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Dear Tenderer

**CONTRACT NUMBER SANRAL: N.002-070-2023/2**

**THE DOUBLING THE GWAING RIVER BRIDGE CROSSING ON NATIONAL ROUTE 2 SECTION 7  
KM 17.3**

**CLARIFICATION NO.1**

SANRAL hereby issue clarification no.1:

- minutes of compulsory clarification meeting held on Monday, 22 April 2024 at 11:00
- Specific details and questions

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Demana", is written over a horizontal line.

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This clarification is to be read in conjunction with and shall be deemed part of the Contract Documents.

**PART 1A: MINUTES OF COMPULSORY CLARIFICATION MEETING HELD ON Monday, 22 April 2024 AT 10:00**

**PRESENTERS:**

The Procurement Officer (PO) presented the Supply Chain Management (SCM) requirements of the project. The Consultant presented the scope of work for the project.

**AGENDA**

1. OPENING & WELCOME
2. ATTENDANCE
3. CONTENTS OF THE SCM BRIEFING
4. CONTENTS OF THE SCOPE OF WORKS BRIEFING
5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**1. OPENING & WELCOME**

The clarification meeting started at 11:00 on Monday, 22 April 2024. The PO welcomed everyone to the compulsory tenderer's clarification meeting.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

The PO requested the attendees to make sure to write the name of the company they represent on the attendance register. Thereafter, the PO started the roll call at 11:15.

**3. CONTENTS OF SCM BRIEFING**

The PO explained in addition to the SCM presentation uploaded with the tender document, that the purpose of this meeting was to provide further clarification to the SCM and technical (scope of work) requirements of the projects: CONTRACT SANRAL N.002-070-2023/2.

The same presentation as uploaded on the SANRAL website was presented and the content consists of:

- **TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER**
- **COMPOSITION OF THE TENDER DOCUMENT**
- **CONDITIONS OF TENDER**
- **RETURNABLE SCHEDULE AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
- **EVALUATION PROCESS**
- **FINANCIAL EVALUATION**
- **TIPS FOR SUBMITTING TENDER DOCUMENTS SUCCESSFULLY**

### **3.1 TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER**

#### Tender Documents

- The tender documents for these project were available from the Thursday, 28 March 2024 and could be downloaded from SANRAL website in electronic format using this link: [https://www.nra.co.za/sanral-tenders/status?region\\_id=western](https://www.nra.co.za/sanral-tenders/status?region_id=western).
- The PO emphasized the importance of making sure that the returnable schedule Form A1 of the tenderers are signed at the end of the clarification meeting by the Procurement Officers and Project Managers.
- Any queries relating to N.002-070-2023/2 may be emailed to [procurementwr3@sanral.co.za](mailto:procurementwr3@sanral.co.za)

The closing time for receipt of tenders is on **Friday, 10 May 2024 at 11:00** at the **Western Region SANRAL Offices** as provided in the tender document. The PO encouraged tenderers using a courier service to submit their tender early to avoid delivery of documents after tender closure.

Telegraphic, telephonic, telex, e-mail, facsimile, and late tenders will not be accepted. Tenders may only be submitted in the format as stated in the Tender Data.

### **3.2 COMPOSITION OF THE TENDER DOCUMENT**

All forms from tender documents were presented. The tender document consists of returnable schedules which are in Word and Excel format and the clarification presentations in Pdf. These forms must be fully completed and signed by representatives and attach supporting documents were applicable.

### **3.3 CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

The condition of tender is the CIDB STANDARD FOR UNIFORMITY IN ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACTS and can be found on the website ( [www.cidb.org.za](http://www.cidb.org.za)).

The presenter addressed all clauses relating to tender data as follows:

#### C.1.4 Communication and employer's agent:

All communication must be in writing and only to the email address provided. Any communication received in any other form or to any other email address will not be regarded as an official clarification query and therefore will not be responded to.

#### C.2.1 Eligibility

The eligibility criteria are the first gate of evaluation of the tenderer and was explained in detail. Onus is on tenderers to ensure compliance to eligibility criteria as no additional documents will be requested or accepted after tender closing.

### C.2.8 Seek clarification

Request for clarifications will be accepted at least 12 working days before the closing date. The final date for clarification is 24 April 2024, it was emphasized that it is important for the tenderer to go through the tender document prior to this date. The Employer shall respond to any clarifications from the tenderers emanating from the clarification minutes until three (3) working days (07 May 2024) before tender closing date.

### C.2.12.1 Alternative Offer

If tenders wish to submit alternative tender offers, they must apply and request approval within the time frame of 7 days before the closing date. The employer will reply at least 5 working days before tender closing.

