verwerp of gedeeltelik te aanvaar. Die Munisipaliteit is nie daartoe gebind om die laagste of enige tender te aanvaar nie.</p> <p>'n Alternatiewe tenderaar kan aangestel word.</p> <p>'n "TCS PIN" vir tenderaars se belasting nakoming inligting moet ingesluit wees by die tender dokument.</p> <p>Dit sal van die suksesvolle tenderaar verwag word om op die Sentrale Verskaffersdatabasis (SVD) te registreer.</p> <p>MNR. B. ELLMAN WAARNEMENDE MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER GEORGE MUNISIPALITEIT GEORGE 6530</p>
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INVITATION TO BID

**YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR GMT055/25-26 -
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OTHER METER RELATED SERVICES ON BEHALF OF GEORGE
MUNICIPALITY FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT UNTIL 30 JUNE 2029**

BID NUMBER: **GMT055/25-26**

CLOSING DATE: **06 July 2026**

CLOSING TIME: 12:00

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

Supply Chain Management Unit
The Civic Centre (5th Floor)
York Street
GEORGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Relevant specifications;
2. Value for money;
3. Capacity to execute the contract;
4. PPPFA Regulations 2022.

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

DETAILS OF TENDERER

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

DETAILS OF TENDERING ENTITY'S BANK

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

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

Signature of Tenderer: _____

Date: _____

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

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

NAME OF TENDERER

Held at _____ on _____
(Place) (Date)

RESOLVED THAT:

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

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30 JUNE 2029**

2. Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

In his/her capacity as _____

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

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

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

	Name	Capacity	Signature
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

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

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

NAME OF TENDERER

Held at _____ on _____
(Place) (Date)

RESOLVED THAT:

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

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

and

and

2. Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

In his/her capacity as _____

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

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

3. The enterprise in the form of a consortium or joint venture accept jointly and several liability with parties under item 1 above for the fulfillment of the obligations of the joint venture deriving from, and in any way connected with the contract to be entered into with the George Municipality in respect of the project described above under item 1.

4. The **Consortium / Joint Venture** enterprise chooses as its domicilium citandi et executandi for all purposes arising from this joint venture agreement and contract with the George Municipality in respect of the project under item 1:

(Physical Address)

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

	Name	Capacity	Signature
1			
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JOINT VENTURE

Only to be completed if applicable

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

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

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF JOINT VENTURE _____

SCHEDULE OF SUB-CONTRACTORS

The Bidder shall list below the sub-contractors he/she proposes to employ for part(s) of the works/goods/services.

If any or all of the sub-contractor/s listed hereunder are not approved subsequent to acceptance of the Tender, it shall in no way invalidate the Tender or the Contract, and the Tendered unit rates for the respective items of work shall remain final and binding even if a sub-contractor/s not listed below is approved by the Employer.

Sub-Contractor's Name	Work Activities to be undertaken by the Sub-Contractor/s	Work Recently Executed by Sub-Contractor/s

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1.1 Functionality criteria:

The tender is subject to functionality criteria.

Bids will be pre-evaluated on the following functionality criteria and bids that score less than 70 out of 100 points will be considered as non-responsive:

Stage 1A: Functionality scoring criteria and weight:

1. Relevant Company (or JV) Experience carrying a weight of 30 points.
2. Relevant references for the Company carrying a weight of maximum 30 points.
3. Key Site Staff and Personnel allocated to this Tender carrying a weight of 20 points.
4. Plant, Equipment, Tools & Machinery carrying a weight of 20 points.

Bidders who score 70 and above out of 100 will then proceed to stage 1B evaluation and will be invited to do a presentation of their system.

Stage 1B: Functionality will be done in the form a presentation and the criteria and weight are as follows:

1. Look and Feel of the system carrying a weight of maximum 20 points.
2. Simplicity & ease of use of the system carrying a weight of maximum 30 points.
3. Functionality of the system carrying a weight of maximum 30 points.
4. Implementation plan of the system carrying a weight of maximum 20 points.

Only bidders scoring 75 points or more (out of 100) in stage 1B evaluation, will be regarded as responsive and will be evaluated further. Tender offers that fail to score the minimum score for functionality will be deemed as non-responsive.

Responsive bids will then be evaluated on the 80/20 Preference Points system as prescribed by the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 and the municipality's Preferential Procurement Policy 2025/26.

1.2 Electronic meter reading system:

The bidder must utilise a sophisticated computer system to effectively manage the meter reading process on behalf of the Municipality. **The system needs to be either ISO or SOC2 compliant or the municipality reserves the right to request such confirmation.** The Municipality currently operates the SOLVEM Platinum Financial System, and the successful bidder must demonstrate the capability to integrate with this system through an appropriate electronic interface.

Such interface must support the full meter reading process and provide for real time or near real time data exchange, online reporting and data access, and other required functional features.

The integration must be achieved via an Application Programming Interface (API) to enable the automated import of meter readings directly into the financial system.

Manual processes, including the use of CSV file uploads or similar flat file transfers, will only be permitted for a maximum period of six (6) months from the contract commencement date. This period is granted to allow for the development, testing, and full implementation of the required API integration.

Failure to implement fully functional API integration within this timeframe may constitute a breach of contract.

In this regard:

- Where an interface already exists, the bidder must submit written confirmation from the current financial system provider, SOLVEM Platinum, confirming compatibility, functionality, and API-based integration capability with the SOLVEM Platinum system.
- Where such an interface does not already exist, the bidder shall be responsible, at their own cost, for the design, development, and implementation of the API to the satisfaction of George Municipality within the stipulated six (6) month period.

Failure to submit documentary proof, on closing date, of whether a bidder has an existing interface or not, may be considered as submitting a non-responsive bid.

Furthermore, should the Municipality transition to a different core financial system during the contract period, the successful bidder shall be fully responsible for all costs associated with ensuring seamless API-based integration with the new system.

1.3 Definitions:

Actual meter reading – Meter reading that could be used for billing purposes.

Final reading – Instruction from municipality when a consumer moved out of a premises including sealing of meter.

Special reading – Instruction from municipality when a consumer asks for a reading outside of the normal reading schedules.

