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LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

REQUEST FOR FORMAL WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATIONS

GOODS

(R 30,000 to R 200,000)

SUPPLY, DELIVERY & OFF LOADING OF QUANTITIES OF THREE (03) TON RHEOFLOC 5356, OR EQUIVALENT POLY-ELECTROLITE FOR BOSKRANS WASTE WATER WORKS (STEVE TSHWETE MUNICIPALITY IN MIDDELBURG, MPUMALANGA)

Kindly furnish me with a written quote for the supply of the goods as detailed in the enclosed schedule.

The following conditions will apply:

- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least ninety (90) days from date of your offer.
- Price(s) quoted must be firm.
- A firm delivery period must be indicated.
- This quotation will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference point system as prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (No 5 of 2000) and for this purpose the enclosed forms MBD 1, MBD 2, MBD 3.1, MBD 4, MBD 6.1, MBD 8 and MBD 9 must be scrutinized, completed and submitted together with your quotation.
- The successful provider will be the one scoring the highest points.
- The Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any quote.

Failure to comply with these conditions may invalidate your offer.

Yours faithfully

**MS MNGUNI
ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

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MBD 1: REQUEST FOR A FORMAL WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATION – FIRM FIXED PRICE

(Over R10 000.00 up to a transaction value of R200 000.00 VAT included)

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

BID NUMBER: Q31.07.17

CLOSING DATE: 02 August 2017 CLOSING TIME: 12H00.

DESCRIPTION: SUPPLY, DELIVERY & OFFLOADING OF QUANTITIES OF THREE (03) TON RHEOFLOC 5356 OR EQUIVALENT POLY-ELECTROLITE FOR BOSKRANS WASTE WATER WORKS (STEVE TSHWETE MUNICIPALITY IN MIDDELBURG)

The successful bidder will be required to fill in and sign a written Contract Form (MBD 7.1)

Bid documents may be deposited into a box marked QUOTATIONS

New Infrastructure building (Old Nashua building)
14 SADC str. 1st floor
Middelburg
Mpumalanga

Bidders should ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address. If the bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.

The bid box is generally open 7H30 TO 16H00 hours Monday to Thursday and 07h30 to 13h30 on Friday.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS – (NOT TO BE RE-TYPED)

THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

THIS BID WILL BE EVALUATED AND ADJUDICATED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Relevant specifications
2. Value for money
3. Capability to execute the contract
4. PPPFA and associated criteria

NB: NO QUOTATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE

**THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MUST BE FURNISHED
(FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING DISQUALIFIED)**

Name of Bidder:

Postal Address:

Street Address:

Telephone Number:

Code.....Number.....

Cellphone Number:

.....

Facsimile Number:

Code Number.....

Vat Registration Number:

Has an original tax clearance certificate been attached (MBD 2)? Yes / No

Are you the accredited representative in South Africa for the services offered by you? Yes / No

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

DATE:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

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TOTAL BID PRICE CARRIED OVER FROM MBD 3.1: R

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Municipality: Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

Department: Finance – Supply Chain Management

Contact Person: Mr. P. Van der Merwe

Tel: (013) 249 7000

Fax: (013) 243 2550

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Contact Person: Davidson Machaka

Department: Civil Engineering

Tel: 013 249 7163

Fax: 013 243 2550

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Description of the goods and services required

**SUPPLY, DELIVERY & OFFLOADING OF QUANTITIES OF THREE (03) TON RHEOFLOC 5356 OR EQUIVALENT
POLY-ELECTROLITE FOR BOSKRANS WASTE WATER WORKS, STEVE TSHWETE MUNICIPALITY IN
MIDDELBURG**

2. Specifications

Water treatment chemical for sludge thickening with the following properties:

Physical State	:	granular solid
Colour	:	white
Odour	:	none
pH	:	2.5 – 4.5 @ 5 g/l
Melting point (°C)	:	Not applicable
Flash point (°C)	:	Not applicable

3. Preferred Product

The preferred product is Rheofloc 5356. Equivalent product for water treatment chemicals for application in sludge thickening will however be considered.

4. Offer on Equivalent Product

In a case where the bidder offers an equivalent product that has never been used or tested for sludge thickening at Boskrans WWTW, the bidder shall be required to supply a 50 kg sample of the proposed product for testing at the Boskrans WWTW. Submission of the sample is a prerequisite to conclusion of the bid award. Failure to submit the sample within 5 working days after receipt of the request from the Municipality shall result in the bid being disqualified.

5. Reimbursement and Submission of a Sand Sample

The Municipality will not reimburse the bidder for submission of the required 50kg sample nor will the Municipality reimburse any cost associated with sourcing, handling, storage and/or delivery of the required sample. Failure to submit the required sample will result in the bid being disqualified.

6. Delivery and offloading of goods

The product is to be delivered at Boskrans Waste Water Treatment Plant in Middelburg. The supplier should ensure that enough labour is available for offloading and that the stock is packed according to the supervisor's request in the designated storage area.

7. Delivery Period

The delivery period is 14 days from the date of receipt of an official Order. If the goods are not delivered within the prescribed period, the Municipality reserves the right to cancel the Order

without prior notice after the lapse of the prescribed 14 days delivery period.

8. Information to be provided with the bid

The total cost of the 25 kg × 120 bags (3000 kg) of Rheofloc/ equivalent Poly-Electrolyte including transport to Boskrans Waste Water Treatment Plant. The product should be suitable to densify sludge from a DAF unit which will be dewatered through a filter belt press.

