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BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (BERA)

A TENDER FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

TENDER REFERENCE NO. 0008/ 2023 - 2024

Date: 20 December 2023

	ILS OF PROCURING ENTITY AND OR ITS AGENT ARING THE DOCUMENTS
PROCURING ENTITY	AGENT
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Private Bag 111	Private Bag 111
Plot No. 8842	Plot No. 8842
Extension Town Centre	Extension Town Centre
Lobatse	Lobatse
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TENDERING PROCEDURES

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE and INVITATION TO TENDER

1.1	Tender Reference No. 0008/ 2023 - 2024
1.2	Tender Title: A TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PROVISION OF RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
1.3	Sealed Tender offers are invited for the provision of Consultancy Services for the PROVISION OF RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
1.4	The Procuring Entity is: BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
1.5	Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding
1.6	The tenderer should be domiciled in Botswana and must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories:
	Code 143: Human Resources Services Sub-Code 01: Recruitment
1.7	The tender is reserved for 100% citizen Local Contractors and Companies.
1.8	The tender documents will be available on the BERA website: <u>https://www.bera.co.bw/tenders-careers.php</u> and proof of payment must be included in bid proposal.
1.9	A non-refundable deposit of P500.00 payable by cash or bank guaranteed cheque made out in favour of the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority and Proof of payment is required on submission of the tender documents. Youth owned companies will pay half the price which is P250.00.
	Tender fees are to be deposited on the BERA banking details as follows: ACCOUNT NAME: Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority BANK NAME: ABSA Bank Botswana LTD ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1026840 BRANCH CODE: 002 REFERENCE: Company name and Tender number
	Youth Companies should bring along/present Registration of Company Form listing Shareholders and copies of ID-Omang of the same.

1.10	Queries or clarifications relating to the issuance of this document may be addressed in writing not later than seven (7) working days before the tender closing date to Sebaga Dire; Telephone No: +267 5317548; Mobile No: +267 77476945; Email: procurement@bera.co.bw with copy to: pelaelo.kgomotso@bera.co.bw
1.11	The closing date and time for receipt of sealed tender offers is 1000 hours (CAT) or Wednesday 24 January 2024.
	Late tender offers will not be accepted.
	The Bid Submission Method is: Two Envelope Submission Method in which the sealed origina and all the sealed copies of the Technical Offer are placed in one separate sealed envelope, whilst the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Financial Offer are enclosed in another separate sealed envelope. The two sealed envelopes are then placed in one outer securely sealed envelope.
1.12	One (1) original tender document marked ORIGINAL and 3 duplicate copies of the origina Document marked copy in one sealed envelope clearly marked:
	"Tender Reference No. 0008/ 2023 – 2024; Tender Title - Procurement of Services for recruitment services for the position if the Chief Executive Officer for Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority shall be delivered to:
	recruitment services for the position if the Chief Executive Officer for Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority shall be delivered to: Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority
	recruitment services for the position if the Chief Executive Officer for Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority shall be delivered to:
	recruitment services for the position if the Chief Executive Officer for Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority shall be delivered to: Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Private Bag 111 Plot 11566, Botswana Geoscience Institute, Khama 1 Avenue
apply	recruitment services for the position if the Chief Executive Officer for Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority shall be delivered to: Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Private Bag 111 Plot 11566, Botswana Geoscience Institute, Khama 1 Avenue Lobatse, Botswana

TENDERING PROCEDURES

T 1.2 TENDER DATA

	tions of tender are the Standardised Conditions of Tender as published by the Public ent Regulatory Authority.
apply spec	ardised Conditions of Tender make several references to the Tender Data for details that rifically to this tender. The Tender Data shall have precedence in the interpretation of any or inconsistency between it and the Standardised Conditions of Tender.
	of data given below is cross-referenced to the clause in the Standardised Conditions of which it mainly applies. There are many other clauses in which the data is required.
1.2.1	The Procuring Entity is: Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority
	The Procurement Requirements: Provision of Consultancy services for the provision of recruitment services for the position of the Chief Executive Officer for Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority.
	The Procurement Method is: Open Domestic Bidding
	The Bid Submission Method is: Two Envelope Submission Method in which the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Technical Offer are placed in one separate sealed envelope, whilst the sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Financial Offer are enclosed in another separate sealed envelope. The two sealed envelopes are then placed in one outer securely sealed envelope.
	The Evaluation Method is: Quality and Cost Based Selection method
1.2.2	The Procuring Entity is: Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Human Resource Department Private Bag 111 Plot No. 11566, Botswana Geoscience Institute Lobatse, Botswana Tel: +267 5337548 Fax: +267 5330880 E mail: procurement@bera.co.bw with copy to: pelaelo.kgomotso@bera.co.bw
1.2.3	 The eligibility criteria for tenderers are: 1) Local Contractors or Companies registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories:
	a. Code 143: Human Resources Services Sub Code 01: Recruitment