Check reading – A verification of a reading taken in the normal meter reading cycle. Reasons for check readings include but are not limited to the following:

- Unclear photos (either meter number unclear, meter reading unclear or both);
- Abnormally high consumption;
- Abnormally low consumption; and
- Any other valid reason.

1.4 Objectives

The successful bidder is to provide and manage software for the reading of water and electricity meters and other meter related services from the date of appointment up until 30 June 2029.

The successful bidder and George Municipality will conclude a Service Level Agreement (“SLA”) based on mutually agreed performance measures. The Successful bidder’s performance in terms of the SLA will be reviewed annually.

1.5 Key Performance Indicators

	INDICATOR	TARGET	MEASUREMENT
1.	Meter reading system to be operational and fully functional.	The commencement date will be the 15 th of the following month after final award.	Initial measurement
2.	The bidder will be required to adhere to the following actual billable reading ratios: - minimum of 80% average actual billable reading ratio per quarter for the first (1st) contract year; - minimum of 85% average actual billable reading ratio per quarter for the second (2nd) contract year; and a - 90% for every month thereafter.		Quarterly measurement
3.	Operating office, vehicles, equipment, and staff to be in place	The commencement date will be within 30 days of the final award.	
4.	The successful Bidder will be required to attend monthly meetings with George Municipality. In addition, the bidder must prepare and submit a comprehensive monthly report prior to each meeting,	Ongoing	Ongoing

	<p>detailing performance against service levels, meter reading statistics, exceptions, re-reads, and any operational challenges encountered during the reporting period.</p>		
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SPECIFICATIONS

1 INTRODUCTION

The Contract entails the reading of water and electricity meters and the provision of other meter related services on behalf of George Municipality. The Municipality herewith extends this invitation to call for tenders from experienced meter reading companies or service providers, who meet the eligibility criteria as set out in the conditions of the tender.

2 BACKGROUND

The George Municipality requires water and electricity meter reading services and other related services for a period from the date of appointment until 30 June 2029. The service provider will provide the meter reading services within the Greater George, including George Industrial Area, Pacaltsdorp, Wilderness, Herolds Bay, Rural Areas, Uniondale, and Haarlem.

The municipality is busy implementing a smart water meter project that will run for a three (3) year period to replace all domestic water meters which will in turn reduce the number of water meters to be read over the period of the tender term. The conversion of all credit electricity meters to prepaid meters in households is also a project that the municipality has prioritized for the next two (2) financial years that will eliminate all credit electricity meters to be read.

George Municipality has approximately 1 850 credit electricity meters and 36 500 water meters (excluding smart water meters). The average number of meters per route list is 254. The normal reading cycle is from the 15th of each month until the 15th of the following month.

The meter reading process generates a substantial percentage of the municipality’s income and therefore the municipality could suffer significant losses if the meter readings provided are not accurate. There is also a significant customer service focus associated with the meter reading process that impacts on the municipality’s image. The successful bidder must be committed to strict confidentiality both during and after the meter reading task. The successful bidder must ensure that no conflict of interest occurs during the meter reading process and if any potential conflict arises, the successful bidder must advise the municipality accordingly. The successful bidder will be required to prepare a project plan and adhere to the time schedules as agreed by the George Municipality.

The Municipality will provide the successful bidder with the following information electronically:

- Current meter master data, including meter details and status;
- All relevant and specific information required to enable the service provider to effectively carry out its duties in terms of the contract;
- Route lists, including street addresses, meter numbers, and meter types (water and electricity);
- Alpha-Numeric error codes and exception indicators (e.g. meters that cannot be read, inaccessible meters, or other reading anomalies);
- Statistical data relating to meters recorded on the municipal system.

3 SCOPE OF SERVICES

The service scope is to undertake the meter reading services on behalf of George Municipality and the implementation thereof, reporting directly to the designated official.

SERVICES REQUIRED

- 3.1 The successful bidder will be required to read water and electricity meters and render related meter services for the full duration of the contract.
- 3.2 The successful bidder will only be remunerated for acceptable actual, first and final readings as well as special readings. No payment will be made for checking or re-readings of meters.
- 3.3 The successful bidder will be penalised for non-performance.
- 3.4 The successful bidder must take into consideration that the number of water and electricity meters will decrease over the term of the contract due to the implementation of the smart water meter project and the phasing out of the credit electricity meters at households.
- 3.5 A detailed project plan for meter readings will be finalised with the successful bidder upon award of the contract. All reading cycles must be conducted monthly and completed by no later than the 15th of each month.
- 3.6 The successful bidder will be required to undertake the following functions and/or services:
 - 3.6.1 Meter reading functions.
 - 3.6.2 The successful bidder will be required to adhere to the following actual billable reading percentages:
 - minimum of 80% actual billable reading ratio per quarter for the first (1st) contract year;
 - minimum of 85% actual billable reading ratio per quarter for the second (2nd) contract year;
 - and 90% for every month thereafter.

Penalties

Penalties will be levied if the above percentages cannot be adhered to.

Penalties will be levied against non-performance at 5% of the monthly invoice provided by the contractor. The municipality also

reserves the right to impose the default terms according to the General Conditions of Contract, which may inter alia lead to cancellation of the contract.

- 3.6.3 The reading of water and electricity meters per route list.
- 3.6.4 The contractor to supply a monthly meter reading programme not exceeding 35 days or less than 27 days before the start of every reading cycle.
- 3.6.5 Any changes in the proposed reading cycle to be communicated timeously to the designated official as well as the reason for the change.
- 3.6.6 The taking of readings as per reading cycle, as determined by the George Municipality.
- 3.6.7 Proof reading or re-reading (check reading) of meters as requested by the Municipality.
- 3.6.8 The supply and maintenance of reading equipment is compatible and can be integrated with the SOLVEM Platinum System, e.g. hand-held terminals. (Handhelds camera quality must be minimum 5 mega pixels). The handheld unit must not accept a meter reading without prompting for a photo.
- 3.6.9 Training requirements: Once-off training must be provided to municipal officials within 30 days after the final award.
- 3.6.10 The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining readings from all meters, including those that are underground, inaccessible, or otherwise difficult to access, where reasonable measures can be applied.
- 3.6.11 Obtaining of first and final readings of disconnected or reconnected electricity and water meters.
- 3.6.12 The drying (pumping out) of manholes where meters are under water.
- 3.6.13 The successful bidder must issue a notice to consumers in cases where meters cannot be read during normal office hours. Proof of this notice must accompany each after hour meter reading performed.
- 3.6.14 Installation of GPS coordinates of meter location per property. (GPS coordinates MUST be captured accurately, as close as possible to the meter location). In addition to the capturing of GPS coordinates of meters, GPS exception reporting is also required (for the purpose comparing GPS coordinates of meters on a month-to-month basis).

