

## **GENERAL BID CONDITIONS**

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## 1 DEFINITIONS

Where the following words or phrases are used in this Agreement, such words or phrases shall have the meaning assigned thereto in this clause, except where the context clearly requires otherwise:

- 1.1 **Bid** shall mean a Respondent's tendered response / proposal to a Foskor RFP or RFQ;
- 1.2 **Bid Document(s)** shall mean a reference to a Request for Proposal or Request for Quotation;
- 1.3 **Business Day** shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;
- 1.4 **Goods** shall mean the goods required by Foskor as specified in its Bid Document;
- 1.5 **Parties** shall mean Foskor and the Respondents to a Bid Document;
- 1.6 **Respondent(s)** shall mean a respondent/bidder to a Bid Document;
- 1.7 **RFP** shall mean Request for Proposal;
- 1.8 **RFQ** shall mean Request for Quotation;
- 1.9 **RFX** shall mean RFP or RFQ, as the case may be;
- 1.10 **Services** shall mean the services required by Foskor as specified in its Bid Document;
- 1.11 **Service Provider or Supplier** shall mean the successful Respondent;
- 1.12 **Tax Invoice** shall mean the document as required by Section 20 of the Value-Added Tax Act, 89 of 1991, as may be amended from time to time;
- 1.13 **VAT** shall mean Value-Added Tax in terms of the Value-Added Tax Act, 89 of 1991, as may be amended from time to time.

## 2 GENERAL

All Bid Documents and subsequent contracts and orders shall be subject to the following general conditions as laid down by Foskor and are to be strictly adhered to by any Respondent to this RFX.

## 3 SUBMITTING OF BID DOCUMENTS

- 3.1 A Bid, which shall hereinafter include reference to an RFP or RFQ, shall be submitted to Foskor no later than the closing date and time specified in accordance with the directions issued in the Bid Documents. Late Bids will not be considered.
- 3.2 The Bid Documents must be completed in their entirety and Respondents are required to complete their Bid submissions legibly in non-erasable ink.
- 3.3 Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope in accordance with the instructions indicated in the Bid Documents with the Bid number and subject marked on the front of the envelope.
- 3.4 The Respondent's return address must be stated on the reverse side of the sealed envelope.

## 4 USE OF BID FORMS

- 4.1 Where special forms and/or formats are issued by Foskor for the submission of Bids, Respondents are required to submit their Bids by completion of the appropriate sections on such official forms and/or formats and not in other forms and/or formats or documents bearing their own terms and conditions of contract. Non-compliance with this condition may result in the rejection of a Bid.
- 4.2 Respondents must note that the original Bid forms and/or formats must be completed for submission and not a reprocessed copy or other format thereof.

- 4.3 Only if insufficient space has been allocated to a particular response may a Respondent submit additional information under separate cover using the Company's letterhead. This must be duly cross-referenced in the RFX.

## **5 VALIDITY PERIOD**

- 5.1 The Respondents must hold their Bid valid for acceptance by Foskor at any time within the requested validity period after the closing date of the bid.
- 5.2 Respondents may be requested to extend their validity period for a specified additional period. In such instances, Respondents will not be allowed to change any aspect of their Bid, unless they are able to demonstrate that the proposed change/s is as a direct and unavoidable consequence of Foskor's extension of the validity period.

## **6 SITE VISITS / BRIEFING SESSIONS**

Respondents may be requested to attend a site visit or briefing session where it is necessary to view the site in order to prepare their Bids, or where Foskor deems it necessary to provide Respondents with further information to allow them to complete their Bids properly. Where such visits or sessions are indicated as compulsory in the RFX Document, Respondents are obliged to attend these meetings as failure to do so will result in their disqualification.

## **7 CLARIFICATION BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE**

Should clarification be required on any aspect of the Bid before the closing date, the Respondent must direct such queries to the contact person listed in the RFX Document in the stipulated manner.

## **8 COMMUNICATION AFTER THE CLOSING DATE**

After the closing date of a Bid (i.e. during the evaluation period) the Respondent may only communicate with the General Manager Procurement.

