



T11/03/18

**APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF
SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE
PROVISION OF FORENSIC
INVESTIGATION SERVICES FOR A
PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS**

**BID CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, 06 APRIL
2018 AT 12:00 NOON**

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SECTION 1: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF BID

1. Proprietary Information

Industrial Development Corporation of SA Ltd (IDC) considers this Request for Proposal (RFP) and all related information, either written or verbal, which is provided to the respondent, to be proprietary to IDC. It shall be kept confidential by the respondent and its officers, employees, agents and representatives. The respondent shall not disclose, publish, or advertise this RFP or related information to any third party without the prior written consent of IDC.

2. Enquiries

- 2.1 All communication and attempts to solicit information of any kind relative to this RFP should be channelled **in writing** to:

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Telephone Number:	<u>+27 11 269 3583</u>
Email address:	<u>shirleym@idc.co.za</u>

- 2.2 Enquiries in relation to this RFP will not be entertained after **16h00 on 28 March 2018**.
- 2.3 The enquiries will be consolidated and IDC will issue one response and such response will be posted, within two days after the last day of enquiries, onto the IDC website (www.idc.co.za) under tenders i.e. next to the same RFP document.
- 2.4 The IDC may respond to any enquiry in its absolute discretion and the bidder acknowledges that it will have no claim against the IDC on the basis that its bid was disadvantaged by lack of information, or inability to resolve ambiguities.

3. Bid Validity Period

Responses to this RFP received from bidders will be valid for a period of 120 days counted from the bid closing date.

4. Instructions on submission of Bids

- 4.1 Bids should be submitted in duplicate (2 hard copies) and one electronic copy (on CD) in PDF format all bound in a sealed envelope endorsed, **T11/03/18: Appointment of a panel of service providers for the Provision of Forensic Investigation Services**. The sealed envelope must be placed in the bid box at the Main Reception area of the IDC Building, 19 Fredman Drive Sandton by no later than 12:00 noon on **Friday, 06 April 2018**.
- 4.2 Bids must be submitted in the prescribed response format, herein reflected as **Response Format**.
- 4.3 The bid closing date, bidder name and the return address must also be endorsed on the envelope.
- 4.4 If a courier service company is being used for delivery of the bid response, the bid description must be endorsed on the delivery note/courier packaging and the courier must ensure that documents are placed / deposited into the bid box. **The IDC will not be held responsible for any delays where bid documents are handed to the IDC Receptionist.**

- 4.5 No bid response received by telegram, telex, email, facsimile or similar medium will be considered.
- 4.6 Where a bid response is not in the bid box at the time of the bid closing, such a bid document will be regarded as a late bid. **It is the IDC's policy not to consider late bids for tender evaluation.**
- 4.7 Amended bids may be sent in an envelope marked "Amendment to bid" and should be placed in the bid box before the closing time.

5. Preparation of Bid Response

- 5.1 All the documentation submitted in response to this RFP must be in English.
- 5.2 The bidder is responsible for all the costs that it shall incur related to the preparation and submission of the bid document.
- 5.3 Bids submitted by bidders which are, or are comprised of companies must be signed by a person or persons duly authorised thereto by a resolution of the applicable Board of Directors, a copy of which Resolution, duly certified, must be submitted with the bid.
- 5.4 The bidder should check the numbers of the pages of its bid to satisfy itself that none are missing or duplicated. No liability will be accepted by IDC in regard to anything arising from the fact that pages of a bid are missing or duplicated.
- 5.5 A valid tax clearance certificate must be included in the bid response, or proof of application endorsed by SARS in this regard.

6. Supplier Performance Management

Supplier Performance Management is viewed by the IDC as a critical component in ensuring value for money acquisition and good supplier relations between the IDC and all its suppliers.

The successful bidder shall upon receipt of written notification of an award, be required to conclude a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the IDC, which will form an integral part of the supply agreement. The SLA will serve as a tool to measure, monitor and assess the supplier performance and ensure effective delivery of service, quality and value-add to IDC's business.

Successful bidders will be required to comply with the above condition, and also provide a scorecard on how their product / service offering is being measured to achieve the objectives of this condition.

