

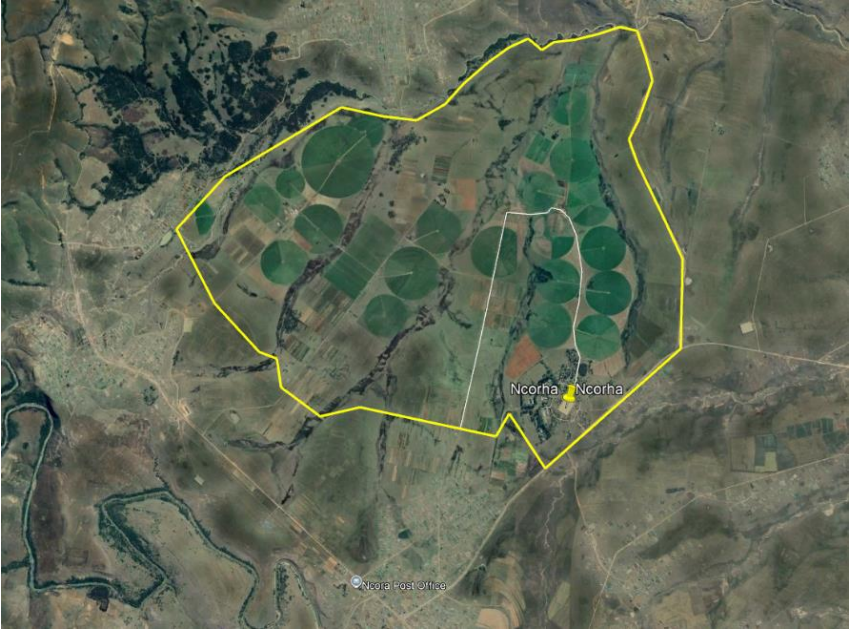
RFP Number: T31/08/24

RFP description: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO UNDERTAKE THE INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION ASSESSMENTS INVESTIGATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE PROPOSALS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE THAT FORMS PART OF THE EASTERN CAPE IRRIGATION SCHEME PROGRAMME (10 IRRIGATION SITES).

Question and Answers Version 1

No.	Question	Type	Answer
1	Is the 120 days bid validity period based on calendar days or working days?	Admin	CALENDAR DAYS
2	What is meant with “Assess the condition of the specific operational processes”? Does it for example include SOPs for dairy farming, financial recordkeeping, irrigation, personnel management, etc or is it an overview of how the project is managed?	Technical	IN THE CONTEXT OF DELIVERABLE 1 (ITEM 3.1.1.1: G) INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS OF THE BFI READY SCHEMES (ENGINEERING), “ASSESS THE CONDITION OF THE SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL PROCESSES” INVOLVES EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE PROCESS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM. THIS INCLUDES BUT NOT LIMITED TO: 1. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: ANALYSING HOW WELL THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS FUNCTIONING, FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE (RECORD KEEPING) AND OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHEME. 2. MAINTENANCE PRACTICES: REVIEWING CURRENT & PAST MAINTENANCE PLANS AND PRACTICES TO ENSURE THE PROPER RUNNING OF THE SCHEMES. 3. OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY: IDENTIFYING ANY INEFFICIENCIES IN THE OPERATIONAL PROCESSES AND SUGGESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE PERFORMANCE. 4. COMPLIANCE AND STANDARDS: ENSURING THAT THE OPERATIONAL PROCESSES ADHERE TO RELEVANT REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS. 5. RESOURCE UTILIZATION: ASSESSING HOW RESOURCES SUCH AS WATER, ENERGY, AND LABOUR ARE BEING MANAGED AND UTILIZED WITHIN THE OPERATIONAL PROCESSES.