## **9 UNAUTHORISED COMMUNICATION ABOUT BIDS**

Where Bids are submitted to the General Manager, Procurement Respondents may at any time communicate with the General Manager on any matter relating to its Bid but, in the absence of written authority from the General Manager, no communication on a question affecting the subject of a Bid shall take place between Respondents or other potential service providers or official of Foskor during the period between the closing date for the receipt of the Bid and the date of the notification of the successful Respondent(s). A Bid, in respect of which any such unauthorised communication has occurred, may be disqualified.

## **10 POST TENDER NEGOTIATIONS**

Foskor reserves the right to conduct post tender negotiations with the preferred bidder or a shortlist of preferred bidders. Should Foskor decide to conduct post tender negotiations, bidders will be requested to provide their best and final offers to Foskor based on such negotiations. A final evaluation will be conducted in terms of 80/20 or 90/10 (whichever is applicable) and the contract will be negotiated and awarded to the successful bidder(s).

## **11 RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

All returnable documents listed in the RFX Documents must be submitted with Respondent's Bid. Failure to submit mandatory returnable schedules / documents will result in disqualification. Failure to submit other schedules / documents may result in disqualification.

## **12 DEFAULTS BY RESPONDENTS**

If the Respondent, after it has been notified of the acceptance of its Bid fails to:

- 12.1 enter into a formal contract when called upon to do so within such period as Foskor may specify; or
- 12.2 accept an order in terms of the Bid;
- 12.3 furnish satisfactory security when called upon to do so for the fulfilment of the contract; or
- 12.4 comply with any condition imposed by Foskor,

Foskor may, in any such case, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, proceed to accept any other Bid or, if it is necessary to do so, call for Bids afresh, and may recover from the defaulting Respondent any additional expense incurred by Foskor in calling for new offers or in accepting a less favourable offer.

## **13 CURRENCY**

All monetary amounts referred to in a Bid response must be in Rand, the currency of the Republic of South Africa [ZAR], save to the extent specifically permitted in the RFP.

## **14 PRICES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION**

- 14.1 Prices which are quoted subject to confirmation will not be considered.
- 14.2 Firm prices quoted for the duration of any resulting order and/or contract will receive precedence over prices which are subject to fluctuation if this is in Foskor's best interests.

## **15 ALTERATIONS MADE BY THE RESPONDENT TO BID PRICES**

All alterations made by the Respondent to its Bid price(s) prior to the submission of its Bid Documents must be done by deleting the incorrect figures and words where required and by inserting the correct figures and words against the items concerned. All such alterations must be initialled by the person who signs the Bid Documents. Failure to observe this requirement may result in the particular item(s) concerned being excluded in the matter of the award of the business.

## **16 EXCHANGE AND REMITTANCE**

- 16.1 The Respondent should note that where the whole or a portion of the contract or order value is to be remitted overseas, Foskor shall, if requested to do so by the Supplier/Service Provider, effect payment overseas directly to the foreign principal or manufacturer of such percentage of the contract or order value as may be stipulated by the Respondent in its Bid Documents.
- 16.2 It is Foskor's preference to enter into Rand-based agreements. Foskor would request, therefore, that the Respondent give favourable consideration to obtaining forward exchange cover on the foreign currency portion of the Agreement at a cost that is acceptable to Foskor to protect itself against any currency rate fluctuation risks for the duration of any resulting contract or order.

- 16.3 The Respondent who desires to avail itself of the aforementioned facility must at the time of bidding furnish the information called for in the Exchange and Remittance section of the Bid Documents and also furnish full details of the principals or manufacturer to whom payment is to be made.
- 16.4 The South African Reserve Bank's approval is required before any foreign currency payments can be made to or on behalf of Respondents.
- 16.5 Foskor will not recognise any claim for adjustment of the order and/or contract price if the increase in price arises after the date on which the Goods/Services were to be delivered, as set out in the order and/or contract, or any subsequent agreement between the parties.
- 16.6 Foskor reserves the right to request a pro-forma invoice/tax invoice in order to ensure compliance with the contract and Value-Added Tax Act no. 89 of 1991 [VAT Act].

## **17 ACCEPTANCE OF BID**

- 17.1 Foskor does not bind itself to accept the lowest priced or any Bid.
- 17.2 Foskor reserves the right to accept any Bid in whole or in part.
- 17.3 Upon the acceptance of a Bid by Foskor, the parties shall be bound by these General Bid Conditions and any contractual terms and/or any schedule of "Special Conditions" or otherwise which form part of the Bid Documents.
- 17.4 Where the Respondent has been informed by Foskor of the acceptance of its Bid, the acknowledgement of receipt transmitted shall be regarded as proof of delivery to the Respondent.

