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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Supplier Name:

GOODS SERVICE

RFQ Number:	iLABS/RFQ 2026/27:36-01
Description of Services/ Goods:	The provision of publishing services for the proceedings of Kruger2026 Conference for NRF iThemba LABS
Date Issued:	18 June 2026
Closing Date:	25 June 2026 (Extended to 16 July 2026)
Closing Time:	16:00
Delivery Address:	iThemba LABS, ATT: SCM Department, Old Faure Road, Faure, 7131
Submit RFQ to:	 Scm3@tlabs.ac.za (Quotes must be submitted through the email address provided only.)
Date Goods or Service Required:	As soon as possible
For More Information (Technical):	Scm3@tlabs.ac.za
For More Information (Supply Chain Management):	Scm3@tlabs.ac.za

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL APPLY:

- **Where quotations/proposals are R 2 000.00 or more, the preferential Procurement System Applicable is 80/20**
- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at **least sixty (60) days from closing date of the RFQ.**
- Price(s) quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

- For Any advance payments: A payment guarantee approved by iThemba Labs Finance will be accepted.
- Payment terms are 30 days from date of invoice received date
 - As schedule 3A public entity: Payments terms are 30 days from date of invoices (should you be awarded).

- Should your conditions differ i.e. shorter payment terms, your organisation will be requested to submit a Payment Guarantee to mitigate all risks.
- Or shorter payment of 7/14days from delivery date mutually agreed between both parties, **at the time of submitting your pricing proposal.**
- A firm delivery period **must** be indicated.
- Late proposals/quotations / bids will be not be accepted.
- **Submit your B - BBEE Certificate as accredited with SANAS or Sworn affidavit if you are claiming for specific goals.**
- **Bidder / service provider / supplier that fails to provide mandatory RFQ requirements may be disqualified.**
- **Changes made by the / service provider/supplier to the RFQ template and its terms and conditions will not be considered after the closing date and time**
- Provide CSD Summary Report (www.csd.gov.za)
- The attached forms to be completed by the Bidder (where applicable):
 - SBD 4 – Bidder disclose
 - SBD 6.1 – Preference Points Claim (South African Companies Only)
- This request for formal quotation is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) and The Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022, **The General Conditions of Contract (GCC and, if applicable, any other special Conditions of Contract.**

REGISTRATION ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD):

The bidder must be on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database in order to do business with the NRF and for the NRF to award a bid and sign the subsequent contract. Registration on the CSD (www.csd.gov.za) is compulsory and bids from unregistered bidders are not considered. National Treasury Contact Details: +27 (0) 12 406 9222 or email csd.support@treasury.gov.za

SCHEDULE 1 - SPECIFICATION

Introduction to the NRF

The National Research Foundation ("NRF") is a juristic person established in terms of the National Research Foundation Act, Act 23 of 1998, and a Schedule 3A Public Entity in terms of the Public Finance Management Act. The NRF is the government's national agency responsible for promoting and supporting research and human capital development through funding researchers, provision of the National Research Platforms, and science outreach platforms/programs to the broader community. The NRF provides these services in all fields of science and technology, including natural science, engineering, social science, and humanities.

The NRF is a schedule 3A entity under the PFMA (Act 29 of 1999), which is required to plan and report on its activities and organizational performance, and which is to be audited by the AGSA on an annual basis. As part of the AGSA audit requirements, the NRF has to collect / document and store details, data and/or information of all persons and activities that form part of its performance record as proof thereof. In terms of this requirement, all persons making use of NRF facilities, platforms, equipment, tools etc., for research and related purposes are required to provide their personal details/data/information as per the template below or other similarly appropriate format. By completing your information in the template/register/record below and appending your signature thereto, you confirm your consent, in line with the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, whereby the NRF and any of its business units may process (collect, receive, record, organize, collate, share, store, update, modify, retrieve, alter, consult, use, disseminate, distribute, merge, link, erase or destroy) the personal information you provide within and amongst its business units/functions for the purpose of fulfilling its statutory mandate, public accountability and other regulatory/legal requirements.

