National Research Foundation

Invitation to Quote

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO QUOTE FOR REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT

Quote Number:
RIISA/RFQ 2026/27:144

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF REQUIREMENT

THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (NRF) SEEKS TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDER TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE MAPPING AND ASSESSMENT OF ITS STAKEHOLDERS AND DEVELOP A STAKEHOLDER FRAMEWORK AS THE KEY DELIVERABLE.

INVITATION TO QUOTE (SBD 1A)	
Quote Number	RIISA/RFQ 2026/27:144
Closing Date	19 November 2026
Closing Time (As Per NRF Systems)	11h00am
Response Documents	Bid submission must be through the National Treasury e-submission portal, using the following link - https://admin.etenders.gov.za//Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F/
Instructions for Bid Submission:	Login to https://admin.etenders.gov.za//Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F/ using your CSD login details. Go to the 'search by' drop down menu. Select 'tender number'. Enter the tender number - ***RIISA/RFQ 2026/27:144*** Click the plus + icon to expand. Scroll down and click 'start e- submission'. Note: Bids submitted using any other method than that prescribed above will not be accepted.
Bidding procedure and technical information enquiries	tender.enquiries@nrf.ac.za do not submit your bid to this mailbox, it is strictly for enquiries

FRAUD ALERT!

It is common for scammers to call bidders pretending to be NRF's employees and offering to swing tenders your way for a fee. Do not fall for it, it is a scam!

The NRF would never offer payment or any other consideration in return for the favourable consideration of a bid.

Please report any suspected acts of fraud or corruption to the following toll-free number - 0800 701 701 or SMS 39772.

HIGH LEVEL SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

The National Research Foundation (NRF) seeks to appoint an independent external service provider to undertake a comprehensive mapping and assessment of its stakeholders and develop a stakeholder framework as the key deliverable.

The NRF seeks to procure a fit-for-purpose partnership management and fundraising system to support, streamline and enhance its fundraising activities, partnership management and funding oversight.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
Name Of Bidder					
Postal Address					
Street Address					
Telephone Number					
Code		Number			
Cell Phone Number					
Code		Number			
Facsimile Number					
Code		Number			
E-Mail Address					
VAT Registration Number					
Tax Compliance Status	Tax Compliance System PIN		**OR**	Central Supplier Database No.	MAAA
B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificate	Tick Applicable Box. ❑ Yes ❑ No		**B-BBEE Status Level Sworn Affidavit**	Tick Applicable Box. ❑ Yes ❑ 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?	❑ Yes ❑ No [If yes enclose proof]		**Are you a foreign-based supplier for the goods/services/ works offered?**	❑ Yes ❑ No [If yes, answer the questionnaire below]	

QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

Is the entity a resident of the Republic of South Africa (RSA)?	❑ Yes ❑ No
Does the entity have a branch in the RSA?	❑ Yes ❑ No

SUPPLIER INFORMATION

Does the entity have a permanent establishment in the RSA?	❑ Yes ❑ No
Does the entity have any source of income in the RSA?	❑ Yes ❑ No
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 below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING (SBD 1B)

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 in the manner prescribed in the bid document. Bid pages are bound to minimise risk of lost pages.
1.3	This bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022, the General Conditions Of Contract (GCC) with its special conditions of contract, and, if applicable, any other legislative requirements.

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 verify the taxpayer's profile and tax status.
2.3	Application for tax compliance status (TCS) pin may be made via e-Filing through the SARS website www.sars.gov.za.
2.4	Bidders may also submit a printed TCS certificate together with the bid.
2.5	In bids where consortia / joint ventures / sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate TCS certificate / PIN / CSD number.
2.6	Where no TCS is available but the bidder is registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD), a CSD number must be provided.
2.7	No bids will be considered from persons in the service of the state, companies with directors who are persons in the service of the state, or close corporations with members persons in the service of the state.

3. TWO ENVELOPE SYSTEM	**No**
4. VALIDITY PERIOD FROM DATE OF CLOSURE	90 days

5. THE BIDDING SELECTION PROCESS

Stage 1 – Compliance to submission requirements

Bidders warrant that their proposal document has, as a minimum; the specified documents required for evaluating their proposals as set out in the Returnable Document List and conform to all the terms, conditions, and specifications as set out in this document.