## **18 NOTICE TO UNSUCCESSFUL RESPONDENTS**

- 18.1 Unsuccessful Respondents shall be advised in writing that their Bids have not been accepted as soon as possible after the closing date of the Bid. On award of business to the successful Respondent all unsuccessful Respondents must be informed of the name of the successful Respondent and of the reason as to why their Bids had been unsuccessful.

## **19 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

- 19.1 The Supplier/Service Provider shall adhere to the Terms and Conditions of Contract issued with the Bid Documents, together with any schedule of "Special Conditions" or otherwise which form part of the Bid Documents.
- 19.2 Should the Respondent find any conditions unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer amendments/ alternatives by written submission on a company letterhead. Any such submission shall be subject to review by Foskor's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed amendments /alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be.

## **20 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS**

- 20.1 The contract documents will comprise these General Bid Conditions, the Terms and Conditions of Contract and any schedule of "Special Conditions" which form part of the Bid Documents.
- 20.2 The abovementioned documents together with the Respondent's Bid response will constitute the contract between the parties upon receipt by the Respondent of Foskor's letter of acceptance / intent, subject to all additional amendments and/or special conditions thereto as agreed to by the parties.
- 20.3 Should Foskor inform the Respondent that a formal contract will be signed, the abovementioned documents together with the Respondent's Bid response [and, if any, its covering letter and any

subsequent exchange of correspondence] as well as Foskor's Letter of Acceptance/Intent, shall constitute a binding contract until the final contract is signed.

## **21 LAW GOVERNING CONTRACT**

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the contract created by the acceptance of a Bid. The *domicilium citandi et executandi* shall be a place in the Republic of South Africa to be specified by the Respondent in its Bid at which all legal documents may be served on the Respondent who shall agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of South Africa. A foreign Respondent shall, therefore, state in its Bid the name of its authorised representative in the Republic of South Africa who is empowered to sign any contract which may be entered into in the event of its Bid being accepted and to act on its behalf in all matters relating to the contract.

## **22 IDENTIFICATION**

If the Respondent is a company, the full names of the directors shall be stated in the Bid. If the Respondent is a close corporation, the full names of the members shall be stated in the Bid. If the Respondent is a partnership or an individual trading under a trade name, the full names of the partners or of such individual, as the case may be, shall be furnished.

## **23 RESPONDENT'S SAMPLES**

- 23.1 If samples are required from Respondents, such samples shall be suitably marked with the Respondent's name and address, the Bid number and the Bid item number and must be despatched in time to reach the addressee as stipulated in the Bid Documents on or before the closing date of the Bid. Failure to submit samples by the due date may result in the rejection of a Bid.
- 23.2 Foskor reserves the right to retain samples furnished by Respondents in compliance with Bid conditions.
- 23.3 Payment will not be made for a successful Respondent's samples that may be retained by Foskor for the purpose of checking the quality and workmanship of Goods/Services delivered in execution of a contract.
- 23.4 If Foskor does not wish to retain unsuccessful Respondents' samples and the Respondents require their return, such samples may be collected by the Respondents at their own risk and cost.

## **24 SECURITIES**

- 24.1 The successful Respondent, when called upon to do so, shall provide security to the satisfaction of Foskor for the due fulfilment of a contract or order. Such security shall be in the form of a Deed of Suretyship [Deed of Suretyship] furnished by an approved bank, building society, insurance or guarantee corporation carrying on business in South Africa.
- 24.2 The security may be applied in whole or part at the discretion of Foskor to make good any loss or damage which Foskor may incur in consequence of a breach of the contract or any part thereof.
- 24.3 Such security, if required, shall be an amount which will be stipulated in the Bid Documents.
- 24.4 Additional costs incurred by Foskor necessitated by reason of default on the part of the Supplier/Service Provider in relation to the conditions of this clause 24 will be for the account of the Supplier/Service Provider.

