



BID NO.: FIN2024-BID-004

PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES FOR UTHUKELA WATER FOR FIVE YEARS

SUBMISSION OF BID DOCUMENT DEADLINE

Date: 17 May 2024

Time: 12h00

Venue: 79 Harding Street Newcastle 2940

Name of Bidder	
CSD Master Registration Number	
Physical Address	
Contact Person(s)	
Phone Number(s)	
E-Mail Address	
BID AMOUNT (VAT Incl)	

Sealed bid document must be deposited in the **Tender Box** provided at uThukela Water 79 Harding Street, Newcastle by no later than **12h00** on **17 May 2024** where bids will be opened in public. Please be advised that the name, address, and contact details should be written at the back of the envelope.

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PART A – ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. CHECKLIST

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING FORMS HAVE BEEN DULY COMPLETED AND SIGNED AND THAT ALL DOCUMENTS AS REQUESTED, ARE ATTACHED TO THE BID DOCUMENT:

Description	Yes/No			
	Yes		No	
MBD 1 – Invitation to Bid Is the form duly completed and signed?	Yes		No	
Authority to Sign a Bid Is the form duly completed and is a certified copy of the resolution attached?	Yes		No	
MBD 3 PRICING Schedule Is the form duly signed				
MBD 4 Declaration of Interest Is the form duly completed and signed?	Yes		No	
MBD 5 - Declaration Procurement above R10 Million Is the form duly completed and signed?	Yes		No	
MBD 8 Declaration of Past Supply Chain Practices Is the form duly completed and signed?	Yes		No	
MBD 9 Certificate of Independent Bid Determination Is the form duly completed and signed?	Yes		No	
Certificate of Payment of Municipal Accounts Is a certified copy of the latest (i.e. not older than three months) Municipal Account Statement attached?	Yes		No	
Experience of Bidder Is the form duly completed with relevant experience detailed and signed?	Yes		No	

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

2. BID NOTICE TO SUBMIT BID OFFERS

PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES FOR UTHUKELA WATER (PTY) LTD FOR FIVE (5) YEARS

In terms of section 110 of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003, tenders are hereby invited by uThukela Water for provision of banking services for five (5) years.

It is compulsory that service providers download a copy of the bid document that will only be available on uThukela Water website- www.uthukelawater.co.za/procurement/competitivebids from 14th March 2024.

Bidders are required to attend a compulsory clarification meeting to be held on Wednesday 20th March 2024, at 10h00 at uThukela Water board room.

Bids will be adjudicated in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2017; Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 5 of 2000 and other applicable legal prescripts, and will be based on 80/20 point system. Preference points will be awarded to service providers using their B-BBEE status level of contribution. The Entity reserves the right to accept all, some, or none of the tenders submitted, either wholly or in part, and it is not obliged to accept the lowest tender

Functional Evaluation

Only bids that comply with all administrative requirements (Acceptable Bids) will be considered during the functionality evaluation phase, and the allocation of points will be based on functional criterions as indicated in the Terms of Reference.

Minimum functional requirement score: Service providers that score at least the minimum of 70% on functionality will be evaluated further, whereby the financial offers will be looked at.

Completed bid documents complying with the conditions of bid must be sealed and endorsed "BID No: FIN2024-BID-004 PROVISION FOR BANKING SERVICES ." bearing the name and address of the bidder at the back of the envelope to be deposited in the official tender box at uThukela Water (Pty) Ltd, 79 Harding Street, Newcastle, by no later than 12:00 on 17th May 2024, where bids will be opened in public. Late quotations or tenders received by way of facsimile or e-mail will under no circumstances be considered.

This bid will remain valid for 120 days. The Entity reserves the right to accept all, some, or none of the bids submitted, either wholly or in part and it is not obliged to accept the lowest bid.

Only prospective suppliers who are registered on the National Treasury Supplier database are legible to bid. To register on the CSD log onto www.csd.gov.za

Technical enquiries: Ms F Moola, Farida.Moola@uthukelawater.co.za

Procurement enquiries: You may send a query to Zamantungwa.mhlongo@uthukelawater.co.za

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**NKOSI WB
Managing Director
uThukela Water (Pty) Ltd
79 Harding Street
Private Bag X 6644
Newcastle
2940**

**MBD 1: INVITATION TO BID
PART A**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF UTHUKELA WATER (PTY) LTD					
Bid Number	FIN2024-BID-004	Closing Date	17 May 2024	Closing Time	12h00
Description	PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES FOR UTHUKELA WATER FOR FIVE (5) YEARS				
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).					

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT

**UTHUKELA WATER (PTY) LTD
79 HARDING STREET
NEWCASTLE
2940**

SUPPLIER INFORMATION

Name of Bidder					
Postal Address					
Street Address					
Telephone Number	Code		Number		
Cellphone Number					
Facsimile Number	Code		Number		
E-Mail Address					
Vat Registration Number					
Tax Compliance Status	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:	
B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate [Tick Applicable Box]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE Status Level Sworn Affidavit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]

Are you the Accredited Representative in South Africa for the Goods /Services /Works Offered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if yes enclose proof)	Are you a Foreign Based Supplier for the Goods /Services /Works Offered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if yes, answer part B:3)
Signature of Bidder		Date:	

Capacity under which this bid is signed:

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

Bidding Procedure Enquiries		Technical enquiries
Contact person	Ms Z Mhlongo	Ms Farida Moola
Telephone number	034 328 5000	034 328 5000
E-mail address	Zamantungwa.mhlongo@uthukelawater.co.za	Farida.Moola@uthukelawater.co.za

PART B
Terms and Conditions for Bidding

1. BID SUBMISSION:

- 1.1. Bids must be delivered by the stipulated time to the correct address. Late bids will not be accepted for consideration.
- 1.2. **All bids must be submitted on the official forms provided–(not to be re-typed) or online**
- 1.3. This bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) and, if applicable, any other special conditions of contract.

2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Bidders must ensure compliance with their tax obligations.
- 2.2 Bidders are required to submit their unique Personal Identification Number (Pin) issued by SARS to enable the organ of state to view the taxpayer's profile and tax status.
- 2.3 Application for the Tax Compliance Status (TCS) certificate or Pin may also be made via e-filing. In order to use this provision, taxpayers will need to register with SARS as e-filers through the **website www.sars.gov.za**.
- 2.4 Foreign suppliers must complete the Pre-Award Questionnaire in part B:3.
- 2.5 Bidders may also submit a printed TCS certificate together with the bid.
- 2.6 In bids where consortia / joint ventures / sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate TCS certificate / Pin / CSD number.
- 2.7 Where no TCS is available but the bidder is registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD), a CSD number must be provided.

3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

- 3.1. Is the entity a resident of the Republic of South Africa (RSA)? Yes No
- 3.2. Does the entity have a branch in the RSA? Yes No
- 3.3. Does the entity have a permanent establishment in the RSA? Yes No
- 3.4. Does the entity have any source of income in the RSA? Yes No
- 3.5. Is the entity liable in the RSA for any form of taxation? Yes No

If the answer is "no" to all of the above, then it is not a requirement to register for a Tax Compliance Status System Pin Code from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) and if not register as per 2.3 above.

**NB: Failure to provide any of the above particulars may render the bid invalid.
No bids will be considered from persons in the service of the state.**

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

DATE:

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF BID

1. General conditions of Contract

- 1.1. This Bid is subject to the General Conditions of Contract (GCC) 2010 and, if applicable, any other Special Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is a conflict between the GCC and SCC, the provisions in the SCC shall prevail.

2. Pricing

- 2.1. Rates and prices offered by the bidder must be written onto the pricing schedule or form of offer of this document by hand, completed in full and signed by the duly authorised signatory.
- 2.2. All prices shall be quoted in South African currency and be **INCLUSIVE of VAT**. Bid prices that do not include VAT shall not be considered.
- 2.3. Bid prices must include all expenses, disbursements and costs (e.g. transport, accommodation etc.) which may be required for the execution of the bidder's obligations in terms of the Contract. Bid prices shall cover the cost of all general risks, liabilities and obligations set forth or implied in the Contract, as well as overhead charges and profit (in the event that the bid is successful), unless otherwise specified.
- 2.4. All bid prices will be final and binding.
- 2.4.1. A bid will not be invalidated if the amount in words and the amount in figures do not correspond,
- 2.4.2. in which case the amount in words shall be read out at the bid opening and shall be deemed to be the bid amount; therefore, where there is a discrepancy between the amount in figures and the amount in words, the amount in words shall apply.

3. Forward Exchange Rate Cover

- 3.1. In the event of price(s) based on the exchange rate, the successful bidder(s) will be required to obtain exchange rate cover in order to protect the Municipal Entity against exchange rate variations.
- 3.2. The bidder must provide proof of forward exchange rate cover within 14 days after an order was placed.
- 3.3. If proof that forward exchange rate cover was taken out within 14 days after the order was placed but is not submitted to the Entity along with the invoice, the contract price adjustment will not be accepted, and the contract may be cancelled.

4. Submission of Bids

- 4.1. Sealed bids, with the "**Bid Number and Title**" clearly endorsed on the envelope and must be deposited in the bid box on or before the closing date and time of the bid.
- 4.2. The bid box is at uThukela Water head office, 79 Harding Street, Newcastle.
- 4.3. All literature must be securely attached to the bid. The Entity shall not be held liable for any loss or damages sustained due to the service provider's failure to comply with this condition.
- 4.4. If a courier service company is being used for delivery of the bid document, the bidder description must be endorsed on the delivery note/courier packaging and the courier must ensure that documents are placed / deposited into the bid box. uThukela Water will not be

held responsible for any bid document which is not timeously delivered, mislaid or incorrectly delivered due to the negligence of the courier company or any other party involved in the delivery of the bid document.

Please note:

- Bids that are deposited in the incorrect box will not be considered.
- Mailed, telegraphic or faxed tenders will not be accepted.
- Documents may only be completed in **black ink**.
- The use of correction fluid/tape on the bid documents is not allowed. If there is an error, draw a line through it, initial next to it and make the correction directly above /below/next to it.
- All bids must be submitted in writing on the official forms supplied (not to be re-typed).

5. Opening, Recording and Publications of Bids Received

- 5.1. Bids will be opened on the closing date immediately after the closing time specified in the bid documents. If requested by any bidder present, the names of the bidders, and if practical, the total amount of each bid and of any alternative bids will be read out aloud.
- 5.2. Details of bids received in time will be recorded in a register which is open to public inspection.
- 5.3. Any bid received after the appointed time for the closing of bids **will not be considered** but shall be filed unopened with the other bids received, which bid(s) can be returned to the bidder at his request and cost.

6. Validity Period

Bids shall remain valid for **one hundred and twenty (120) days** after the tender closure date.

7. Incorrect Information

Where a contract has been awarded on the strength of the information furnished by the bidder which after the conclusion of the relevant agreement, is proven to have been incorrect, uThukela Water may, in addition to any other legal remedy it has or may have, recover from the contractor all costs, losses or damages incurred or sustained by the municipality as a result of the award of the contract.

8. Withdrawal of Bid during and After the SCM Process:

- 8.1. When a bidder withdraws his/her bid during the SCM bidding process, it must be in writing, prior to the award of the bid, of which uThukela Water holds the right to accept or reject with or without a claim for any damages.
- 8.2. When a bidder withdraws or cancels the contract after award of the bid to the particular winner of the bid, the awarded bidder will be held responsible for any damages or administrative expenses incurred prior to the award of the bid.