Stage 2 – Evaluation of Bids against Technical Specifications

Bidders achieving the minimum threshold in the specification to enter the Price/Preference scoring stage:

Stage 2A – Evaluation of Bids against Specifications including Quality

The NRF evaluates each bidder's written response to the specifications issued in accordance to published evaluation criteria set as in Section D.

Stage 2B – Due Diligence Interviews or Proof of Delivery/Concept against Specifications

Where circumstances justifies it, the NRF conducts interviews with shortlisted bidders for them to present further information or provide further proof to the evaluation committee. In these cases, the National Research Foundation provides the areas of concern to the short listed bidders to address in their presentations with this document and, where necessary, may provide further areas of concern to the short listed bidders at this stage.

Stage 2C – Due Diligence Research

The National Research Foundation confirms the recommended bidder(s)'s reference letters with referees to confirm the recommendation(s).

Stage 3 – Price/Preference Evaluation

Basis of fair competition:

The NRF compares each bidder's pricing proposal on an equal and fair comparison basis equitable to all bidders, taking into account all aspects of the bid's pricing requirements including the application of fair pricing tests as set out below in the section "Insufficiency of Funds".

Ranking of the bidders pricing:

The NRF ranks the qualifying bids on price with lowest priced Bid receiving the maximum points (either 80 or 90) and the remainder ranked in relation to the lowest priced bid. The NRF adds the bidders' claimed preference points as verified to the submitted preference claim form (SBD 6.1) to provide the final ranking for the award decision.

Stage 4 – Checking Tax Compliance

Stage 4A – Taxpayers Resident in South Africa

The NRF notifies the recommended bidder in writing where their tax compliance check reflects that they are non-compliant and provides the recommended bidder seven (7) working days to submit written proof from SARS of their tax compliance status or proof that they have made an arrangement with SARS to meet their outstanding tax obligations. Failure to deliver such written evidence of compliance results in the rejection of that recommended bid.

Stage 4B – Non-Resident Foreign Bidders

Where foreign bidders are submitting a bid, they complete all sections of the SBD1 especially the tax questionnaire. The NRF submit the Foreign Bidder's completed SBD1 to the South African Revenue Service to obtain from the South African Revenue Service the Confirmation of Tax Obligations letter. Where South Africa Revenue Services does not issue the letter, Stage 4A applies in clearing the reason for not receiving the letter.

Stage 5 – Award and Contract Signing

The NRF nominates the bidder with the highest combined score for the contract award subject to the bidder having supplied the relevant administrative documentation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING (SBD 1B)

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF READING EACH PAGE

The bidder warrants by signature in this document that the bidder has read and accepts each page.

7. CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE REGISTRATION

Bidders are requested to register on the Central Supplier Database and to include in their bid their Master Registration Number (Supplier Number) in order to enable the NRF to verify the supplier's tax status on the Central Supplier Database.

8. CLARIFICATION

If the respondent wishes to clarify aspects of this request or the acquisition process, they contact the officials listed under the enquiries section above. The National Research Foundation does not provide the origin of the request to any party.

9. RESPONSE PREPARATION COSTS

The NRF is not liable for any costs incurred by a bidder in the process of responding to this Bid Invitation, including on-site presentations.

10. COLLUSION, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

Any effort by Bidder/s to influence evaluation, comparisons, or award decisions in any manner will result in the rejection and disqualification of the bidder concerned.

11. FRONTING

The NRF, in ensuring that bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the bid evaluation processes where applicable, conduct or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations to determine the accuracy of the representation made in the bid documents. The onus is on the bidder to prove that fronting does not exist, should the National Research Foundation establish and notify the bidder of potential breaches of any of the fronting indicators as contained in the Department of Trade and Industry's "Guidelines on Complex Structures and Transactions and Fronting". Failure to do so within a period of 7 days from date of notification will invalidate the bid/contract and may also result in the restriction of the bidder to conduct business with the public sector for a period not exceeding 10 years, in addition to any other remedies the NRF may have against the bidder concerned.