3.7. **Back- office functions**

- 3.7.1. The successful bidder will be required to have or establish a fully equipped and functioning local back office in George that will deal with the following functions:
- 3.7.2. Reporting faulty or damaged meters.
- 3.7.3. Reporting of tampered and possible bypassed meters, if detected.

- 3.7.4. Reporting of faulty / damaged meter kiosks if detected.
- 3.7.5. Reporting of water and electricity meters not captured in the meter reading records. (New buildings or vacant plots being connected to the network.)
- 3.7.6 Reporting of new connections or electricity meters replaced by pre-paid meters.
- 3.7.7. Attending to meter related queries from the end-user / consumer.
- 3.7.8. The checking of fault and variance reports and related re-readings.
- 3.7.9. Supplying the necessary infrastructure in aid of the meter reading process e.g. vehicles to access farms, computers and telephones. Vehicles must be branded for high visibility where meter readers are active.
- 3.7.10. The service provider must ensure that all employees wear uniforms approved by the Municipality while performing duties under this agreement. In addition, all personnel must visibly always wear official identification cards while carrying out their duties, contemplated in this agreement.
- 3.7.11. Quarterly audits must be conducted on all self-readings, as well as all instances where meter readings could not be obtained for a period of three (3) consecutive months. A comprehensive report must be submitted to the Municipality reflecting the outcomes of such audits, including findings and recommendations. Verification of meters must be undertaken where required, including after-hours inspections, upon instruction from the Municipality. **Failure to conduct the required quarterly audits shall be regarded as a material breach of contract and may result in contractual remedies being applied by the Municipality.**
- 3.7.12 Special readings requested by the Municipality shall be prioritized and must be completed within seven (7) calendar days from the date of instruction. The execution of special readings must be planned and managed in such a manner that it does not interfere with delay or compromise the normal monthly reading cycle. The contractor shall ensure adequate resources and operational capacity are in place to accommodate special readings without impacting scheduled route readings, billing timelines, or service delivery obligations. Any constraints that may affect compliance with this requirement must be communicated in writing to the Municipality immediately upon receipt of the instruction. **Failure to comply with the above requirements, including the prescribed timeframe, shall constitute a breach of contract and may result in the Municipality invoking its contractual remedies.**
- 3.7.13. Receiving all self-readings and following up cases where self-readings were not supplied. The verification must be done every three (3) months and, if necessary, after hours.
- 3.7.14. Reporting of no-read meters with note on monthly basis. The successful bidder must use correct no-reading codes to ensure

effective follow up and corrective measures are taken to make meters accessible in the future.

- 3.7.14.1 Checking of meter readings on request of the Municipality.
- 3.7.14.2 Reporting meters that register abnormally high or fast readings when taking meter readings.
- 3.7.14.3 Reporting on GPS coordinates exception reports.
- 3.7.14.4 Down-time for communication lines not to exceed 24 hours. Municipality to be informed timeously of any downtime and the reason for the downtime.

4. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 4.1 The service provider must issue a formal notification to clients where meter is underground/under grass or covered with a cement block. For purposes of this contract, a formal notification shall include written communication delivered either by official notice to the property, registered communication, and a electronic notification such as SMS or email where contact details are available. The notification must clearly indicate the access issue and request corrective action to enable meter reading.
- 4.2 The contractor must have resources to provide manpower to field all routes. The contractor is required to indicate how many staff they intend to employ when tendering.
- 4.3 The successful bidder can subcontract/outsourcing and source 30% local labour from the George Municipal Area.
- 4.4 The successful bidder must establish an operational office in the George Municipal Area after the successful bidder has been notified of the final award within 30 days. The office must be fully functional and capable of supporting contract operations, including administrative, operational and supervisory functions. **Compliance with this requirement shall be verified through submission of proof of lease or ownership, municipal account details, and physical address confirmation. The Municipality reserves the right to conduct an on-site inspection to confirm operational readiness of the office prior to or during contract implementation. Failure to establish and maintain such office to the satisfaction of the Municipality shall constitute a breach of contract.**
- 4.5 The contractor shall provide his/her own tools, equipment and apparatus to carry out the work required and all maintenance on this equipment will be for the account of the tenderer.
- 4.6 The Contractor will provide his/her own meter readers with uniform prior to the commencement of work. The uniform must be of such nature that the person is easily identifiable as a meter reader and must be worn whilst on duty.
- 4.7 The contractor must issue the meter readers with identity cards and shall produce such identity cards when requested by customers.

5. EVALUATION OF TENDER

This tender will be evaluated on three stages, namely Functionality (Stage 1A), Presentation (Stage 1B) and Price, BBEE and specific goals (Stage 2).

1. Functionality Evaluation (Stage 1A)

- (a) Tenders will be evaluated on the functionality criteria as set out below. Bidders that score less than **70 out of 100 points** for these criteria will be regarded as non-responsive and will not be evaluated on Stage 1B presentation. Unclear, vague, fragmented or incomplete information provided will result in no points being allocated.
- (b) Bidders must ensure that relevant information is submitted on closing date with tender. If information is not submitted no points will be awarded.
- (c) No information or documentary proof will be requested after closure of the tender, relating to tender functionality.
- (d) The following criteria will be used to calculate points for the functionality of tenders and bidders should ensure that they submit all information in order to be pre-evaluated on the criteria mentioned below:

	STAGE 1A CRITERION	MAXIMUM POINTS	BIDDER SCORE
1.	Company (or JV) Experience	30	
2.	References Related to that Experience	30	
3.	Key Site Staff & Personnel	20	
4.	Plant, Equipment, Tools & Machinery	20	
TOTAL		100	

Functionality criterion are further divided as follows and points will be awarded as indicated below:

Criterion 1: Company (or JV) Experience

- (a) A maximum of **30** points will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Municipality's Bid Functionality Scoring Committee based on the information provided. Please note that this section refers to the Company's and its legacy firms past experience and is not a duplication of Criterion 3's Key staff and Personnel. Meaning this section takes into consideration that the company as an entity has gained relevant experience in the past and shows that the company is in the business of said Scope of Works.