7. Supplier Development

The IDC promotes enterprise development. In this regard, successful bidders may be required to mentor SMMEs and/ or Youth-Owned businesses. The implications of such arrangement will be subject to negotiations between the IDC and the successful bidder.

8. IDC's Rights

- 8.1 The IDC is entitled to amend any bid conditions, bid validity period, RFP specifications, or extend the bid closing date, all before the bid closing date. All bidders, to whom the RFP documents have been issued and where the IDC has a record of such bidders, may be advised in writing of such amendments in good time and any such changes will also be posted on the IDC's website under the relevant tender information. All prospective bidders should therefore ensure that they visit the website regularly and before they submit their bid response to ensure that they are kept updated on any amendments in this regard.
- 8.2 The IDC reserves the right not to accept the lowest priced bid or any bid in part or in whole. It normally awards the contract to the bidder who proves to be fully capable of handling the contract and whose bid is functionally acceptable and/or financially advantageous to the IDC.
- 8.3 The IDC reserves the right to award this bid as a whole or in part.
- 8.4 The IDC reserves the right to conduct site visits at bidder's corporate offices and / or at client sites if so required.
- 8.5 The IDC reserves the right to consider the guidelines and prescribed hourly remuneration rates for consultants as provided in the **National Treasury Instruction 01 of 2013/2014: Cost Containment Measures**, where relevant.
- 8.6 The IDC reserves the right to request all relevant information, agreements and other documents to verify information supplied in the bid response. The bidder hereby gives consent to the IDC to conduct background checks, including FICA verification, on the bidding entity and any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members.
- 8.7 The IDC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to appoint any number of vendors to be part of this panel of service providers.

9. Undertakings by the Bidder

- 9.1 By submitting a bid in response to the RFP, the bidder will be taken to offer to render all or any of the services described in the bid response submitted by it to the IDC on the terms and conditions and in accordance with the specifications stipulated in this RFP document.
- 9.2 The bidder shall prepare for a possible presentation should IDC require such and the bidder will be required to make such presentation within five (5) days from the date the bidder is notified of the presentation. Such presentation may include a practical demonstration of products or services as called for in this RFP.
- 9.3 The bidder agrees that the offer contained in its bid shall remain binding upon him/her and receptive for acceptance by the IDC during the bid validity period indicated in the RFP and calculated from the bid closing hour and date such offer and its acceptance shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in this RFP document read with the bid.
- 9.4 The bidder furthermore confirms that he/she has satisfied himself/herself as to the correctness and validity of his/her bid response; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the work/item(s) specified in the bid response documents; and that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all his/her obligations under a resulting contract for the services

contemplated in this RFP; and that he/she accepts that any mistakes regarding price(s) and calculations will be at his/her risk.

9.5 The successful bidder accepts full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on him/her under the supply agreement and SLA to be concluded with IDC, as the principal(s) liable for the due fulfilment of such contract.

9.6 The bidder accepts that all costs incurred in the preparation, presentation and demonstration of the solution offered by it shall be for the account of the bidder. All supporting documentation and manuals submitted with its bid will become IDC property unless otherwise stated by the bidder/s at the time of submission.

10. Reasons for disqualification

10.1 The IDC reserves the right to disqualify any bidder which does any one or more of the following, and such disqualification may take place without prior notice to the offending bidder, however the bidder will be notified in writing of such disqualification:

10.1.1 bidders who do not submit an original valid Tax Clearance Certificate and / or proof of application of such as endorsed by SARS on the closing date and time of the bid submission and / or failure to provide the IDC with its SARS issued Tax Verification PIN code giving access to the IDC to electronically verify tax compliance;

10.1.2 bidders who submit incomplete information and documentation according to the requirements of this RFP document;

10.1.3 bidders who submit information that is fraudulent, factually untrue or inaccurate information;

10.1.4 bidders who receive information not available to other potential bidders through fraudulent means;

10.1.5 bidders who do not comply with **mandatory requirements** if stipulated in the RFP document;

10.1.6 bidders who fail to comply with FICA requirements;

11. Local Production and Content

The IDC promotes Local Production and Content. In the case of designated sectors, only locally produced goods, services or works or locally manufactured goods, with a stipulated minimum threshold for local production and content will be considered. IDC reserves the right at its sole discretion to set minimum thresholds for sectors which may not have been declared as designated sectors by the dti in an effort to stimulate local production and content where relevant.