Introduction to the Business Unit responsible for this RFQ

iThemba LABS (Laboratory for Accelerator-Based Sciences) is a multi-disciplinary research laboratory based at two sites in the Western Cape and Gauteng respectively, these provide facilities for:

- Basic and applied nuclear physics research using particle beams
- Research Radiation Biophysics
- The supply of accelerator-produced radioactive isotopes for nuclear medicine and research

Evaluation Process

- **Evaluation of proposals:**

All proposals will be evaluated by Supply Chain Management for administrative compliance, functionality, price and B-BBEE. Based on the results of the evaluation process and upon successful negotiations, iThemba LABS will approve the awarding of the contract to the successful bidder.

- **Preference points system:**

The 80/20 preference point system will be used where 80 points will be dedicated to price and 20 points to B-BBEE status. "If all bids received are more than R 1 000 000.00, this request is automatically cancelled".

Subject to section 2(1)(f) of the PPPFA, the contract will be awarded to the tenderer scoring the highest points.

No price quotations or competitive bids shall be awarded to business or persons who are not tax compliant.

- CSD and tax complaint status PIN are the approved methods of verifying the tax compliance status of a bidder.

Name of Supplier:	
Valid Compliant Tax pin:	
Address of Supplier:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Tel:	

Email Address:	
CSD Supplier Number:	MAAA.....
Lead Time for delivery	
Currency:	ZAR
Payment terms:	30 days from date of receipt of invoice

<u>Administrative Compliance Returnable Documents</u> (M – Mandatory); (O – Optional)	Submitted	
Bidders Disclosure (SBD 4), signed and completed.	M	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Preference Points Claimed (SBD 6.1), signed and completed with BBBEE certificate or sworn affidavit (applicable for local bidders).	O	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
(M – Mandatory); (O – Optional)	Submitted	
Pricing completed (or submit an official/formal quotation)	M	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Portfolio of evidence listing the below mentioned criteria's: Portfolio of evidence of prior conference proceeding of more than 100 papers	M	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Pricing breakdown of the services	M	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Background and business information/Company profile	M	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Databases and discovery services in which the journal is published	M	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The supplier must have a proven track record of online publication of international academic/scientific conference proceedings in nuclear science	M	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
The supplier must have a stable, online platform for the management of the submissions.	M	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFICATIONS:

Description of Services:

The provision of publishing services for the proceedings of the Seventh Biennial *Workshop on Discovery Physics at the LHC (Kruger2026)*, to be held from **30 November to 4 December 2026**.

Background:

NRF-iThemba LABS will host the Seventh Biennial *Workshop on Discovery Physics at the LHC (Kruger2026)*. This conference is held every two years in the Kruger National Park and has established itself as a significant international platform for scientific engagement.

The primary objective of the conference is to promote the exchange of new scientific results and the development of innovative ideas and models related to Large Hadron Collider (LHC) physics. Additionally, the conference contributes to:

- Human capacity development in South Africa
- Expanding the footprint of High Energy Physics
- Advancement of related critical skills
- Technology transfer (including Artificial Intelligence, High Performance Computing, Big Data Analytics, and modern sensor technologies)

The conference will cover the following thematic areas:

- Particle Physics
- Heavy Ion Physics
- Physics beyond the discovery of the Higgs Boson

Kruger2026 builds on the success of previous conferences held in 2022, 2018, 2016, 2014, and 2012. The scientific programme will be structured by a Local Organising Committee (LOC) and an International Advisory Committee (IAC).

The conference is expected to host approximately 100 participants.

NRF-iThemba LABS and the Conference Organisers will establish Editors for the proceedings and manage the article submission and revision process, meeting the requirements for accreditation by the DHET as a recognised academic publication.