9. Information that will be provided by the Municipality

An order would be send soon after bid evaluation.

10. Pricing Guidelines

Pricing should cover the supply of product, delivery and offloading to Boskrans Waste Water Treatment plant.

MBD 2: TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

It is a condition of bid that the taxes of the successful bidder must be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

1. In order to meet this requirement bidders are required to complete in full form TCC001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" and submit it to any SARS branch office nationally. The Tax Clearance Certificate Requirements are also applicable to foreign bidders / individuals who wish to submit bids. Copies of the TCC 001 "Application for a Tax Clearance Certificate" form are available from any SARS branch office nationally or on the website www.sars.gov.za.
2. SARS will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for a period of 1 (one) year from the date of approval.
3. In bids where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate.
4. Applications for the Tax Clearance Certificates may also be made via eFiling. In order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as eFilers through the website www.sars.gov.za.
5. Exemption to the provision of a Tax Clearance Certificate will be granted provided that:
 - a) The bidder is registered on the vendor database of the municipality and a valid tax clearance certificate was submitted together with the application for registration
 - b) If the closing date of the price quotation or bid falls within the expiry date of the tax clearance certificate that is in the municipality's possession.

MBD 3.1: PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM PRICES (PURCHASES)

NOTE:

ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON-FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

IN CASES WHERE DIFFERENT DELIVERY POINTS INFLUENCE THE PRICING, A SEPARATE PRICING SCHEDULE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH DELIVERY POINT

Name of Bidder:.....	Bid Number: Q31.07.17
Closing Time: 12:00	Closing Date: 02 August 2017

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR **90 DAYS** FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID

NO.	QUANTITY	ITEM	BRAND & MODEL	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY
1	3 Ton	Poly-Electrolyte for sludge thickening	Rheofloc 5356 or Equivalent	
2	01	Transport and offloading		
7			Sub-Total	
8			VAT (14%)	
9			Total	
TOTAL CARRIED OVER TO MBD 1				

ITEM	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	DOES OFFER COMPLY WITH SPECIFICATIONS? (YES/NO)	IF NOT TO SPECIFICATION, INDICATE DEVIATIONS	PERIOD REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY (WEEKS)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination

MBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹.
2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.
- 3 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

- 3.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:.....
- 3.2 Identity Number:
- 3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, hareholder²):.....
- 3.4 Company Registration Number:
- 3.5 Tax Reference Number:.....
- 3.6 VAT Registration Number:
- 3.7 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.
- 3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state? **YES / NO**
 - 3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars.
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¹MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

- (a) a member of –
 - (i) any municipal council;
 - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
 - (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No.1 of 1999);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or
- (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

² Shareholder” means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the company or business and exercises control over the company.

3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months?**YES / NO**

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars.....
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3.10 Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.
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3.11 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars
.....
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3.12 *Are any of the company’s directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?* **NO** **YES /**

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.
.....
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3.13 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company’s directors trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars.
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3.14 Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders, or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other related companies or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract. **YES / NO**

3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars:

4. Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

.....
Date

.....
Signature

.....
Capacity

.....
Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATION

I, **THE** **UNDERSIGNED** **(NAME)**

.....
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY ACT AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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 Signature

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 Date

.....
 Position

.....
 Name of Bidder

MBD 6.1

**PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL
PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017**

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
- 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
- a) The value of this bid is estimated to **not exceed** R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the **80/20** preference point system shall be applicable; or
 - b) The 80/20 preference point system will be applicable to this tender.

1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price; and
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.

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

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.
- 1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **“B-BBEE”** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **“B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **“bid”** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **“Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act”** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **“EME”** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (f) **“functionality”** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **“prices”** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **“proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor”** means:
- 1) B-BBEE Status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
 - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
 - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act;
- (i) **“QSE”** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (j) **“rand value”** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20 **or** **90/10**

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad P_s = 90 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

P_t = Price of bid under consideration

P_{\min} = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

5. BID DECLARATION

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 20 points)
 (Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.)

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(Tick applicable box)

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE
(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

8.1 Name _____ of
company/firm:.....

8.2 VAT _____ registration
number:.....

8.3 Company _____ registration
number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
 - One person business/sole propriety
 - Close corporation
 - Company
 - (Pty) Limited
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
 - Supplier
 - Professional service provider
 - Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.
- [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Municipality where business is situated:

Registered Account Number:
Stand Number:.....

8.8 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.9 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we 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 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding 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 bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury 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.

WITNESSES 1. 2.

..... SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
DATE: ADDRESS

MBD 8: DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1. This Standard Bidding Document forms part of all bids invited.
2. It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
3. The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder, or any of its directors have-
 - a) abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - b) committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - c) failed to perform on any previous contract.
4. In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the National Treasury after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? To access this Register enter the National Treasury's website, www.treasury.gov.za, click on the icon "Register for Tender Defaulters" or submit your written request for a hard copy of the Register to facsimile number (012) 3265445.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....
 CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM IS TRUE
 AND CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT,
 ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.**

.....
 Signature

.....
 Date

.....
 Position

.....
 Name of Bidder

MBD 9: CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by the **Steve Tshwete Local Municipality**

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf

of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. 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 consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.

7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.

8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

9. 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.

10. 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.

.....
 Signature Date

.....
 Position Name of Bidder

³ 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.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The General Conditions of Contract is not included in this document and may be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.treasury.gov.za/legislation/pfma/public%20entities/PFMA%20GCC%20July%202010.pdf>