## **25 PRICE AND DELIVERY BASIS FOR GOODS**

- 25.1 Unless otherwise specified in the Bid Documents, the prices quoted for Goods must be on a Delivered Duty Paid [ICC Incoterms 2010] price basis in accordance with the terms and at the delivery point or points specified in Foskor's Bid Documents. Bids for supply on any other basis of delivery are liable to disqualification. The lead time for delivery stated by the Respondent must be inclusive of all non-working days or holidays, and of periods occupied in stocktaking or in effecting repairs to or overhauling plant, which would ordinarily occur within the delivery period given by the Respondent.
- 25.2 Respondents must furnish their Bid prices in the Price Schedule of the Bid Documents on the following basis:
- a) Local Supplies - Prices for Goods to be manufactured, produced or assembled in the Republic of South Africa, or imported supplies held in South Africa, to be quoted on a Delivered RSA named destination basis.
  - b) Imported Supplies - Prices for Goods to be imported from all sources to be quoted on a Delivered Duty Paid [ICC Incoterms 2010] basis, to end destination in South Africa, unless otherwise specified in the Bid Price Schedule.

## **26 EXPORT LICENCE**

The award of a Bid for Goods to be imported may be subject to the issue of an export licence in the country of origin or supply. If required, the Supplier/Service Provider's manufacturer or forwarding agent shall be required to apply for such licence.

## **27 QUALITY OF MATERIAL**

Unless otherwise stipulated, the Goods offered shall be NEW i.e. in unused condition, neither second-hand nor reconditioned.

## **28 DELETION OF ITEMS EXCLUDED FROM BID**

The Respondent must delete items for which it has not tendered or for which the price has been included elsewhere in its Bid.

## **29 VALUE-ADDED TAX**

- 29.1 In respect of local supplies, i.e. Goods to be manufactured, produced or assembled in the Republic of South Africa, or imported supplies held or already in transit to South Africa, the prices quoted by the Respondent are to be exclusive of VAT which must be shown separately at the standard rate on the Tax Invoice.
- 29.2 In respect of foreign Services rendered:
- a) the invoicing by a South African Service Provider on behalf of its foreign principal rendering such Service represents a Service rendered by the principal; and
  - b) the Service Provider's Tax Invoice(s) for the local portion only [i.e. the "commission" for the Services rendered locally] must show the VAT separately.

## **30 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS REGARDING PAYMENT**

- 30.1 Method of Payment
- a) The attention of the Respondent is directed to the Terms and Conditions of Contract which set out the conditions of payment on which Bid price(s) shall be based.



- b) However, in addition to the foregoing the Respondent is invited to submit offers based on alternative methods of payment and/or financing proposals.
- c) The Respondent is required to give full particulars of the terms that will be applicable to its alternative offer(s) and the financial merits thereof will be evaluated and taken into consideration when the Bid is adjudicated.
- d) The Respondent must, therefore, in the first instance, tender strictly in accordance with clause 30.1 (a) above. Failure to comply with clause 30.1 (a) above may preclude a Bid from further consideration.

NOTE: The successful Respondent [the **Supplier/Service Provider**] shall, where applicable, be required to furnish a guarantee covering any advance payments.

#### 30.2 Conditional Discount

Respondents offering prices which are subject to a conditional discount applicable for payment within a specific period are to note that the conditional period will be calculated as from the date of receipt by Foskor of the Supplier/Service Provider's month-end statement reflecting the relevant Tax Invoice(s) for payment purposes, provided the conditions of the order or contract have been fulfilled and the Tax Invoice is correct in all respects as referred to in the contract or order. Incomplete and/or incorrect Tax Invoices shall be returned and the conditional period will be recalculated from the date of receipt of the correct documentation.

### 31 CONTRACT QUANTITIES AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

#### 31.1 Contract Quantities

- a) It must be clearly understood that although Foskor does not bind itself to purchase a definitive quantity under any contract which may be entered into pursuant to this Bid, the successful Respondent nevertheless undertakes to supply against the contract such quantities as may be ordered against the contract, which orders are posted or delivered by hand or transmitted electronically on or before the expiry date of such contract.
- b) It is furthermore a condition that Foskor will not accept liability for any material/stocks specially ordered or carried by the Respondent with a view to meeting the requirements under any such contract.
- c) The estimated planned quantities likely to be ordered by Foskor per annum are furnished in relevant section of the Bid Documents. For avoidance of doubt the estimated quantities are estimates and Foskor reserves the right to order only those quantities sufficient for its operational requirements.

