

Independent Communications Authority of South Africa

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MINUTES OF THE BRIEFING SESSION MEETING HELD ON Monday 08 MARCH 2021 - BID NUMBER: ICASA 37 2020 APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE PROVISION OF A MULTI-MODULE IT- BASED COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEM ON AN 90/10 PPPFA 2000, PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATION: 2017. The bid is for a period of 3 years for system development and 5 years ex-post development support.

NO.	ITEMS	NOTES/ DISCUSSIONS
1.	Opening and Welcome	The chairperson Mr Siziba introduced himself and welcomed everyone present at the briefing session and declared the meeting opened at 11h03. He indicated that the briefing session was compulsory and that only the prospective bidders that attended the briefing session will be allowed to submit their RFB. Mr Siziba further stated that he will present the Supply Chain Management requirements for the bid and that Mr David Molapo will present the TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS and the TORs of the project. Mr. Siziba went through all the critical SCM requirements on a POWERPOINT PRESENTATION slides. See attached PowerPoint presentation.

2.	Attendance	 Mr S.Siziba (Chairperson) Mr. David Molapo (Project Leader) Mr Eric Nkopodi Senior Manager Enhineering Technology Ms.Sbahle Mhlaba Supervisor Bids and Contracts Mrs Chantelle Brink SCM Manager Mr. Jowi Molomo Bid Administrator Ms. Keitumetse Setshedi Manager ECN/ENCS CCA
		8) Ms.Busisiwe Mashigo Manager Licencing and others, the attendance list has reference
		See attached attendance register for the list of potential bidders present
3.	POWERPOINT PRESENTATION of critical SCM requirements and bid administration, Questions and Answers	3.1 Mr. Siziba went through all the critical SCM requirements on a POWERPOINT PRESENTATION slides, mainly emphasizing the following in detail:-
		Closing date and time to submit bid offers; 19 March 2021@11am
		 90/10 principle Completion and signing of mandatory Standard Bidding Documents (SBD 1, 3.1, 4, 8 and 9) by an authorized person as per the requirements of the bid document); Submission of authentic Tax Clearance Certificate which is valid and original including that of the
		 sub-contractor(s) or JV Partner(s); consortium Completion and signing of SBD 6.1 – Submission of B-BBEE Certificate which is valid and original/certified copy or Affidavit – Price on SBD 3.1 which complies with 90/10 preference Price on SBD 3.1 which must include VAT and complies with 90/10 preference point system See attached POWERPOINT PRESENTATION.

3.2 <u>Bid administration Questions and Answers</u> Question 1: Is it possible to email the prospective bidders the PowerPoint presentation? Answer to Question 1: Yes, and all question and answers will be published on ICASAs website. Question 2: Other prospective bidders are coming in after 11am are we going to allow that? Answer to Question 2: Yes; there is no basis for not allowing them especially since the bid is compulsory and if they are not allowed it will also disqualify them for submitting their bids.

4. PRESENTATION OF TORS	4.1 Mr Molapo went through the approved terms of reference starting with that were beamed for all prospective bidders to see as follows
	 Firstly the background to the PROJECT What ICASA is and its mandate Policy directions that guide ICASA Its different functions as a regulator etc and when the directive on the project was issued Objective(s) Scope of Work Also emphasizing special mandatory conditions GMSA Requirements Functionality OEM requirements Key personnel requirements Skills transfer requirements Minimum score is 70 points Table for pricing, bidders must use format/structure supplied as much as possible if not, not to deviate much from the original. Project inception required from successful bidder presentation to the project steering committee Also stressed that in exceptional cases, the bid may, on reasonable and justifiable grounds, be awarded to a bidder that did not score the highest number of points. See attached terms of reference

<u>Terms of Reference Questions and Answers</u>

Question 1: Under the point seven in contracting it says, Awarding of the bid, In exceptional cases, the bid may, on reasonable and justifiable grounds, be awarded to a bidder that did not score the highest number of points

The service provider is of the view that even though there is a point system an entire point system can be bypassed, and a tender selected outside the point system, thereby affecting the integrity of the entire tender structure

Answer to Question 1: No that is not the case, Different elements will be considered however the entire points system will not be put aside, compliance will still be maintained and will consider what we value more the ability to deliver from a technical point of view. Vs price etc.

Question 2: Who will organise 3rd party information to report on the necessary modules required? **Answer to Question 2:** Any helpful information will be provided to bidders by ICASA to respond appropriately to the bid unless specific 3rd party information is required

Question 3:What about accessing information data to ensure compliance monitoring on a network or connection QOS in order to agree to an acceptable measure, will that be taken care of by ICASA as well? **Answer to Question 3:** Yes; Raw data will be provided by ICASA as provided for by the Regulations.

Question 4: Will a succefull bidder be required to do integration with the IT system of the operator to report in real time independently or will a data base be provided from the operators and information be captured on the database or will the reporting come from the operators? This is a question based from the legal and technical side pertaining to access to information.

Answer to Question 4: There are certain Regulations in place that impose certain obligations on operators to give regulator access we regulate and monitor on a 24 days and 365 days and therefore we need to interface with the operators, otherwise we will only have snapshots of the information that we require as is the case now through drive test and what operators tell us that information is incomplete so we need interface to gather information for ourselves as the regulator.

	Annexure A in page 5 has architecture explaining the interface meaning ICASA will have a set up and operator
	will also have a set up at their premises refer also to 3.2 under Annexure A
	Question 5: What will happen if after the implementation of the system one operator changes an IT system
	or changes the version of one application which can also happen during an upgrade due to optimisation, ca
	ICASA guarantee that they give us correct documentation to implement the connector if not how are w
	going to be compensated if it is wrong, connectors are developed with detailed specifications in order t
	assist interfaces
	Answer to Question 5: there are Regulations that pertain to integration and our system must work together
	with that of the operators irrespective of any changes our system must adapt otherwise if not that will defea
	the point in acquiring a Telcom Monitoring system.
	Question 6: Regarding the 5-year support and maintenance who is going to operate the system, is it th
	successful bidder or ICASA through skill transfer
	Answer to Question 6: Successful bidders to develop blueprint and impart knowledge through skill transfe
	and ICASA will operate the system, bidders are required in the bid document to explain how skills transfe
	will be done.
	Question 7: is the bid a consultancy tender as per rates sheet in page 18 or you require physical
	infrastructure, is it all of the above or one versus the other, what is it that is required from potential bidders
	Answer to Question 7: Prospective bidders are required to provide infrastructure, support and maintenance
	With no further question from prospective bidders
Closure	Mr. Siziba thanked everyone for their contribution and participation. He indicated that prospective bidders at
	welcome to submit further questions up until 72hours before closing of the bid as stipulated on the bid
	document, and thereafter adjourned the briefing session at 12h05.

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