(b) Relevant experience is defined as the accumulation of knowledge or skill that results from direct participation in relevant/similar events or activities and/or as determined by the George Municipality.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED: Experience relevant to meter reading services	MAXIMUM POINTS	BIDDER SCORE
A minimum of 3 years' but up to 5 years' total relevant experience.	15	
More than 5 years, but up to 10 years' total relevant experience.	25	
More than 10 years' total relevant experience of the company.	30	
TOTAL		

(c) In order to claim points for the above, bidders must submit sufficient information as well as documentary proof of experience relating to **meter reading services**, by means of **appointment letters and letter proving if the work was successfully completed/ on-going.**

(d) Points will only be awarded for **relevant & completed experience** obtained relevant to the Tender Scope of Works. To be able to gain points the Tenderer must submit proof that the company has obtained the relevant experience for this Tender's Scope of Works & Specifications, and not only parts thereof. If experience is listed, please ensure it is applicable and relevant to the whole of this Tender and not only to parts thereof, otherwise the Bidder will not be awarded the necessary points. **Bidders to provide enough experience to score the total points as prescribed e.g. in order to claim 30 points, relevant projects should be listed for projects that was done in the last five (5) years or longer.**

NB: If no information is provided below OR referred to as an additional attachment **NO POINTS WILL BE AWARDED.**

JOINT VENTURES:

Companies who intend to bid as Joint ventures (JV), must attach Joint venture agreements, clearly indicating partnership percentage and who the leading partner in the JV will be.

The evaluation of functionality regarding a Consortium or Joint venture, will be performed as follows:

For company experience the evaluation is based on the experience of the partner with the highest/longest experience record.

For the evaluation of the project team, if applicable, at least one of the Project leaders must be an employee with the leading partner of the consortium or joint venture. The leading partner of the consortium or joint venture is determined by the shareholding regarding the liability, which is included in the consortium or joint venture agreement.

If required for the evaluation of the financial ratings, if not issued for the consortium or joint venture specifically, the rating of the leading partner will be used in the assessment.

The designated Project leaders, if applicable, may not be changed without the prior approval of the accounting officer or his/her nominated person once the bid was awarded

Criterion 2: References related to Experience

Please note that this section refers to the Company's and its legacy firms' references related to the experience. It also takes into account that the references are related & relevant to **meter reading services**. Bidders should provide copies of three (3) reference letters, on an official letterhead of the reference, in relation to the experience gained on projects relevant to the scope of work.

The following detail should be included in the reference letter:

- Detail of the work that have been successfully completed or are currently being performed (similar to this scope of work).
- Period/duration of the project/service with start and finish dates.
- In general, were / are the monthly reading schedule dates adhered to?
- Are queries resolved within a reasonable time-frame?
- In general were you satisfied with their performance - thus would you recommend them for this Tender considering all of above?

The letter should also include who the contact person is with all his/her detail.

The Municipality/Consultant reserves the right to validate and verify the information from the references or to ask more questions or proof to satisfy the evaluation process.

Please note that points will not overlap, meaning points are awarded only once per reference/company/entity *per project experience*. Please refrain from submitting multiple references from the same company on the same project. Please note it is the duty of the Bidder to ensure that the references given are relevant to the Scope of Works.

- Reference Scoring: A maximum of **30** points will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Functionality Scoring Committee based on the information provided and will be split as follows.
- In order to claim points, bidders must submit, with the tender document, three reference letters to which the abovementioned Experience have been provided.
- These references letters must be current/most recent, relevant and related to the Experience provided in criteria one (1). The letters must not be older than seven (7) years.

- It is the bidders' responsibility to ensure that the details provided are correct, before submitting his tender, and that the references will be available and be able to provide additional feedback, if necessary.
- If the references are unable to validate, verify or provide additional information on the projects, no points will be awarded for that particular reference.
- 10 points will be awarded for each reference letter which is positive and relevant to the Scope of Works of this contract, subject to the final discretion of the Bid Evaluation Committee. 2 points per detail provided in the reference letter.

NB: If no reference letters are attached NO POINTS WILL BE AWARDED. COMPLETION CERTIFICATES AND/OR APPOINTMENT LETTERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS CRITERIA.

Criterion 3: Key Staff & Personnel allocated / reserved for this Tender

(a) A maximum of **20** points will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Municipality's Bid Evaluation Committee based on the information provided and will be split as follows. Points will only be awarded once for each staff/personnel allocated to this Tender, no multiple scoring per person.

Site Staff & Personnel Required:		Max points	Bidder Score
<p>Project Manager (min 16 hours / 2 days per week)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be suitably skilled and have CV verifiable experience managing projects. Is overall responsible for the execution of the work and all associated project management • Must manage all Municipal instructions and ensure execution of Tender specifications. Must manage Payment Certificates / Invoices • Must be computer literate, compile admin reports, proficient in the use of Excel Spread Sheets, capture data and quantities, daily communication electronically via email etc. 		<p>1-2y = 1 point 3-5y = 3 points More than 5y = 5 points</p>	
<p>1 x Senior Meter Reader (Supervisor) (min 40 hours / 5 days per week / full time on site)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be suitably skilled and have CV verifiable experience working with managing Meter Readers. Must have the applicable drivers' licence and 		<p>1-2y = 1 point 3-5y = 3 points More than 5y = 5 points</p>	

Site Staff & Personnel Required:		Max points	Bidder Score
PDP and be able to transport the meter readers			
12 x Meter Readers (min 40 hours / 5 days per week / full time on site) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be suitably skilled and have CV verifiable experience working with Meter Readings (if a meter reader does not have any experience in meter readings, such meter reader will not be counted). 		1-6 meter readers = 2 points 7-11 meter readers = 6 points More than 12 meter readers = 10 points	
TOTAL		20	

(b) In order to claim points for the above bidders must submit detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) of each key personnel to be used/allocated for this Tender. **The staff or personnel listed above must currently be employed by the Bidder company.** CV experience listed of key staff must be relevant and current. Points can only be allocated once, meaning one-person-one-score, no multiple scoring. Please note the staff allocated to this Tender must be on-site and used for this Tender. If the person is unavailable during time of execution he/she must be replaced with someone of equal or better value and experience and proof as per CV submitted.

