

RFP Number: T55/12/24

**RFP DESCRIPTION: APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS “ON AN AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BASIS”**

**Question and Answers Version 1**

No.	Question	Type	Answer
1	Under the Built Environment Sector, can we choose any of categories or must we do all.	Technical	Yes, bidders may choose one category or a combination of categories.
2	We have an individual we want to propose for the PPP category that is a certified PPP professional (CP3P) with APMG International but is neither an Economist, nor Accountant or Structural Engineer, will we waste our time to include this CV?	Technical	The proposed individual(s) must meet the criteria set for category.
3	As per your tender document, the answers to queries will be provided by 17 January 2025 which is 3 working days before closure of bid. Considering the time constraints and National Treasury’s circular dated 24 November 2024 on the undesired practice of advertising of tenders between 16 December 2024 to 10 January 2025, please consider an extension of the closing date.	Technical	The new closing date is the 30th January 2025 at 11h00.
4	In the cost proposal it is indicated that the service provider’s rate may not exceed R1526 per hour. This is actually 2019 rates since the 2020 circular indicates that the 2019 rates are not amended due to a constraint fiscus. Unfortunately, these rates are not market related due to inflation realities in the 6 years that has passed. Would it be acceptable if we adjust the rates with base in 2019 to current rates, using average CPI?	Admin	No, the rates cannot be adjusted using CPI. The rates are based on the last approved and published DPSA circular. Should a new DPSA circular be issued during the 2 year panel period, the rates will be adjusted accordingly.
5	We are a Quantity Surveying firm and would like to participate in this bid. Do we have to submit as a Consortium/JV or can we just submit for Quantity Surveying services only?	Technical	No, bidders may choose one category or a combination of categories.
6	Can the service provider submit for 1 discipline? e.g. If I am a Professional Quantity Surveyor with a Quantity Surveying Consulting company, can I submit for only Quantity Surveying under category 3 or we need to provide all the other disciplines under that category.  Will service providers be disqualified for only submitting for one discipline under any category?	Technical	Bidders may choose one category or a combination of categories.
7	The table calls for ECSA Pr. Eng, is Pr Tech Eng also acceptable?	Technical	Due to the nature of the work, the IDC requires Professional Engineer (Pr Eng) only.
8	5.2.1.2 indicates that “...must have a minimum of 15 years experience...”. The table further indicates how years of experience less than 15 years will be scored. Please clarify whether experience less than 15 years is a disqualifying factor or a matter of reduction in points?	Technical	The technical evaluation of the years of experience is based on a sliding scale. 'Less than 15 years experience' will attract a lesser score than 'More than 15 years experience,' however, it is not a disqualifying criteria.
9	We wish to apply for “Category 3: Social Infrastructure: Education and Health Specialist”. We are a firm of Quantity Surveyors.  Can we apply as Quantity Surveyors only, or does our team have to include Architects and Engineers as listed on page 13?	Technical	Yes, bidders may choose one category or a combination of categories.
10	See page 14 of 45 (Functional Requirements): A “Structural Engineer” is itemized under “Category 5 – PPP Specialist”. Ideally, companies that have Economics, Accounting, Financial & Actuarial Sciences don’t have Structural Engineers. Was it intentional to itemize a “Structural Engineer” under Category 5?	Technical	Yes, in the built environment sector/industry, there are also Engineers who have transitioned to PPP Specialization.

