

ANNEXURE A
RFP040/2024
RESPONSES TO BIDDERS



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No.	Query	Response
		2
0	The spreadsheets that were promised during the tender briefing have not yet been shared – please can you send those to us to fill in for the submission?	Provided with the Addendum
1	The document does not specify the tender validity period – what amount of time should we allow?	90 Days period will be applicable
2	Duration of the contract period states 12 months; Is this for Design only or Construction Completion as the procurement process can be a substantial part of the 12 months allocated?	This is for stage 1 to 4. Stages 5 to 7 shall have a construction period once the Contractor is appointed.
4	What level of site supervision do we need to price for?	Supervision to be as per the ECSA guidelines stages 5 & 6
5	What provision should be made to accommodate the Project Steering Committee and facilitate meetings?	Those shall be part of Construction tender documentation in BoQs
6	There is no mention of Local Empowerment – Has this been considered?	To be considered for construction phase in BoQ
7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there any provision for survey and/or Geotechnical Engineering? 2. Would their services be required during the process or are there historic specialist studies available? 	These are part of stages one & 2 to be priced by PSPs




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		PSPs must develop all information in full. No reliable historic information is available for now
8	Will PrTech registration be acceptable or only PrEng where PrEng is listed?	Pr.Eng only will be accepted where it is specified.
9	There is no mention of an Environmental Management Officer (EMO), must we price for one or will the client will provide one?	Yes it is on the circulated spreadsheet
10	On OHS Agent and EMO, will they be required on a full time basis or only periodic visits?	These are required as per normal PSP services to ensure compliance and reporting monthly
11	Can the capacity of the existing North, West and East facilities be provided?	This is part of PSP work to accurately determine these parameters
12	Our sub-consultants are not willing to have their CV's on the main consultant's CV format – will a cover letter with their intent to sub-consult should the project be awarded suffice?	Yes this is acceptable
13	Please consider the pricing document for the referenced bid.	 PSP Pricing Table.xlsx



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C2.2.2 (A.2) PROFESSIONAL FEES (AVERAGE PERCENTAGE (%) OF A RANGE OF ESTIMATED PROJECT VALUE CATEGORIES

A	B	C	D	E	F
PROJECT VALUE CATEGORY (RANDS)	TENDERED TEAM (RANDS) STAGE 1 Brought forward from table C2.2.2.(A.1)	TENDERED TEAM (%) STAGE 1 Column B + Column A	TENDERED TEAM (%) STAGE 2 - 7	TENDERED TEAM (%) TOTAL STAGE 1 - 7 Column C + Column D	AVERAGE % = Column E Total ÷ 7
1. (R0 to R50 000 000)	R	= %	%1 = %	%1 = %	%
2. (R50 000 000 001 to R100 000 000)	R	= %	%2 = %	%2 = %	
3. (R100 000 001 to R200 000 000)	R	= %	%3 = %	%3 = %	
4. (R250 000 001 to R300 000 000)	R	= %	%4 = %	%4 = %	
5. (R300 000 001 to R450 000 000)	R	= %	%5 = %	%5 = %	
6. (R450 000 001 to R600 000 000)	R	= %	%6 = %	%6 = %	
7. (More than R600 000 000)	R	= %	%7 = %	%7 = %	
			Total Column E =	%	

* Note: Column B - Should different values be applicable to price ranges, kindly duplicate table C.2.2.2 (A1) for each price range.

* Note: Column C - For the Calculation of Column C, the upper value of Column A is to be used.

We believe line 2. should be for the project value category R50,000,001 (**not R50,000,000,001**) to R100,000,000.

We believe line 3. should be for the project value category R100,000,001 to R200,000,000 (**not R20,000,000**).

Furthermore, line 4. should then be for the category R200,000,001 (**not R250,000,001**) to R300,000,000.

Please could you confirm.