9. Invoices

All invoices must be forwarded to the following address:

uThukela Water (Pty) Ltd
P.O. Box 729
Newcastle, 2940

9.1. Legal requirements for invoices

9.1.1. Please ensure that your tax invoices complies with the requirements as stipulated by SARS (VAT Act No 89 of 1991), i.e.:

9.1.1.1. Ordinary invoice (not VAT Registered)

- a) The word „**INVOICE** “ in a prominent place
- b) Official invoice number and date of transaction
- c) Trade name, legal name, registration number (if any) and address of supplier
- d) The Official order number of uThukela Water is compulsory – non-compliance – no payment
- e) The Entity's name and postal address (P.O.Box 729, Newcastle, 2940)
- f) Accurate description of goods and / or services supplied / provided.
- g) Unit of measurement of goods or services supplied
- h) Price

9.1.1.2. VAT/Tax invoice (VAT registered)

- a) Word „**TAX INVOICE**’ in a prominent place
- b) Trade, legal name and registration number (if any) of supplier
- c) Address and VAT number of supplier
- d) The official invoice number and date of invoice
- e) The Official order number of uThukela Water is compulsory – non-compliance – no payment
- f) uThukela Water's name and postal address P.O.Box 729 , Newcastle, 2940) and VAT registration number (4270212725)
- g) Accurate description of goods and / or services supplied / provided.
- h) Unit of measurement of goods or services supplied
- i) Price and VAT amount

10. Payment Terms

- 10.1. It is the policy of uThukela Water to pay all creditors by means of electronic bank transfers.
- 10.2. Creditors will be paid within 30 days after receipt of an invoice and statement for the month in question, detailing all invoices during that month and reflecting the total amount due by the Entity. In exceptional circumstances, the Entity may, at its discretion, deviate from the above.

11. Poor Performance

Where the supplier fails to render the services within the stipulated period, or should services rendered be deemed not to the satisfaction of uThukela Water, the tenderer will receive written notice of poor performance. Failure to address performance issues could result in the entire contract being reviewed or cancelled.

12. Central Supplier Database

No awards will be made to a tenderer who is not registered on the Central Supplier Database.

13. Disbursements, Travel and Subsistence

- 13.1. No bidder will be refunded any cost or disbursements incurred in respect of the project, save where the prior written approval of uThukela Water has been obtained in respect of such expenditure.

- 13.2. Any authorized disbursements will be refunded at the reasonable and actual cost determined by uThukela Water (Pty) Ltd. Any expenditure incurred by the successful bidder in respect of authorized travel for the project will be refunded in accordance with the uThukela Water's travel policy as applicable from time to time. The rates payable for the use of private vehicles will be the prevailing rates quoted by the Automobile Association of South Africa.
- 13.3. All claims in respect of authorized disbursements (travel and subsistence costs) must be substantiated by documentary evidence such as receipts and logs of kilometres travelled.
- 13.4. All expenses incurred by the bidder for the proposal and presentations are the responsibility of the bidder and will not be reimbursed by uThukela Water.

14. Joint Venture Agreement or Consortiums

Tenderers intending to tender in the form of joint venture or consortium must submit the following documentation together with the bid:-

- 1) A valid Tax Compliance Status verification Pins issued by SARS of all parties of the Joint Venture or Consortium, and
- 2) all parties of the Joint Venture or Consortium must submit signed copies of :-
 - a) The Declaration of Interest Form,
 - b) The Declaration of Bidder's Past Supply Chain Management Practices Form,
 - c) The Certificate of Independent Bid Determination Form, and
- 3) An undertaking duly signed by all parties of the Joint Venture or Consortium indicating their intention to enter into an agreement for the purposes of this contract, and
- 4) A consolidated valid and original or certified copy of their B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate.

Further to the above, the name of the Joint Venture or Consortium must appear on the relevant pages of the document. Failure to comply with these requirements shall lead to disqualification.

15. Samples for Quality Control

- 15.1 If the samples are required in terms of the specification, such samples shall be supplied by the service provider at his/her own cost.
- 15.2 All samples approved will be retained by uThukela Water as standards for the duration of the contract.

16. Tax Compliance Pin

- 16.1 The bidder must submit a valid Tax Compliance Pin with the bid. Bidders should note that their tax compliance status shall be verified through the Central Supplier Database and SARS.
- 16.2 Where a Tax Compliance Pin is not submitted with the bid, uThukela Water shall use the Central Supplier Database to verify the tax matters of the bidder.

17. Proof of BBBEE Status Level Contributor

To claim preferential points as stated on MBD 6.1, the onus is on the potential service provider to submit the relevant prescribed schedule.

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. Definitions

1. The following terms shall be interpreted as indicated:
 - 1.1 **"Closing time"** means the date and hour specified in the bidding documents for the receipt of bids.
 - 1.2 **"Contract"** means the written agreement entered into between the purchaser and the vendor, as recorded in the contract form signed by the parties, including all attachments and appendices thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - 1.3 **"Contract price"** means the price payable to the Vendor under the contract for the full and proper performance of his contractual obligations.
 - 1.4 **"Corrupt practice"** means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution.
 - 1.5 **"Countervailing duties"** are imposed in cases where an enterprise abroad is subsidized by its government and encouraged to market its products internationally.
 - 1.6 **"Country of origin"** means the place where the goods were mined, grown or produced or from which the services are supplied. Goods are produced when, through manufacturing, processing or substantial and major assembly of components, a commercially recognized new product results that is substantially different in basic characteristics or in purpose or utility from its components.
 - 1.7 **"Day"** means calendar day.
 - 1.8 **"Delivery"** means delivery in compliance of the conditions of the contract or order.
 - 1.9 **"Delivery ex stock"** means immediate delivery directly from stock actually on hand.
 - 1.10 **"Delivery into consignees store or to his site"** means delivered and unloaded in the specified store or depot or on the specified site in compliance with the conditions of the contract or order, the vendor bearing all risks and charges involved until the goods are so delivered and a valid receipt is obtained.
 - 1.11 **"Dumping"** occurs when a private enterprise abroad market its goods on own initiative in the RSA at lower prices than that of the country of origin and which have the potential to harm the local industries in the RSA.
 - 1.12 **" Force majeure"** means an event beyond the control of the vendor and not involving the supplier's fault or negligence and not foreseeable. Such events may include, but is not restricted to, acts of the purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions and freight embargoes.
 - 1.13 **"Fraudulent practice"** means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract to the detriment of any bidder, and includes collusive practice among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial non-competitive levels and to deprive the bidder of the benefits of free and open competition.

- 1.14 “**GCC**” means the General Conditions of Contract.
- 1.15 “**Goods**” means all of the equipment, machinery, and/or other materials that the supplier is required to supply to the purchaser under the contract.
- 1.16 “**Imported content**” means that portion of the bidding price represented by the cost of components, parts or materials which have been or are still to be imported (whether by the vendor or his subcontractors) and which costs are inclusive of the costs abroad, plus freight and other direct importation costs such as landing costs, dock dues, import duty, sales duty or other similar tax or duty at the South African place of entry as well as transportation and handling charges to the factory in the Republic where the goods covered by the bid will be manufactured.
- 1.17 “**Local content**” means that portion of the bidding price, which is not included in the imported content provided that local manufacture does take place.
- 1.18 “**Manufacture**” means the production of products in a factory using labour, materials, components and machinery and includes other related value-adding activities.
- 1.19 “**Order**” means an official written order issued for the supply of goods or works or the rendering of a service.
- 1.20 “**Project site**” where applicable, means the place indicated in bidding documents.
- 1.21 “**Purchaser**” means the Institution purchasing the goods/works and/or service.
- 1.22 “**Republic**” means the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.23 “**SCC**” means the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 1.24 “**Services**” means those functional services ancillary to the supply of the goods, such as transportation and any other incidental services, such as installation, commissioning, provision of technical assistance, training, catering, gardening, security, maintenance and other such obligations of the vendor covered under the contract.
- 1.25 “**Written**” or “**in writing**” means handwritten in ink or any form of electronic or mechanical writing.

2. Application

- 2.1 These general conditions are applicable to all bids, contracts and orders including bids for functional and professional services, sales, hiring, letting and the granting or acquiring of rights, but **excluding immovable property**, unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents.
- 2.2 Where applicable, Special Conditions of Contract are also laid down to cover specific vendors, services or works.
- 2.3 Where such Special Conditions of Contract are in conflict with these general conditions, the special conditions shall apply.

3. General

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- 3.1 Unless otherwise indicated in the bidding documents, the purchaser shall not be liable for any expense incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid. Where applicable a non-refundable fee for documents may be charged.
- 3.2 Invitations to bid are usually published in locally distributed news media and on the municipality/municipal entity website.

4. Standards

- 4.1 The goods/works and/or service supplied shall conform to the standards mentioned in the bidding documents and specifications.

5. Use of contract documents and information inspection

- 5.1 The vendor shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, disclose the contract, or any provision thereof, or any specification, plan, drawing, pattern, sample, or information furnished by or on behalf of the purchaser in connection therewith, to any person other than a person employed by the vendor in the performance of the contract. Disclosure to any such employed person shall be made in confidence and shall extend only so far as may be necessary for purposes of such performance.
- 5.2 The vendor shall not, without the purchaser's prior written consent, make use of any document or information mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 except for purposes of performing the contract.
- 5.3 Any document, other than the contract itself mentioned in GCC clause 5.1 shall remain the property of the purchaser and shall be returned (all copies) to the purchaser on completion of the supplier's performance under the contract if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.4 The vendor shall permit the purchaser to inspect the vendor's records relating to the performance of the vendor and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the purchaser, if so required by the purchaser.
- 5.5 The vendor shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

6. Patent Rights

- 6.1 The vendor shall indemnify the purchaser against all third-party claims of infringement of patent, trademark, or industrial design rights arising from use of the goods or any part thereof by the purchaser.

7. Performance security

- 7.1 The proceeds of the performance security shall be payable to the purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the vendor's failure to complete his obligations under the contract.
- 7.2 The performance security shall be denominated in the currency of the contract, or in a freely convertible currency acceptable to the purchaser and shall be in one of the following forms:
 - a) a bank guarantee or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a reputable bank located in the purchaser's country or abroad, acceptable to the purchaser, in the form provided in the bidding documents or another form acceptable to the purchaser; or

b) a cashier's or certified cheque.

7.3 The performance security will be discharged by the purchaser and returned to the vendor not later than thirty (30) days following the date of completion of the vendor's performance obligations under the contract, including any warranty obligations, unless otherwise specified in SCC.

8. Inspections, tests and analyses

8.1 All pre-bidding testing will be for the account of the bidder.

8.2 If it is a bid condition that supplies to be produced or services to be rendered should at any stage during production or execution or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the bidder or contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Institution or an organization acting on behalf of the Institution.

8.3 If there are no inspection requirements indicated in the bidding documents and no mention is made in the contract, but during the contract period it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the purchaser shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements with the testing authority concerned.

8.4 If the inspections, tests and analyses referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 show the supplies to be in accordance with the contract requirements, the cost of the inspections, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the purchaser.

8.5 Where the supplies or services referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 do not comply with the contract requirements, irrespective of whether such supplies or services are accepted or not, the cost in connection with these inspections, tests or analyses shall be defrayed by the vendor.

8.6 Supplies and services which are referred to in clauses 8.2 and 8.3 and which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.

8.7 Any contract supplies may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract. Such rejected supplies shall be held at the cost and risk of the vendor who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them with supplies which do comply with the requirements of the contract. Failing such removal the rejected supplies shall be returned at the vendor's cost and risk. Should the vendor fail to provide the substitute supplies forthwith, the purchaser may, without giving the vendor further opportunity to substitute the rejected supplies, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the vendor.