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11	See page 17 of 45 (Technical Evaluation Criteria): Is that the panel application is directed to singular companies or JV's / Consortia? There does not seem to be any guidance or Goal for points accumulated for references and experience under each Category. Is there a minimum threshold figure for each Category in order for Bidders to win a position on the IDC Panel for just that singular Category? Or was the intention for each Bidding JV or Consortium Team to win a position on the IDC Panel on the accumulation of minimum (or more) points for all the Categories 1 to 6 together?	Admin	The minimum qualifying score for functionality is 70% FOR each Category. As stated on page 14 of 45: "Each category has its own evaluation criteria. The bidder must ensure that they provide the required response/ information to the evaluation criteria for service/ category the bidder is bidding for."
12	See Page 25 of 45 (Costing Model): For Disbursements, which includes travel, subsistence, printing costs, etc – can the IDC provide an example location of project and other project details (duration of project – number & type of stakeholders for engagements required, etc), such that Bidders can provide comparable and objective Total Disbursement Costs? Otherwise, it appears "Rates-only" can be provided at this stage.	Technical	Bidders are not required to price this component at this stage.
13	Sections 5.1 (technical evaluation criteria) and 5.2 (other technical requirements) - can bidders submit responses for only 1 discipline within a category? Or are bidders required to submit for an entire category (all disciplines with the category) to comply?	Technical	Bidders may choose to offer one or a combination of disciplines per category.
14	Disbursements - In order to provide full and accurate costing, bidders will need to know or be provided with an estimate of distance to be travelled to make precise estimates. Can we estimate 1000kms for the purpose of the tender evaluation?	Technical	Bidders are not required to price this component at this stage.
15	I will like to ask that since on this bid under category 5 Accountant. SAICA and SAIPA where mention but what about CIBA( former Saiba) which is direct competitor with SAIPA and is an equivalent of it? Or you guys only take SAIPA  Also does relevant hav to be from building industry for Accountant as we do work from different industry as accounting firm.	Technical	Bidders are permitted to submit CIBA certification.  The relevant experience needs to be from the built environment/building industry due to the nature of work anticipated to be undertaken, hence we request a 'minimum of 15 years' experience in either Built Environment or Infrastructure Finance and Funding sectors.'
16	Are we expected to submit just one resource for each discipline or is there a certain number required?	Technical	The IDC requires maximum of two resources per discipline. However, one will suffice.
17	The tender document does not state whether company experience is required for the selected categories. Please advise whether it is required and if so, are we expected to demonstrate experience for each discipline listed under the chosen categories?	Technical	Please refer to sections 5.2 (Other technical requirements) of the tender document. Reference is made to the required contactable reference and years of experience, per category for each proposed resource.
18	For a consortium, are we expected to produce a consolidated B-BBEE certificate?	Admin	The bidder may provide a consolidate BBBEE certificate for the JV or separate certificates for each of the bidders in the JV or consortium
19	Given that as bidders we can respond to categories 1 – 6 of the RFP, do we need to submit separate bids for each category?	Technical	No, bidders are expected to submit one response inclusive of all the responses / submissions for the different categories separated accordingly.
20	For the PPP Specialist category, you've listed Actuarial Science as a discipline or professional skillset, what type of skillset is the IDC looking for exactly? Insurance? Data? Etc	Technical	Infrastructure Project Finance & Funding & experience.
21	Costing Model requires that the service provider's rate per hour should not exceed DPSA prescribed rate of R1 526, these have not been updated since 2020 and markets have moved since the pandemic, can a concession be made by the IDC on the ceiling for the rate per hour?	Technical	The rates are based on the last approved and published DPSA circular (2020). Should a new DPSA circular be issued during the 2 year panel period, the rates will be adjusted accordingly.
22	Do you only require one CV per discipline?	Technical	We require a maximum of two resources (CV's) per discipline. However, one will suffice.

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23	With the regards to the aforementioned bid in <b>Category 3: Social Infrastructure: Education and Health Specialist</b> , can a bidder choose the discipline most applicable to them when tendering for example, electrical and mechanical engineering, or will we be required to provide for all the disciplines (multi-disciplinary) listed within the category?	Technical	Bidders may choose one category or a combination of categories.
24	Category 3: Social Infrastructure has various disciplines of engineering listed under it. My question is does the preferred service provider have to have all the various disciplines or can we only bid for Electrical Engineering?	Technical	Bidders may choose one category or a combination of categories. They may offer one or a combination of disciplines.
25	Are we allowed to use the same resources for multiple categories? –	Technical	Yes, provided that the resource meets the discipline requirements.
26	For Annexure 1 - Response Format for Section 2, should the resources be listed in a single table, or must they be separated by category? –	Technical	Bidders are required to complete Annexure 1 for each proposed resource and category.
27	Category 1 of the tender stipulates that “The service provider must provide 3 contactable references or recommendation letters for work/projects done for each proposed resource”. Based on this statement, the tender requires references for the resources of the bidder. Please confirm if the tender also requires reference letters for the bidder (organisation)?	Technical	No, reference letters for the organisation are not required.