	2) Bidders with Valid Tax Clearance or exemption thereof issued by Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). Confirmation of bidders' tax clearance shall be subject to online verification.
1.2.4	Queries or Clarifications of the tender documents must be received by the Procuring Entity at least seven (7) working days before the tender closing date and time stated in clause 2.26 of the Tender Data.
	All clarifications sought are to be submitted in writing and delivered by hand, email or via facsimile to the employer's agent. Tenderers are thus to present any clarifications sought in writing to minimise any misunderstanding. All requests for clarification and resulting in addenda to the tender documents shall be distributed amongst all prospective tenderers.
1.2.5	The prices and rates are to be stated in Botswana Pula.
1.2.6	Parts of each tender offer communicated on paper shall be submitted as an original, plus 3 duplicate Copies.
1.2.7	The Procuring Entity's address for delivery of tender offers is:
	Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Procurement Office Plot No. 11566, Botswana Geoscience Institute, Khama 1 Avenue Lobatse, Botswana
	Identification details to be shown on each tender offer package are:
	Tender Reference No. 0008/ 2023 – 2024; Tender Title - Procurement of consultancy Services For Provision of Recruitment Services for the Position of Chief Executive Officer
	Name of the bidder and address of the tenderer on the reverse side of the envelope.
1.2.8	The closing date and time for submission of tender offers is 1000 hours (CAT) on Wednesday 24 January 2024.
	Telephonic, facsimile or emailed tender offers will not be accepted.
1.2.9	The tender validity period is 120 days.
1.2.10	The date, time and location for opening of the tender offers is: 1015 hours on Wednesday 24 January 2024 .
	Location: Boardroom Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Procurement Office Plot No. 11566,

		Botswana Geoscience Institute, Lobatse, Botswana					
	An online option of the opening of the Technical Proposals will be offered through N Teams platform for those bidders who are unable to attend physical tender opening The bidder is required to indicate the email address to be used for a virtual meeting in A bidder should provide a maximum of two (2) email addresses. This virtual meeting held at the same date and time for the physical tender opening session.						
1.2.11	Stage 1	: Compliance Criteria					
	The pro Methoo	cedure for evaluation of responsive tender offers is: - Quality and	Cost Ba	ased Selection			
		nderer shall furnish the following documentary evidence to demo npliance criteria:	onstrate	e that it meets			
	Item	Compliance Requirement	Yes	No			
	1	Tenderers who are domiciled in Botswana must, in order to be considered for the award of the contract, be registered with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority in the following categories: Code 143: Human Resources Services Sub Code 01: Recruitment PPRA registration is subject to online registration verification.					
	2	A copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate number and Tax Identification Number (TIN) or exemption thereof issued by BURS. Such validity of the Tax Clearance is subject to online registration verification.					
	3	Certificate of Incorporation and/or Trading Certificate					
	4	CIPA Extract & Share Certificates					
	5	IDs of Shareholders					
	6	Submission of Completed and signed Certificate of Authority of Signatory.					
	7	Submission of Completed and signed form of Declaration for					
		tendering purposes (T2.2GM).					

		 2 references [3 points] 1 reference [1 point] 				
		• 3 or more references [5 points]				
		years. [5 points]				
		rendered similar or related services. The services must have been offered within the past five (5)				
		references of organisations where the bidder has				
		Bidders should provide at least 3 contactable				
		 5-9 years [10 points] Below 5 years [5 points] 				
		 10 years or more [15 points] 5 0 years 110 points] 				
		points]				
		service as set out in the scope of work. [15				
	Company Experience	• Demonstrate relevant experience of not less than 10 years in undertaking similar or related	20			
	Company	Domonstrato relevant oversiones of not last	Score 20			
			Possible			
	Requirement	Evaluation criteria	Total			
	. ,	valuate each Technical Offer against the technical evaluati				
.2.12	Stage 2 – Technica	valuation of all bids that have passed the Compliance stage	e shall he			
.2.12	bid shall be disqua	lified.				
		all submit the completed and signed form of Offer and Acc NCIAL PROPOSAL ONLY, in the first instance without fail.				
	disqualification of	bid.				
	alert will be follo	wed by fax or letter. Non-responsiveness by the bidder				
		ested during the evaluation to submit them within two to fi rs will be notified through a telephone call, sms, or email a				
		o submit the above - mentioned documents (as listed in C				
	Proceed/	Fail.				
	proposal will lead to disqualification.					
		This should be in the financial submission. of Form of Offer and Acceptance in the Technical				
		ed and signed form of Offer and Acceptance				
		ip Certification				