12. DISCLAIMERS

The NRF has produced this document in good faith. The NRF, its agents, and its employees and associates do not warrant its accuracy or completeness. The NRF makes no representation, warranty, assurance, guarantee or endorsements to any provider/bidder concerning the document, whether with regard to its accuracy, completeness or otherwise and the NRF shall have no liability towards the responding service providers or any other party in connection therewith.

13. CANCELLATION OF THE QUOTATION PRIOR TO AWARD

	Procurement not required: The NRF cancels the Bid Invitation prior to making an award if due to changed circumstances there is no need for the specified procurement in the document.
	No Acceptable Quotations: The NRF cancels the Quotation Invitation prior to making an award if it receives no acceptable bids i.e. that do not meet the minimum requirements set out in this document.
	Invalid Bid Procedure: The NRF cancels the Quotation Invitation prior to making an award if a material irregularity occurred in the bid process.
	Insufficiency of Funds or Quotations not within a fair price range: The NRF cancels the Quotation

	Invitation prior to making an award if the funds are no longer available to cover the total envisaged expenditure or if the price offered by the bidder scoring the highest points is not market related. The NRF conducts fair pricing tests to arrive at an opinion of reasonableness of the bid price offered. Where these tests reflect pricing outside of the established fair price range, the evaluators may recommend price negotiation. The NRF only negotiates price, and no other component, with the winning bidder or, where that bidder refuses negotiation, with the next ranked bidder in the price/preference ranking until a market related price is achieved.

SBD 1 SIGNATURE

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution**)**

DATE:

SCOPE OF WORK

INTRODUCTION TO THE NRF

The National Research Foundation Act as amended, Act 19 of 2018, establishes the National Research Foundation ("NRF") as the juristic legal entity that will contract with the awarded bidder. Please visit the NRF website (https://www.nrf.ac.za) for more information.

CONTEXT OF THIS PROCUREMENT

Business Advancement (BA) is a cross-functional unit of the National Research Foundation (NRF) based at the NRF Head Office. The business unit integrates and optimises the organisation's impact, innovative partnering and fundraising drive, working closely with other divisions. Business Advancement builds on the NRF's strong network and partnership baseline, at national, regional and international level, to enable collaboration opportunities in the science and innovation ecosystem.

The BA Directorate is driving a stakeholder-centred approach aligned to the new organisational structure and NRF strategic priorities. Partnerships provide a critical platform for resource mobilisation, fundraising, and the co-creation of impactful research programmes across national, regional, and international platforms.

In line with one of BA's core function, which is to lead the development of responsive, demand driven processes and systems that enable higher levels of organisational efficiency, collaboration and agility, there is a need to procure a fit-for-purpose system to support the effective management, automation and scaling of the NRF's partnership and fundraising activities. The system should provide robust analytics and reporting capabilities to inform strategic, data-driven decision-making, while offering the flexibility to integrate with existing systems and accommodate customisation in line with evolving business requirements.

CONTRACT PERIOD

The contractual period is 12 months, commencing from the date of final signature on the award letter.

A need may arise for follow-up enhancements and new modules of which will be determined at Management's discretion and communicated to the appointed service provider as and when required.

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS/DETAILED SPECIFICATION

The NRF positioning as a partner of choice for national, regional and international organisations looking to enter or scale STI initiatives in Africa and globally. The system should provide a platform to strengthen and enhance its reach and impact across these markets and should demonstrate the following capabilities:

Partner management:

The system must:

- Maintain a centralized partner database that stores partner profiles, funding interests, engagement histories, relevant documents and other information required to support coordinated engagement and sustainable relationships.
- Track relationships and connections between partners, including affiliations, organizational relationships, shared interests and potential collaborative funding opportunities.
- Provide secure document management functionality for storing and retrieving partnership agreements, proposals, correspondence, due diligence documentation and other relevant records.
- Support partner categorisation and segmentation, including corporate entities, international funders, government institutions, NGOs, foundations, alumni and individual donors.