8.8 The provisions of clauses 8.4 to 8.7 shall not prejudice the right of the purchaser to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof, or to act in terms of Clause 23 of GCC.

9. Packing

9.1 The vendor shall provide such packing of the goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the contract. The packing shall be sufficient to withstand, without limitation, rough handling during transit and exposure to extreme temperatures, salt and precipitation during transit, and open storage. Packing, case

size and weights shall take into consideration, where appropriate, the remoteness of the goods' final destination and the absence of heavy handling facilities at all points in transit.

- 9.2 The packing, marking, and documentation within and outside the packages shall comply strictly with such special requirements as shall be expressly provided for in the contract, including additional requirements, if any, specified in SCC, and in any subsequent instructions ordered by the purchaser.

10. Delivery and documents

- 10.1 Delivery of the goods shall be made by the vendor in accordance with the terms specified in the contract. The details of shipping and/or other documents to be furnished by the vendor are specified in SCC.
- 10.2 Documents to be submitted by the vendor are specified in SCC.

11. Insurance

- 11.1 The goods supplied under the contract shall be fully insured in a freely convertible currency against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage and delivery in the manner specified in the SCC.

12. Transportation

- 12.1 Should a price other than an all-inclusive delivered price be required, this shall be specified in the SCC.

13. Incidental Services

- 13.1 The vendor may be required to provide any or all of the following services, including additional services, if any, specified in SCC:
- a) performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or commissioning of the supplied goods;
 - b) furnishing of tools required for assembly and/or maintenance of the supplied goods;
 - c) furnishing of a detailed operations and maintenance manual for each appropriate unit of the supplied goods;
 - d) performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, for a period of time agreed by the parties, provided that this service shall not relieve the vendor of any warranty obligations under this contract;
 - e) training of the purchaser's personnel, at the vendor's plant and/or
 - f) on-site, in assembly, start-up, operation, maintenance, and/or repair of the supplied goods.
- 13.2 Prices charged by the vendor for incidental services, if not included in the contract price for the goods, shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the vendor for similar services.

14. Spare parts

- 14.1 Specified in SCC, the vendor may be required to provide any or all of the following materials, notifications, and information pertaining to spare parts manufactured or distributed by the vendor:

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- a) such spare parts as the purchaser may elect to purchase from the vendor, provided that this election shall not relieve the vendor of any warranty obligations under the contract; and
- b) in the event of termination of production of the spare parts:
 - (i) advance notification to the purchaser of the pending termination, in sufficient time to permit the purchaser to procure needed requirements; and
 - (ii) following such termination, furnishing at no cost to the purchaser, the blueprints, drawings, and specifications of the spare parts, if requested.

15. Warranty

- 15.1 The vendor warrants that the goods supplied under the contract are new, unused, of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials unless provided otherwise in the contract. The vendor further warrants that all goods supplied under this contract shall have no defect, arising from design, materials, or workmanship (except when the design and/or material is required by the purchaser's specifications) or from any act or omission of the vendor, that may develop under normal use of the supplied goods in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.
- 15.2 This warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the contract, or for eighteen (18) months after the date of shipment from the port or place of loading in the source country, whichever period concludes earlier, unless specified otherwise in SCC.
- 15.3 The purchaser shall promptly notify the vendor in writing of any claims arising under this warranty.
- 15.4 Upon receipt of such notice, the vendor shall, within the period specified in SCC and with all reasonable speed, repair or replace the defective goods or parts thereof, without costs to the purchaser.
- 15.5 If the vendor, having been notified, fails to remedy the defect(s) within the period specified in SCC, the purchaser may proceed to take such remedial action as may be necessary, at the vendor's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the purchaser may have against the vendor under the contract.

16. Payment

- 16.1 The method and conditions of payment to be made to the vendor under this contract shall be specified in SCC.
- 16.2 The vendor shall furnish the purchaser with an invoice accompanied by a copy of the delivery note and upon fulfillment of other obligations stipulated in the contract.
- 16.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the purchaser, but in no case later than thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice or claim by the vendor.
- 16.4 Payment will be made in Rand unless otherwise stipulated in SCC.

17. Prices

17.1 Prices charged by the vendor for goods/works delivered and/or services performed under the contract shall not vary from the prices quoted by the vendor in this bid, with the exception of any price adjustments authorized in SCC or purchaser's request for bid validity extension, as the case may be.

18. Variation Orders

18.1 In cases where the estimated value of the envisaged changes in purchase does not vary more than 15% of the total value of the original contract, the contractor may be instructed to deliver the goods or render the services as such. In cases of measurable quantities, the contractor may be approached to reduce the unit price and such offers, may be accepted provided that there is no escalation in price.

19. Assignment

19.1 The vendor shall not assign, in whole or in part, its obligations to perform under the contract, except with the purchaser's prior written consent.

20. Subcontractors

20.1 The vendor shall notify the purchaser in writing of all subcontractors awarded under this contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later, shall not relieve the vendor from any liability or obligation under the contract.

21. Delays in the vendor's performance

21.1 Delivery of the goods/works and/or performance of services shall be made by the vendor in accordance with the time schedule prescribed by the purchaser in the contract.

21.2 If at any time during performance of the contract, the vendor or its subcontractor(s) should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the goods/works and/or performance of services, the vendor shall promptly notify the purchaser in writing of the fact of the delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practicable after receipt of the vendor's notice, the purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at his discretion extend the vendor's time for performance, with or without the imposition of penalties, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of contract.

21.3 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of supplies or services from a national department, provincial department, or a local authority.

21.4 The right is reserved to procure outside of the contract small quantities or to have essential services executed if an emergency arises, the vendor's point of supply is not situated at or near the place the supplies are required or the vendor's supplies or goods are not readily available.

21.5 Except as provided under GCC Clause 25, a delay by the vendor in the performance of its delivery obligations shall render the vendor liable to the imposition of penalties, pursuant to GCC Clause 22, unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2 without the application of penalties.

21.6 Upon any delay beyond the delivery period in the case of a supplies contract, the purchaser shall, without cancelling the contract, be entitled to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract

and to return any goods delivered later at the vendor's expense and risk, or to cancel the contract and buy such goods as may be required to complete the contract and without prejudice to his other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the vendor.

22. Penalties

22.1 Subject to GCC Clause 25, if the vendor fails to deliver any or all of the goods or to perform the services within the period(s) specified in the contract, the purchaser shall, without prejudice to its other remedies under the contract, deduct from the contract price, as a penalty, a sum calculated on the delivered price of the delayed goods/works and/or unperformed services using the current prime interest rate calculated for each day of the delay until actual delivery or performance. The purchaser may also consider termination of the contract pursuant to GCC Clause 23.

23. Termination for default

23.1 The purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of contract, by written notice of default sent to the vendor, may terminate this contract in whole or in part:

- a. if the vendor fails to deliver any or all of the goods within the period(s) specified in the contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the purchaser pursuant to GCC Clause 21.2;
- b. if the vendor fails to perform any other obligation(s) under the contract; or
- c. if the vendor, in the judgement of the purchaser, has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing the contract.

23.2 In the event the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner, as it deems appropriate, goods/works and/or services similar to those undelivered, and the vendor shall be liable to the purchaser for any excess costs for such similar goods/works and/or services. However, the vendor shall continue performance of the contract to the extent not terminated.

23.3 Where the purchaser terminates the contract in whole or in part, the purchaser may decide to impose a restriction penalty on the vendor by prohibiting such vendor from doing business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years.

23.4 If a purchaser intends imposing a restriction on a vendor or any person associated with the vendor, the vendor will be allowed a time period of not more than fourteen (14) days to provide reasons why the envisaged restriction should not be imposed. Should the vendor fail to respond within the stipulated fourteen (14) days the purchaser may regard the intended penalty as not objected against and may impose it on the vendor.

23.5 Any restriction imposed on any person by the Accounting Officer / Authority will, at the discretion of the Accounting Officer / Authority, also be applicable to any other enterprise or any partner, manager, director or other person who wholly or partly exercises or exercised or may exercise control over the enterprise of the first-mentioned person, and with which enterprise or person the first-mentioned person, is or was in the opinion of the Accounting Officer / Authority actively associated.

23.6 If a restriction is imposed, the purchaser must, within five (5) working days of such imposition, furnish the National Treasury, with the following information:

- i. the name and address of the vendor and / or person restricted by the purchaser;
- ii. the date of commencement of the restriction
- iii. the period of restriction; and
- iv. the reasons for the restriction.

These details will be loaded in the National Treasury's central database of vendors or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

- 23.7 If a court of law convicts a person of an offence as contemplated in sections 12 or 13 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, No. 12 of 2004, the court may also rule that such person's name be endorsed on the Register for Tender Defaulters. When a person's name has been endorsed on the Register, the person will be prohibited from doing business with the public sector for a period not less than five years and not more than 10 years. The National Treasury is empowered to determine the period of restriction and each case will be dealt with on its own merits. According to section 32 of the Act the Register must be open to the public. The Register can be perused on the National Treasury website

24. Antidumping and countervailing duties and rights

- 24.1 When, after the date of bid, provisional payments are required, or antidumping or countervailing duties are imposed, or the amount of a provisional payment or anti-dumping or countervailing right is increased in respect of any dumped or subsidized import, the State is not liable for any amount so required or imposed, or for the amount of any such increase. When, after the said date, such a provisional payment is no longer required or any such anti-dumping or countervailing right is abolished, or where the amount of such provisional payment or any such right is reduced, any such favourable difference shall on demand be paid forthwith by the contractor to the State or the State may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) which may otherwise be due to the contractor in regard to supplies or services which he delivered or rendered, or is to deliver or render in terms of the contract or any other contract or any other amount which may be due to him.

25. Force Majeure

- 25.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of GCC Clauses 22 and 23, the vendor shall not be liable for forfeiture of its performance security, damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that his delay in performance or other failure to perform his obligations under the contract as a result of an event of Force Majeure.
- 25.2 If a force majeure situation arises, the Vendor shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, the Vendor shall continue to perform its obligations under the contract as far as is reasonably practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the force majeure event.

26. Termination on insolvency

- 26.1 The purchaser may at any time terminate the contract by giving written notice to the vendor if the vendor becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In this event, termination will be without compensation to the vendor, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy which has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the purchaser.

27. Settlement of Disputes

- 27.1 If any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever arises between the purchaser and the vendor in connection with or arising out of the contract, the parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation.
- 27.2 If, after thirty (30) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the purchaser or the vendor may give notice to the other party of his intention to commence with mediation. No mediation in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given to the other party.
- 27.3 Should it not be possible to settle a dispute by means of mediation, it may be settled in a South African court of law.
- 27.4 Mediation proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure specified in the SCC.
- 27.5 Notwithstanding any reference to mediation and/or court proceedings herein,
- a. the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the contract unless they otherwise agree; and
 - b. the purchaser shall pay the vendor any monies due the vendor.

28. Limitation of Liability

- 28.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or wilful misconduct, and in the case of infringement pursuant to Clause 6;
- (a) the vendor shall not be liable to the purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the vendor to pay penalties and/or damages to the purchaser; and
 - (b) the aggregate liability of the vendor to the purchaser, whether under the contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total contract price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment.

29. Governing language

- 29.1 The contract shall be written in English. All correspondence and other documents pertaining to the contract that is exchanged by the parties shall also be written in English.