Qualification and		
Experience of Key	Industrial and Organisational Psychology	
Personnel	Organizational Development, Strategic	
	Management, Recruitment/Hiring practises or	
	any related course. [10 points]	
	Degree [10 points]	
	Diploma [5 points]	
	• (Attach certified copies of academic certificates	
	as proof of qualification)	
	•	
	• Ten (10) or more years of experience in leading	
	a recruitment process for Executive positions.	
	[15 points]	
	• 10 or more years' experience [15 points]	
	• 5-9 years' experience [10 points]	
	• Below 5 years' experience [5 points]	
	(Attach two (2) relevant recent references i.e. not	
	more than twenty four (24) months old)	
Team	Other Consultant (s)	25
Qualification and	• Must have a Degree in Human Resources	
Experience of Key		
Personnel	Psychology Organizational Development,	
	Strategic Management, Recruitment / Hiring	
	practices or any related course. [10 points]	
	• Degree [10 points]	
	 Diploma [5 points] (Attach certified copies of certificates as proof of 	
	qualification)	
	 5 or more years of experience in recruitment 	
	and conducting assessments10 or more years'	
	experience [50 points]	
	• 5 or more years' experience [15 points]	
	 3 – 4 years' experience [10 points] 	
	 1 – 2 years' experience [5 points] 	
	• (Attach two (2) relevant recent references i.e.	
Toobaical Amaria -	not more than twenty four (24) months old)	20
Technical Approach	The bidder must show the following	30
and Methodology	 Understanding of the objectives of the assignment [10 points] 	
	assignment [10 points]	
	 Approach to delivering the services [10 points] 	
	 Methodology, including types of assessment tools (oversizes (toots to be used for some including out) 	
	tools/exercises/tests to be used for carrying out	

	the activities and obtaining the expected output/deliverable [10 points]		
	TOTAL SCORE 100		
	 (b) The minimum qualifying mark is: 80 points. A tenderer who does not secure the minimum qualifying score shall be eliminated from the evaluation and shall not proceed to the Financial Evaluation stage. 		
	• The minimum number of Technical Evaluation points shall be 80, and T wil represent the score for quality before weighting.		
	 The formula used in calculating the weighted technical marks will be: Tw=T*Wo where; 		
	 Tw=weighted technical marks T= score for quality before weighting Wq = weight of the technical score = 80% 		
	 (c) An Assessment of past performance, current workload and litigation history will carried out. Bidders should Submit duly completed Current Contracts Commitment For using their preferred format. (d) The Tenderer shall demonstrate that it has the capacity and capability to exect additional work if awarded the contract. (e) The tenderer must submit certified copies of certificates as well as referent corroborating the years of experience required. 		
1.2.13	Financial/Cost Evaluation Stage		
	NB All Bidders shall submit the completed and signed form of Offer and Acceptance (Ca in the first instance without fail. Otherwise, the bid shall be disqualified.		
	Stage 3 - Cost Evaluation Stage (a) Cost evaluation shall be conducted by reviewing the following:		
	 The formula for determining the financial scores is the following: A = Fm / F 		
	 Where: A is the financial score Fm is the lowest price F is the price of the proposal under consideration. The value of Wa used in the formula for scoring quality/technical offers is 80% 		
	 The value of Wq used in the formula for scoring quality/technical offers is 80% where Wq is the weight of the technical score. The formula for calculating the weighted financial score shall be: Fw = Fl / Fc * W⁴ where; 		
	 Fw = Weighted financial score 		