Fundraising pipeline:

The system must:

- Maintain comprehensive donor and prospective donor information, including contact details, giving history, interests, engagement records and relevant relationship information.
- Enable the NRF to track fundraising opportunities from prospect identification and cultivation through proposal development, solicitation, funding commitments and receipt of funds, providing visibility of pipeline progress and potential funding value.
- Record and manage different types of contributions, including one-time donations, recurring donations, pledges, in-kind contributions and stock or securities gifts, where applicable.
- Track pledges and Support the management of multi-year funding commitments
- Allocate a single gift across multiple funds, programs or projects, where applicable.
- Provide shopping-cart-style giving functionality, enabling donors to contribute to multiple projects through a single giving transaction.

Marketing

The system must:

- Enable the creation and management of branded donation forms and fundraising campaign pages.
- Provide donors with self-service access to manage recurring gifts, payment methods and giving histories through a secure donor portal.
- Support segmented communications through various communication channels
- Enable personalised outreach based on donor interests, engagement history, giving patterns and other relevant information.
- Manage email subscription preferences and communication consent.
- Support the creation of automated tasks, notifications and reminders for donor engagement, stewardship and follow-up activities.
- Enable the management of donor stewardship activities, including acknowledgements, thank-you communications, progress updates and reporting to donors on the impact of their contributions.

- Support donor segmentation and engagement based on geography, thematic interests, giving history, donor type and potential funding capacity, subject to applicable data protection requirements.
- Support the generation and management of donation acknowledgements and relevant supporting documentation, including donation tax certificates where applicable and subject to the NRF's approved processes and regulatory requirements.

Financial visibility and fund management

The system must:

- Provide visibility of funding requested, pledged, contractually committed, awarded, received and utilised, where the relevant information is available.
- Support the tracking of funding targets, actual contributions received, outstanding pledges, expected instalments and projected future funding.
- Enable the tracking of funding by partner, project, programme, thematic area, geographical location, funding source and financial period.
- Provide visibility of multi-year funding commitments
- Maintain an auditable history of changes to funding amounts, pledge schedules, allocations and commitment statuses.
- Enable reconciliation of fundraising records

Governance and integration

The system must:

- Provide role-based access controls to ensure that users can access information and functionality appropriate to their responsibilities.
- Maintain audit trails of user activities and material changes to partner records, donor information, fundraising opportunities and funding commitments.
- Provide appropriate safeguards for personal information and confidential donor and partner records, in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and other applicable requirements.
- Support secure data storage, regular backups, data recovery and business continuity arrangements.
- Support the controlled import and export of data in commonly used formats, subject to appropriate access permissions and security controls.
- Identify and support available integration methods

Reporting and analytics

The system must:

- Provide timely insights into fundraising performance, funding forecasts, donor engagement and overall fund management.
- Enable the NRF to define, monitor and report on key performance indicators (KPIs).
- Provide flexibility to generate customized reports and dashboards to support management and strategic decision-making.
- Support the embedding or sharing of live dashboards within internal portals or emails, subject to appropriate access controls and technical compatibility.
- Enable the tracking and analysis of donors, partners and fundraising opportunities across geographical regions and thematic areas, supported by an interactive global mapping visualization that provides a geographical overview of donor distribution, funding opportunities, funding secured and potential

investment areas.

Support and Training

- Provide user training, system manuals and relevant supporting documentation.
- Offer ongoing customer support and technical assistance.

To note: The NRF has a signed agreement with an international partner to facilitate the receipt of funding in the United States of America (USA).

INDICATION OF VALUE AND TRANSACTIONS:

The NRF invites service providers to submit quotations for the design, development or configuration, and implementation of a fit-for-purpose Partnership Management and Fundraising System, through to the Go-Live stage.

Minimum requirements:

Only those bidders that meet the following minimum requirements and complies with the administrative and other evaluation criteria (returnable documents checklist) will proceed to the price evaluation stage.

Bidders must also submit the following documents, in addition to the completion and signing of all the administrative documentation:

1. Company profile, highlighting overall experience in building partnership and fundraising systems.
2. A comprehensive project design proposal, not exceeding 20 pages, outlining the proposed methodology and approach for the design, configuration or development, and implementation of the partnership management and fundraising system. The proposal must include a draft work plan, key activities, deliverables, milestones and estimated timeframes, and demonstrate how the proposed approach will address the objectives and requirements set out in the Detailed Specification section.
3. The bidder must submit a video or video link (demonstration) showcasing the system's capabilities and demonstrating alignment with the requirements set out in the Detailed Specification section.
4. Client references: The bidder must submit a minimum of three (3) reference letters from previous or current clients, on the clients' official letterheads, confirming experience in the design, development and implementation of partnership management and/or fundraising systems.