NB: Relevant experience is defined as the accumulation of knowledge or skill that results from direct participation in relevant similar events or activities and/or as determined by the George Municipality and/or professional consulting engineer where applicable.

Criterion 4: Plant / Tools / Equipment

If the Bidder intend to use plant / tools / equipment other than those stipulated in the Tender Specifications the Bidder must qualify/declare this in their tender document, for the evaluation process. If nothing is qualified or declared, then those stipulated in the Tender Specifications are applicable to this Tender.

A maximum of 20 points will be awarded based on the information provided.

Equipment	Owned or Hired / contracted by Bidder (Maximum Points)	Bidder Score Subject to points

Equipment	Owned or Hired / contracted by Bidder (Maximum Points)	Bidder Score Subject to points
<p>Transport: LDV / Bakkie or Truck or suitable vehicle capable of safely transporting meter readers and able to operate on gravel roads and other municipal terrain conditions.</p> <p>Proof of ownership or a valid lease agreement for the required vehicles must be attached to the tender submission. Failure to provide proof of vehicle ownership or lease registration will render the bid non-responsive.</p>	<p>0 vehicles = 0 1 vehicle = 5 2 vehicles = 8 3 vehicles = 10</p>	
<p>Meter Reading Handheld Devices linked to the Meter Reading Back Office Software / System (with GPS capabilities and a minimum of 5-megapixel camera quality) – minimum of 13 handheld devices.</p> <p>The bidder must submit a list of handheld devices to be used for the contract, clearly indicating</p> <p>Device make or model</p> <p>Individual serial numbers for each device</p> <p>Quantity of device with photos, for the Municipality to be able to assess whether the equipment is sufficient to carry out the function.</p>	<p>0-12 devices = 5 13 or more devices = 10</p>	
TOTAL	20	

The tenderer shall state below what plant / tools / equipment will be available specifically for this Contract. The tenderer shall differentiate, if applicable, between plant / tools / equipment immediately available plant / tools / equipment will be acquired or hired for the work should he be awarded the tender.

If no information is provided below or referred to as an additional attachment **NO POINTS WILL BE AWARDED.**

PLANT / TOOLS / EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AND ALLOCATED FOR THIS PROJECT

DESCRIPTION (type, size, capacity and year of registration)	QUANTITY	REGISTRATION NUMBER (Applicable for plant/vehicles/trailers etc.)

PLANT / TOOLS / EQUIPMENT THAT WILL BE ACQUIRED OR HIRED

DESCRIPTION (type, size, capacity etc)	QUANTITY	SOURCE HIRE / ACQUIRED

If plant / tools / equipment, as stipulated above, will be rented, proof of the intention to lease it from the supplier must be submitted with the tender document. No points will be awarded if proof is not submitted.

2. Presentation (Stage 1B)

Those Tenderers that pass the first **Stage 1A functionality above will be invited to do a presentation.** On scoring 75 points or more (out of 100) in the second stage evaluation, your bid will be regarded as responsive and will be evaluated further. Tender offers that fail to score the minimum score for functionality will be deemed as non-responsive.

Bids will be evaluation in terms of the following criteria:

SECOND STAGE EVALUATION	WEIGHT (POINTS)
1) Look & Feel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Demonstration of existing systems Proposed mock-up with George branding 	20

2) Simplicity & Ease of Use a. The simplicity of the existing system (Administration/operation) How easy the system is to use by the user (Staff)	30
3) Functionality a. Existing functionality of the application b. Ability to add & remove functionality c. Integration with other systems d. Types of management reports available	30
4) Implementation Plan a. Timeframes Deliverables	20
TOTAL	100

Scoring for each section will be based on the bid evaluation committee's discretion. The scoring will be done on each section accordingly:

- 1) The criteria do not meet expectation = 0
- 2) The criteria have some elements of the requirements = 0 - 50%
- 3) The criteria meet most of the expectations = 51% to 74%
- 4) The criteria meet the expectations = 75% to 85%
- 5) The criteria presented exceeds expectations = 86% - 100%

The minimum qualifying score for functionality is 75 points. All bids that fail to achieve the minimum score shall not be considered for further evaluation on Price, BBBEE and Specific Goals (Stage 2).

The successful bidder must, at own cost, consult with SOLVEM to facilitate interfacing of its computer system with the SOLVEM Platinum Financial System. Contact person and detail at SOLVEM is as follows: Adele Bouwer, Lead Consultant; adeleb@solvem.co.za or Tel 021 0012116, Ext 1001.

PRICING SCHEDULE

Pricing Instructions mean the criteria as set out below, read together with all Parts of this contract document, which it will be assumed in the contract that the tenderer has taken into account when developing his prices.