SPECIFICATIONS

The appointed service provider will be required to provide the following:

Publication Requirements

- Publication of online, open-access conference proceedings, freely accessible and downloadable in perpetuity
- Estimated number of papers: 50
- Estimated number of pages: 300
- Expected submission date: 30 April 2027
- Required publication date: 30 June 2027

Content and Metadata Management

- Preparation of online metadata (title, authors, affiliations, abstracts, references)
- Assignment of DOI identifiers and indexing through CrossRef®
- Online publication of PDF articles and generation of HTML metadata

Quality and Presentation

All articles to be published in colour;

- Proceedings should be indexed in main databases;
- Access to journal's services, e.g. recommend this article, download citation, metrics, citation tracking, view count, etc.);
- Access via links to social bookmarking websites;
- Archiving and maintenance of the proceedings for an unlimited time;
- Quality checking of submitted pdfs, including:
 - symbols, tables, graphs, numbering, author affiliations;
 - Standard editing of submitted pdfs, including:
 - English language grammar, consistency, and clarity;
 - Spelling, grammar, punctuation and conformity.
- Check of the quality of submitted files for common errors (symbols, figures and tables, wrong numbering, etc)

The proceedings must be indexed and discoverable in main databases.

PRICING SCHEDULE:

No.	Supplier Specifications include Model if applicable	Quantity	Price Per Unit (Incl. VAT)	Total (Incl. VAT)
1.	Estimate of expected number of papers: 50 Estimated number of pages:300	50 papers/ 300 pages	R	R
2.	The preparation of the online metadata (title,authors, affiliations, abstract, references)		R	R
3.	Attribution of DOI Names and indexation to CrossRef®;		R	R
4.	Online publication of the PDF articles and creation of HTML metadata		R	R
5.	All articles to be published in colour		R	R
6.	Proceedings should be indexed in main databases		R	R
7.	Access to journal's services, e.g. recommend this article, download citation, metrics, citation tracking, view count, etc.)		R	R
8.	Access via links to social bookmarking websites		R	R
9.	Archiving and maintenance of the proceedings for an unlimited time;		R	R
10.	Quality checking of submitted pdfs, including: symbols, tables, graphs, numbering, author affiliations;		R	R
11.	Standard editing of submitted pdfs, including:		R	R

	English language grammar, consistency, and clarity Spelling, grammar, punctuation and conformity			
12.	Check of the quality of submitted files for common errors (symbols, figures and tables, wrong numbering, etc)		R	R
TOTAL (VAT INCLUSIVE)				R

STANDARD BIDDING DOCUMENT (SBD) 4

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

¹ the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:
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2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES/NO**

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:
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3 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name)..... in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

² Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of bidder

**PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT
REGULATIONS 2022**

This preference form must form part of all tenders invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for specific goals.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, TENDERERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF THE TENDER AND PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to invitations to tender:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- The 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 The applicable preference point system for this tender is the 80/20 preference point system.

1.3 Points for this tender (even in the case of a tender for income-generating contracts) shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) Specific Goals.

1.4 The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
Total points for Price and SPECIFIC GOALS	100

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.
- 1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) "tender" means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;
- (b) "price" means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (c) "rand value" means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;
- (d) "tender for income-generating contracts" means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and
- (e) "The Act" means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

$$Ps = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

Where

- Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration
 Pt = Price of tender under consideration
 Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

Table 1: Specific goals for the tender and points claimed are indicated per the table below.

Notes to tenderers: The tenderer must indicate how they claim points for each preference point system. The tenderer must submit Proof of B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit.

Specific Goals	Number of points allocated (80/20 system) (between R2 000 and R50 000 000)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 1 to 3	8	
B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 4 to 6	6	
B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 7 to 8	2	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black-owned	3	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black female-owned	3	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black youth-owned	1	
Supplier that is at least 51% owned by People with Disabilities	1	
EME or QSE	4	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

4.1. Name of company/firm.....

4.2. Company registration number:

4.3. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One-person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Public Company
- Personal Liability Company
- (Pty) Limited

- Non-Profit Company
- State Owned Company

[Tick applicable box]

4.4. I, the undersigned, who is duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the specific goals as advised in the tender, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the audi alteram partem (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

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