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RFP – Mobile Trunk Radio - Voice & Data services

NRF bid number: SKA N0004-0004

The South African SKA Project (SKA SA) is a project of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), administered by the National Research Foundation (NRF). SKA SA is responsible for coordinating Africa's involvement in the design and construction of the Square Kilometre Array Radio Telescope, the design and construction of the Karoo Array Radio Telescope (MeerKAT), and the African VLBI Network (AVN). Information about the project is available on www.ska.ac.za.

The SKA South Africa invite qualified and experienced service providers to submit mobile trunk radio bids for the supply, delivery, installation, operation, maintenance, and provision of managed telecommunications services in the Northern Cape province areas declared as the Karoo Central Astronomy Advantage Areas, protected for the purpose of radio astronomy and related scientific activities in terms of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, 2007 (Act No. 21 of 2007). The successful bid will be for the trunk radio system that use the radio frequency spectrum below 200 MHz to provide mobile voice and limited data services to benefit the local public, SKA South Africa, rural safety, emergency and municipal services.

The SKA South Africa elected to finance the capital costs of the trunk radio network with the high-masts at Wildeperdeberg, Williston, Brandvlei and VanWyksvlei, and limited subsidy for end-user devices. It is the responsibility of the bidder to become familiar with all remote high-sites to provide costing for all deliverables. The successful bidder will be appointed for a period of 15 years to provide day-to-day managed services on behalf of the SKA SA and to find customers for the radio network. The bid shall contain detailed costing for equipment, installation, maintenance, end-user telecommunications rates, and managed services for a period of 15 years.

Preferential Procurement System applicable (points for price: points for procurement preference): 90:10
Compulsory briefing session will be held at the SKA SA Offices on the **31 May 2016 from 10:00 to 12:00**

Voluntary site visit to remote high-masts at own cost
The NRF has the right to withdraw and cancel the bid

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Kindly submit your proposals not later than **15 July 2016 before 11:00**



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