1. The short descriptions and category number given in the pricing schedule below are brief descriptions used to identify the activities for which prices are required.
2. While it is entirely at the tenderer's discretion as regards to the pricing schedule below, guideline tariffs of fees or indicative time based fee rates are gazetted annually, which are useful documents that will give tenderers some idea of industry norms against which they may compare their rates, sums, percentage fees and/or prices as applicable.
3. For the purpose of the pricing schedule, the following words shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:
Unit: The unit of measurement for each item.
Quantity: The number of units of work for each item.
Rate: The agreed payment per unit of measurement.
Amount: The product of the quantity and the agreed rate for an item.
4. A rate, sum, percentage fee and/or price as applicable, is to be entered against each item in the pricing schedule. An item against which no price or the wording N/A or included is not indicated will be considered as a no offer and will not be evaluated.
5. The rates, sums, percentage fees and prices in the pricing schedule are to be fully inclusive prices described under the several items. Such prices and rates are to cover all costs and expenses that may be required in and for the execution of the work described, and shall cover the cost of all general risks, liabilities, and obligations set forth or implied in the Contract Data, as well as overhead charges and profit.
6. Where quantities are given in the pricing schedule, these are provisional and do not necessarily represent the actual amount of work to be done. The quantities of work accepted and certified for payment will be used for determining payments due and not the quantities given in the pricing schedule. In respect of time-based services, the allocation of staff must be agreed with the employer before such services are rendered.
7. All rates, sums, percentage fees or prices (as applicable) tendered in the pricing schedule shall be final and binding throughout the period of the contract.
8. Prices should be exclusive of VAT. However, those bidders who are registered for VAT shall account for VAT at 15% in order to obtain the Grand Total.
9. Only firm pricing will be accepted, non-firm prices (including prices subject to rates of exchange variations) will not be considered. **The prices for years two (2) and three (3) should include annual escalations if any.**

10. The bid will be evaluated on the total amount of the contract, in other words the price per year multiplied by the estimate quantities for the envisaged contract period.
11. Bidders are required to comply with the prescribed pricing schedule below. No pricing schedules other than the pricing schedule as stated will be accepted and **failure to adhere to this section will be seen as submitting a non-responsive bid.**

TENDER NUMBER: GMT055/25-26 - TENDER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE READING OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY METERS AND PROVISION OF OTHER METER RELATED SERVICES ON BEHALF OF GEORGE MUNICIPALITY FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT UNTIL 30 JUNE 2029

PLEASE DO NOT MULTIPLY WITH THE ESTIMATED QUANTITIES, AS IT IS ONLY FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES. ONLY GIVE A PRICE PER ITEM.

ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	RATE PER ITEM (Excluding VAT) Year 1	RATE PER ITEM (Excluding VAT) Year 2	RATE PER ITEM (Excluding VAT) Year 3
1.	Administrative (Fixed Fee) per month	Rand per month			
2.	Fee per actual meter reading – 0-50km (Greater George, George Industrial Area, Pacaltsdorp, Wilderness, Herolds Bay & Rural Areas)	Rand per meter reading			
3.	Fee per actual meter reading – >50km (Uniondale and Haarlem)	Rand per meter reading			
4.	Fee per actual meter audited – 0-50km (Greater George, George Industrial Area, Pacaltsdorp, Wilderness, Herolds Bay & Rural Areas)	Rand per meter reading			

5.	Fee per actual meter audited - >50km (Uniondale and Haarlem)	Rand per meter reading			
6.	Fee per actual meter read after-hours on instruction by the Municipality – 0-50km (Greater George, George Industrial Area, Pacaltsdorp, Wilderness, Herolds Bay & Rural Areas)	Rand per meter reading			
7.	Fee per actual meter read after-hours on instruction by the Municipality - >50km (Uniondale and Haarlem)	Rand per meter reading			
8.	Fee per actual meter that is opened / cleared – 0-50km (Greater George, George Industrial Area, Pacaltsdorp, Wilderness, Herolds Bay & Rural Areas)	Rand per meter opened / cleared			
9.	Fee per actual meter that is opened / cleared - >50km (Uniondale and Haarlem)	Rand per meter opened / cleared			
10.	Final and Special readings – 0-50km (Greater George, George Industrial Area, Pacaltsdorp, Wilderness, Herolds Bay & Rural Areas)	Rand per meter reading			

11.	Final and Special readings - >50km (Uniondale and Haarlem)	Rand per meter reading			
12.	Identified and verified bypass / meter tampered – 0-50km (Greater George, George Industrial Area, Pacaltsdorp, Wilderness, Herolds Bay & Rural Areas)	Rand per meter identified and verified			
13.	Identified and verified bypass / meter tampered - >50km (Uniondale and Haarlem)	Rand per meter identified and verified			
Sub-Total (Excluding VAT)			R	R	R
15% VAT			R	R	R
Total Rates (All Applicable Taxes Included)			R	R	R
TOTAL OF RATES (YEAR 1 +YEAR 2 + YEAR 3)			R		

Note: Bidders must tender a rate for each item for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Failure to tender for all items in all columns will result in your bid not being considered for evaluation.

PAST EXPERIENCE

This schedule is compulsory to complete!

Bidders must furnish hereunder details of similar works / services, which they have satisfactorily completed in the past. The information shall include a description of the Works / Services, the Contract value and name of Employer.

Employer	Nature of Work	Value of Work	Duration and Completion Date	Employer Contact Number

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Tenderer

THE TENDER OFFER

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

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

I/we further agree that:

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

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

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

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

Physical Address: _____

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

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

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

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

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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

ACCEPTANCE

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

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

Name: **MR. C.A. DU PLESSIS**

Signature: _____

Capacity: **DIRECTOR: FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Date: _____

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

TAX COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

PART A

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

PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS		
1.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.		
1.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.		
1.3 APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA .		
1.4 FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B2.		
1.5 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.		
1.6 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED; EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.		
1.7 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.		
2. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS [Tick Applicable Box]		
2.1 Is the entity a resident of the Republic of South Africa (RSA)?	YES	NO
2.2 Does the entity have a branch in the RSA?	YES	NO
2.3 Does the entity have a permanent establishment in the RSA?	YES	NO
2.4 Does the entity have any source of income in the RSA?	YES	NO
2.5 Is the entity liable in the RSA for any form of taxation?	YES	NO
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 1.3 ABOVE.		