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	■ Fl=	lowest priced b	oid			
	 Fc = price of bid under consideration 					
	■ Wf	= Weight of fina	ancial score = 2	0%		
	 The weight 	ted scores will	then be added	together to arrive	at the bidder's mark;	
	i.e., Tw + F	w.				
	(b) The Financial prop	posal would furt	her be evaluate	ed as follows:		
	i. Correct ar	ithmetical error	s.			
	ii. Where ap	plicable, convert	t tender offer a	mounts to a comm	on currency; and	
	iii. Adjust pricing to compensate for deviations and errors.					
iv. Apply applicable preference schemes.						
	•	•		with the pricing sh		
			• •	based on marke	t price, & the PPRA	
	publicized	Price guide / Ca	italogue.			
				-	II apply in line with	
	percentage of work s	ub-contracted to	o citizen owned	companies, in line	with the CEE policy.	
	• 5 – 9% subcontra	• .				
	• 10 – 15 % subcon	•				
	• 16 – 22 % subcon					
	• 23 – 30% subcont	racting = 6% pre	eference			
1.2.14	Basis for Award					
	Recommend the leas	t cost Evaluated	l Comparative C	Offer for the award	of the contract at its	
				-	f Tender, unless there	
					include assessed past	
	performance, current	t workload and I	itigation history	·.		
	Name of Tenderer	Technical	Financial	Total Tender	Ranking of	
	Name of Tenderer	Points	Points	Evaluation	Total Tender	
		$N_{Q} = St * W_{Q}$	$N_F = A * W_1$	Points	Evaluation Points	
				(N _Q +N _F)		
			•		·]	
	The tender will be aw	varded to the bio	dder who score	d the highest weig	hted score (Technical	
	(TW) and Financial (F	W))				
			<i>.</i> .		r 1 1	
		awarded upon	successful neg	otiation with the	preferred consulting	
	company.					

1.2.15	The number of paper copies of the signed contract to be provided by the Procuring Entity is 3.			
COOLING	– OFF PERIOD:			
There will	There will be a cooling off period of ten (10) working days after award of the tender "a period between			
the tender	the tender award and signing of the contract" as per PPADB Circular No. 8 of 2014.			
Bidders are required to indicate information in their bids which they consider confidential and whose				
disclosure shall be prejudicial to their interest. Failure to identify the information referred to will render				
such infor	such information subject to declassification after two years following the award of tender. NOTE: This is			
not a disq	ualifying factor and shall not be used for evaluation.			

T1.3 STANDARDIZED CONDITIONS OF TENDER FOR SERVICES

Contents:

- 1 General
- 2 Tenderer's obligations
- 3 The Procuring Entity's undertakings

1. General Actions

1.1 The Procuring Entity identified in the **Tender Data** and each tenderer submitting a tender offer shall comply with these Conditions of Tender and any applicable laws and regulations. The Procurement Requirements, Procurement Method, Bid Submission Method and Evaluation Method are identified in the **Tender Data**. The Procuring Entity shall, in addition, act in a manner that is fair, equitable and transparent.

Interpretation and definitions

- 1.2 References to the Tender Data highlighted in **bold** vary for each tender and are identified in the Tender Data. The Tender Data and additional requirements contained in the Tender Schedules that are included in the Returnable Documents are deemed to be part of these Conditions of Tender.
- 1.3 The Conditions of Tender, the Tender Data and Tender Schedules that are only required for tender evaluation purposes will not become part of the contract arising from the invitation to tender.
- 1.4 Comparative Offer means the tenderer's financial offer after all evaluation parameters have been taken into consideration including verifying arithmetic errors and conversion into a common currency.

Tender documents

1.5 Unless identified otherwise in the **Tender Data**, the documents issued by the Procuring Entity for the purpose of a tender offer are listed below.

These Conditions of Tender, the Tender Data and Tender Schedules consist of one volume. Tenderers' submissions shall make reference to the appropriate volume number corresponding to each document and/or form requested to be submitted.

A) TENDER SECTION

Part A-1 Tendering Procedures

- Tender Notice & Invitation to Tender
- Standardized Conditions of Tender
- Tender Data

- List of Returnable Documents
- Tender Schedules

B) CONTRACT SECTION

Part B-1 Agreements & Contract Data

- Form of Offer & Acceptance
- General Conditions of Contract, except when a Purpose Written Contract is issued
- Contract Data, except when a Purpose Written Contract is issued
- Purpose Written Contract, if a standard contract is not issued

Part B-2 Pricing Data

- Pricing Instructions
- Price Schedules

Part B-3 Scope of Services

• Terms of reference

Communication & Procuring Entity's agent

1.6 Each communication between the Procuring Entity and a tenderer shall be in writing in English to or from the Procuring Entity's agent only. The Procuring Entity will not take any responsibility for non-receipt of communications from or by a tenderer. The name and contact details of the Procuring Entity's agent are stated in the **Tender Data**.