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14	<p>On page 27 of 109, point (iii) “The DBSA reserves the right to not award any bidder that has a total of three (3) active awards/ orders with an outstanding value, if the outstanding value is 10% or less, indicating the project is nearing completion, or reached practical completion, the bidder may be recommended.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">) This statement seems somewhat ambiguous, i.e. either bidders are not recommended with projects with outstanding value is less than 10%, or they cant be? i) Does this apply to DBSA tenders only? If the clause applies to all outstanding work, it could mean that no company can have more than three current projects, which is not realistic from a business perspective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) It is a risk also based on performance on such projects. Percentages is an indicative figure to minimise concentration risk) ii) (This is a DBSA approach based on performance due to concentration risk on previous contracts)
15	<p>Engineer’s Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) <u>Page 17 of 109:</u> Under the responsiveness criteria; 26.1 STAGE ONE: Test for Administrative Responsiveness, the requirement is for: “National Diploma, B-Tech or Degree in Civil Engineering plus 10 years’ post registration experience– (Pr.Tech Eng or Pr. Techni Eng). 7 years waste-water treatment plant experience ii) <u>Page 107 of 109:</u> Under C3.1.2. SCOPE OF WORKS, again “National Diploma, B-Tech or Degree in Civil Engineering plus 10 years’ post registration experience – (Pr. Tech Eng or Pr. Techni Eng). Seven years waste-water treatment plant experience” iii) <u>Page 97 of 107:</u> However, under C2.2.1 TIME-BASED FEES, C2.2.1(J) DISCIPLINE / SERVICE: ENGINEER’S REPRESENTATIVES (TIME-BASED FEES) it states “National Diploma, B-Tech or Degree in Civil Engineering plus 15 years’ post-registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Ten years from date one achieved professional registration. Please Refer to the table under responsiveness please that summarises these requirements. ii) Refer to the table under responsiveness please that summarises these requirements



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	<p>We believe for the latter reference the 15 years experience should be changed to the 10 years experience, as per the <u>responsiveness criteria</u>. Please could you confirm?</p>	<p>iii) Refer to the table under responsiveness please that summarises these requirements.</p> <p>Refer to the table under responsiveness please that summarises these requirements</p>
16	<p>Scope of works</p> <p>II) Upgrading of inlet works: We understand the inlet works is very flat and the hydraulic gradient needs to be improved. We presume DBSA is open to this recommendation if it comes out of the status quo / prelim report as necessary, even if not specifically mentioned in die bid?</p> <p>III) Construction of 1 PST: can we assume that the levels of the PST is correct, and that material tests results (e.g. concrete cubes) were completed under the previous contract?</p> <p>IV) Upgrading of bio-reactors: the repair / upgrading of air diffusers in the turn-key contract as well, and so is submersible mixers. Could you please clarify how this responsibility will be split?</p> <p>V) Balancing tanks: Has the flow balancing hydraulics been integrated with the inlet works hydraulics? Is there a detailed hydraulic profile available from the previous contract.</p> <p>VI) New Work at Rooiwal - Construction of two primary settling tanks:</p>	<p>I) This is correct.</p> <p>II) PSP to confirm and advise accordingly on all technical related issues.</p> <p>III) Bioreactors to include all works to be done on the aerobic, anaerobic, anoxic and aeration zones. These to be deliberated through stages 1 & 2 of PSP inputs</p>



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	<p>VII) New Work at Rooiwal -Alteration to the flow splitter structure to include the new division of flow ... : With reference again to the very flat hydraulic gradient, this work may require complete modification of the inlet works?</p> <p>VIII) West Works: Much work is specified for anaerobic digestion. We assume then that all biofilters (currently out of commission) must be refurbished too?</p>	<p>IV) No detailed information is available. This must be established under this contract.</p> <p>V) Yes this shall be part of PSP scope from stages 1 to 7. Available information done by previous PSP shall be shared.</p> <p>VI) The PSP to redesign the systems including all due diligence needed.</p> <p>VII) All works must be considered in scope of works</p>
17	<p>Environmental Management:</p> <p>i) A plant of the significance of Rooiwal must have (or must have had) a Water Use License in place, and it's not clear what is required?</p> <p>ii) Has the Water Use License expired, which means it is a re-application, or do we need to start with a full / fresh application process?</p>	<p>i) (PSP to advise based on current information. If new application are needed etc.)</p>



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	<p>iii) Do we need to do an EIA, since we understand this is repair of existing works and not an upgrade to increase capacity of the original?</p>	<p>ii) (This shall be part of stage 1 & 2 through the environmental specialist)</p> <p>iii) This shall be evaluated should new works are required</p>
18	<p>Information not in the bid document</p> <p>i) What are the current design capacities in MI/d for Northern works, Eastern Works and Western works?</p> <p>ii) We understand the intention is not to increase the capacities, but only to return to the original design capacity?</p> <p>iii) Can DBSA make available the effluent limit values as per current / expired WUL?</p> <p>iv) Is it the intention that the effluent limit values in the license will change if do, to what?</p>	<p>i) These to be confirmed at stage 1 & 2 as part of PSP inputs</p> <p>ii) This to be reviewed and PSP to advise based on stage 1 & 2 outputs.</p> <p>iii) This information is not available at hand. PSP to assist in obtaining this.</p> <p>iv) This information is not available at hand.</p>



