

Tender Number: T14/03/24

Tender description: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE VAAL SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE (SEZ), SITUATED IN THE SEDIBENG DISTRICT MUNICIPAL REGION, GAUTENG PROVINCE

Question and Answers version 1

No.	Question	Type	Answer
1	It is noted that the specialists are required to "review the status and outcomes of the studies already completed. Accepted as appropriate and/or complete." If the study is not appropriate/ insufficient and further specialist input is required, will we be able to submit an updated costing for this additional work?	Technical	Refer to Annexure A (Pricing Schedule). A provision has been made for augmentary work relating to studies that have already been completed. At that point the consultant will either provide a price with proven costs or provide a number of quotes and the lowest quote being accepted. The bidder must allow for all overheads and handlings costs to such in the percentage item provided.
2	Please can you clarify the following;		
2.1	RIETSPRUIT PORTION 2 & 3 OF THE FARM RIETSPRUIT 583-IQ: No Town Planning Establishment Required- Is this correct?		It is correct. No Township Establishment is required.
2.2	It would seem that the SoW (Pt 3) and project Timelines (Pt 4) may slightly differ- Example- With RIETSPRUIT PORTION 2 & 3 OF THE FARM RIETSPRUIT 583-IQ, the Project timeline shows that No Town Planning required, and no reference to WUL (except the WUL is included as part of the SoW)– Kindly advise if WULA is required and to be costed for?		WUL Application is required for RIETSPRUIT PORTION 2 & 3 OF THE FARM RIETSPRUIT 583-IQ. The timeline is 12 months
2.3	Under Section 3- Costing Proposal—Pt 7 Costing Modell, the SoW refers to Refer to Annexure A for Pricing schedules to be completed.- Kindly advise as to where Annexure A is?	Technical	Refer to the IDC website: www.idc.co.za/tenders and locate T14/03/24 where Annexure A-Pricing schedules is located. You can also find the document on etender portal.
2.4	The Environmental Timelines for two of the sites is 8 months- Is this a realistic timeline.? I think it is important to note that these processes are dependent on external factors. Will the consultant be penalised if not completed within said timeframe		The respondents are to state their concerns with proposed timelines and their envisaged timelines in their covering letter and a baseline programme set up. Respondents to note that authority approvals can be shortened with Client intervention which will assist to shorten timelines. Upon appointment the final timelines will be agreed between both parties, in line with what has been proposed in the bidders' covering letter. Thereafter, in accordance with the contract, proper contractual procedures will be followed.
3	5.With reference to the Lead – i.Under 5.1 Mandatory Requirements (Pg 24) Mandatory requirements are personnel with SACPCMP, EAPASA and SACPLAN- 3 separate team members ii. However in terms of the 5.2.4 under Qualifications and Skills of Project Leader (pg25) – the requirement is (verbatim)		
3.1	Degree in Town Planning or Environmental Sciences with a minimum of 10 years' experience (post registration with the professional body as a professional – not candidate or technician as well as registration with SACPCMP as a professional Project Manager)" a.It is unlikely that a person will have both qualifications as in SACPLAN and SACPCMP, and or EAPASA and SACPCMP		The project lead could also be a person with a Civil Engineering Degree who has extensive verifiable experience in the town planning and/or environmental sciences space, who has a professional registration (either ECSA PrEng or PrTechEng, SACPLAN or EAPASA) and has at least 10 years post registration experience and who is registered with SACPCMP.
3.2	b.Kindly advise if 5.1 applies or 5.2.4- meaning, can the project leader be registered with SACPMP, and two other personnel – Town Planner with SACPLAN, and Environmentalist with EAPASA be accepted as meeting the criteria?	Technical	The project lead could also be a person with a Civil Engineering Degree who has extensive verifiable experience in the town planning and/or environmental sciences space, who has a professional registration (either ECSA PrEng or PrTechEng, SACPLAN or EAPASA) and has at least 10 years post registration experience and who is registered with SACPCMP.
3.3	With regards to EAPASA, Environmental Scientist: Degree in Environmental Sciences with a minimum of 10 years' experience (post registration with the professional body as a professional – not candidate). EAPASA hasn't been in existence for so long. No EAP will have 10 years post registration as a professional. Best will be from 2019, which is 5 years. Kindly advise		It is correct that registration started circa 2019 as the regulation 14 of the Section 24H Registration Authority was promulgated circa 2018. Since this is the case, we require proof of at least 5 EIA's conducted prior to EAPASA registration (as you need 3 EIAs to register) and also 5 EIA's conducted after EAPASA Registration as well as proof of at least 10 years registration with SACNASP (from current date).
4	The timeframe from the clarification/ briefing session and the due date of the Tender is very close. Is there any chance of obtaining an Extension?	Technical	Unfortunately due to time constraints for this project, we are unable to offer any extension
5	Bidders queried the envisaged developable areas on each site and also the extent of bulk upgrades	Technical	The successful bidder will be given access to the Vaal SEZ Masterplan. This speaks to the probably developmental areas and the possible external bulk upgrades that can be expected
6	What is the expectation with regards to the completed EIA's reports if we find that they are incomplete?	Technical	The service provider will have to review the reports, adopt them and continue with the the EIA work from inception stage to completion, including all specialist studies not yet completed and price accordingly.