### C.2.15.1 Submission in tender Box

The tender closing date is 11:00 on Friday, 10 May 2024.

- Location of tender box is at reception area at SANRAL Western Region offices.
- Physical address for SANRAL Western Region office: 1 Havenga Street, Oakdale, Bellville, 7530
- Tenderers were informed to place the completed tender offer (form of offer and pricing schedule) and flash drive in a sealed package marked with the tenderer's company name, the project number and description in the tender box.
- Tenders must be submitted during the following hours (09:00 to 16:00) Monday to Friday at the Employer's address.
- It is in the tenderer's interest to ensure that the delivery of the tender offer is recorded in the Employer's tenders received register and deposited in the tender box.

### C 3.1.1 Respond to requests from the tenderer

The employer shall respond to clarifications received up to 12 (twelve) working days before the tender closing unless there is an addendum that extends the closing date. Only clarifications emanating from the addenda will be responded to by the employer until 3 (three) working days from tender closing.

### C.3.9 Arithmetical errors, omissions, discrepancies, and imbalanced unit rates

Where there is an omission of a line item, no correction is possible, and the offer may be declared non-responsive.

- Should the original price not be retained after balancing the rates, the submission will be rendered non-responsive.
- Declare as non-responsive and reject any offer from a tenderer who elects not to accept the proposed correction of the errors, omissions, or imbalanced rates.
- During testing of tender responsiveness, clause C.3.8 of the CIDB tender conditions will be applicable.
- The tenderer is required to submit balanced unit rates for rate only items in the pricing schedule. The rates submitted for these items will be taken into account in the evaluation of tenders.

### C.3.13 Acceptance of a tender offer

The presenter explained the other clauses in detail and what the tenderer should comply with regarding acceptance of tender offer.

The following was noted:

- Tenderer or any of the directors must not be restricted on any of the Register of Tender Defaulters, in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004 as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector.
- The tenderer has not abused the Employer's supply chain management system.
- The tenderer has not failed to perform on any previous contract and has not been given a written notice to this effect.
- The tenderer is tax compliant. The recommended tenderer who becomes non-compliant, prior to award, shall be notified and must become compliant within 7 working days of the date of being notified. A recommended tenderer who remains non-compliant after the 7 working days of being notified, shall be declared non-responsive.
- The tenderer is registered and in good standing with the compensation fund or with a licensed compensation insurer. The licensed compensation insurer shall be approved by Department of Labour in terms of Section 80 of the Compensation for Injury and Disease Act, 1993 (Act No. 130 of 1993).

### C3.16 Registration of award.

SANRAL will notify the unsuccessful tenderers when the tender process has been concluded. Any unsuccessful tenderer may request a debriefing in writing.

## **3.4 RETURNABLE SCHEDULES**

Tenderers were informed that failure to fully complete the relevant returnable documents may render such a tender offer to be declared non-responsive. Tenderers shall note that signatures on each returnable form represents a declaration that they vouch for the accuracy and correctness of the information provided.

## **3.5 EVALUATION PROCESS**

The eligibility criteria required were as follows:

### a) CIDB Requirement

This tender requires that tenderers are registered with the CIDB. Registrations should be active and valid. The required CIDB grading for this project: CONTRACT SANRAL N.002-070-2023/2 is **8 CE**.

The Joint venture requirements were explained.

The Joint venture (JV) requirements were addressed, tenderers to ensure that each members of the JV are registered on the CIDB and that the lead partner has a grading designation equal to or not

lower than one level below the required grading designation in the class of construction works under consideration and possesses the required recognition status.

The PO highlighted that the tenders will be declared non-responsive if:

Tenderer is not registered on CIDB within the required contractor grading and category prior to evaluation of submission.

The Tenderer has not provided proof that they have settled their outstanding CIDB annual fees or proof that they have made arrangements to pay outstanding CIDB annual fees has been made or proof of compliance with tax was submitted to CIDB, the tender will be declared non-responsive.

The Tenderer has not declared interest of application to upgrade the grading.

b) The tenderer must be registered on National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD).

The second eligibility criteria require the tenderer to be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier database at tender closing date. Therefore, tenderers are required to complete Form A3.4 and attach the proof of CSD registration.

In the event of a Joint Venture or a Targeted Enterprise, each member of the Joint Venture or Targeted Enterprise, shall be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database at the closing date for tender submissions. If not registered as verified online at tender closing, the tender will be declared non-responsive.

### **Compliance Evaluation**

The tenderers must complete all declarations with correct and truthful information and sign. Failure to declare the correct information on declaration forms will render the tenderer non-responsive. This may also be subjected to the blacklisting policy as it will be regarded as false and misrepresented information.