30. Applicable law

- 30.1 The contract shall be interpreted in accordance with South African laws, unless otherwise Specified in SCC.

31. Notices

- 31.1 Every written acceptance of a bid shall be posted to the vendor concerned by registered or certified mail and any other notice to him shall be posted by ordinary mail to the address furnished in his bid or to the address notified later by him in writing and such posting shall be deemed to be proper service of such notice.

31.2 The time mentioned in the contract documents for performing any act after such aforesaid notice has been given, shall be reckoned from the date of posting of such notice.

32. Taxes and duties

32.1 A foreign vendor shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, stamp duties, license fees, and other such levies imposed outside the purchaser's country.

32.2 A local vendor shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted goods to the purchaser.

32.3 No contract shall be concluded with any bidder whose tax matters are not in order. Prior to the award of a bid the purchaser must be in possession of a tax clearance certificate, submitted by the bidder. This certificate must be an original issued by the South African Revenue Services.

33. Transfer of contracts

33.1 The contractor shall not abandon, transfer, cede, assign or sublet a contract or part thereof without the written permission of the purchaser..

34. Amendment of contracts

34.1 No agreement to amend or vary a contract or order or the conditions, stipulations or provisions thereof shall be valid and of any force unless such agreement to amend or vary is entered into in writing and signed by the contracting parties. Any waiver of the requirement that the agreement to amend or vary shall be in writing, shall also be in writing.

35. Prohibition of restrictive practices

35.1 In terms of section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, is prohibited if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if a bidder(s) is/are or a contractor(s) was/were involved in collusive bidding (or bid rigging).

35.2 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), based on reasonable grounds or evidence obtained by the purchaser, has / have engaged in the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may refer the matter to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties as contemplated in the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998.

35.3 If a bidder(s) or contractor(s), has / have been found guilty by the Competition Commission of the restrictive practice referred to above, the purchaser may, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided for, invalidate the bid(s) for such item(s) offered, and / or terminate the contract in whole or part, and / or restrict the bidder(s) or contractor(s) from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years and / or claim damages from the bidder(s) or contractor(s) concerned.

5. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. I/We hereby bid to supply all or any of the supplies and/or to render all or any of the services described in the attached documents to uThukela Water on the terms and conditions and be in accordance with the specifications stipulated in the bid documents (and which shall be taken as part of and be incorporated into this bid) at the prices and on the terms regarding time for delivery and/or execution inserted therein.

2. I/we agree that:
 - a) the offer herein shall remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by uThukela Water during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of the bid;

 - b) this bid and its acceptance shall be subject to Supply Chain Management Regulations, the Municipal Finance Management Act, No 56 of 2003, uThukela Water Supply Chain Management Policy and the General and Special Conditions of Contract, with which I/we am fully acquainted;

 - c) if I/we withdraw my bid within the period for which I/we have agreed that the bid shall remain open for acceptance, or fail to fulfill the contract when called upon to do so, uThukela Water may, without prejudice to its other rights, agree to the withdrawal of my bid or cancel the contract that may have been entered into between uThukela Water and myself. I/we will then pay to uThukela Water any additional expenses incurred by the uThukela Water having either to accept any less favorable bid or, if fresh bids have to be invited, the additional expenditure incurred by the invitation of fresh bids and by the subsequent acceptance of any less favorable bid. uThukela Water shall have the right to recover such additional expenditure by set-off against monies which may be due to me under this or any other bid or contract or against any guarantee or deposit that may have been furnished by me or on my behalf for the due fulfillment of this or any other bid or contract and pending the ascertainment of the amount of such additional expenditure to retain such monies, guarantee or deposit as security for any loss uThukela Water may sustain by reason of my default;

 - d) if my bid is accepted, the acceptance may be communicated to me by registered post, and that the South African Post Office Limited shall be treated as delivery agent to me;

 - e) the law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the contract created by the acceptance of my bid and I choose domicilium citandi et executandi in the Republic at (full physical address):
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I/we furthermore confirm that I/we have satisfied myself/ourselves as to the correctness and validity of the bid: that the price(s), rate(s) and preference quoted cover all of the work / item(s) and my obligations under a resulting contract, and I accept that any mistakes regarding the price(s) and calculations will be at my risk.

3. I/we hereby accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfillment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement, as the Principal(s) liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.

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4. I/we agree that any action arising from this contract may in all respects be instituted against me and I/we hereby undertake to satisfy fully any sentence or judgment which may be pronounced against me as a result of such action.

5. Are you duly authorized to sign the bid?* YES NO

6. I/we confirm that I/we have declared all and any interest that I or any persons related to my business has with regard to this bid or any related bids by completion of the Declaration of Interest Section.

7. Has the Declaration of Interest been duly completed and included with the bid forms? YES NO

- Delete whichever is not applicable

8. CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTNESS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THIS DOCUMENT

9.1 I/we, THE UNDERSIGNED, WHO WARRANT THAT I AM DULY AUTHORIZED TO DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDER, CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN TERMS OF THIS DOCUMENT IS CORRECT AND TRUE, THAT THE SIGNATORY TO THIS DOCUMENT IS DULY AUTHORIZED AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

9.2 The bidder will furnish documentary proof regarding any bidding issue to the satisfaction of uThukela Water, if requested to do so.

9.3 If the information supplied is found to be incorrect and/or false then uThukela Water, in addition to any remedies it may have, may:-

- a) Recover from the contractor all costs, losses or damages incurred or sustained by the uThukela Water as a result of the award of the contract, and/or
- b) Cancel the contract and claim any damages which uThukela Water may suffer by having to make less favorable arrangements after such cancellation.

BIDDER`S NAME : _____

BIDDER'S REPRESENTATIVE : _____

SIGNATURE : _____

DATE : _____

WITNESSES

1. **Name** : _____ **Signature** : _____

Date : _____

2. **Name** : _____ **Signature** : _____

Date : _____

CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

RULES IN RESPECT OF BID DOCUMENTS

'Entity ' shall mean uThukela Water (Pty) Ltd

'Committee' shall mean that Committee of uThukela Water whose responsibility it is to consider tenders and advise Board on acceptance or otherwise.

'Managing Director' shall mean the Managing director of uThukela Water (Pty) Ltd or such person appointed by UThukela Water to act in that capacity.

'Head of Department' shall mean the head of the uThukela Water department concerned with the particular tender or such person appointed by uThukela Water to act in that capacity.

All bidders are hereby advised that in the event that the bid is accepted by uThukela Water all conditions and stipulations set out this bid and in all forms, schedule and/or annexure hereto, will be the contract between the Bidder and uThukela Water.

1. Bidders must acquaint themselves fully on the Rules, General Conditions and Special Conditions of bid documents.
2. Failure on the part of the Bidder to sign this bid form and thus to acknowledge and accept the conditions in writing or to complete the attached forms, questionnaires and specifications and proposals in all respects, may in the sole discretion of uThukela Water invalidate the bid.
3. Failure to sign the **MBD 1** will invalidate the bid, provided that it is the only acceptable bid received, uThukela Water may recommend it be considered as an offer after signature by the bidder.

Bidders shall ensure that they have been provided with all the documents and drawings. Bidders must advise the Department concerned immediately if there is any duplication or obscure typing or if there is any doubt as to the meaning of any words, clause, sentence, paragraph, drawing or any other particulars and have the matter rectified, otherwise it will be assumed correct and no liabilities whatsoever will be admitted in respect of errors in the bid due to the foregoing.

4. Bidders shall quote delivery periods for the products specified and shall supply all the information called for on the attached data schedules.
5. GUARANTEE
Where applicable, Bidders shall provide at the time of bidding, details of the guarantee given with the products offered together with the period for which the guarantee is effective from date of delivery.
6. **No bid will be accepted unless made out on the forms provided.**
7. A signed copy of these conditions and specifications must accompany the bid.
8. Bids received after 12:00 on the closing date of this bid will not be accepted.
9. After the bids have been opened, a bid may not be withdrawn by the person or firm submitting it except with the concurrence of uThukela Water.
10. uThukela Water reserves the right to accept all or a portion only of any tender.

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11. Should there be any difference between the prices or particulars contained in the official Form of bid and those contained in the covering letter from the bidder the prices and particulars contained in the official form of bid, in all circumstances, prevail.
12. If any of the conditions on this bid form are in conflict with any special conditions, stipulations or provisions incorporated in the bid, such special conditions, stipulations or provisions shall apply.
13. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes.
14. The bid number and title of the bid must appear on the front of the sealed envelope in which the bid is submitted.
15. uThukela Water shall not be obliged to accept the lowest or any bid. It is important that only Bidders with the necessary experience, qualifications and technical ability to carry out the requirements of this bid submit bids in regard hereto. uThukela Water will consider all prices and submissions made by the bidders. Should the Municipality require that a specific price and/or submission be reconsidered, it reserves the right to do so, subject to uThukela Water requesting all Bidders to submit such a request or revision of the Bid Proposal.
16. The bidder undertakes that it will make itself and its members, officials and employees and agents aware of the appropriate legislation, regulations and by-laws of the Municipality that might have implications on the Bidder's activities in terms hereof.
17. Neither uThukela Water nor any official of uThukela Water will be held responsible for loss of a potential opportunity to bid due to the failure of the Bidder complying with any of the requirements of this bid.
18. The covering letter or other matter submitted with the official bid document may explain, amplify or illustrate, but not replace any part of the official bid document or the information furnished therein.
19. All data/information supplied by uThukela Water will be received by the Bidder at his/her risk. It will be the responsibility of the Bidder to check and verify the accuracy of the data/information supplied by uThukela Water. uThukela Water will not be held responsible for any inaccurate or incomplete data/information.
20. **Two envelope system will not be applicable on this project.**

21. PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Proof must be produced, together with the bidding documents that the entity is not indebted to the Municipality or Municipal area in which they are staying, for a period of more than 30 days for services rendered / rate payable. Bidders residing on farms with no municipal services should submit a letter from their Induna / owner stating the above.

22. INVITATION TO BID

Bids shall be invited by the Managing Director in terms of the Supply Chain Management Policy of uThukela Water.

23. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

After the opening of bids, the official designated by the Managing Director shall forward such tender to the Head of Department for whom such tenders have been invited. The Head of Department concerned will then consider the tenders and submit them to the appropriate Committee with the written comments of the Chief Financial Officer and with details of any irregularity or defect in connection with the bid documents or matters relating to the calling of bids together with the recommendation for consideration by the Committee.

24. BID DOCUMENTS

- a. Where applicable all bid documents and drawings are to be returned at the time of bidding except that where an additional copy of the Schedule of Quantities is provided, a copy may be retained by the tender for his records.
The original Schedule of Quantities must be forwarded to uThukela Water.
- b. After awarding the bid, no documents will be returned to any unsuccessful bidder, but will be retained by the Managing Director.
- c. All bid documents must be completed in black ink and should any alteration, omission, erasure or addition be made, it will not be recognised unless authenticated with the initials of the bidder and those of the witnesses of his signature. Bidders may, however, qualify their bid by a letter accompanying the bid documents.
 - i. Any irregularity, incompleteness or obscurity in a bid renders it liable for rejection.
 - ii. Failure to sign the bid document will invalidate the bid , provided that if it is the only acceptable bid received, the Head of Department may recommend that it be considered as an offer after signature by the bidder.
 - iii. Bidders shall check that they have been provided with all the documents and drawings. Bidders must advise the Department concerned immediately if there is any duplication or obscure typing or if there is any doubt as to the meaning of any words, clause, sentence, paragraph, drawing or any other particulars and have the matter rectified, otherwise it will be taken for granted that there are no doubts or errors, and no liabilities whatsoever will be admitted in respect of errors in the tender due to the foregoing.