The Procuring Entity's rights to accept or reject any tender offer

- 1.7 The Procuring Entity may accept or reject any variation, deviation, tender offer, or alternative tender offer, and may cancel the tender process and reject all tender offers at any time prior to the formation of a contract. The Procuring Entity will not accept or incur any liability to a tenderer for such cancellation and rejection, but will give reasons for the action.
- 1.8 After the cancellation of a tender process or the rejection of all tender offers the Procuring Entity may abandon the proposed procurement and have it performed in another manner.

2 Tenderer's obligations

The tenderer shall comply with the following obligations:

Eligibility

2.1 Submit a tender offer only if the tenderer complies with the eligibility criteria stated in the **Tender Data** and the tenderer is not under any restriction to do business with the Government of Botswana.

Cost of tendering

2.2 Accept that the Procuring Entity will not compensate the tenderer for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a tender offer.

Check documents.

2.3 Check the tender documents on receipt, including pages within them, and notify the Procuring Entity of any discrepancy or omission.

Confidentiality & Copyright of documents

2.4 Treat as confidential all matters arising in connection with the tender. Use and copy the documents issued by the Procuring Entity only for the purpose of preparing and submitting a tender offer in response to the invitation.

Standardised specifications and other publications

2.5 Obtain, as necessary for submitting a tender offer, copies of the latest versions of standardised specifications, conditions of contract and other publications, which are not attached but which are incorporated into the tender documents by reference.

Acknowledge addenda

2.6 Acknowledge receipt of addenda to the tender documents, which the Procuring Entity may issue, and if necessary, apply for an extension to the closing time stated in *the Tender Data*, in order to take the addenda into account.

Site visit and / or clarification meeting

2.7 Attend a site visit and / or clarification meeting at which tenderers may familiarize themselves with the services (and location etc.) and raise questions. Details of the meeting(s) are stated in the **Tender Data**.

Seek clarification

2.8 Request clarification of the tender documents, if necessary, by notifying the Procuring Entity by at least the number of working days stated in the **Tender Data** before the closing date and time stated in *the Tender Data*.

Insurance

2.9 Be aware that the extent of insurance to be provided by the Procuring Entity (if any) may not be for the full cover required in terms of the Contract. The tenderer is advised to seek qualified advice regarding insurance.

Pricing the tender offer

- 2.10 Include in the rates, prices, and the tendered total of the prices (if any) all duties, taxes (except VAT), and other levies payable by the successful tenderer, such duties, taxes and levies being those applicable fourteen (14) days prior to the closing time stated in *of the Tender Data*.
- 2.11 Show Value Added Tax (VAT) payable by the Procuring Entity separately as an addition to the tendered total of the prices.
- 2.12 Provide rates and prices that are fixed for the duration of the Contract and not subject to adjustment except as provided for in the Contract.
- 2.13 State the rates and prices in local currency unless instructed otherwise in the **Tender Data**. The conditions of contract may provide for part payment in other currencies.

Alterations to documents

2.14 Not make any alterations or additions to the tender documents, except to comply with instructions issued by the Procuring Entity, or necessary to correct errors made by the tenderer. All signatories to the tender offer shall initial all such alterations. Erasures and the use of masking fluid are prohibited.

Alternative tender offers

- 2.15 If identified in the **Tender Data**, may submit alternative tender offers only if a main tender offer, strictly in accordance with all the requirements of the tender documents, is also submitted. The alternative tender offer is to be submitted with the main tender offer together with a schedule that compares the requirements of the tender documents with the alternative requirements the tenderer proposes.
- 2.16 Accept that an alternative tender offer may be based only on the criteria stated in the **Tender Data**.

Submitting a tender offer

- 2.17 Submit a tender offer for providing the whole of the Services identified in the Contract, unless stated otherwise in the **Tender Data**.
- 2.18 Return all Returnable Documents to the Procuring Entity after completing them in their entirety, either electronically (if they were issued in electronic format) or by writing in black ink.