NOTE: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement and in addition to the termination rights under the General Conditions of Contract (GCC), the NRF reserves the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for operational reasons. Such reasons may include, but are not limited to, the adoption or implementation of an optimized, nationally sourced facilities management model or strategy aimed at improving efficiency, reducing costs, or aligning with national procurement directives or mandates. In the event of such termination, the NRF shall provide the Service Provider with not less than sixty (60) calendar days' written notice. The Service Provider shall not be entitled to claim any compensation or damages

arising from such termination, save for payment due for services satisfactorily rendered up to the effective date of termination. The Service Provider shall take all reasonable steps to ensure an orderly handover and transition, including the provision of relevant documentation, records, and assistance as may be reasonably required by the Purchaser.

SETS OF QUOTATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	
Number of electronic bid documents for contract signing	1

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

The bidder is to complete this table and to supply the necessary page references to the supporting documentation. **A bidder failing to adequately provide any of the mandatory documents is automatically disqualified.**

Legislative/Technical Documents	**Compliance**

(M – Mandatory); (O – Optional)	**Submitted**		**Bid Section Reference**	**Reference to Bidder's document**
Bidder Eligibility				
Procurement Invitation (SBD 1), signed and completed including the SBD 4, 6.1 and signed Bid Submission Certificate form.	**M**	❑ Yes ❑ No		
A valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn Affidavit	**O**	❑ Yes ❑ No		
Pricing Documents	**Compliance**			
Pricing (SBD 3.1) in this document to be completed.	**M**	❑ Yes ❑ No		

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (GO/NO-GO)

Selection Element		**Meet Specification Minimum**	**Bid Section Reference**	**Reference to Bidder's document**
1	Fully completed Procurement Invitation (SBD 1) including the SBD 4, 6.1 and signed Bid Submission Certificate form.	❑ YES ❑ NO		
2	Proof of Registration on the Government's Central Supplier Database (CSD).	❑ YES ❑ NO		
3	**Company profile** Highlighting overall experience in building partnership and fundraising systems.	❑ YES ❑ NO		

Selection Element		Meet Specification Minimum	Bid Section Reference	Reference to Bidder's document
4	**Project design proposal** A comprehensive project design proposal, not exceeding 20 pages, outlining the proposed methodology and approach for the design, configuration or development, and implementation of the partnership management and fundraising system. The proposal must include a draft work plan, key activities, deliverables, milestones and estimated timeframes, and demonstrate how the proposed approach will address the objectives and requirements set out in the Detailed Specification section.	❑ YES ❑ NO		
5	**System Demonstration Video** The bidder must submit a video or video link (demonstration) showcasing the system's capabilities and demonstrating alignment with the requirements set out in the Detailed Specification section.	❑ YES ❑ NO		
6	**Client References** The bidder must submit a minimum of three (3) reference letters from previous or current clients, on the clients' official letterheads, confirming experience in the design,development and implementation of partnership management and/or fundraising systems.	❑ YES ❑ NO		

SBD 3.1: PRICING DETAIL

Pricing Special Conditions

1	**Pricing Schedule:** In terms of General Conditions of contract clause 17.1, the price schedule remains unchanged for the duration of the contract with the NRF accepting no changes, extensions, or additional ad hoc costs to the pricing conditions of the contract with the exception of any price adjustments authorised in the Special Conditions of Contract for pricing set out below:
2	**Firm Quantities over the Contract Period:** The NRF requires firm set quantities during the current period with the time of delivery being determined during the contract period.
3	**Estimated quantities over the Contract Period:** The NRF may require further quantities during the current period with the actual quantity and time of delivery being determined when such quantities are needed. For bidding purposes and to establish the contract ceiling price, the NRF provides estimated quantities of what its requirements and estimated timing during the contract period for bidders to establish their pricing. The NRF does not provide guarantees or commitments that it will order this entire amount during the contract's life. The NRF, through the signed contract, guarantees its procurement of the specified goods and/or services is from the contracted party only.