12. Response Format (Returnable Schedules)

Bidders shall submit their bid responses in accordance with the response format specified below (each schedule must be clearly marked):

12.1 Cover Page: (the cover page must clearly indicate the RFP reference number, bid description and the bidder's name)

12.2 Schedule 1:

- 12.2.1 Executive Summary (explaining how you understand the requirements of this RFP and the summary of your proposed solution)
- 12.2.2 Annexure 1 of this RFP document (duly completed and signed)
- 12.3 Schedule 2**
- 12.3.1 Valid Tax Clearance Certificate(s) (TCC) and / or proof of application as endorsed by SARS and / or SARS issued tax verification pin code;
- 12.3.2 Originally certified copies of bidder's CIPC company registration documents listing all members with percentages, in case of a CC.
- 12.3.3 Copy of Board Resolution, duly certified;
- 12.3.4 Originally certified copy of ID document for the Company Representative
- 12.3.5 Annexure 2 of this RFP document (duly completed and signed);
- 12.3.6 Annexure 3 of this RFP document (duly completed and signed);
- 12.3.7 Annexure 4 of this RFP document (duly completed and signed);
- 12.3.8 Annexure 5 of this RFP document (duly completed and signed);
- 12.3.9 Annexure 6 of this RFP document (duly completed and signed);
- 12.3.10 Latest Audited Financial Statement
- 12.3.11 Response to Annexure 8: BEE Commitment Plan
- 12.3.12 B-BBEE verification certificate indicating the contribution level of the bidding entity. An Exempted Micro Enterprises (EME) with an annual turnover less than R10 million, is only required to obtain a sworn affidavit confirming the annual total revenue and level of black ownership. A Qualifying Small Enterprise (QSE) that has 51% or more black beneficiaries may obtain a sworn affidavit confirming the annual total revenue and level of black ownership. If a bidder is a Joint Venture or Consortium, the bidder must submit a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure. Any misrepresentation in terms of the declaration constitutes a criminal offence as set out in the B-BBEE Act as amended.
- Note: If a bidder is a Consortium, Joint Venture or Prime Contractor with Subcontractor(s), the documents listed above (12.3.1-12.3.8) must be submitted for each Consortium/ JV member or Prime Contractor and Subcontractor(s).**
- 12.3.13 Copy of Joint Venture/ Consortium/ Subcontracting Agreement duly signed by all parties (if applicable)
- 12.4 Schedule 3:**
- 12.4.1 Response to Section 3 of this document, in line with the format indicated in this RFP document.
- 12.4.2 Annexure 7 of this RFP document, duly completed and signed
- 12.5 Schedule 4: Price Proposal (response to Section 3 of this RFP document) (Must be submitted in a separate envelope within the sealed envelope of the bid)**
- 12.6 One (1) CD with all Schedules listed above, also included in the sealed envelope of the bid**

13. Evaluation Criteria and Weightings

Bids shall be evaluated in terms of the following process:

13.1 Phase 1: Initial Screening Process: During this phase, bid responses will be reviewed for purposes of assessing compliance with RFP requirements including the general bid conditions and also the Specific Conditions of Bid, which requirements include the following:

- Submission of a valid Tax Clearance Certificate as referenced in 12.3.1 above
- Submission of Company Registration Forms as referenced 12.3.2 above
- Submission of ID copy for the Company Representative as referenced in 12.3.4 above
- BEE Status Certification as referenced in 12.3.12 above and the consideration of the Specific Bid Conditions as referenced in Section 2
- Completion of all Standard Bidding Documents and other requirements, as reflected in this RFP, which covers the following:
 - Section 3: Statement of compliance with the Functional Evaluation Criteria for this RFP
 - Section 4: Cost Proposal and Price Declaration Form
 - Annexure 1: Acceptance of Bid Conditions
 - Annexure 2: Tax Compliance Requirements
 - Annexure 3: Supply Chain Management Questionnaire
 - Annexure 4: Declaration of Interest
 - Annexure 5: Certificate of Independent Bid Determination
 - Annexure 6: Shareholders' Information/ Group Structure
 - Annexure 7: Bidders Experience & Project Team
 - Annexure 8: BEE Commitment Plan

Failure to comply with the requirements assessed in Phase 1 (compliance), may lead to disqualification of bids.