25. DEPOSITS

- a. A sum as stated in the invitation to bid being a deposit for the supply of the bid documents. The bidder must obtain a receipt for the deposit amount from the office of the Chief Financial Officer prior to receiving the bid documents.
- b. A deposit in the sum stated in the bid documents is non-refundable.
- c. The Head of the Department concerned, in the event of receiving any deposits, shall forthwith hand to the Chief Financial Officer any deposits or security received.

26. LATE BIDS

- a. Any bid received after the closing date and time advertised for the receipt of bids shall not be considered, provided that a late bid may be admitted by uThukela Water when :
 - I. in the case of a bid submitted through the post, there is proof that the bid was posted in sufficient time to reach the Managing Director before the closing date and time advertised for the receipt of bid and the bidder has taken reasonable steps against ordinary delays and was in no way to blame for the late receipt of his bid;

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II. in the case of a bid delivered by hand, there is proof that the bidder had taken reasonable steps against ordinary delays and was in no way to blame for the late delivery.

b. uThukela Water may accept a bid which is received late and has for that reason been disallowed in terms of the provisions of this rule, provided it was the only acceptable bid received.

27. COMMUNICATION PROHIBITED

a. Except where clarification of a bid is necessary or whenever it is necessary to approach a bidder for an extension of the binding period of a bid, no communication, without written authority of uThukela Water, shall take place between the bidder and any member or officer of UThukela Water on a question affecting any matter which is the subject of a bid between the closing date and time of a bid and the acceptance by uThukela Water of the bid. When clarification is required or an extension of time, this may be requested by the Entity Officer on the authority of his Head of Department.

b. In no case shall bids be returned or referred to bidders for amendment or completion in any respect without the written authority of uThukela Water.

28. UTHUKELA WATER NOT OBLIGED TO ACCEPT ANY BID

uThukela Water does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid and where the bid documents allow for such cases, reserves the right to accept a portion only of any bid.

uThukela Water will not compensate the bidder in the preparation and submission of his bid. uThukela Water reserves the right to purchase goods outside this contract if and when the need arise

29. DEVIATION FROM CONTRACT

uThukela Water reserves the right to deviate or procure goods or services outside of this contract if and when the need arises.

30. ALTERNATIVES

The bidder may submit alternatives which, in his/her opinion, are to uThukela Water's advantage economically and technically.

31. CONTRACT DURATION

The contract will be valid for a period of 60 months from the date of appointment.

32. POST AWARD PRODUCT COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The following post award product compliance procedure will apply:

- i. In the case the equipment has been discontinued / replaced with a new model, the service provider(s) will be required to submit letters from the Manufacturer / Supplier stating the changes and the approval be obtained from the Accounting Officer prior to the executions of such changes.
- ii. Furthermore, service provider(s) are expected to disclose information on the following:
 - Financial Implications & Price Variances
 - Any potential risk
- iii. The new model should at least meet the minimum specification of the original model.

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- iv. The delivery and installation of new equipment cannot be effected without the approval from the head of the department.

33. DEMONSTRATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

- i. All bidders must be prepared to demonstrate, where required, free of charge and obligation, at uThukela Water or any other area within the boundary of uThukela Water any services offered in this bid.
- ii. Where officials are required to attend demonstrations or inspections outside the boundary of uThukela Water, all costs to attend such demonstration shall be borne by the bidder.

34. PRICE ADJUSTMENT

In the event of a total price increase exceeding the going inflation rate during the bid period, uThukela Water reserves the right to withdraw from the bid and call for fresh bids.
(Please see MBD 3.2 for price adjustment formula).

Prices for labour and materials submitted in the bid for the purpose of allowing for statutory increase must be ruling prices as at the date of bidding.

Should the Bidder wish to place the risk of rise or fall in certain items or factors of costs to the account of uThukela Water, the Bidder shall state specifically under separate cover in respect of which items or factors he wishes to avoid the risk of rise or fall on what rate he has calculated the item or factor in his price offered.

It should be emphasized that price adjustments based on the Rate of Exchange (ROE) will be allowed only on the imported content of the commodity and it should only meet the provider's additional costs on the imported content. Price adjustments due to the fluctuation in the Rate of Exchange should indicate the dates and period of affect issued by the Reserve Bank of S.A. at 12:00 of the specified date.

Unless any item or factor is reserved in terms of this clause, the bid shall be considered to be a firm delivery price. (See MBD 3.2)

- 35. Where applicable, all redundant or unusable products, materials or equipment which are removed from site remains the property of the Municipality and shall be returned to the Municipality. The Service provider shall obtain a written acceptance of the goods unless the bid states otherwise.

NB: THE FOLLOWING CLAUSES HAVE BEEN REPEATED AS THESE WILL LEAD TO THE REJECTION OF THE BID

- All bid documents must be completed in black ink and should any alteration, omission, erasure or addition be made, it will not be recognised, unless authenticated with the initials of the bidder and those of the witnesses of his signature.
- Failure to sign the bid document will invalidate (Invitation to Bid) the bid, provided that it is the only acceptable bid received, UThukela Water may recommend that it be considered as an offer after signature by the bidder.
- NO correction fluid/tape may be used.
- Bidders shall ensure that they have been provided with all the documents and drawings. Bidders must advise the Department concerned immediately if there is any duplication or obscure typing or if there is any doubt as to the meaning of any words, clause, sentence, paragraph, drawing or any other particulars and have the matter rectified, otherwise it will be assumed correct and no liabilities whatsoever will be admitted in respect of errors in the bid due to the foregoing.
- Bids received after the official closing date and time of this bid, will not be accepted.
- Proof must be produced, together with the bidding document that the entity is not indebted to the Municipality or municipal area in which they are staying, for a period of more than 30 days for services rendered / rates payable. Bidders residing on farms with no municipal services should submit a letter from their Induna/owner stating the above.
- **TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS**
A valid Tax Compliance Status Pin or CSD Master Registration Number should be supplied on MBD 1 for verification.

To claim points in terms of preferential point scoring system – proof must be submitted as stated on MBD 6.1

NAME OF BIDDER

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

NAME OF THE OFFICIAL POSITION.....

SIGNATURE DATE.....

WITNESSES

NAME NAME

SIGNATURE SIGNATURE

ID NUMBER ID NUMBER

6. AUTHORITY OF SIGNATORY

Indicate the status of the Bidder by ticking the appropriate box hereunder. The Bidder must complete the certificate set out below for the relevant category.

A COMPANY	B PARTNERSHIP	C JOINT VENTURE	D SOLE PROPRIETOR	E CLOSE CORPORATION

A. Certificate for Company

I,, chairperson of the board of, hereby confirm that by resolution of the board (copy attached) taken on 20..... ,

Mr/Ms.....acting in the capacity of, was authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid for **Bid no.: FIN2024 - BID-004** and any contract resulting from it on behalf of the company.

As witnesses:

1. Chairman:

2. Date:

B. Certificate for Partnership

We, the undersigned, being the key partners in the business trading as, hereby authorise Mr/Ms, acting in the capacity of, to sign all documents in connection with this bid for **Bid no.:FIN2024-BID** and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

Name	Address	Signature	Date

Note: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all key partners upon whom rests the direction of the affairs of the Partnership as a whole.

C. Certificate for Joint Venture

We, the undersigned, are submitting this tender offer in Joint Venture and hereby authorise Mr/Ms , authorised signatory of the company , acting in the capacity of lead partner, to sign all documents in connection with this bid for **Bid no.: FIN2024-BID-004** and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

This authorisation is evidenced by the attached power of attorney signed by legally authorised signatories of all the partners to the Joint Venture.

Name of Firm	Address	Authorising Name and Capacity	Authorising Signature
Lead Partner:			

NOTE: A copy of the Joint Venture Agreement indicating clearly the percentage contribution of each partner to the Joint Venture, is to be submitted with the bid. A board resolution, authorising each signatory who signed above to do so, is to be submitted with the bid.

D. Certificate for Sole Proprietor

I, , hereby confirm that I am the sole owner of the business trading as

As witnesses:

- Sole Owner:
- Date:

E. Certificate for Close Corporation

We, the undersigned, being the key members in the business trading as , hereby authorise Mr/Ms acting in the capacity of , to sign all to sign all documents in connection with this bid for **Bid no.: FIN2024-BID** and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

Name	Address	Signature	Date

Note: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all key partners upon whom rests the direction of the affairs of the Partnership as a whole.

7. RECORD OF ADDENDA

We confirm that the following communications received from the employer before the submission of this tender offer, amending the tender documents, have been taken into account in this tender offer.

	Date	Title or Details
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Attach additional pages if more space is required.

Failure to acknowledge any addendum released by uThukela Water may result in your tender submission being declared non-responsive.

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

08. PROOF OF GOOD STANDING WITH MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS

MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THIS BID

Declaration in terms of paragraph 38(1)(d)(i) of the Supply Chain Management Regulation, irrespective of the contract value of the bid:

NB: Please note that this declaration must be completed by ALL bidders

- i. I, the undersigned hereby declare that the signatory to this tender document; is duly authorised and further declare:
- ii. I acknowledges that according to SCM Regulation 38(1)(d)(i), uThukela Water may reject the tender of the tenderer if any municipal rates and taxes or municipal service charges owed by the Tenderer or any of its directors/members/partners any municipality or municipal entity, are in arrears for more than 3 (three) months.
- iii. I acknowledge that should it be found that any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges as set out in (ii) above are in arrears for more than three (3) months, the bid will be rejected and uThukela Water may take such remedial action as is required, including the rejection of the bid and/or termination of the contract; and
- iv. The following account/s of the bidding entity has reference:

Physical Business Address(es) of the Tenderer	Municipality	Municipal Account Number

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NB: If insufficient space above, please submit on a separate page

PLEASE NOTE further that if no municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges are payable by the bidding entity, indicate the reason/s for that in the space below by means of a tick next in the relevant block,

Reason	Tick	Portfolio of evidence
Bidding entities who rent premises from a landlord		Signed copy of the lease agreement together with a letter from the landlord stating that no levies are in arrears.
Bidding entities who operate from a property owned by a director / member / partner		Municipal account statement/s of a director / member / partner
Bidding entities who operate from farms / informal settlements		A letter from their Induna/owner.
Bidding entities who operate from somebody else's property		Sworn affidavit stating the details and relationship with the property owner.

Attach latest municipal account statement behind this page. The portfolio of evidence must not be older than three months from the close of this tender.

SIGNED AT.....THIS.....DAY OF..... 20.....

Name of Duly Authorised Signatory: (Please print).....

Authorised Signature:

As witness: 1.

2.

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

09. CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE REGISTRATION

No awards will be made to a tenderer who is not registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD).

The establishment of a Central Supplier Database (CSD) will result in one single database to serve as the source of all supplier information for all spheres of government. The purpose of centralising government's supplier database is to reduce duplication of effort and cost for both supplier and government while enabling electronic procurement processes.