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

Signature of Bidder:

Capacity Under Which This Bid Is Signed:

Date:

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1.	No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state*.	
2.	Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in the service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.	
3.	In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.	
3.1	Full Name of bidder or his / her representative:	
3.2	Identity number:	
3.3	Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder ²):	
3.4	Company Registration Number:	
3.5	Tax Reference Number:	
3.6	VAT Registration Number:	
3.7	The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders / members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers (where applicable) must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.	
3.8	Are you presently in the service of the state? *	YES / NO
3.8.1	If yes, furnish the following particulars: Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder member: Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: Position occupied in the state institution: Any other particulars:	

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

	<p>Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder / member: </p> <p>Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: </p> <p>Position occupied in the state institution:</p> <p>Any other particulars:</p> <p>.....</p>	
<p>3.13</p> <p>3.13.1</p>	<p>Is any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors, trustees, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in the service of the state?</p> <p>If yes, furnish the following particulars:</p> <p>Name of person / director / trustee / shareholder / member: </p> <p>Name of state institution at which you or the person connected to the bidder is employed: </p> <p>Position occupied in the state institution:</p> <p>Any other particulars:</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>
<p>3.14</p> <p>3.14.1</p>	<p>Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principal shareholders, or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other related companies or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract?</p> <p>If yes, furnish particulars: </p> <p>.....</p>	<p>YES / NO</p>

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

Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no.4 of 2013) (POPIA)

All parties agree that they will comply with Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no.4 of 2013) (POPIA) and process all the information and/or personal data in respect of the goods and/or services being rendered in accordance with the said act and only for the purpose of providing the goods and/or services set out in the agreement to provide such goods and/or services.

The contract between the municipality and the service provider must ensure compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no.4 of 2013) (POPIA), in that the service provider establishes and maintains security measures to safeguard personal information being processed on behalf of the municipality. The service provider must notify the municipality immediately in an event where there are reasonable grounds to believe personal information has been accessed by an unauthorised person.

The contract with a service provider must ensure confidentiality of personal information processed on behalf of the municipality. A supply contract with a service provider must include standard clauses outlining joint responsibility in terms of the protection of personal information.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Capacity

.....
Name of Bidder

¹MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be -

- (a) a member of –
 - (i) any municipal council;
 - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
 - (iii) the National Assembly or the National Council of Provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official or any Municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial entity; or
- (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

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

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

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

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

1.2 To be completed by the organ of state

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

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

- (a) Price;
- (b) BBBEE; and
- (c) Specific Goals.

1.4 To be completed by the organ of state:

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
BBBEE	10
SPECIFIC GOALS	10
Total points for PRICE and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

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

1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim

regarding preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) “**tender**” means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) “**price**” means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) “**rand value**” means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) “**tender for income-generating contracts**” means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) “**the Act**” means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \mathbf{P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)} \end{array}$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

P_t = Price of tender under consideration

P_{min} = Price of lowest acceptable tender

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

3.2.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{80/20} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{90/10} \\ \mathbf{P_s = 80 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} & \mathbf{or} & \mathbf{P_s = 90 \left(1 + \frac{P_t - P_{max}}{P_{max}} \right)} \end{array}$$

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
 Pt = Price of tender under consideration
 Pmax = Price of highest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR BBEE AND SPECIFIC GOALS

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

4.1.1 Points awarded for B-BBEE Level of Contributor

In terms of the Specific Goals as per the George Municipality Preferential Procurement Policy, preference points must be awarded to a tenderer for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of Points for Preference (80/20)	Number of Points for Preference (90/10)
1	10	5
2	9	4.5
3	7	3
4	6	2.5
5	4	2
6	3	1.5
7	2	1
8	1	0.5
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

Bidder MUST submit a valid BBEE certificate, failure to attach no points will be awarded for BBEE points.

4.1.2 Points awarded for Specific Goals

In terms of the Specific Goals as per the George Municipality Preferential Procurement Policy, preference points must be awarded to a Tenderer for Locality in accordance with the table below:

Locality of Tenderer's Office	Number of points (80/20 system)	Number of points (90/10 system)
Within the boundaries of George Municipality	10	5
Within the boundaries of the Garden Route District Municipality	6	3
Within the borders of the	4	2

Western Cape		
Outside the borders of the Western Cape	2	1

Bidder’s MUST submit proof of address (e. g. municipal account, rental/lease agreement, or affidavit) with the tender document. Failure to attach proof will result in no points awarded for Specific Goals.

George Municipality will reserve the right to use any and all available information at its disposal, including conducting site visits and inspections to verify a bidder’s claim of having a local STAFFED / MANNED AND OPERATIONAL office within the George Municipal area.

The principle of substance over legal form, as defined in the Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP), will be applied in such assessments. (This means that even though a bidder may present a rental agreement, the claim of having a local staffed and operational office will be assessed in its actual substance and not by only accepting the legal documentation.)

The purpose of the locality points is to promote local economic development within the George Municipal area and any bidder attempting to circumvent the substance of this initiative through any means, including by means of fronting, will be reported to the National Treasury for blacklisting on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

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

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

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

5. BID DECLARATION

Tenderers who claim points in respect of BBBEE must complete the following:

B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 4.1 AND 4.1.1

5.1. **Contribution to BBBEE: =(maximum of 5 or 10 points)**

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 5.1 must be in accordance with the

table reflected in paragraph 4.1.1 and **must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.**)

LOCALITY OF TENDERERS OFFICE CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 4.1 AND 4.1.2

5.2. **Contribution to specific Goals: =(maximum of 5 or 10 points)**

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 5.2 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1.2 and **must be substantiated by relevant proof of address of a company office.**)

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

5.3. Name of company/firm.....

5.4. Company registration number:

5.5. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

5.6. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its

- shareholders, and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
- (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

	..... SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)
SURNAME AND NAME:	.....
DATE:	.....
ADDRESS:	.....