13.2 Phase 2: Technical/ Functionality Evaluation

Bid responses will be evaluated in accordance with the Functional criteria as follows:

13.2.1 Other Functional/ Technical Requirements

In the interest of promoting industry transformation and development of small and medium enterprises, this RFP encourages bidders to respond according to the following categories:

- Category1: Small and Medium-Sized Entities (Forensic audit firms with an annual turnover of up to R50 million)
- Category 2: Large Sized Entities (Forensic audit firms with an annual revenue exceeding R50 million)

For this reason, the following criteria (set out in more detail in section 3 of this RFP document) and the associated weightings will be applicable to functional requirements:

13.2.2 Criteria for Small and Medium Sized Entities

ELEMENT	WEIGHT
Demonstrable Relevant Experience of the Bidder/ Bidder's team	20%
The Bidder's Recommendation/ Reference Letters	25%
Methodology	15%
Value proposition	10%
Conflict Management and Confidentiality Control	30%
TOTAL	100%

Note: Only bidders who achieved a technical score of more than 70% per service category will be considered further in terms of B-BBEE.

13.2.3 Criteria for Large Entities

ELEMENT	WEIGHT
Demonstrable Relevant Experience of the Bidder	10%
The Bidder's Recommendation/ Reference Letters	25%
Demonstrable Relevant Experience of the Bidder's Team	10%
Methodology	15%
Value proposition	10%
Conflict Management and Confidentiality Control	30%
TOTAL	100%

Note: Only bidders who achieved a technical score of more than 70% per service category will be considered further in terms of B-BBEE.

13.3 Phase 3: Preference Point System

All bids that achieve the minimum qualifying score for Functionality (acceptable bids) will be evaluated further in terms of the preference point system, as follows:

CRITERIA	POINTS
B-BBEE	20

With regard to the other Functional Requirements, the following criteria (set out in more detail in section 2 of this RFP document) and the associated weightings will be applicable:

14. Promotion of Emerging Black-owned Service Providers

It is the IDC's objective to promote transformation across all industries and/ or sectors of the South African economy and as such, bidders are encouraged to partner with a Black-owned entity (being 50%+1 Black-owned and controlled). Such partnership may include the formation of a Joint Venture and/ or subcontracting agreement etc., where a portion of the work under this tender would be undertaken by Black-owned entities. To give effect to this requirement, bidders are required to submit a partnership / subcontracting proposal detailing the portion of work to be outsourced, level of involvement of the Black-owned partner and where relevant, submit a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard in-line with the provisions of the PPPFA Regulations which will be considered as part of the B-BBEE scoring listed in 13.3.

SECTION 2: SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF BID

1. Bid Pre-qualification criteria

- 1.1 In terms of Regulation 4 of the 2017 PPPFA Regulations, the IDC requires that bidders meet the following pre-qualification criteria:
 - (a) Bidders must have a minimum B-BBEE contributor status level of 4 or better.
- 1.2 The IDC will only consider a bid if the relevant bidder meets these pre-qualification criteria. Where a bidder fails to meet these pre-qualification criteria, the bid will be considered an unacceptable bid and will be disqualified from further evaluation.

SECTION 3: FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATION

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1. Special instructions to bidders

- 1.1 Should a bidder have reason to believe that the Functional Requirements are not open / fair and/or are written for a particular service provider; the bidder must notify IDC Procurement within five (5) days after publication of the RFP.
- 1.2 Bidders shall provide full and accurate answers to the questions posed in this RFP document, and, where required explicitly state either “Comply/Not Comply” regarding compliance with the requirements. Bidders **must** substantiate their response to all questions, including full details on how their proposal/solution will address specific functional/ technical requirements; failure to substantiate may lead to the bidder being disqualified. All documents as indicated must be supplied as part of the bid response.
- 1.3 Failure to comply with Mandatory Requirements may lead to the bidder being disqualified.