Registration on the Central Supplier Database must be done online via the website:

<https://secure.csd.gov.za/>

<u>Name of Bidder</u>			
<u>Signature</u>		<u>Name (print)</u>	
<u>Capacity</u>		<u>Date</u>	

10. MBD 3.3 PRICING SCHEDULE

(Professional Services)

Name of Bidder:.....	Bid Number:
Closing Time:	Closing Date

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR **120 DAYS** FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

ITEM NO INCLUDED	DESCRIPTION	BID PRICE IN RSA CURRENCY **(ALL APPLICABLE TAXES	
1.	The accompanying information must be used for the formulation of proposals.		
2.	Bidders are required to indicate a ceiling price based on the total estimated time for completion of all phases and including all expenses inclusive of all applicable taxes for the project.		R.....
3.	PERSONS WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND RATES APPLICABLE (CERTIFIED INVOICES MUST BE RENDERED IN TERMS HEREOF)		
4.	PERSON AND POSITION	HOURLY RATE	DAILY RATE
	-----	R-----	-----
	-----	R-----	-----
	-----	R-----	-----
	-----	R-----	-----
	-----	R-----	-----
	-----	R-----	-----
	-----	R-----	-----

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5. PHASES ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED, COST PER PHASE AND MAN-DAYS TO BE SPENT

-----	R-----	----- days
-----	R-----	----- days
-----	R-----	----- days
-----	R-----	----- days

5.1 Travel expenses (specify, for example rate/km and total km, class of airtravel, etc). Only actual costs are recoverable. Proof of the expenses incurred must accompany certified invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
-----	R.....
-----	R.....
-----	R.....
-----	R.....

***"all applicable taxes" includes value-added taxes, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies.

5.2 Other expenses, for example accommodation (specify, eg. Three star hotel, bed and breakfast, telephone cost, reproduction cost, etc.). On basis of these particulars, certified invoices will be checked or correctness. Proof of the expenses must accompany invoices.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSE TO BE INCURRED	RATE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
-----	R.....
-----	R.....
-----	R.....

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----- R.....

TOTAL: R.....

6. Period required for commencement with project after acceptance of bid

7. Estimated man-days for completion of project

8. Are the rates quoted firm for the full period of contract?*YES/ NO.

9. If not firm for the full period, provide details of the basis on which adjustments will be applied for, for example consumer price index.....

.....

*Delete if not applicable

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

11. 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/ Representative	
3.2	Identity Number	
3.3	Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²)	
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.		

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 UTHukela Water 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.

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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.		
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.		
3.11	Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between a 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.		
3.12	Are any of the company's directors, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?	Yes	No
3.12.1	If yes, furnish particulars.		
3.13	Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?	Yes	No
3.13.1	If yes, furnish particulars.		
3.14	Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principal 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.		

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

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

12. MBD 5: DECLARATION FOR PROCUREMENT ABOVE R10 MILLION (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)

For all procurement expected to exceed R10 million (all applicable taxes included), bidders must complete the following questionnaire:

1	Are you by law required to prepare annual financial statements for auditing?	Yes	No
1.1	If yes, submit audited annual financial statements for the past three years or since the date of establishment if established during the past three years.		
2	Do you have any outstanding undisputed commitments for municipal services towards any municipality for more than three months or any other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days?	Yes	No
2.1	If no, this serves to certify that the bidder has no undisputed commitments for municipal services towards any municipality for more than three months or other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days. * Delete if not applicable		
2.2	If yes, provide particulars. * Delete if not applicable		
3	Has any contract been awarded to you by an organ of state during the past five years, including particulars of any material non-compliance or dispute concerning the execution of such contract?	Yes	No
3.1	If yes, furnish particulars		
4	Will any portion of goods or services be sourced from outside the Republic, and, if so, what portion and whether any portion of payment from the municipality / municipal entity is expected to be transferred out of the Republic?	Yes	No
4.1	If yes, furnish particulars		

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.

Signature		Name of Bidder	
Capacity		Date	

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

1. This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
2. It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
3. **The bid of any bidder may be rejected if the bidder, or any of its directors have:**
 - a) Abused the Municipality's Supply Chain Management System or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system:
 - b) Been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years:
 - c) Wilfully neglected, reneged or failed to comply with any government, municipal or public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d) Been listed in the Register for Bid Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
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	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database as a company or person prohibited from doing business with the public sector?</p> <p>(Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/ Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the audit alteram partem rule was applied).</p> <p>The database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury`s website (www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	<p>Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Bid Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)?</p> <p>(The Register for Bid Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

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ITEM	QUESTION	YES	NO
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside 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	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality/ municipal entity, or any other municipality/municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality/ municipal entity or any other 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"/>
4.5.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME) _____

CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM TO BE 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.

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

14. MBD 9: CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

1. This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
2. Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
3. Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
4. This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
5. In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

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:

(Name of Municipality / Municipal Entity)

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 consortium⁹ 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.

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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.

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

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.

15. MBD 7.2 CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED IN DUPLICATE BY BOTH THE SERVICE PROVIDER (PART 1) AND THE PURCHASER (PART 2). BOTH FORMS MUST BE SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL SO THAT THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND THE PURCHASER WOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF ORIGINALLY SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RECORDS.

PART 1 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER)

1. I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached bidding documents to (name of the institution)..... in accordance with the requirements and task directives / proposals specifications stipulated in Bid Number: FIN2024-BID at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Purchaser during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the bid.
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this agreement:
 - (i) Bidding documents, viz
 - Invitation to bid;
 - Tax clearance certificate;
 - Pricing schedule(s);
 - Filled in task directive/proposal;
 - Preference claims for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Status Level of Contribution in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011;
 - Declaration of interest;
 - Declaration of Bidder's past SCM practices;
 - Certificate of Independent Bid Determination;
 - Special Conditions of Contract;
 - (ii) General Conditions of Contract; and
 - (iii) Other (specify)
3. I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the services specified in the bidding documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.
4. I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.
5. I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any bidder or any other person regarding this or any other bid.
6. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

NAME (PRINT)

CAPACITY

SIGNATURE

NAME OF FIRM

DATE

WITNESSES	
1
.	
2
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MBD 7.2 CONTRACT FORM - RENDERING OF SERVICES

PART 2 (TO BE FILLED IN BY THE PURCHASER)

1. I..... in my capacity as..... accept your bid under reference numberdated.....for the rendering of services indicated hereunder and/or further specified in the annexure(s).
2. An official order indicating service delivery instructions is forthcoming.
3. I undertake to make payment for the services rendered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract, within 30 (thirty) days after receipt of an invoice.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE	PRICE (ALL APPLICABLE TAXES INCLUDED)	COMPLETION DATE	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION AND CONTENT (if applicable)

4. I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this contract.

SIGNED AT ON

NAME (PRINT).....

SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL STAMP

WITNESSES

1

2

DATE:



PART B

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES FOR UTHUKELA
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16. BANKING SERVICES: 1 JULY 2024 TO 30 JUNE 2029

BID SPECIFICATION

1. INTRODUCTION

uThukela Water invites registered banks to submit bids for the rendering of banking services. The bid will be the basis for negotiations with a preferred bidder and ultimately with the selected Bank.

- 1.1 Please note that (i) the costs of preparing the proposal and of negotiating the bid agreement are not reimbursable from uThukela Water funds and (ii) uThukela Water is not bound to accept any of the bids submitted. (iii) No other proposal outside the conditions of this Request for Bids will be considered by uThukela Water.

2. CLARIFICATION OF THE REQUEST TO BID

- 2.1 Bidders are required to attend a compulsory clarification meeting to be held on **Wednesday 20 March 2024**, at 10h00 at Uthukela Water board room.
- 2.2 At any time before the submission of bids, uThukela Water may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by an invited bidder, amend the Request for Bid documents. The amendment will be sent in writing or by electronic mail to all registered bidders and will be binding on them. uThukela Water may at its discretion extend the deadline for the submission of bids.
- 2.3 Note that bidders shall not contact uThukela Water on any matter relating to their bid from the time of the final submission of bids to the time the contract is awarded. If a bidder wishes to bring additional information to the notice of uThukela Water, it should do so in writing at the address indicated above, under point 2.1. Any effort by the bidder to influence uThukela Water in the bid evaluation, bid comparison, or final award decisions may result in the rejection of the bidder's proposal.
- 2.4 The date for the rendering of banking services by the appointed Bank must be effective from 01 July 2024 TO 30 June 2029, being a 5-year period.

3. PREPARATION OF BID

- 3.1 Bids must remain valid for one hundred and twenty (**120**) days after the submission date. uThukela Water will make its best effort to complete negotiations within this period.

4. BID SPECIFICATIONS

- 4.1 The evaluation committee will select a preferred bidder on the basis of an evaluation of the mentioned criteria in terms of Specifications and Requirements.
- 4.2 Bidders not complying with bid specifications will not be considered.

4. AWARDING OF CONTRACT

uThukela Water will notify all bidders in writing of the outcome of the bid.

6. SCOPE OF WORKS

Bidders will be required to provide the services as indicated in the Specifications and Requirements Section:

SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. BIDDER'S RESPONSE

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This Section sets out the banking services which uThukela Water requires to be supplied, or made available, by the registered Bank (Bidder). The Bidder is requested to supply full details of the services required. The Bidder must supply details of:

(a) The time frames required by the Bidder and a programmer for implementation of the required banking services.

(b) Any additional computer hardware or software (and its cost to uThukela Water, if applicable) that uThukela Water must supply for the proposed banking systems to interface with the Sage Evolution and Sage 300 People systems and/or to operate at the required level of efficiency, and or any other system that may become applicable to uThukela Water.

(c) The training requirements (and its cost to uThukela Water, if applicable) for uThukela Water personnel to use the proposed banking system.

(d) The Bidder is required to provide a SINGLE integrated banking system to enable the uThukela Water to transact with the Bank which must include:

- Electronic Payments (EFT)
- Inter-Bank transfers (allowing debit and credit referencing to be captured by the user)
- Capture Stop Payments
- Viewing and downloading of statements

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

uThukela Water wishes to appoint a registered bank to meet the banking needs of its operational activities, which include, inter alia:-

- a user-friendly banking system
- competitive bank charges and commission
- immediate / timeous telephonic support
- fleet card services
- internet / electronic banking solutions
- defined overdraft facilities

It is imperative that Bidders must demonstrate their competence to provide the banking requirements to uThukela Water.

The Scope of this tender, at this stage, only includes uThukela Water, operating within the municipal area of Newcastle. Should this change, the appointed Banker must be able to accommodate any changes to these conditions.

3. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

No.	Description	Information
1	VAT Registration Number	4270212725
2	DRAFT BUDGET 2022/2023 (Annual)	
	Operating Budget	R 222.8 million
	Capital Budget	R1.9 million
	Revenue budget	R 217.1 million
3	STATISTICAL INFORMATION	
3.1	RECEIPTS – (Monthly)	
	Number of Deposits	25
	Value of Cash Deposits	R 20 000
	Value of Direct Deposits	R 12. 7 mil
	• Bulk Electronic Receipts (monthly)	R 12.5 mil
	• Electronic Deposits (Monthly)	R 200 000.00
	Number of R/D Cheques	
	PAYMENTS (Monthly)	
3.2	Number of EFT Batches	15
	Number of EFT Transactions	80
	Value of EFT Payments	R 15 million
	Value of Investments Purchased (Annual)	R 664 mil
	PAYROLL DETAILS (Monthly)	
	Number of Employees	90
	Number of EFT Batch Runs	5
3.3	Number of EFT Transactions	150
	Value of EFT Payments	R 6.2 mil
	NO. OF USERS ACCESSING THE BANKING SYSTEM	7
	NO. OF UTHUKELA WATER ACCOUNTS	266

4. SCHEDULE OF BANK ACCOUNTS

The Municipality operates the following bank accounts:

No	Name of Bank Account
1	Primary Bank Account
2	Investment Account x 2

NB: The above is subject to the opening of new accounts or the closure of existing accounts.

