

**BID NUMBER: RFP/08/01/25**

**THE PROVISION OF A PANEL OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE GAUTENG PARTNERSHIP FUND (GPF) FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS**

**GPF QUESTION AND ANSWER RESPONSE**

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. For the Engineering disciplines, please advise if Professional Engineering Technologist (PrTech Eng) will be accepted as well or only Professional Engineer (PrEng) registration?	- Please refer to the revised TOR published on the GPF's Website.
2. Do we submit a separate bid document for all the disciplines that we choose, or do we separate the returnable of the disciplines with dividers?	- Preferably one bid with dividers separating the disciplines.
3. Based on the specific goals for this opportunity. Is a Generic firm able to tender for the above-mentioned opportunity?	- Yes
4. Could you kindly confirm the type and nature of work anticipated under this tender?	- This is based on the understanding of the discipline and depends on the type of work done within the human settlement environment.
5. The briefing included a brief mention of housing projects, but the details were not explicit.	- Depends on the type of work done within the Human Settlement environment.
6. Could you please confirm whether the tender will proceed as scheduled or if there are any changes we should be aware of?	- Please refer to the revised TOR published on the GPF's Website.
7. Many of our clients are private individuals who do not use official letterheads; however, they have still provided reference letters without them. Is this acceptable?	- No
8. Some government departments do not issue reference letters as per their policy. They have responded on our ISO Customer Questionnaire which covers the similar	- No, only Valid reference letter will be accepted

information as the reference letters. Would this questionnaire be acceptable as a reference letter?	
9. How come you have listed the three categories of construction health and safety, which are health and safety agents (PrCHSA) / construction health and safety managers (CHSM), and construction health and safety officers (CHSO)? This is even though SACPCMP doesn't have a mandate for the duties and services of CHSMs and CHSOs for construction clients to be represented by those professionals. The professionals in the two categories were found not to be competent to represent clients. Refer to page 22.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only Professional health and safety agents are required.</li> </ul>
10. How come you intend to award (10) points for an experience of 15 years for health and safety categories when the registration of the construction health and safety discipline occurred in 2013? Currently, none of the registered PrCHSA who have the mandate from the SACPCMP and the Construction Regulations 2014 to be appointed as client agents would possess 15 years of experience post SACPCMP registration. Refer to page 24.	<p><b>Note:</b> The following functionality evaluation criteria only applies to Occupational Health and Safety Consultant discipline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 Years of experience <b>(10 Points)</b></li> <li>• 7-9 Years of experience <b>(8 Points)</b></li> <li>• 4-6 Years of experience <b>(5 Points)</b></li> <li>• 1-3 Years of experience <b>(3 Points)</b></li> <li>• No Years experience <b>(0 Points)</b></li> </ul>
11. How come you have not specified any health and safety qualifications on the page, like you have done with all other disciplines? You only mentioned built environment qualifications? Can you please rectify this? Refer to page 22.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please refer to the revised TOR published on the GPF's website.</li> </ul>
12. How come you apply a blanket approach for award of points for a Project Lead and Senior Resources when this criterion doesn't apply to the construction health and safety discipline? Refer to pages 23-24.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please refer to the revised TOR published on the GPF's website.</li> </ul>
13. If we intend to submit proposals for more than one discipline, for example, Quantity Surveying, Land Surveying and Civil/Structural Engineering, how should we structure our resources? Should we provide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes, please be clear on each discipline and note that for each discipline bidders will be bidding for a Minimum of 70 points.</li> </ul>

one project lead accompanied by multiple support staff?	
14. On page 42, Table 1 column 1 doesn't specify percentages. Does that mean that should there be any percentage the full points can be claimed no matter how much percent it is.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Panel is determined by the functionality point obtained. The percentages will only apply where there is price involved.</li> </ul>
<b>15. Project Lead &amp; Senior Resource Qualifications Across Disciplines</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Functionality Evaluation criteria (Stage 2) specify that the Project Lead and Senior Resource must hold qualifications in Civil Engineering or Construction Management (Pr. Eng / Pr. Tech Eng / Pr. CPM).</li> <li>Please confirm whether this requirement applies <b>across all professional disciplines</b> (e.g., Architecture, Quantity Surveying, Electrical Engineering) or whether these roles and qualifications are discipline-specific in line with each professional body's requirements.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please refer to the revised TOR published on the GPF's website.</li> </ul>
<b>16. Professional Indemnity Insurance Timing</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tender indicates that the professional indemnity cover must be equivalent to 200% of professional fees for the appointed scope of works.</li> <li>Kindly clarify whether bidders must provide proof of such cover <b>at bid submission stage</b> or whether it is acceptable to provide evidence of the increased cover only upon allocation of specific work through an RFQ.</li> </ol> <b>16.1 Submission for Multiple Disciplines</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If bidding for more than one discipline, should separate sets of CVs, proof of registration, and reference letters be submitted <b>per discipline</b>, or can a consolidated set of resources and references cover multiple disciplines?</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will only be required on the RFQ.</li> <li>- Please refer to the revised TOR published on the GPF's website.</li> </ul>
<b>17. Reference Letters Definition</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tender requires "similar services" in reference letters. Please confirm</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reference letters refer to the discipline the entity will be bidding for.</li> </ul>

whether “similar” refers to projects within the <b>exact same discipline</b> being bid for, or whether related built environment project experience will be accepted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please refer to the revised TOR published on the GPF's website.</li> <li>- Refers to reference letters within the Human Settlement environment.</li> </ul>
18. Do we submit a separate bid document for all the disciplines that we choose, or do we separate the returnable of the disciplines with dividers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preferably one bid with dividers separating the disciplines.</li> </ul>
19. Is it compulsory to get an Affidavit even if we have a SANAS Accredited Certificate?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No, it is not compulsory, bidders must submit the valid SANAS Accredited Certificate or Sworn Affidavit.</li> </ul>
20. Please advise if pricing is required for the above-mentioned bid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No pricing is required as this is an establishment of a panel, the pricing will be required in the RFQ process once the panel has been appointed.</li> </ul>
21. Confirm whether the requirement is for three personnel per discipline, or if the structure can be led by a Project Manager with the remaining positions filled by senior and supporting staff members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please refer to the revised TOR/Bid document published on the GPF's website.</li> </ul>