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19	<p>Typical staged approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DBSA tenders for PSP normally include all detail of services and deliverables under of all 6 (or 7) stages of the project, as per ECSA guidelines. Although not specifically included in this bid, we assume this would apply as per normal DBSA tenders. Please confirm. 	Yes this shall apply
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Regarding the key personnel's CVs, your technical colleague mentioned in the briefing session that took place on Tuesday, the 9th of April 2024, that all the personnel's CVs should be under one enterprise/consulting company letterhead with the same formatting. Kindly advise on whether this is correct and if so, is this applicable to bidders that intend on bidding with subconsultants? In my understanding, it is not exactly lawful to proclaim that an individual is under a company's employ without a formal employment contract, unless a Letter of Intent would suffice in this case? ii) Kindly advise how many Engineer's Representatives the bidder should supply, seeing as this is not specified in the document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) They maybe engaged as sub consultants as long it is articulated in writing between parties ii) Resources required are to be as per the table presented under responsiveness criteria
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The expected construction duration. C3.1.1 under the Scope of Work gives an estimate of 12 months. This however seems to relate to the incorrect information given in the 2nd paragraph that refers to National Norms and Standards for schools. Given the amount of work detailed under C3.1.2, a construction duration of 12 months appears to be unrealistic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The actual construction duration to be determined in stages 3 & 4. This was high level estimation



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	<p>ii) Environmental Management. Has Environmental Authorisation been given for the project or will this have to be obtained by the appointed Service Provider?</p> <p>iii) WULA. Have the necessary water use licences and authorisations already been obtained or will these have to be obtained by the appointed Service Provider?</p> <p>iv) In the event that EA and WULA licences and authorisations must be obtained by the Service Provider, how should these be priced for as there is no item allowed in the Pricing Schedule? There is also no requirement for an Environmental Practitioner in the tender document. The costs of obtaining EIAs and WULA authorisations are once-off costs and as such separate payment items should be provided for these. These services are defined as “Additional Services” in the ECSA Guidelines and payment should be made separately for them. Payment for these services should not form part of the percentage fee.</p> <p>v) Payment for Social Facilitators and Engineer’s Representatives are defined as “Additional Services” in the ECSA Guidelines and payment is made separately for these services. These services are not covered by the normal percentage fee. We recommend that separate items be allowed for these services based on a fixed monthly cost. Should our recommendation not be accepted, kindly advise how these services, which are a direct cost to the Service Provider, will be paid for in the event that the construction contract extends beyond the due completion date.</p>	<p>ii) Since this is an existing running site. Any further requirements maybe determined during stages 1 & 2</p> <p>iii) These shall be investigated and advised during stages 1 & 2</p> <p>iv) This provision for the Environmental specialist has been included in the pricing schedule circulated</p> <p>v) This must be covered as % and this must cater for these services at worst scenario basis assuming the construction period can go up to 24 months.</p>
22.	<p>In line with clause 7.2. (page 9 of 109 of RFP040/2024) <i>“If a Bidder finds or reasonably believes it has found any discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in this RFP or any other information provided by the DBSA (other than minor clerical matters), the Bidder must promptly notify the DBSA in writing of such</i></p>	<p>Due to the urgency of the Project a longer extension than the 24th April cannot be accommodated.</p>



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	<p><i>discrepancy, ambiguity, error or inconsistency in order to afford the DBSA an opportunity to consider what corrective action is necessary (if any)”, kindly find attached a consolidated list</i></p> <p>We further request DBSA to consider extending the submission deadline, after consideration of the queries received and the effort required to consolidate and include the DBSA responses into the Tender returnables. The suggestion, as contained in Query No 1, is that an extension to 29 April 2024 should be sufficient to enable adjustments to be effected.</p> <p>We will wait for your consolidated response to the queries as per the RFP stipulation.</p>	
23.	<p>i) We would like to ask for a <u>three weeks extension</u> to the tender submission date. This will allow us bidders to have adequate and necessary time for consideration and inclusion of all necessary aspects as per the RFP for a proposal and a project of this magnitude and nature.</p> <p>i) Could you please also provide us with the <u>One Drive submission link</u> as mentioned in your RFP.</p>	<p>i) Extended to the 24th April 2024</p> <p>ii) This shall be shared vis SCM</p>



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