2. Background Information

The Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) seeks to appoint a panel to provide forensic investigation capacity to support the Forensic Unit for a period of (three) 3 years.

The mission of the IDC is to contribute to the creation of balanced, sustainable economic growth in South Africa and on the rest of the continent, and to promote entrepreneurship through the building of competitive industries and enterprises based on sound business principles.

The IDC's primary outcome is to facilitate sustainable direct and indirect employment. Its secondary outcomes are to: improve regional equity, including the development of South Africa's rural areas, poorer provinces, and industrialisation in the rest of Africa; promote entrepreneurial development and grow the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector; advance environmentally sustainable growth; grow sector diversity and increase localised production; and support the transformation of communities and development of black industrialists.

The IDC achieves its goals by providing finance for industrial projects and promoting partnerships between and across industries within South Africa as well as across its borders.

Projects financed and facilitated include those that are high-impact and labour intensive, leading the creation and innovation of new industries, using diverse expertise to drive growth in priority sectors, and to take on higher-risk funding projects.

Thus the need exists for a panel of forensic investigation service providers who have the skills, capabilities and capacity to deliver high quality work within a pre-set timeline for the IDC to maintain its goals of providing finance for industrial projects and promoting business partnerships based on sound business principles.

3. Scope of Work

The IDC Act of 1940 prescribes that the economic requirement of the Republic, the Southern African region and the rest of Africa may be planned, expedited and conducted on sound business principles. To that end the IDC subscribes to the principles of good corporate governance, which requires the conducting of business in an honest and transparent manner.

The IDC has therefore adopted financial crime prevention and protected disclosure policy, to strengthen a culture of honesty, reliability, transparency and care amongst all its internal and external stakeholders.

As such the IDC requires qualified professional firms to be co-sourced in the Forensic Audit Unit to render forensic investigation services in line with its financial crime prevention and protected disclosure policy. The forensic investigation service provider(s) will be required to among others perform the following activities:

- Conduct a forensic investigation on matters as instructed by IDC and identifying any irregularities and financial crimes committed by any party against the IDC, its subsidiaries, IDC's clients or suppliers or any of its stakeholders.
- Propose actionable recommendations to mitigate the impact arising from the recurrence of similar incidents of the financial crime or irregular conduct.
- Support disciplinary, criminal and civil actions based on the findings of the forensic investigation conducted.
- Perform a fraud risk assessment in areas identified by Internal Audit and provide actionable recommendations to mitigate such risks.
- Present the findings of the investigations to committees/ shareholders as requested by the IDC.

4. Specific objective of tender

The IDC would also like to promote broad based transformation and development of small and medium entities which provide the required services across different sectors; and as such will appoint bidders in the following categories. The bidder must indicate, in the table below, with a **tick (✓)** the relevant category:

Entity Categories	Definition	PLEASE TICK (✓)
Category 1: Small and Medium-Sized Entities	An entity with an annual turnover of not more than R10 million	
Category 2: Medium Entities	Entity with an annual turnover greater than R10 million but below R50 million	
Category 2: Large Entities	An entity with an annual turnover greater than R50 million	

Note: The bidder must submit their latest Audited Financial Statements as proof of their annual turnover as confirmed by a registered auditor. Small businesses with no financial history, must submit a letter from their independent accounting firm confirming their financial status and / or projections.

It is for this purpose that the IDC will be using different evaluation criteria for the small and medium sized entities as depicted in Section 2 (A) of this document and a different set of evaluation criteria applicable to large entities as depicted in Section 2(B) of this document.

5. Contract Duration

The appointed service providers will be required to start immediately after signing a contract and provide the services for a period of three (3) years, subject to annual review of service provider's performance. The IDC reserves the right to extend the services under any subsequent contract but not beyond 5 years.

6. Technical Evaluation Criteria for Small and Medium Entities

6.1 Technical Requirements

The bidder must indicate its compliance / non-compliance to the requirements and should substantiate its response in the space provided below. If more space is required to justify compliance, please ensure that the substantiation is clearly cross-referenced to the relevant requirement.

Note: The IDC will consider bids which best meet its technical requirements and bidders are required to provide relevant and comprehensive information to indicate its compliance with the stated technical requirements.