3	<p>Is there a contact person at the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture who can access the department's report and map archives?</p> <p>I know that companies like Loxton Venn and associates, Hill Chaplan and Scott, Gibb, Lwsm Leshika and others have done detailed natural source surveys for all the schemes in the past.</p>	Technical	<p>PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL THE INFORMATION SHARED WITH YOU IS THE DATA THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS READILY AVAILABLE. IN CASES WHERE THERE ARE DATA OR INFORMATION GAPS, THE BIDDER IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE PRICING COST FOR SOURCING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION. PART OF THE INCEPTION REPORT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DATA TO BE USED IN FUTURE STUDIES.</p>
4	<p>Soil assessment studies for irrigation purposes – What is the extend of the detail required? Is the intention to verify and comment on existing soil maps and past work with sampling in certain areas which may be of economic interest (i.e. new development, Waterlogged areas etc?) –</p>	Technical	<p>DESKTOP ANALYSIS WITH THE PROVISION TO DO SOIL ASSESSMENT ON A GRID OF 100 HA</p>
5	<p>Land survey and verification (e.g., sourcing of updated geo-referenced outputs and geographical coordinates) - What is the extend of the detail required?</p>	Technical	<p>YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE DESKTOP TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS THAT CAN INFORM FEASIBILITY FOR EACH OF THE IRRIGATION SCHEMES.</p>
6	<p>Source the existing Road Assessment System – Is the assumption that this information is available, and the successful bidder is to source, comment on and include such in the master planning process, correct?</p>	Technical	<p>YES.</p>
7	<p>Source the same Assessment System from Department of Water Affairs - Is the assumption that this information is available, and the successful bidder is to source, comment on and include such in the master planning process, correct?</p>	Technical	<p>YES.</p>
8	<p>Compile a “masterplan” of the upgrades for each scheme, which include detailed layout drawings of the proposals on each scheme - What is the extend of the detail required with regards to the drawings? Ei: schematic layouts or detailed design?</p>	Technical	<p>SCHEMATIC LAYOUTS.</p>

9	Irrigation assessment - Is there any further information that will be made available (Locations, weather data etc) that will be made available to the successful bidder or is that which has been provided in the shared folder the sum total of all information at hand.	Technical	SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN SHARED, WHERE THERE ARE GAPS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE PRICING FOR SOURCING DATA TO ENSURE DATA COMPLETENESS.
With reference to the above-mentioned tender please assist with the following information / clarity to ensure that we provide a price in line with the IDC's expectations:			
10	If possible, please provide us with a Google Earth kmz file showing the exact boundaries of each irrigation scheme. See image below as an example.	Technical	<p>KMZ FILES TO BE SHARED FOR ALL SCHEMES.</p> 
11	Please provide the size / hectares of each irrigation scheme and indicate which are still operational.	Technical	INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE SPREADSHEETS.

12	As discussed in the meeting, the assessments of the infrastructure are high-level. Will it be correct if we assume that the Masterplan / proposed repairs and cost are at Pre-Feasibility Study Level?	Technical	YES
13	Item 3.1.1.2 b: Water assessment studies. What exactly is expected on this item and to what detail?	Technical	WATER LICENCE VALIDITY, WATER SUITABILITY & AVAILABILITY FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES, AND GAP COMPLIANCE; HOW MUCH IS USED VS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.
14	Item 3.1.1.2 c: Land survey and verification (e.g., sourcing of updated geo-referenced outputs and geographical coordinates) This is for generating updated co-ordinates of the irrigation schemes on a GIS system and NOT a topographical survey?	Technical	YES. PROVIDE DESKTOP TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS THAT CAN INFORM FEASIBILITY FOR EACH IRRIGATION SCHEMES.
15	Item 3.1.1.2 d: Source the existing Road Assessment System (RAS). Is this available for the infield irrigation / farm roads? Tender scope is only applicable to farm roads not District or Provincial roads?	Technical	NOT AVAILABLE. TO BE PROVIDED BY THE BIDDER.
16	Item 3.1.1.2 e: Source the same Assessment System from DWS? What needs to be sourced from DWS – Road information or water information?	Technical	WATER INFORMATION, DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION (DWS).
17	Item 3.1.1.3 b: “detailed layout drawings” This will be limited to irrigation layout systems and not buildings etc?	Technical	LAYOUT OF THE EXISTING AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS BOTH IRRIGATION AND BUILDINGS (NOT DESIGNED DRAWINGS, BUT SCHEMATIC LAYOUTS).
18	If possible, please provide a list of available information / documents of each scheme?	Technical	YES, BUT PART OF THE INSTRUCTION IS TO ALSO FILL IN THE GAPS IN THE INFORMATION THAT IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR COMPLETENESS.