Information & data to be completed in all respects

- 2.19 Accept that tender offers, which do not provide all the data or information requested completely and in the form required, may be regarded by the Procuring Entity as non-responsive.
- 2.20 Submit the parts of the tender offer communicated on paper as an original plus the number of copies stated in the **Tender Data**, with an English translation of any documentation in a language other than English, and the parts communicated electronically in the same format as they were issued by the Procuring Entity.
- 2.21 Sign the original and all copies of the tender offer comprising a separate Technical Offer and a separate Financial Offer. The Procuring Entity will hold all authorised signatories liable on behalf of the tenderer. Signatories for tenderers proposing to contract as Joint Ventures shall state which of them is the lead partner whom the Procuring Entity shall hold liable for the purpose of the tender offer.
- 2.22 Seal the original and each copy of the Technical Offer as separate packages marking the packages as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY". Similarly seal the original and each copy of the Financial Offer marking the packages as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY". Each package shall state on the outside the Procuring Entity's address and identification details stated in the **Tender Data**, as well as the tenderer's name and contact address <u>on the reverse side of the envelope</u>.
- 2.23 Unless otherwise stated in *the Tender Data*, the Two Envelope Submission Method shall apply. The sealed original and all the sealed copies of the Technical Offer shall be placed inside a sealed envelope clearly marked "Technical Offer". Similarly, the sealed original and all the sealed

copies of the Financial Offer shall be placed inside a sealed envelope clearly marked "Financial Offer", and with a warning "DO NOT OPEN WITH THE TECHNICAL OFFER." The sealed envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Offers shall be suitably marked in accordance with *the Conditions of Tender*. <u>The documents shall be securely bound</u>.

- 2.24 Place the sealed envelopes containing the Technical and Financial Offers together in an outer package that states on the outside the Procuring Entity' address and identification details as stated in *the Tender Data*.
- 2.25 Accept that the Procuring Entity will not assume any responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the tender offer if the documents are not securely bound, outer package is not securely sealed and marked as stated.

Closing date and time

- 2.26 Ensure that the Procuring Entity receives the tender offer at the address specified in the *of the Tender Data* not later than the closing date and time stated in the **Tender Data**. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery. The Procuring Entity will **not** accept tender offers submitted by telephone, facsimile or E mail, unless stated otherwise in the **Tender Data**.
- 2.27 Accept that, if the Procuring Entity extends the closing date and time stated in *the Tender Data* for any reason, the requirements of these Conditions of Tender apply equally to the extended deadline.

Tender offer validity

- 2.28 Hold the tender offer(s) valid for acceptance by the Procuring Entity at any time during the validity period stated in the **Tender Data** after the closing date and time stated in *the Tender Data*.
- 2.29 If requested by the Procuring Entity, consider extending the validity period stated in *the Tender Data* for an agreed additional period. A Tenderer agreeing to the request will not be required or permitted to modify a tender.

Clarification of tender offer after submission

2.30 Provide clarification of a tender offer in response to a request to do so from the Procuring Entity during the evaluation of tender offers. This may include providing a breakdown of rates or prices and correction of arithmetical errors. No change in the substance of the tender offer is sought, offered, or permitted except as required by the Procuring Entity to confirm the correction of arithmetical errors discovered during the evaluation of tenders in accordance with *the Conditions of Tender*. The total of the prices stated by the tenderer as corrected by the Procuring Entity with the concurrence of the tenderer, shall be binding upon the tenderer.

Provide other material

2.31 Provide, on request by the Procuring Entity, any other material that has a bearing on the tender offer. Tenderer's response to such a request shall be for verification purposes only and will not be considered for evaluation purposes, which is restricted to the submitted proposal. Should

the tenderer not provide the material, or a satisfactory reason as to why it cannot be provided, by the time for submission stated in the Procuring Entity's request, the Procuring Entity may regard the tender offer as non-responsive.

Submit securities, bonds, policies etc.

- 2.32 If requested, submit for the Procuring Entity's acceptance before formation of the contract, all securities, bonds, guarantees, policies and certificates of insurance required in terms of the Contract.
- 2.33 Check the final draft of the contract provided by the Procuring Entity within the time available for the Procuring Entity to issue the contract.

3 The Procuring Entity's undertakings

The Procuring Entity undertakes to:

Respond to clarification

3.1 Respond to a request for clarification received up to the number of working days stated in *T1.2* of the Tender Data prior to the tender closing date and time stated in *T1.2 of the Tender Data* and notify all tenderers of the responses.