The bidder must provide the required information for each service category that the bidder is bidding for.

6.1.1 Relevant Experience of the Bidder/Bidder's team	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>The bidder and/or key personnel of the proposed team must demonstrate relevant experience in forensic investigation services by submitting, as part of the proposal, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent projects the bidder has worked on in the past five (05) years. The IDC reserves the right to consider experiences of service providers that have done work for the IDC in the past 5 years irrespective of whether the IDC is put forward as a reference. Please refer to Table (a) of Annexure 7 of this document for the format in which the required information must be provided; or • List of relevant skills and experience within the bidder's current employ. Please refer to Table (b) Annexure 7 of this document for the format in which the required information must be provided. • CVs of the team members must clearly highlight qualifications, areas of experience/ competence relevant to their area of specialisation with supporting documents and proof of professional affiliations such as Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), Institute of Commercial Forensic Practitioners (ICFP) and other relevant affiliations. • The proposal should also indicate how the bidder intends to retain relevant skills during the validity of this panel. 			
Substantiate / Comments			

6.1.2 Recommendation/ Reference Letters	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>The bidder must provide at a minimum three (3) reference/ recommendation letter(s) from the client(s) where the bidder recently provided forensic investigation services as referred to in 6.1.1 above. The bidder must also furnish the IDC with relevant contact details of its key clients for reference check purposes.</p> <p>Note: The reference letters must be on the clients' letterheads.</p>			
Substantiate / Comments			

6.1.3 Bidder's Methodology	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>The bidder must demonstrate a thorough understanding of the objectives and deliverables of this tender.</p> <p>The bidder must submit the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed approach/methodology on how the bidder will conduct the investigations. • Details on the systems, processes and tools in place to execute the deliverables 			
Substantiate / Comments			

6.1.4 Value Proposition	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>Please indicate your entity's unique service offering to the IDC and indicate what sets you apart. The following and other aspects of the value proposition must be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters concerning the quality of your in-depth investigations; • Matters concerning effective and efficient communication with the client; • The use of technology as part of your investigation tools; • Efficient time management and delivery of investigation reports. • The creativity and innovativeness of your recommendations. 			
Substantiate / Comments			

6.1.5 Conflict Management and Confidentiality Control	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>Please describe your firm's Conflict Management system and processes in assessing new assignments to ensure objectivity on assignments.</p> <p>Bidders should also indicate relevant controls that are in place to deal with confidential matters.</p>			
Substantiate / Comments			

7. SECTION 2(B) TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR LARGE ENTITIES

7.1 Technical Requirements

The bidder must indicate its compliance / non-compliance to the requirements and should substantiate its response in the space provided below. If more space is required to justify compliance, please ensure that the substantiation is clearly cross-referenced to the relevant requirement.

Note: The IDC will consider bids which best meet its technical requirements and bidders are required to provide relevant and comprehensive information to indicate its compliance with the stated technical requirements.

7.1.1 Bidder's Experience	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>The bidding firm must demonstrate relevant experience in forensic investigation services.</p> <p>The bidders must submit, as part of its proposal, the following:</p> <p>Detailed references for recent projects the bidding firm has worked on in the past five (05) years. The IDC reserves the right to consider experiences of service providers that have done work for the IDC in the past. Please refer to Table (a) of Annexure 7 of this document for the format in which the required information must be provided; or</p>			
<p>Substantiate / Comments</p>			

7.1.2 Relevant Experience of the Bidder's team	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>The bidder's key personnel of the proposed team must demonstrate experience in forensic investigation services by submitting, as part of the proposal, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of relevant skills and experience within the bidder's current employ. Please refer to Table (b) Annexure 7 of this document for the format in which the required information must be provided. • CVs of the team members must clearly highlight qualifications, areas of experience/ competence relevant to their area of specialisation with supporting documents and proof of professional affiliations such as Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), Institute of Commercial Forensic Practitioners (ICFP) and other relevant affiliations. • The proposal should also indicate how the bidder intends to retain relevant skills during the validity of this panel. 			
Substantiate / Comments			

