

MINUTES: VIRTUAL NON-COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUPPLY, INSTALL AND MAINTAIN QUEUE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR FIVE (5) PSIRA REGIONAL OFFICESS FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS PSIRA/2023/RFB/06

HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2023 @ 10:00 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

No	Items	Discussions
1.	Opening & welcoming	Ms. Tsakani Maluleke opened the meeting and welcomed all bidders. She introduced PSiRA team in attendance.
		It was mentioned to bidders to note that the briefing session was non-compulsory; therefore, bidders do not have to write the name of the company they are representing on the chat box. It was further mentioned to bidders that given that the briefing session was non-compulsory, service providers who had not attended the briefing would still be evaluated based on the criteria that has specified on the published Terms of Reference.
2.	Attendance	 Ms. Sophy Mahura – Manager: IT services (Presenter) Mr. Rocco Van Zyl – Manager: Registration Ms. Tsakani Maluleke - SCM Officer: Bid Administration Ms. Nkhuliseni Tshilimandila – SCM Assistant: Bid Administration Mr. Kenny Makoena -SCM Intern
3.	Presentation	Ms. Sophy Mahura presented the following, in line with the Terms of Reference published: Purpose. Scope of Work. Technical Specification. Hardware Requirements. Addresses of PSiRA Offices



		 Evaluation Criteria - Criterion 2: Technical Evaluation Evaluation Criteria - Criterion 3: Presentation
		Ms. Tsakani Maluleke presented the following:
		 Criterion 1- Compulsory/mandatory requirements as listed on page 11 of 17 of the terms of reference. Conditions of tender. Instruction to bidders Reporting of incidents.
4.	Discussion and Questions	Below were questions raised by bidders with the answers provided. Q1. On page 8 in terms of the dimension of the screen 38x24 is there any other alternative or bidders are required to supply what has been specified?
		Ans: Bidders must supply the screen as per the Authority's specification; bidders can propose any brand name and the proposed screen must still meet the minimum requirement specified.
		Q2. On page 9, under Johannesburg office total number is 10 meaning 8 consultants and 2 supervisors, does it mean 8 consultants or 8 counters, because the number of consultants equal the number of counters?
		Ans: Yes, 8 consultants equal to 8 counters.
		Q3. Regarding regional offices, how many waiting areas does each regional offices have?



Ans: Each regional office has one waiting area and the receptionist will be responsible for issuing ticket numbers to visitors.

Q4. With regards to hardware requirements on page 7 where it refers to ticket dispenser, where will those ticket dispenser be placed, will the ticket dispenser be placed on the table, or will it be a self-service at a kiosk?

Ans: Ticket dispenser refers to kiosk in general and each office will have one ticket dispenser and the receptionist will be responsible for issuing tickets, so the ticket dispenser will be placed at the reception.

Q5. The requirement on page 8 of touch screen is it a minimum requirement or a hard requirement?

Ans. It is important that bidders stick to the specification because evaluation will be based on what was requested, this will also enable the Authority to compare bidders on the same requirements.

Q6. On the requirements of the LED screen, if there are other screens that are based on technologies other than LED are they ruled out completely even if they still serve the same purpose?

Ans: Only LED screens will be considered as per the specification issued.

Q7. With regards to ticket dispenser, does it mean that any kind of self-service by customers will be completely ruled out?



Ans: Bidders can provide self-services solution as a value-added service, the issuing of tickets by our official at the reception is a requirement.

Q8. In terms of the hardware, on point 6, hosting is said to be hosted in one central location that the Authority will control, if a bidder proposes a cloud-based system will the bidder be disqualified?

Ans: As stated on terms of reference that the system should be hosted at our Head Office, bidders are encouraged to propose as per specification.

Q9. Under paragraph 5.5. supervisor's activities bullet number 5 and sub bullet 6 it states that errors made by the consultants when capturing the client information in a form of percentage, can the Authority's team clarify on that?

Ans: It is a performance related information.

Q10. What will happen in a case where the proposed system is not capable of having providing percentages of errors, due to that functionality not being technically possible on a system?

Ans: The system should have the capabilities of reporting on errors made as errors made when printing tickets will be a cost to the Authority.

Q11. If there is a function which you have requested in a specific way, however bidders provide it in a different manner and achieve the same results will that bid be considered?



Ans: The most important thing is the result regardless of the number of steps that need to be taken to reach the end results.

Q12. If bidders have a technology that makes a thermal printer and printing necessary, would the bid proposal still qualify or does the Authority explicitly want thermal printing and printers at its premises?

Ans: The committee will have to compare and see if there will be no cost implications for the Authority, however it does not mean that the proposal will be ruled out, the Authority still advise bidders to stick to the terms of reference so that the evaluation committee is able to compare service providers proposal.

Q13. How many copies are bidders requested to submit?

Ans: Bidders are required to submit 2 copies (1 indexed original hard copy and 1 copy, 1 USB containing the original proposal (Bidders must ensure that the documentation on the USB is exactly the same as the one submitted as a hard copy document).

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

It was emphasised to bidders that:

- They must comply with the mandatory documents and requirements as listed on the terms of reference (refer documentation where guidance was provided on how to compile a compliant bid proposal as well as completion of forms).
- Points claimed for specific goals must be supported by documentation, i.e., Full CSD Report, CIPC document, B-BBEE Certificate, or an Affidavit.
- Bid documentation are published at National Treasury E-tenders portal as well at PSiRA Website.



- Bidders were advised to read the bid documentation thoroughly and understand the content of the document to meet the mandatory requirements specified on the terms of reference and to avoid being disqualified at the first phase of evaluation.
- Bidders must make sure that they initial every page and sign last page of the GCC (General Conditions of Contract and TOR (Terms of Reference).
- All SBD forms must be completed in full and signed by the bidder. (**NB**-Please make sure that you use the SBD forms issued with the bid document and also take note of the new SBD 4.
- Bidders must give clear instructions to courier companies who delivers the proposals on their behalf; they must ensure that the courier company register the bid submitted in the register availed on the tender box.
- Bidders must ensure that they mark their proposals and USB and put them in one envelope, and the USB must contain the same information per proposal for which the Authority does not do cross reference.
- Bidders must hold their bid validity for a period of 120 days.
- The minimum Threshold is 50 points out of 80 points for bidders to qualify presentation.
- Bidders will be evaluated out of 30 points and are required to achieve minimum threshold of 20 points out of 30 points on presentation.
- The overall combined score (when technical evaluation and presentation is combined) must be equal or above 70 points out of 100 points in order to proceed to Criteria 4: Price and specific goals evaluations.
- Bidders who score less than 70 points out of 100 points when functionality and presentation is combined will therefore be disqualified.
- The preference point system applicable for this tender is 80/20.
- Cut-off date and time for queries to be sent no later than 05 October 2023 to avoid omission of information that might lead the bid not to be submitted on time.



		 It was emphasised to the bidders that the proposals must be submitted before or by the specified closing date and time (10 October 2023, PSiRA Head Office @11:00). Bidders must use the designated email address for all enquiries, bids@psira.co.za.
		E-mail submissions will not be accepted.
5.	Closure	The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:54