SWORN AFFIDAVIT – BBEE EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISE

SWORN AFFIDAVIT – B-BBEE EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISE

I, the undersigned,

Full name & Surname	
Identity number	

Hereby declare under oath as follows:

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

Enterprise Name	
Trading Name	
Registration Number	
Enterprise Address	

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

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

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

Deponent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Commissioner of Oaths
Signature & stamp

DECLARATION OF BIDDER’S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality’s / municipal entity’s supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 4 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury’s database as a company or person prohibited from doing business with the public sector?</p> <p>(Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).</p> <p>The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury’s website (www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	<p>If so, furnish particulars:</p>		
4.2	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)?</p> <p>The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury’s website (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/>

4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
Item	Question	Yes	No
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.5.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION

FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Municipal Supply Regulation 38(1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
- 4 This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

TENDER NUMBER: GMT055/25-26 – TENDER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE READING OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY METERS AND PROVISION OF OTHER METER RELATED SERVICES ON BEHALF OF GEORGE MUNICIPALITY FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT UNTIL 30 JUNE 2029

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

GEORGE MUNICIPALITY

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

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

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

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

..... Signature	..... Date
..... Position	..... Name of Bidder

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

CERTIFICATE FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES (COMPULSORY TO COMPLETE)

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

Tender Number: GMT055/25-26
Name of the Bidder: _____

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

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

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

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

I, _____, the undersigned,

(full name in block letters)

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

Signature

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

at _____ on the _____ day of _____ 2026

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

GEORGE MUNICIPALITY PROCUREMENT

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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General Conditions of Contract

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

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

- 1.17 "Local content" means that portion of the bidding price which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 "Manufacture" means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 "Order" means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 "Project site," where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 "Purchaser" means the organization purchasing the goods.
- 1.22 "Republic" means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 "SCC" means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 "Services" means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the supplier covered under the contract.
- 1.25 "Supplier" means the successful bidder who is awarded the contract to maintain and administer the required and specified service(s) to the State.
- 1.26 "Tort" means in breach of contract.
- 1.27 "Turnkey" means a procurement process where one service provider assumes total responsibility for all aspects of the project and delivers the full end product / service required by the contract.
- 1.28 "Written" or "in writing" means hand-written in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application:

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

3. General:

- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 Invitations to bid are usually published in locally distributed news media and on the municipality/municipal entity website.

4. Standards:

- 4.1 The goods supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.
5. Use of contract documents and information inspection:
- 5.1 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the provider in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The supplier shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the provider's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The supplier shall permit the purchaser to inspect the supplier's records relating to the performance of the supplier and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.
6. Patent rights:
- 6.1 The provider shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.
- 6.2 When a supplier developed documentation / projects for the municipality or municipal entity, the intellectual, copy and patent rights or ownership of such documents or projects will vest in the municipality or municipal entity.
7. Performance security:
- 7.1 Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of contract award, the successful bidder shall furnish to the purchaser the performance security of the amount specified in SCC.
- 7.2 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the supplier's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.3 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
- (a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or
- (b) a cashier's or certified cheque.
- 7.4 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the provider not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the supplier's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified.
8. Inspections, tests and analyses:

- 8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.
- 8.2 If it is a bid condition that goods to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage be subject to inspections, test and analyses, the bidder or contractor's premises shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the purchaser or an organization acting on behalf of the purchaser.
- 8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.
- 8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the goods to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.
- 8.5 Where the goods or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such goods or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the supplier.
- 8.6 Goods and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.
- 8.7 Any contract goods may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected goods shall be held at the cost and risk of the supplier who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with goods which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected goods shall be returned at the suppliers cost and risk. Should the supplier fail to provide the substitute goods forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the supplier further opportunity to substitute the rejected goods, purchase such goods as may be necessary at the expense of the supplier.
- 8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing:

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

10. Delivery and documents:

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

11. Insurance:
- 11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified.
12. Transportation:
- 12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified.
13. Incidental services:
- 13.1 The supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any:
- (a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - (b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - (c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
 - (d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under this contract; and
 - (e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the supplier's plant and/or on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.
- 13.2 Prices charged by the supplier for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the provider for similar services.
14. Spare parts:
- 14.1 As specified, the supplier may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the supplier:
- (a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the supplier, provided that this election shall not relieve the supplier of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
 - (b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.
15. Warranty:
- 15.1 The supplier warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The supplier further warrants that all goods supplied under this

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

- 15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise.
- 15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the supplier in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the supplier shall, within the period specified and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.
- 15.5 If the supplier, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the supplier under the contract.

16. Payment:

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

17. Prices:

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

18. Variation orders:

- 18.1 In cases where the estimated value of the envisaged changes in purchase does not exceed 15% of the total value of the original contract, the contractor may be instructed to deliver the goods or render the services as such. In cases of measurable quantities, the contractor may be approached to reduce the unit price, and such offers may be accepted provided that there is no escalation in price.

19. Assignment:

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

20. Subcontracts:

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

21. Delays in the Supplier's Performance:

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

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

21.3 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have minor essential services executed if an emergency arises, the supplier's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the goods are required, or the supplier's services are not readily available.

21.4 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the supplier in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the supplier liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 22.2 without the application of penalties.

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

22. Penalties:

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

23. Termination for default:

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

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

- (b) if the supplier fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
 - (c) if the supplier, in the judgement of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.
- 23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, goods, works or services similar to those undelivered, and the supplier shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods, works or services. However, the supplier shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.
- 23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the supplier by prohibiting such supplier from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.
- 23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a supplier or any person associated with the supplier, the supplier will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the supplier fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the supplier as having no objection and proceed with the restriction.
- 23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the purchaser will, at the discretion of the purchaser, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the purchaser actively associated.
- 23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:
- (i) the name and address of the supplier and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
 - (ii) the date of commencement of the restriction;
 - (iii) the period of restriction; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the restriction.
- These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of suppliers or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.
- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website.
24. Anti-Dumping and Counter-Vailing duties and rights:
- 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or anti-dumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-

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

25. Force Majeure:

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

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

26. Termination for insolvency:

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

27. Settlement of disputes:

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

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

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

27.4 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
(b) the purchaser shall pay the supplier any monies due to the supplier for goods delivered and / or services rendered according to the prescripts of the contract.

28. Limitation of liability:

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

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

29. Governing language:

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

30. Applicable law:

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

31. Notices:

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

32. Taxes and duties:

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

33. Transfer of contracts:

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

34. Amendment of contracts:

- 34.1 No agreement to amend or vary a contract or order or the conditions, stipulations or provisions thereof shall be valid and of any force unless such agreement to amend or vary is entered into in writing and signed by the

contracting parties. Any waiver of the requirement that the agreement to amend or vary shall be in writing, shall also be in writing.

35. Prohibition of restrictive practices:

- 35.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder(s) is / are or a contractor(s) was / were involved in collusive bidding.
- 35.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s) based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties are contemplated in section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998.
- 35.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s) has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.