SBD 3.1: PRICING DETAIL	
4	**Placement of written purchase orders for actual quantities ordered:** The NRF manages the execution of this contract through the issue of written purchase orders – stipulating quantity, description, delivery date, and the unit price as et out in this contract - for the contracted supplies. The NRF, when issuing the written purchase order, guarantees that the funding is available.
5	**Contract Ceiling Price:** With these estimates in the bid contract, the contract ceiling price includes both the firm quantities and the potential future quantities within the contract ceiling price. The NRF manages the contract within the contract ceiling price by paying only for the verified deliveries/performances in terms of the clauses of this contract. The cumulative value of each of these invoices at the expiry of the contract is the actual total contract price.
6	**Price Adjustments:** In terms of General Conditions of Contract clause 17.1, the price adjustments with the rules for application are set out below as special conditions of Contract Clause 17.1. **Price adjustments and their corresponding rules are for the management of price risks on the basis of the NRF and the contracted bidder sharing the risk equally.**
7	**Price quoted** is South African Rands in terms of General Conditions of contract clause 16.4
8	**Price Quotation Basis**: Price quoted is fully inclusive of all costs including delivery to the specified NRF price delivery point and includes value- added tax, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions, and skills development levies in terms of General Conditions of contract clauses 12, 32.1 and 32.2. **Price Delivery Point:** In cases where different delivery points influence the pricing, the bidder submits a separate pricing schedule for each delivery point.
9	**Detail Pricing Support:** Detailed information e.g. costed bill of quantities is optional where not stated in the price schedule below and is provided as an annexure to the details included in this SBD 3
10	**Application of Preference Points:** Pricing is subject to the addition of Preference Points as stipulated below - Standard Bidding Document 6.1 Preference claim form.

PRICING SCHEDULE

	DESCRIPTION/ (Reference to specific specification)	**QTY**	**UNIT OF MEASURE**	**UNIT PRICE INCLUDING VAT**	**TOTAL PRICE INCLUSIVE OF VAT**
	Provide a detailed quotation for the Design, Development or Configuration and Implementation of a Partnership Management and Fundraising System through to the Go-live stage. i) Consultation / Need analysis ii) Design iii) Implementation iv) Testing The quantities indicated are indicative only and do not imply that each requirement will necessarily be undertaken in the quantities specified. Bidders must submit a comprehensive,	1	Each		

DESCRIPTION/ (Reference to specific specification)		QTY	UNIT OF MEASURE	UNIT PRICE INCLUDING VAT	TOTAL PRICE INCLUSIVE OF VAT
	price quotation covering all deliverables and associated work required for the successful design, development/configuration, implementation and deployment of a fit-for-purpose partnership management and fundraising system. The quotation must be provided in both the bidder's home currency and South African Rand (ZAR).				
TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE OF ABOVE (CEILING PRICE) INCLUSIVE OF 15% VAT				**R**	

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The National Research Foundation cannot amend the National Treasury's General Conditions of Contract (GCC). The National Research Foundation therefore appends Special Conditions of Contract (SCC) providing specific information relevant to a GCC clause to its the National Treasury's General Conditions of Contract The National Research Foundation has filed its General Conditions of Contract GCC) on its website (http://www.nrf.ac.za/procurement/General-Conditions-of-Contract). These form part of this document's contract conditions. Special Conditions specific to this bid contract are set out in this document.
The NRF deems the bidders to have accessed and read the General Conditions of Contract. Whenever there is an unintended conflict, the provisions of the Special Conditions of Contract shall prevail over the General Conditions of Contract.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

(AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFIC CLAUSES OF THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT LISTED BELOW EACH CLAUSE IN THAT SECTION).

1 **Service Provider Obligations:**

The service provider must exercise reasonable skill, care and diligence in rendering all services included in this procurement contract.

The service provider must deliver the services during normal working hours (i.e. Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays from 08h30 to 17h00) and/or such additional hours as may be reasonably required by the NRF due to the existence of special circumstances. Services rendered outside of these hours will only be rendered by mutual agreement with the nominated person of the NRF, based in severity level.