#### 31.2 Delivery Period

- a) Period Contracts and Fixed Quantity Requirements  
It will be a condition of any resulting contract/order that the delivery period embodied therein will be governed by the provisions of the Terms and Conditions of Contract.
- b) Progress Reports  
The Supplier/Service Provider may be required to submit periodical progress reports with regard to the delivery of the Goods/Services.
- c) Emergency Demands as and when required

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, supplies of the Goods/Services covered by the Bid are required at short notice for immediate delivery, the Supplier/Service Provider will be given first right of refusal for such business. If it is unable to meet the desired critical delivery period, Foskor reserves the right to purchase such supplies as may be required to meet the emergency outside the contract if immediate delivery can be offered from any other source. The *Total or Partial Failure to Perform the Scope of Supply* section in the Terms and Conditions of Contract will not be applicable in these circumstances.

### **32 PLANS, DRAWINGS, DIAGRAMS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS**

#### **32.1 Copyright**

Copyright in plans, drawings, diagrams, specifications and documents compiled by the Supplier/Service Provider for the purpose of contract work shall be governed by the Intellectual Property Rights section in the Terms and Conditions of Contract.

#### **32.2 Drawings and specifications**

In addition to what may be stated in any Bid Document, the Respondent should note that, unless notified to the contrary by Foskor or a designated official by means of an official amendment to the Bid Documents, it is required to tender for Goods/Services strictly in accordance with the drawings and/or specifications supplied by Foskor, notwithstanding that it may be aware that alterations or amendments to such drawings or specifications are contemplated by Foskor.

#### **32.3 Respondent's drawings**

Drawings required to be submitted by the Respondent must be furnished before the closing time and date of the Bid. The non-receipt of such drawings by the appointed time may disqualify the Bid.

#### **32.4 Foreign specifications**

The Respondent quoting for Goods/Services in accordance with foreign specifications, other than British and American standards, is to submit translated copies of such specifications with the Bid. In the event of any departures or variations between the foreign specification(s) quoted in the Bid Documents, full details regarding such departures or variations must be furnished by the Respondent in a covering letter attached to the Bid. Non-compliance with this condition may result in disqualification.

### **33 BIDS BY OR ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN RESPONDENTS**

33.1 Bids submitted by foreign principals may be forwarded directly by the principals or by its South African representative or agent to the Secretary of the Acquisition Council or to a designated official of Foskor according to whichever officer is specified in the Bid Documents.

33.2 In the case of a representative or agent, written proof must be submitted to the effect that such representative or agent has been duly authorised to act in that capacity by the principal. Failure to submit such authorisation by the representative or agent shall disqualify the Bid.

33.3 When legally authorised to prepare and submit Bids on behalf of their principals not domiciled in the Republic of South Africa, representatives or agents must compile the Bids in the names of such principals and sign them on behalf of the latter.

33.4 South African representatives or agents of a successful foreign Respondent must when so required enter into a formal contract in the name of their principals and must sign such contract on behalf of the latter. In every such case a legal Power of Attorney from their principals must be furnished to

Foskor by the South African representative or agents authorising them to enter into and sign such contract.

- a) Such Power of Attorney must comply with Rule 63 (Authentication of documents executed outside the Republic for use within the Republic) of the Uniform Rules of Court: Rules regulating the conduct of the proceedings of the several provincial and local divisions of the Supreme Court of South Africa.
- b) The Power of Attorney must be signed by the principal under the same title as used in the Bid Documents.
- c) If a Power of Attorney held by the South African representative or agent includes matters of a general nature besides provision for the entering into and signing of a contract with Foskor, a certified copy thereof should be furnished.
- d) The Power of Attorney must authorise the South African representative or agent to choose the *domicilium citandi et executandi*.

33.5 If payment is to be made in South Africa, the foreign Supplier/Service Provider [i.e. the principal, or its South African agent or representative], must notify Foskor in writing whether, for payment by electronic funds transfer [EFT]:

- a) funds are to be transferred to the credit of the foreign Supplier/Service Provider's account at a bank in South Africa, in which case the name and branch of such bank shall be furnished; or
- b) funds are to be transferred to the credit of its South African agent or representative, in which case the name and branch of such bank shall be furnished.