7.1.3 Recommendation/ Reference Letters	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>The bidder must provide at a minimum four (4) reference/ recommendation letter(s) from the client(s) where the bidder recently provided forensic services. The bidder must also furnish the IDC with relevant contact details of its key clients for reference check purposes.</p> <p>Note: The reference letters must be on the clients' letterheads.</p>			
Substantiate / Comments			

7.1.4 Bidder's Methodology	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>The bidder must demonstrate a thorough understanding of the objectives and deliverables of this tender.</p> <p>The bidder must submit the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed approach/methodology on how the bidder will conduct the investigations. • Details on the systems, processes and tools in place to execute the deliverables 			
Substantiate / Comments			

7.1.5 Value Proposition	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>Please indicate your entity's unique service offering to the IDC and indicate what sets you apart. The following and other aspects of the value proposition must be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters concerning the quality of your in-depth investigations; • Matters concerning effective and efficient communication with the client; • The use of technology as part of your investigation tools; • Efficient time management and delivery of investigation reports. • The creativity and innovativeness of your recommendations. 			
Substantiate / Comments			

7.1.6 Conflict Management and Confidentiality Control	Comply	Partially Comply	Not Comply
<p>Please describe your firm's Conflict Management system and processes in assessing new assignments to ensure objectivity on assignments.</p> <p>Bidders should also indicate relevant controls that are in place to deal with confidential matters.</p>			
Substantiate / Comments			

SECTION 4: PRICE PROPOSAL

Annexure 9 – Pricing Schedule

The bidder must complete the Pricing Schedule below which must be submitted with the bid response as part of Returnable Schedule 1:

The bidder must indicate their standard rates:

No.	Name of Resource/ Expert	Designation	Years of Experience	Hourly Rate (VAT Excl.)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
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Note:

- The bidders must note that the IDC qualifies for Rates as prescribed by Auditors General.
- Bidders are required to provide their rate for each of the fees structures listed. These rates must be firm for year 1 of the contract. Provided rates will be used for information purposes only and not to evaluate bidders.

SECTION 5: ANNEXURES

Annexure 1: Acceptance of Bid Conditions and Bidder's Details

Request for Proposal No: _____

Name of Bidder: _____

Authorised signatory: _____

Name of Authorised Signatory _____

Position of Authorised Signatory _____

By signing above the bidder hereby accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on him/her under this RFP.

[Note to the Bidder: The Bidder must complete all relevant information set out below.]

CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) INFORMATION

Bidders are required to be registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) of National Treasury. Failure to submit the requested information may lead to disqualification. Bidders are therefore required to submit as part of this proposal both their CSD supplier number and CSD unique registration reference numbers below:	
Supplier Number	
Unique registration reference number	

BIDDING STRUCTURE

Indicate the type of Bidding Structure by marking with an 'X':	
Individual Bidder	
Joint Venture/ Consortium	
Prime Contractor with Sub Contractors	
Other	

REQUIRED INFORMATION

If Individual Bidder:	
Name of Company	
Registration Number	
Vat registration Number	
Contact Person	
Telephone Number	
Cellphone Number	
Fax Number	

If Individual Bidder:	
Email address	
Postal Address	
Physical Address	

If Joint Venture or Consortium, indicate the following for each partner:	
Partner 1	
Name of Company	
Registration Number	
Vat registration Number	
Contact Person	
Telephone Number	
Cellphone Number	
Fax Number	
Email address	
Postal Address	
Physical Address	
Scope of work and the value as a % of the total value of the contract	
Partner 2	
Name of Company	
Registration Number	
Vat registration Number	
Contact Person	
Telephone Number	
Cellphone Number	
Fax Number	
Email address	
Postal Address	
Physical Address	
Scope of work and the value as a % of the total value of the contract	

If bidder is a Prime Contractor using Sub-contractors, indicate the following:	
Prime Contractor	
Name of Company	
Registration Number	
Vat registration Number	
Contact Person	
Telephone Number	
Cellphone Number	
Fax Number	
Email address	
Postal Address	
Physical Address	
Sub contractors	
Name of Company	
Company Registration Number	
Vat registration Number	
Contact Person	
Telephone Number	
Cellphone Number	
Fax Number	
Email address	
Postal Address	
Physical Address	
Subcontracted work as a % of the total value of the contract	

Annexure 2: Tax Compliance Requirements

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 TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) 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	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
1.5	IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE PROOF OF TCS / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
1.6	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	
2.1	IS THE BIDDER A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2.2	DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2.3	DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2.4	DOES THE BIDDER HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN, IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS / TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.	