Issue Addenda

3.2 If necessary, issue addenda that may amend or amplify the tender documents to each tenderer. If as a result of the addenda, a tenderer applies for an extension to the closing time stated in *T1.2 of the Tender Data*, the Procuring Entity may grant such extension and, will then notify all tenderers.

Return late tender offers

3.3 Return tender offers submitted after the closing date and time of submission as stated in *T.12* of the Tender Data. The unopened offer shall be returned to the concerned tenderer immediately or as soon as practically possible after the bid opening with the words "Late Tender Offer", together with certification of the date and time on which the tender offer was so received.

Technical offer opening

- 3.4 Open valid Technical Offers in the presence of tenderers' agents and members of the public who choose to attend at the time and place stated in the **Tender Data**. Technical offers for which acceptable reasons for withdrawal have been submitted will not be opened. The envelopes with the Financial Offers shall remain sealed and shall be securely stored until they are opened in accordance with *T1.3 of the Conditions of Tender*.
- 3.5 Announce out loud and <u>record minutes</u> at the opening and the name of each tenderer whose tender offer is opened, the number of originals and copies, the total amount of each tender offer, time for completion (if any) and the presence or absence of any bid security (if required) for the main tender offer only on the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Form 1.

Non-disclosure

3.6 Shall not disclose to tenderers, or to any other persons not officially concerned with the procurement process including the evaluation stage, information relating to the procurement process in general, evaluation of Technical Offers, evaluation of Financial Offers, the ranking of tender offers or recommendations for the award of a contract. Disclosure of information related to the procurement process and tenders can be made available in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Regulations to tenderers and any interested individuals after the award recommendation of the contract to the successful tenderer has been made.

Grounds for rejection & disqualification

3.7 Determine whether there has been any effort by a tenderer to influence the processing of tender offers if it is reasonably established that the tenderer offered an inducement to or colluded with any person or other tenderer with the intent to influence the award of the contract. Upon such determination the matter shall be further referred for investigation to be carried out by the competent authority.

Clarification of Tender Offers

3.8 Obtain clarification from a tenderer on any matter that could give rise to ambiguity in a contract arising from the Technical Offer.

Examination and Evaluation of Tender Offers

3.9 Use the Quality and Cost based evaluation method for examination and, if eligible, subsequent evaluation of tender offers comprising (a) Stage one - Compliance; (b) Stage Two - Technical Evaluation of responsive Technical Offers only; and (c) Stage Three - Cost Evaluation of only the Financial Offers whose corresponding Technical Offers have secured the minimum qualifying score. Thereafter to determine for each qualified and responsive tender offer it's Comparative Offer.

Quality and Cost Based- Services Evaluation Method

Stage One - Compliance

3.10 A tenderer that fails to meet the eligibility criteria shall be eliminated from further evaluation.

Stage Two-Technical Evaluation of responsive Technical Offers only

3.11 (a) Only for Technical Offers that in accordance with *T1.3 of the Conditions of Tender* have been determined to (i) have been submitted by eligible tenderers; and (ii) be complete and responsive Technical Offers, conduct a technical evaluation to determine technical compliance with the specifications listed in the tender document. The technical evaluation criteria and sub criteria, marking of each criterion and weights and minimum qualifying mark are stated in the **Tender Data**. After concluding the Technical Evaluation, the evaluation committee shall prepare a technical evaluation report which shall be approved by the adjudicating authority. Thereafter each tenderer shall be notified of their Technical results. Tenderers who have secured the minimum qualifying score shall be notified and advised of the date and time set for the public opening of Financial Offers. Technical offers that fail to secure the minimum qualifying mark

and / or are declared non-responsive to the specification in the tender document shall be eliminated from further evaluation and their corresponding Financial Offers will be returned and marked unopened to the respective Tenderers after completion of the evaluation, adjudication and award process.

Financial Offer opening

3.13 (b) Only for Technical Offers that in accordance with *T1.3 of the Conditions of Tender* have been determined to have secured the minimum qualifying mark and are responsive to the specifications listed in the tender document, open in public the corresponding sealed Financial Offers no sooner than ten (10) working days after notifying the Tenderers of their Technical Score. The name of the responsive and qualified Tenderer, the Technical Score and Financial Offer amount and the duration of the contract shall be announced at the Financial Offer opening.