5. BANKING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

The Bidder must provide the following products and services:

5.1 MANAGEMENT OF CASH AND CHEQUES

- 5.1.1 Cash deposits
- 5.1.2 Cash withdrawals
- 5.1.3 Cash deposit error
- 5.1.4 Outward Unpaid / Inward Unpaid
- 5.1.5 Providing copies of deposit slips / depositor details / statements.
- 5.1.6 Special clearance of EFT'S

5.2 OTHER SERVICES

- 5.2.1 Audit Confirmation Letters / Certificate of Balance
- 5.2.2 Returned / disputed debit order.
- 5.2.3 A dedicated support team to maintain and service all banking queries
- 5.2.4 Fleet Card Facility

5.3 OVERDRAFT FACILITY / INTEREST RATES

- 5.3.1 Daily aggregation of all debit and credit balances on all accounts and interest to be calculated on the net balance. Calculation of interest rate on debit and credit balances to be determined in relation to prime overdraft rate. If not prime, indicate benchmark used.
- 5.3.2 Overdraft facility to be negotiated as and when required. Calculation of interest rate on debit balances to be determined in relation to prime overdraft rate. If not prime, indicate benchmark used.
- 5.3.3 Overnight call facility. Calculation of overnight call facility interest rate to be determined in relation to prime overdraft rate. If not prime, indicate benchmark used.
- 5.3.4 Provide a common interest rate for Current account and competitive interest Call accounts.
- 5.3.5 Interest to be paid out at the end of each month.

5.4 REPORTING, AUDIT TRAILS AND QUERIES

- 5.4.1 Comprehensive daily and monthly cash management reports and statements.
- 5.4.2 Hard copies of historic information in respect of all bank related queries and indicate the available period (minimum 12 months).
- 5.4.3 A downloaded statement of electronic payments received through internet, email, telephone banking, etc, into file format for electronic receipting into uThukela Water's receipting system.
- 5.4.4 Deposit error corrections must be reported to uThukela Water within 48 hours of the deposit inclusive of all supporting documentation.
- 5.4.5 An audit trail to be maintained of cheques deposited at the Bidder's bulk cash centre.

5.5 ELECTRONIC BANKING SERVICES

- 5.5.1 Direct on-line balance enquiry.
- 5.5.2 Direct on-line cash management facility
- 5.5.3 Direct on-line statement enquiry.
- 5.5.4 Direct on-line stop payment facility.
- 5.5.5 Direct on-line reversal of stop payment.
- 5.5.6 On-line, real-time browsing facilities.
- 5.5.7 Electronic historic information in respect of all bank statements and indicate the available period (minimum 12 months).
- 5.5.8 Facility to download information on the bank statement into the Sage Evolution system to facilitate bank reconciliations.

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- 5.5.9 An audit trail of all electronic deposits and other deposits.
- 5.5.10 Direct on-line facility to enable transfer of funds electronically between uThukela Water's suite of bank accounts. Allow for the debit and credit reference fields to be captured by the User.

5.6 ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

- 5.6.1 EFT via the bank to effect Investments with financial institutions.
- 5.6.1 EFT facility to effect salary payments.
- 5.6.3 EFT recall to stop payment of salaries.
- 5.6.4 EFT audit trail of all unpaid salaries.
- 5.6.6 Ability to create payments on-line (i.e. creditor details are resident on uThukela Water's financial system).
- 5.6.7 Ability for payments to be released for a future date (up to 60 days in advance).
- 5.6.8 Interim audit reports before action date.
- 5.6.9 Final audit reports after payment is released.
- 5.6.10 Verification and validation of suppliers / creditors and employees branch and account numbers.
 - Bidder's bank
 - Agent bank
- 5.6.11 Segregation of Duties that allow for the following :-
 - Capture of Information/ Create Payments
 - Locking / verification of transaction / payment batch.
 - Release of transaction / payment batch
- 5.6.12 Allow for multiple operators / users
 - Each operator must have own user identification and password
- 5.6.13 The following options on EFT (include cut-off times):-
 - Two to five day dated service
 - One day dated service
 - Same day service
- 5.6.14 The Bidder's software must be loaded into to uThukela Water's desktop PC's with minimal changes to hardware.
- 5.6.15 The electronic funds transfer service must operate in a secure environment and information transmitted must be encrypted.
- 5.6.16 'Host-to-Host' facility which is an automated delivery system creating a link for two-way data transfer.
- 5.6.17 A dedicated support team to maintain and service the EFT requirements of the Municipality.
- 5.6.18 Back up computer facilities:
 - Should the Municipality's systems fail, or
 - Failure of the Bidder's computer systems.
- 5.6.19 SMS and E-mail notification (optional)

5.7 ELECTRONIC FOREIGN PAYMENTS

- 5.7.1 Facility to process foreign payments electronically. Activation of this option and security requirements will be discussed with the successful Bidder.

5.8 GENERAL

- 5.8.1 Issuing of guarantees.
- 5.8.2 Letters of credit / forward cover.
- 5.8.3 petrol / toll card facility.
- 5.8.4 Customer credit referencing.
- 5.8.5 Economic advice / forecasting.
- 5.8.6 Custodial services.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BANKING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

The Bidder must provide the following additional information / services :

6.1 Interest calculations and retro-entries

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- 6.1.1 The procedure to handle retro entries in terms of interest calculations.
- 6.1.2 The timeframes for transactions to be effected. e.g. intra-day, over night or the next day. The Bidder should also provide information as to the type of transactions permitted as previous day value and which are not.
- 6.1.3 The management and recording of retro-entries. Cut-off times at the bank for electronic funds transfer (EFT).

6.2. Electronic banking services and technical equipment

- 6.2.1 A technical specification to enable uThukela Water to interface with the computer systems of the Bidder. The Bidder's timeframe and support systems in ensuring the implementation of the project must be stipulated.
- 6.2.2 The Communication Software that will be made available to link into the Bank's system.
- 6.2.3 Information on the connection protocol or service provider that the Bidder subscribes to.
- 6.2.4 Security assurance and confidentiality in connectivity between uThukela Water and the Bidder.
- 6.2.5. A Service Level agreement to ensure that the Bidder will comply with the services / standards agreed which must be finalised within thirty (30) days of the awarding of the Tender.

6.3. Service Delivery

- 6.3.1. The procedure to deliver bank statements.
- 6.3.2. Daily scrutiny of bank statements for erroneous debit entries.

7. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Service Contract

The Bidder must enclose its standard client service contract, which will be customized to uThukela Water' requirements should the Bidder be awarded the contract.

The contract period will be five (5) years from date of implementation, 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029.

7.2 Safety/ security procedures and insurance

- 7.2.1 Furnish information of all insurance cover to safeguard the interests of the Municipality in the event of negligence on the part of the Bidder.
- 7.2.2 The ability to investigate and recover losses arising from all fraudulent activities.
- 7.2.3 Provide ongoing advice on fraud prevention and methods of detecting fraud ie e-Commerce, cheques, cash, etc.
- 7.2.4 Advice and facility to detect money laundering activities.
- 7.2.5 The Entity requires protection against all forms of fraud relating to the receipt and payment of cash, and the processing of banking transactions. Such measures should include cheque verification, authorisation of EFT's, password controls, bulk cash handling security, payment mandates, security of data, etc.

7.3 Implementation of Project

The Bidder must demonstrate its ability to implement the banking services through accepted project management principles and demonstrate its capability to achieve the time frames as determined by uThukela Water. The Bidder should detail its experience in implementing similar accounts of provincial / local governments and parastatals.

Additional costs associated with the implementation (including hardware and software costs) should be clearly indicated or identified, which the Bidder is of the view is for the account of uThukela Water.

7.4 Training

The Bidder must indicate: -

7.4.1 Training that will be furnished on site to use its electronic banking systems and any upgrades in the future.

7.4.2 Training which will be provided for any unfamiliar service or facility offered by the Bidder.

7.4.3 The ability and willingness to assist with the training of any future system developments.

7.4.4 Costs associated with the aforementioned, which the Bidder is of the view is for the account of uThukela Water.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY BIDDER

The Bidder must provide the following information:-

1. The latest set of audited annual financial statements.
2. The Bidder must submit a valid tax clearance certificate with the bid document. Should uThukela Water be not in possession of this certificate, the Bidder's offer will be considered non-responsive.
3. Most recently published Domestic and International Credit Ratings.
4. Branches and service points in the Newcastle area of jurisdiction.
5. Branch Network in South Africa (Location and Number).
6. Details of the designated main branch where uThukela Water's bank account will be located: -
 - Name and physical Location
 - Banking relationship structure, names and positions
 - Staffing numbers and structures
 - After hours access to Branch
 - Dedicated operational / technical support including a solution around how you would deal with queries / issues raised.
 - IT (financial) systems, back-up facilities including disaster management
8. Details of Management structure, names and position.
9. Administrative and Information Technology systems and support services.
10. Membership of a Clearing House (institution must be a clearing bank).
11. All information systems with the Bidder should be Web-based. In this regard the Bidder must demonstrate its e-Commerce, e-Government and m-Commerce initiatives.
12. All banking requirements for resolutions and approvals eg. Signatories.
13. The Bidders current involvement in providing a banking service to national, provincial, local governments and parastatals (furnish a list of customers / clients).
14. The necessary Board resolution authorizing the representative to sign and submit the bid on the Bidder's behalf.

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15. Proof that the Bidder can handle the transaction volumes as indicated in the Municipality's specification by reference to the Bidder's existing client base and volumes, systems and infrastructure.
16. The Bidder must provide a draft Service Level Agreement and Service Contract.

All enquires in connection with this Bid Invitation should be directed to:

1. Ms Farida Moola
UThukela Water (Pty) Ltd
Tel: 034 328 5000

17. Evaluation Criteria

A. Stage 1: Administrative compliance

uThukela Water has prescribed minimum administrative requirements that must be met by the bidders, for the former to accept the bid for evaluation. In this regard administrative compliance will be carried out to determine whether the bidder's bid comply in this regard.

Stage 2: Mandatory requirements

The following pre-qualification criteria will form part of bid evaluation process and these requirements are key components in determining the capacity and capabilities in executing a contract and failure to comply with these requirements will result in automatic disqualification of your bid.

Mandatory requirement
i. Registered bank in terms of the Bank Act, 1990 (Act 94 of 1990) (Proof of Registration in the form of a copy of the registration certificate).

B. Stage 3: Functionality evaluation

Functionality will be determined in relation to the bidder's ability to meet the terms of reference as set out in this bid document after meeting all mandatory requirements and should the service provider fail to meet stipulated mandatory requirements (pre-requisites), then bid rendered non-responsive and it will not be considered for functionality evaluation.

Functionality (Total 80 points)

Points for functionality will be determined in relation to the bidder's ability to meet the terms of reference as set out in this bid document and allocation will be as follows:

Experience of the key staff (assigned personnel) in relation to the scope of work will be evaluated from two different points of view:

- General experience (total duration of professional activity), level of education and training and positions held of each key staff member.
- The education, training, and experience of the key staff members, in the specific sector, field, subject, etc. which is directly linked to the scope of work.

The key staff members' knowledge of issues which the tenderer considers pertinent to the project e.g., local conditions, affected communities, legislation, techniques etc.