33.6 The attention of the Respondent is directed to clause 24 above [Securities] regarding the provision of security for the fulfilment of contracts and orders and the manner and form in which such security is to be furnished.

#### **34 CONFLICT WITH ISSUED RFX DOCUMENT**

34.1 Should a conflict arise between these General Bid Conditions and the issued RFX document, the conditions stated in the RFX document shall prevail.

#### **35 DATABASE OF RESTRICTED SUPPLIERS (BLACKLISTING)**

35.1 All the stipulations on Foskor's blacklisting process as laid down in Foskor's Supply Chain Policy and Procurement Procedures Manual are included herein by way of reference. Below follows a condensed summary of this blacklisting procedure.

35.2 Blacklisting is a mechanism used to exclude a company/person from future business with Foskor and other organs of state for a specified period. On completion of the blacklisting process, the blacklisted entity's details will be placed on National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers for the specified period of exclusion.

35.3 The decision to blacklist is based on one of the grounds for blacklisting. The standard of proof to commence the blacklisting process is whether a "*prima facie*" (i.e. on the face of it) case has been established.

35.4 Depending on the seriousness of the misconduct and the strategic importance of the Goods/Services, in addition to blacklisting a company/person from future business, Foskor may decide to terminate some or all existing contracts with the company/person as well.

35.5 A supplier/service provider or contractor to Foskor may not subcontract any portion of the contract to a blacklisted company.

35.6 Grounds for blacklisting include: If any person/Enterprise which has submitted a Bid, concluded a contract, or, in the capacity of agent or subcontractor, has been associated with such Bid or contract:

- a) Has, in bad faith, withdrawn such Bid after the advertised closing date and time for the receipt of Bids;
- b) has, after being notified of the acceptance of his Bid, failed or refused to sign a contract when called upon to do so in terms of any condition forming part of the bid documents;
- c) has carried out any contract resulting from such bid in an unsatisfactory manner or has breached any condition of the contract;
- d) has offered, promised or given a bribe in relation to the obtaining or execution of the contract;
- e) has acted in a fraudulent or improper manner or in bad faith towards Foskor or any Government Department or towards any public body, Enterprise or person;
- f) has made any incorrect statement in a certificate or other communication with regard to the Local Content of his Goods or his B-BBEE status and is unable to prove to the satisfaction of Foskor that:
  - (i) he made the statement in good faith honestly believing it to be correct; and
  - (ii) before making such statement he took all reasonable steps to satisfy himself of its correctness;
- g) caused Foskor damage, or to incur costs in order to meet the contractor's requirements and which could not be recovered from the contractor;
- h) has litigated against Foskor in bad faith.

35.7 Foskor recognizes that trust and good faith are pivotal to its relationship with its suppliers/service providers. When a dispute arises between Foskor and its supplier/service provider, the parties should use their best endeavours to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner, whenever possible. Litigation in bad faith negates the principles of trust and good faith on which commercial relationships are based. Accordingly, Foskor will not do business with a company that litigates against it in bad faith or is involved in any action that reflects bad faith on its part. Litigation in bad faith includes, but is not limited to the following instances:

- a) Vexatious proceedings. These are frivolous proceedings which have been instituted without proper grounds;
- b) Perjury. Where a supplier/service provider commits perjury either in giving evidence or on affidavit;
- c) Scurrilous allegations. Where a supplier/service provider makes allegations regarding a senior Foskor employee which are without a proper foundation, scandalous, abusive or defamatory.

- d) Abuse of court process. When a supplier/service provider abuses the court process in order to gain a competitive advantage during a bid process.
- 35.8 Where any person or Enterprise has been found guilty by a court of law, tribunal or other administrative body of a serious breach of any law, during the preceding 5 Years, such person/Enterprise may also be blacklisted. Serious breaches of the law would include but are not limited to corruption, fraud, theft, extortion, or contraventions of the Competition Act 89 of 1998 (e.g. collusive tendering). This process excludes minor convictions such as traffic offences or personal disagreements between parties which have no bearing on the business operations of the person or Enterprise.
- 35.9 Grounds for blacklisting include a company/person recorded as being a company or person prohibited from doing business with the public sector on National Treasury's Register of Tender Defaulters.
- 35.10 Companies associated with the person/s guilty of misconduct (i.e. entities owned, controlled or managed by such persons), any companies subsequently formed by the person(s) guilty of the misconduct and/or an existing company where such person(s) acquires a controlling stake may be considered for blacklisting. The decision to extend the blacklist to associated companies will be at the sole discretion of Foskor.
- 35.11 Any person or enterprise or company against whom a decision to blacklist has been taken, may make representations to the Chief Financial Officer of Foskor (Pty) Ltd, whose decision shall be final.