### **Key Personnel and Minimum Requirements**

Tenderers key personnel experience (Contract director with 15 years' experience, Contract manager and Construction manager (Contractor's representative) with 10 years' experience) and professional registration in SACPCMP as PrCM or ECSA as PrEng or PrTechEng.

It was noted that if the key personnel is not in its permanent employment, the tender shall provide a signed undertaking from an organization having the required personnel, stating that they will undertake the necessary work on behalf of the tenderer in terms of a sub-consultant agreement.

If the tenderer's experience does not meet the stipulated minimum requirement or does not respond within stated period when requested to do so; the tender will be declared non-responsive in terms of Clause C.3.13 (b) of the Tender Data.

### **Tenderer's Past Performance**

Form D5.1:

- The tenderer shall provide details of previous experience required for this project and attach contract performance evaluation certificates in the form of CIDB Contractor Performance Reports or official reference letters from previous employer(s)

- The Tenderer must have satisfactorily completed (at least completed as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor) a minimum number of 3 similar contracts matching the subject project's scope of work, between 1st January 2009 and tender submission deadline. Each completed contract must have a minimum value that exceeds R45 000 000 and have a Performance Rating not less than zero (0) Adequate, as rated in terms of the CIDB Performance Rating system.
- Contracts under which the Tenderer participated as a joint venture member or subcontractor, only the Tenderer's share, by value, shall be considered to meet the minimum value requirement.
- If the Tenderer is a joint venture, the value of contracts completed by the individual joint venture members can be combined and shall be treated as one contract to determine whether the requirement of the minimum value of a single contract has been met. In the case of combined contracts, each contract performed by each member shall exceed fifty percent (50%) of the minimum value of a single contract as required for single entity. In determining whether the joint venture meets the requirement of total number of contracts, the number of contracts completed by all JV members each of value equal or more than the minimum value required shall be aggregated. For the aforementioned purpose, contracts which are combined to meet the minimum value shall be treated as one contract.
- If the tenderer's experience does not meet the stipulated minimum requirement e.g. less than the minimum stipulated number of recent civil engineering contracts; or If the proposed project is not relevant and as a result the tenderer does not meet the minimum requirement; the tender will be declared non-responsive in terms of clause C.3.13 (b) of the Tender Data.

Form D5.2:

- Submission of this form is optional. This form must be submitted if the tenderer does not comply with the requirements of Form D5.1 and elects to list projects that are in progress to comply with afore- mentioned requirements.
- The Tenderer must list details of similar projects in progress (as a prime contractor, joint venture member, management contractor or sub-contractor) matching the subject project's scope of work, between 1st January 2009 and tender submission deadline. Each project in progress must have a certified value of work that exceeds 50% of the awarded value and exceeds R45 000 000 and have a Performance Rating not less than zero (0) Adequate, as rated in terms of the CIDB Performance Rating system. The Performance Rating and certified value of work at closing date must be confirmed by the Project Employer or Project Engineer in writing.
- For contracts under which the Tenderer participated as a joint venture member or sub-contractor, only the Tenderer's share, by value, shall be considered to meet the minimum value requirement.
- If the tenderer's experience not meeting minimum requirements (certified value of work that exceeds 80% of the awarded value and exceeds specified rand value); or If the proposed project is not relevant and as a result the tenderer does not meet the minimum requirement; the tender shall be declared non-responsive.

### **3.6 FINANCIAL EVALUATION**

The following must be noted in the financial evaluation stage:

- Tenderers who meet the eligibility compliance, technical and financial requirements shall be evaluated for Price and Preference.
- To score points for price the BOQ must be completed.
- Complete BOQ on excel sheet provided.
- Summary schedule must be completed and signed.
- Tendering ZERO RATES may pose a risk to the employer and your tender may be regarded as an unacceptable tender.

The presenter presented the table for scoring preference specific goals. The template and guideline of completing the Sworn Affidavit was projected and thoroughly explained.

### **3.7 Tips for Submitting Tender Documents Successfully**

Tips to submit an acceptable tender document was shared and tenderers were encouraged to follow it and submit their tenders on time.

## **4 CONTENTS OF THE SCOPE OF WORKS BRIEFING**

### **4.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW**

A site visit was conducted prior to the presentation of the Scope of Works presentation.

Tenderers were informed that the project was for the completion of the works commenced in 2017 for:

- the doubling (duelling) of the existing National Route 2 Section 7 between approximately km 16,4 and km 18.62 in the Western Cape.
- Construction of new 180m long bridge north of existing.
- Repair & refurbishment of existing bridge.
- Construction of new linking carriageway for eastbound traffic.
- Minor widening and resurfacing of existing carriageway.