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REF	CRITERION	POINTS ALLOCATED
1	Migration strategy	10
	Communication new account to the new account	5
	Have change accounts with 5 or more municipalities	5
2	Experience	30
	6 points per letter, points will be awarded up to the maximum of 5 appointment letters for similar services done in the past 15 years at municipal environment	30
3	Payment security features	20
	Ability to detect account number and Payee Name	5
	Ability to integrate with all municipal financial systems	5
	Prevent amendment of data from municipal production system to banking system	5
	Ability to recall incorrect EFT payments with 24 hours	5
5	Support services	20
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dedicated and qualified Account Manager CV must be attached 2. Certified Copies of Qualifications (degrees, grades of membership of professional societies and professional registrations) 3. Name of current employer and position in enterprise. 4. Overview of postgraduate experience (year, organization, and position). 5. Outline of recent assignments / experience that has a bearing on the scope of work. 2 points each	10
	Radius of 42km's branch support from Newcastle	5
	Extended hours access to support and Call centre support services	5

NB: Failure to achieve a total minimum score of 56 points out of 80 points will render your bid non – responsive and will not be evaluated further to financial offers.

Please note that the proposal will be adjudicated in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act of 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022.

80/20 preferential point system will apply – Service providers must supply their valid BBBEE Certificate to qualify for the points

Price and Functionality	80
B – BBEE	20
Total	100

C: DECLARATION OF BIDDER`S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICE AND INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

Bidders must complete the form MBD 8 as well as MBD 9

D: TENDERING PROCEDURES

Firstly, the bids will be evaluated through Mandatory requirement and Functionality before looking at Financial offers.

uThukela Water does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid. uThukela Water reserves the right to accept a bid as a whole or a portion thereof. Prospective service providers are required to submit proposals with quotations in hard copies. No e -mailed or faxed proposals shall be accepted.

E: FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

Please note that the presentations may be requested by uThukela Water at their discretion.

Stage 4: Evaluation of Financial Offers

All potential service providers who have achieved the required standards in terms of Stage 2 & 3, will be further evaluated on financial offers then the highest scoring bidder will be utilized by uThukela Water for a period of 60 months.

Stage 5: Objective criteria

In terms of Preferential Procurement Regulation 11 and section 2(1) (f) of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, the following are the objective criteria:

- The risk of fruitless and wasteful expenditure to uThukela Water ;
- The risk of Irregular expenditure to uThukela Water;
- The risk of poor project and contract management on existing project with uThukela Water ;
- The risk of an abnormally low bid; and
- The risk of a material irregularity.

uThukela Water reserves a right to apply objective evaluation criteria should the recommended bidder pose any of the above-mentioned risks after assessment, uThukela Water after ascertaining sufficient information will not make an award to the bidder exposing uThukela Water to one or more of the above-mentioned risks.

16.17 Tax Compliance Status

Bids received from bidders with a non-compliant tax status may be disqualified with failure to update the tax status within 7 days.

18. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Bid offers will only be accepted if:

1. A valid Tax Compliance Status Pin and CSD Master Registration Number for verification;
2. The **Form of Offer** and **MBD 1 Form** is completed and signed;
3. Tenderer has a met the Local Production and Content and Mandatory requirements;
4. The bid must adhere to Pricing Instructions where the pricing schedule should be completed correctly and signed;
5. The bidder or any of its directors/shareholders is not listed on the Register of Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004 person prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
6. The bidder has not:
 - a. abused the Employer's Supply Chain Management System; or
 - b. failed to perform on any previous contract and has been given a written notice to this effect;
7. The bidder has completed the Declaration of Interest and there are no conflicts of interest which may impact on the tenderer's ability to perform the contract in the best interests of the employer or potentially compromise the tender process and persons in the employ of the state are permitted to submit tenders or participate in the contract;
8. The bidder is registered on the **Central Supplier Database**;
9. The bidder is not in arrears for more than 3 months with municipal rates and taxes and municipal service charges. The latest municipal account is to be attached. The statement must not be older than three months from the closing date of this tender. Alternatively, if the tenderer is currently leasing premises and is not responsible for the payment of municipal services, a copy of the Lease Agreement must be attached;
10. A Joint-Venture Agreement or Consortium, where applicable, is submitted with bid;
11. Prospective bidder comply with the requirements of the bid and technical specifications;
12. All returnable schedules are to be completed and all relevant certificates attached where indicated.
 - A tender who submitted a tender as joint Venture must include an acceptable joint venture agreement with the tender,
 - Certification of authority for signature
 - Certified copy of B-BBEE Certificate not older than 03 Months
 - Certified copy of ID copies of directors/members dated not older than 03 months
 - Company registration certificate
 - All MBDs (4-9)
 - Proof of registration on the CSD
 - Latest Municipal Rates statement

19. PRICING SCHEDULE

NOTE:

1. All delivery costs **MUST** be included in the bid price, for delivery at the prescribed destination.
2. Document **MUST** be completed in non-erasable black ink.
3. **NO** correction fluid/tape may be used. In the event of a mistake having been made, it shall be crossed out in ink and be accompanied by an initial at each and every alteration.
4. The Bidder **MUST** indicate whether he/she/the entity is a registered VAT Vendor or not.
 - In the case of the Bidder not being a registered VAT Vendor, both columns (amount/rate excluding AND including VAT) must reflect the same amount.

I / We _____

(full name of Bidder) the undersigned in my capacity as _____

of the firm _____

hereby offer uThukela Water to render the services as described, in accordance with the specification and conditions of contract to the entire satisfaction of uThukela Water (Pty) Ltd and subject to the conditions of tender, for the amounts indicated hereunder:

Are you/is the firm a registered VAT Vendor	INDICATE WITH AN „X“							
	YES				NO			
If “YES”, please provide VAT number								

Escalation of Offer Prices in percentage

(Prices will be fixed for first 12 months and thereafter subject to escalation)

Expected escalation of prices after 12 months %

Expected escalation of prices after 24 months %

Expected escalation of prices after 36 months %

Expected escalation of prices after 48 months %

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

PURCHASES

Name of Bidder:..... **Bid Number: FIN2024-BID-004**

Closing Date: 17 May2024

Closing Time: 12h00

The Bidder must ensure that this section is fully completed. Tick either “YES” or “NO”. If the answer is “YES” then indicate the associated costs if applicable:-

NO.	PRODUCTS / SERVICES REQUIRED	REF. NO.	YES	NO	UNIT COST (VAT EXCL.)	VAT
	MANAGEMENT OF CASH AND CHEQUES					
1	Cash deposit fee	5.1.1				
2	Cash withdrawal fee	5.1.2				
3	Cash deposit errors	5.1.3				
4	Outward Unpaid Inward Unpaid	5.1.4				
5	Providing copies of deposit slips/ statements	5.1.5				
	OTHER SERVICES					
6	Audit confirmation letters/ certificates	5.2.1				
7	Returned/ disputed debit order	5.2.2				
8	Dedicated support team	5.2.3				
9	Fleet card facility	5.2.4				
10	Overnight Call facility	5.3.3				
11	Interest paid out at month-end	5.3.4				
NO	PRODUCTS / SERVICES REQUIRED	REF. NO.	YES	NO	UNIT COST (VAT EXCL.)	VAT
	REPORTING, AUDIT TRAILS AND QUERIES					
12	Daily and monthly cash management reports and Statements	5.4.1				
13	Hard copies of historic information requested	5.4.2				
14	Downloading of electronic payments into file Format	5.4.3				
15	Deposit error corrections reported within 48 hours	5.4.4				
	ELECTRONIC BANKING SERVICES					
16	Direct on-line balance enquiry	5.5.1				
17	Direct on-line cash management facility	5.5.2				
18	Direct on-line statement enquiry	5.5.3				
19	Direct on-line stop payment of cheques	5.5.4				
20	Direct on-line reversal of stop payment	5.5.5				
21	Direct on-line, real-time browsing facility	5.5.6				
22	Historic bank statements supplied electronically	5.5.7				
23	Facility to download bank statements into Sage Evolution system	5.5.8				
24	Audit trail of electronic transfers in/ deposits	5.5.9				

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25	Direct on-line facility to capture bank transfers	5.5.10				
	ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)					
26	EFT payments to effect investments with financial institutions · transfer to Bidder's bank · transfer to Agent bank	5.6.1				
27	EFT facility to effect salary payments · transfer to Bidder's bank · transfer to Agent bank · recall of transfer · late recalls · return of unpaid items · copies of payment reports · transaction tracing	5.6.2				
28	EFT recall to stop payment of salary payments	5.6.3				
29	EFT audit trail of all unpaid salaries	5.6.4				
30	EFT service to facilitate the creation of bulk payments or collections for importing and release	5.6.5				
31	Create payments on-line	5.6.6				
32	Single debit or single credit entry on bank Statement	5.6.7				
NO	PRODUCTS / SERVICES REQUIRED	REF. NO	YES	NO	UNIT COST (VAT EXCL.)	VAT
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35	Release EFT payments for a future date	5.6.8				
36	Interim audit reports before action date	5.6.9				
37	Final audit report after payment is released	5.6.10				
38	Verification and validation of suppliers/ creditors branch and account numbers · Tenderer's bank · Agent bank	5.6.11				
39	Segregation of duties for EFT payments	5.6.12				
40	Allow for multiple operators and password reset	5.6.13				
41	EFT Payments · Two and five day service · One day service · Same day service	5.6.14				
42	Compatibility of software	5.6.15				
43	Secure environment with encryption	5.6.16				
44	'Host-to-Host' facility · all windows operating system	5.6.17				
45	A dedicated support team to maintain and service EFT requirements of the Municipality	5.6.18				
46	Back up computer facilities	5.6.19				
47	SMS and E-mail notification	5.6.20				
	GENERAL					
48	Issuing of guarantees	6.7.1				

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49	Letters of credit/ forward cover/ foreign currency	6.7.2				
50	Business credit/ petrol/ toll card facility	6.7.3				
51	Customer credit referencing	6.7.4				
52	Economic advice/ forecasting	6.7.5				
53	Custodial services	6.7.6				

- **OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 120 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID**

20. SCHEDULE OF SIMILAR WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE BIDDER

Employer (Name, Tel, Fax, Email)		Contact person (Name, Tel, Fax, Email)		Nature of Work	Value of Work (Incl. Vat)	Date Completed
Name		Name				
Tel		Tel				
Fax		Fax				
Email		Email				
Name		Name				
Tel		Tel				
Fax		Fax				
Email		Email				
Name		Name				
Tel		Tel				
Fax		Fax				
Email		Email				
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Tel		Tel				
Fax		Fax				
Email		Email				
Name		Name				
Tel		Tel				
Fax		Fax				
Email		Email				

Attach additional pages if mores space is required.

Number of sheets appended by the tenderer to this schedule (If nil, enter NIL)	
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Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	

21. DECLARATION BY BIDDER

I / We acknowledge that I / we am / are fully acquainted with the contents of the conditions of tender of this tender document and that I / we accept the conditions in all respects.

I / We agree that the laws of the Republic of South Africa shall be applicable to the contract resulting from the acceptance of *my / our tender and that I / we elect domicillium citandi et executandi (physical address at which legal proceedings may be instituted) in the Republic at:

I / We accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfillment of all obligations and conditions devolving in me / us under this agreement as the principal liable for the due fulfillment of this contract.

I / We furthermore confirm I / we satisfied myself / ourselves as to the corrections and validity of my / our tender; that the price quoted cover all the work / items specified in the tender documents and that the price(s) cover all my / our obligations under a resulting contract and that I / we accept that any mistake(s) regarding price and calculations will be at my / our risk.

I / We furthermore confirm that my / our offer remains binding upon me / us and open for acceptance by the Purchases / Employer during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the bid.

Name of Bidder			
Signature		Name (print)	
Capacity		Date	
Witness 1		Witness 2	