### **36 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

- 36.1 Both Parties agree that they may obtain and have access to personal data as a result of the Bid process. The Parties shall at all times ensure that:
- a) they process data only for the express purpose for which it was obtained;
  - b) once processed for the purposes for which it was obtained, all data will be destroyed to an extent that it cannot be reconstructed to its original form;
  - c) data is provided only to authorised personnel who strictly require the personal data to carry out the Parties' respective obligations in terms of the Bid process;
  - d) they do not disclose personal data of the other Party, other than as agreed in paragraph 37.3 below;
  - e) they have all reasonable technical and organisational measures in place to protect all personal data from unauthorised access and/or use;
  - f) they have appropriate technical and organisational measures in place to safeguard the security, integrity and authenticity of all data in its possession or under its control as a result of the Bid process;
  - g) such personal data is protected against unauthorised or unlawful processing, accidental loss, destruction or damage, alteration, disclosure or access.
- 36.2 The Parties agree that if personal data will be processed for additional purposes beyond the original purpose for which it was obtained, explicit consent must be obtained beforehand from those persons whose information will be subject to further processing.
- 36.3 Should it be necessary for either Party to disclose or otherwise make available the personal data to any third party (including sub-contractors and employees), it may do so only with the prior written permission of the other Party. The Party requiring such permission shall require of all such third

parties, appropriate written undertakings to be provided, containing similar terms to that set forth in this paragraph 37, and dealing with that third party's obligations in respect of its processing of the personal data. Following approval by the other Party, the Party requiring permission agrees that the provisions of this clause 37 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to all authorised third parties who process personal data.

- 36.4 The Parties shall ensure that any persons authorized to process data on their behalf (including employees and third parties) will safeguard the security, integrity and authenticity of all data. Where necessary to meet this requirement, the Parties shall keep all personal data and any analyses, profiles, or documents derived therefrom logically separated from all other data and documentation held by it.
- 36.5 The Parties shall carry out regular assessments to identify all reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the personal data in its possession or under its control. The Parties shall implement and maintain appropriate safeguards against the risks which it identifies and shall also regularly verify that the safeguards which it has in place has been effectively implemented.
- 36.6 The Parties agree that they will promptly return or destroy any personal data in their possession or control which belongs to the other Party once it no longer serves the purpose for which it was collected in relation to the Bid process, subject to any legal retention requirements. This may be at the request of the other Party and includes circumstances where a person has requested the Parties to delete all instances of their personal data. The information will be destroyed in such a manner that it cannot be reconstructed to its original form, linking it to any particular individual or organisation.
- 36.7 Personal Information security breach: Respondent's Obligations
- a) The Respondent is required to notify the Information Officer of Foskor, in writing as soon as possible after it becomes aware of or suspects any loss, unauthorised access or unlawful use of any personal data and shall, at its own cost, take all necessary remedial steps to mitigate the extent of the loss or compromise of personal data as quickly as is possible. The Respondent shall also be required to provide Foskor with details of the persons affected by the compromise and the nature and extent of the compromise, including details of the identity of the unauthorised person who may have accessed or acquired the personal data.
  - b) The Respondent shall provide on-going updates on its progress in resolving the compromise at reasonable intervals until such time as the compromise is resolved.
  - c) Where required, the Respondent may be required to notify the South African Police Service; and/or the State Security Agency and where applicable, the relevant regulator and/or the affected persons of the security breach. Any such notification shall always include sufficient information to allow the persons to take protective measures against the potential consequences of the compromise.
  - d) The Respondent undertakes to co-operate in any investigation relating to security which is carried out by or on behalf of Foskor including providing any information or material in its possession or control and implementing new security measures.

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