Annexure 3: Supply chain management practices questionnaire

Request for Proposal No: _____

Name of Bidder: _____

Authorised signatory: _____

[Note to the Respondent: The Respondent must complete the information set out below. If the Respondent requires more space than is provided below it must prepare a document in substantially the same format setting out all the information referred to below and return it with Returnable Schedule 2.]

The bidder must complete the following questionnaire.

Bidder's past supply chain management practices:

Item	Question	Yes	No
3.1	<p>Is the Bidder or any of its directors listed on the South African National Treasury's database as companies or persons 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 South African National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).</p>	<p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
	If so, provide particulars:		
3.2	<p>Is the Bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Bid Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the <i>Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act</i> No 12 of 2004?</p> <p>To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, www.treasury.gov.za, click on the icon "Register for Bid Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number +27123265445.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/>
	If so, provide particulars:		
3.3	<p>Was the Bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/>

Item	Question	Yes	No
	If so, provide particulars:		
3.4	Does the Bidder relate to any IDC employee or part of IDC current or past staff (employee) establishment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If so, provide particulars:		
3.5	Was any contract between the Bidder and any organ of state (within the Republic of South Africa or within any foreign territory) terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?		
	If so, provide particulars:		

I, _____ (print name) hereby certify that the information, facts and representations are correct and that I am duly authorized to sign on behalf of the company.

Name of Company: _____

Company Registration Number: _____

Company VAT Registration Number: _____

Signature

Date

Annexure 4: Declaration of Interest

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

- the bidder is employed by the state; and/or

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

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

2.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:

2.2 Identity Number:.....

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

2.4 Company Registration Number:

2.5 Tax Reference Number:

2.6 VAT Registration Number:

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

¹“State” means –

(a) any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);

(b) any municipality or municipal entity;

(c) provincial legislature;

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

(e) Parliament.

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

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

2.7.1 If so, furnish the following particulars:

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

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

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Position occupied in the state institution:

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Any other particulars:

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

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

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

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

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2.8 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors / **YES / NO**

trustees / shareholders / members or their spouses conduct business with the state in the previous twelve months?

2.8.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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2.9 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

YES / NO

2.9.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.10 Are you, or any person connected with the bidder (i.e. shareholder, partner, director etc.), aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder or any other company and any person employed by the IDC or the dti who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid?

YES / NO

2.10.1 If so, furnish particulars.

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2.11 Do you or any of the directors / trustees / shareholders / members of the company have any interest in any other company whether or not they are bidding for this contract? The IDC reserves the right to undertake further background checks on any other company where partners, shareholders or any interested party of the bidder may be involved in and to consider any findings in this regard as part of its vetting processes.

YES/NO

2.11.1 If so, furnish particulars:

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal Tax Reference Number	State Employee Number / Peral Number

1. DECLARATION

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

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

.....
Signature

.....
Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

Annexure 5: Certificate of Independent Bid Determination

SBD 9

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

(Name of Institution)

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

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

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or 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:

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.

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

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

6.3 Directors

Name of the shareholder	ID Number	Race	Gender

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

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ABOVE IS CORRECT.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

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Name of bidder

Table (b) Details of the key personnel of the bidders' proposed team:

Name	Position	Role / Duties in this Project	Relevant Project Experience	
			Project description, Client, Project period	Project Cost

Annexure 8: BEE Commitment Plan

The IDC encourages existing vendors and prospective bidders to support the objectives of B-BBEE and as far as possible strive to improve their B-BBEE contribution status. For bid evaluation purposes, bidders are allocated points in terms of a preference point system based on the B-BBEE Contribution Level status that is in accordance with a valid B-BBEE certificate.

Bidders are therefore required to submit a B-BBEE improvement plan in view of the new B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice. Bidders must indicate the extent to which their ownership, management control, employment equity, preferential procurement and enterprise development will be maintained or improved over the contract period in the event that they are successful in this bid process.