The service provider may not do anything that may prejudice or be adverse to the operations and functions of the NRF

The service provider must submit such information and reports, as specified in the agreed service request, to the person nominated by the NRF, and comply with all legislation applicable in providing these services.

The service provider corresponds and deliver services only to the NRF and end users of the NRF.

2 **Communication:** The contracted parties communicate in writing through mail, delivery, or email. The contracted party states the contract number and purchase order number, if the latter is applicable, on communication documentation. The contract party does not act upon any communication without the

contract number or must verify such communication with the assigned NRF contract manager prior to acting upon it.

3 **Occupational Health and Safety when working on NRF sites:** All personnel performing work on NRF site/s as part of this contract are responsible to obtain safety induction.

Over and above the obligations provided by the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS Act No 85 of 1993 and its Regulations, known as 'the Act'), the contracted party meets with all relevant health and safety instructions as given to them by site safety personnel, where relevant. Personal protection equipment including closed safety shoes, hard hats, height safety equipment, and high visibility vests are worn at all times while on the work site. All personnel are to obey the relevant instructions, including signage, related to restricted access and speed limits on all sites.

The contracted party, once signing the contract (SBD 7), is responsible for itself, its employees, and those people affected by its operations in terms of the Act the regulations promulgated in terms thereof. The contracted party performs all work and uses equipment on site complying with the provisions of the Act.

To this end, the contracted party shall make available to the NRF on the valid Letter of Good Standing in terms of the COID Act and ensures its validity does not expire while executing this bid, where applicable. The contracted party furnishes its registration number with the office of the Compensation Commissioner. The contracted party enters into a Section 37.2 agreement in terms of Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS Act No 85 of 1993 and its Regulations) that the NRF drafts.

The contracted party maintains a health and safety plan complying with the requirements of The Act at the work site during the period that contracted work takes place on the site.

The NRF manages the contracted party in his capacity for the execution of this contract to meet the provisions of the said Act and the regulations promulgated in terms thereof. The contracted party accepts liability for any contraventions to the Act. Each member of the contracted party's team (including sub-contracted personnel), submit a signed indemnity form prior to entering the work site and kept in the contracted party's health and safety file.

MANAGEMENT OF PERFORMANCE LEVELS

1. The Performance Levels are in the table below.

2. The NRF measures the contracted bidder's performance against these performance levels in the execution of the contract.

3. The contracted bidder recognises that its failure to meet the performance levels has a material and adverse impact on the operations of NRF and that the damages from the contracted bidder's failure to meet any performance level is not susceptible to precise determination.

4. The NRF excuses the contracted bidder from failing to comply with the performance levels to the extent that non-performance or delayed performance is solely and directly attributable to an act or omission of the NRF or its staff or circumstances of force majeure as referred to in this Agreement.

5. If the contracted bidder fails to meet any performance level:

- the contracted bidder shall investigate and report on the root causes of the performance level failure; promptly correct the failure and begin meeting the set performance levels;
- advise the NRF as and to the extent requested by the NRF of the status of remedial efforts being undertaken with respect to such performance level failure; and
- take appropriate preventative measures to prevent the recurrence of the performance level failure.

6. Both parties are responsible for monitoring and measuring the performance of the contracted bidder against

MANAGEMENT OF PERFORMANCE LEVELS

the performance levels set in this document. The NRF deems failure by the contracted bidder to measure performance with respect to the contract specifications for any measurement period, as a failure to meet the stipulated performance levels.

PERFORMANCE LEVELS STATEMENT

Service/Goods being Measured	Measurement Methodology	Penalty/Bonus and level applicable from
Delivery KPIs	Time elapsed between the appointed bidder receiving the purchase order and delivering in accordance with the purchase order	Not delivered at the specified date and time. Proactive corrective actions are mandatory.
Quality of rendered service(s)	Meets the agreed requirements	Requirements are not achieved. X% of total invoice value

SBD 4 BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest[1] in the enterprise,
employed by the state?
YES/NO

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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

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

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:
……
……

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

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:
……
……

3 DECLARATION

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

3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium[2] will not be construed as collusive bidding.
3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

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

3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT. I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

…… ……
Signature Date

…… ……
Position Name of bidder

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIMED (SBD 6.1)

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

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

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

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIMED (SBD 6.1)

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

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

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

1.2 **To be completed by the organ of state**

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

b) The 80/20 preference point system will be applicable in this tender. The lowest/ highest acceptable tender will be used to determine the accurate system once tenders are received.