### **4.2 CONTRACTUAL MATTERS**

Tenderers were informed about various key components of the Contract Data. Those specifically highlighted were:

- Time for completion: 16 months (incl. Dec shutdown & Mobilisation)
- Mobilisation Period: 3 months
- Defects notification period: 12 calendar months
- Performance Security: One Performance Security totaling 10% of accepted contract amount (excl VAT)
- Work to commence: Not prior to the date of Access to Site and not later than 1 month after the end of Mobilisation Period
- Delay damages: R30 000 per calendar day
- Retention: 10% (limited to 5% of Accepted Contract Sum)
- Contractor's Representative: Single point of accountability



- 10years and PrCM or PrEng/PrTechEng
  - Target Area (Labour) George Local Municipality
  - Target Labour: Minimum of 6% of the Final Contract Value
    - Minimum by the follow groups
      - a. black designated groups
        - Black people who are youth 30% of targeted labour value
        - Black people with disability 0.3% of targeted labour value
      - b. Black women: Minimum of 30%
    - Target Groups with:
      - i) ≥51% ownership by Youth 20% of Targeted Enterprise amount
      - ii) ≥51% ownership by Women 20% of Targeted Enterprise amount
- Target Enterprise: Minimum % the greater of either 30% or the Form of Offer Percentage stated
  - Minimum by the follow groups
    - ≥51% ownership by Youth 5% of the Final Contract Value
    - ≥51% ownership by Women 5% of the Final Contract Value
    - CIDB 1 or 2 grading 2% of the Final Contract Value
    - CIDB 3 or 4 grading 2% of the Final Contract Value

Tenderers were reminded that this COLTO standard specifications were applicable and not COTO standard specifications.

#### **4.3 ENVIRONMENTAL, STAKEHOLDER, COMMUNITY, TARGET DEVELOPMENT AND H&S**

A brief summary of the requirements of Part C: Environmental Requirements was presented.

Environmental Authorisation and WULA were obtained during the initial construction. Current approvals do allow for the limited extraction of water from the Gwaing River. A project specific Environmental Management Plan is included in the document and a Designated Environmental Officer is required. A site walk for the identification of the protected plants identified was undertaken during the previous construction works.

A brief summary of the requirements of Part D: Stakeholder & community liaison, & targeted labour & targeted enterprises utilisation and development was presented.

A brief summary of the requirements of Part E: Health & Safety was presented. A project specific Health & Safety Plan is included in the document. A Construction Work Permit will be required.

#### **4.4 TECHNICAL DETAILS**

The project involves the completion of the project that commenced in 2017. The current works are at various stages of completion. The original construction drawings and details have been issued, however status drawings have also been compiled for the following components:

- Status drawing of the new bridge structure where completed works are shown.
- Status drawings of the pavement layers where the current completed pavement structure is indicated. These will also need to be reassessed during the project to determine whether additional work or rework of these layers will be required. In some cases, the BoQ makes provisions for the stripping of portions of the layer and replacement with new materials before reworking the layer.
- Status drawing of the stormwater system showing what stormwater aspects have been completed and what works is still required.

A brief summary of the status drawings and the remaining works was then presented to the tenderers.

The tenderers were advised that some of the as-built materials information from the previous project has been included in Volume 6.

Tenderers were advised that the Accommodation of Traffic for the project will need to be handled in three phases and that the full length and width of the road is to be maintained during the contractors annual shutdown period is Dec/Jan. Works on the existing bridge deck (e.g. replacement of bridge joints) will only be able to be undertaken once the new carriageway and bridge crossing has been completed.

The key quantities included in the BoQ were then highlighted.

## 5 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTIONS	Tender Document	ANSWERS
1. Can some of the labour and subcontracting targets be increased	Volume 3 Book 2 C1.2.2	1. No targets will be adjusted although nothing prohibits the contractors from achieving in excess of the stipulated minimum target.
2. When will the project be appointed and what happens if the project then goes through two Dec/Jan shutdown periods	Volume 3 Book 2 C1.2.2 & BoQ	2. No answer given in clarification meeting however the construction period has now been adjusted to 18months. Will be issued as an addendum.
3. Must the bearings at the half joints be refurbished.	Volume 4, Drawing No. 24401723	3. No, only at the abutments.
4. Item B13.01 (i) is stated as a lump sum. Is this correct as how can this be priced if the quantity is not provided.	Volume 3 Book 3 C1.2.2 & BoQ	4. These items will be reviewed and issued as an addendum

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CLARIFICATION NO.1**

I \_\_\_\_\_

Representing \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby acknowledge that I have received the above clarification minutes and that I am conversant with the contents thereof.

**Receipt of clarification no.1 for contract SANRAL N.002-070-2023/2 is hereby acknowledged. Please acknowledge all files received by ticking the appropriate box.**

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