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

(a) Price; and

(b) Specific Goals.

1.4 **To be completed by the organ of state:**

The maximum points for this tender are allocated as follows:

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

1.5 Failure on the part of a tenderer to submit proof or documentation required in terms of this tender to claim points for specific goals with the tender, will be interpreted to mean that preference points for specific goals are not claimed.

1.6 The organ of state reserves the right to require of a tenderer, either before a tender is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the organ of state.

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) **"tender"** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation to provide goods or services through price quotations, competitive tendering process or any other method envisaged in legislation;

(b) **"price"** means an amount of money tendered for goods or services, and includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;

(c) **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in Rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

(d) **"tender for income-generating contracts"** means a written offer in the form determined by an organ of state in response to an invitation for the origination of income-generating contracts through any method envisaged in legislation that will result in a legal agreement between the organ of state and a third party that produces revenue for the organ of state, and includes, but is not limited to, leasing and disposal of assets and concession contracts, excluding direct sales and disposal of assets through public auctions; and

(e) **"the Act"** means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

3. FORMULAE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

3.1. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

$$Ps = 80\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\,min}{P\,min}\right)$$

Ps = Points scored for price of tender under consideration

Pt = Price of tender under consideration

Pmin = Price of lowest acceptable tender

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR SPECIFIC GOALS

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

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

Specific Goals	Number of points allocated (80/20 system)	Number of points claimed (80/20 system) (To be completed by the tenderer)
B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 1 to 3	8	
B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 4 to 6	6	

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B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution 7 to 8	2	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black-owned	3	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black female-owned	3	
Supplier that is at least 51% Black youth-owned	1	
Supplier that is at least 51% owned by People with Disabilities	1	
EME or QSE	4	

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

3.2. Name of company/firm……

3.3. Company registration number: ……...

3.4. TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

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

i) The information furnished is true and correct;

ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;

iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 4.2, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the organ of state that the claims are correct;

iv) If the specific goals have been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the organ of state may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

(a) disqualify the person from the tendering process;

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(b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;

(c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;

(d) recommend that the tenderer or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and

(e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution, if deemed necessary

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SIGNATURE(S) OF TENDERER(S)

SURNAME AND NAME: .....

DATE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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BID SUBMISSION CERTIFICATE FORM - (SBD 1)

I hereby undertake to supply all or any of the goods, works, and services described in this procurement invitation to the NRF in accordance with the requirements and specifications stipulated in this Bid Invitation document at the price/s quoted.

My offer remains binding upon me and open for acceptance by the NRF during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of Bid Invitation.

The following documents are deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this offer / bid even where integrated in this document:

Invitation to Bid (SBD 1)	Specification(s) set out in this Quotation Invitation inclusive of any annexures thereto
Bidder's responses to this invitation as attached to this document	Pricing Schedule(s) (SBD3.1) including detailed schedules attached
(SBD 6.1) PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2022	
Declaration of Interest (SBD4)	General Conditions of Contract and special/additional conditions of contract as set out in this document

BID SUBMISSION CERTIFICATE FORM - (SBD 1)	
I confirm that I have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my offer / bid in response to this Bid Invitation; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the goods, works and services specified in the Bid Invitation and cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.	
I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me in terms of this Bid Invitation as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of the subsequent contract if awarded to me.	
I declare that I have had no participation in any collusive practices with any Bidder or any other person regarding this or any other Bid.	
I certify that the information furnished in these declarations (SBD 3, SBD 4, SBD 6.1) is correct and I accept that the NRF may reject the Bid or act against me should these declarations prove to be false.	
I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this offer/ bid response.	
NAME (PRINT)	
CAPACITY	
SIGNATURE	
WITNESS 1	
NAME	
SIGNATURE	
WITNESS 2	
NAME	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	