Stage Three - Cost Evaluation of only the Financial Offers whose corresponding Technical Offers are technically responsive and have secured the minimum qualifying mark

- 3.14 Only for technically responsive and qualified Technical Offers whose Financials Offers have been opened in accordance with *T1.3 of the Conditions of Tender*, conduct a cost evaluation of the Financial Offers to:
 - (i) Perform price comparison in accordance with the pricing sheet, if any;
 - (ii) Correct arithmetical errors.

Correct Arithmetical errors.

- 3.15 Check responsive and qualified Financial Offers for arithmetical errors, correcting them in the following manner:
 - Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and in words, the amount in words shall govern.
 - If a schedule of quantities or schedule of prices applies and there is an error in the line item total resulting from the product of the unit price and the quantity, the unit price shall govern and the total shall be corrected.

• Where there is an error in the total of the prices, either as a result of other corrections required by this checking process or in the tenderer's addition of prices, the total of the prices, if any, will be corrected. The corrected Financial Offer amount will be communicated to the tenderer. The tenderer may not change the corrected Financial Offer amount.

3.16 Reject a tender offer if the tenderer does not accept the correction of the arithmetical errors in the manner described above.

Determination of a responsive tender offer's Comparative Offer

3.17 Taking into account *clauses 3.15, and 3.16, of the Conditions of Tender* for each responsive and qualified Technical and Financial Offer, determine its Comparative Offer.

Ranking of Comparative Offers and award recommendation where no preferences schemes are applicable

3.18 Where no preferences schemes are applicable, rank Comparative Offers from the least cost Comparative Offer to the highest cost Comparative Offer. Recommend the least cost Comparative Offer for the award of the contract, unless there are compelling and justifiable reasons not to do so.

Ranking of Comparative Offers and award recommendation where preferences schemes are applicable

3.19 For each responsive and qualified Technical and Financial Offer whose Comparative Offer has been determined in accordance with *T1.3 of the Conditions of Tender*, determine:

(i) its eligibility for the preference(s) claimed and establish the corresponding weight(s) for the Category of preference (Wp);

- (ii) the Evaluated Comparative Offer (E_{CO}) and;
- (iii) the ranking in the manner below:
- (a) Examine the documentation supporting the preference(s) claimed, determine the responsive tender offers' eligibility for the preference(s) claimed in respect of the categories of preference(s) stated in the **Tender Data** and establish the corresponding weight(s) for the Category of preference (Wp).
- (b) For evaluation purposes only, determine the Evaluated Comparative Offer using the formula below:

E_{co}= P x (1-W_p)
Where:
E_{co}=Evaluated Comparative Offer
P = the Comparative offer under consideration
W_p= Weight for the Category of preference as specified in the Tender Data

- (c) Rank Evaluated Comparative Offers from the least cost Evaluated Comparative Offer to the highest cost Evaluated Comparative Offer. Recommend the least cost Evaluated Comparative Offer for the award of the contract at its Comparative Offer amount established in *T1.3 of the Conditions of Tender*, unless there are compelling and justifiable reasons not to do so.
- (d) Where two or more tender offers have the same Evaluated Comparative Offer (E_{co}), recommend* the award of the contract to the tenderer with the highest Weight for the Category of preference (Wp), unless there are compelling and justifiable reasons not to do so.

Insurance provided by the Procuring Entity

3.20 If requested by the proposed successful tenderer, submit for the tenderer's acceptance the policies and / or certificates of insurance which the conditions of contract identified in the Contract Data, require the Procuring Entity to provide.

Acceptance of tender

3.21 Notify the successful tenderer of the Procuring Entity's acceptance of his tender offer by completing and returning one copy of the Form of Offer and Acceptance before the expiry of the validity period stated in the Tender Data, or agreed additional period. Providing the Form of Offer and Acceptance does not contain any qualifying statements, it will constitute the

formation of a contract between the Procuring Entity and the successful tenderer as described in the Form of Offer and Acceptance.

Notice to unsuccessful tenderers

3.22 After the successful tenderer has acknowledged the Procuring Entity's notice of acceptance, notify other tenderers that their tender offers have not been successful.

Prepare contract documents

- 3.23 If necessary, revise documents that will form part of the contract and were issued by the Procuring Entity as part of the tender documents to take account of:
 - addenda issued during the tender period,
 - inclusion of some of the Returnable Documents,
 - other revisions agreed between the Procuring Entity and the successful tenderer, and
 - the Schedule of Deviations attached to the Form of Offer and Acceptance.

Issue final contract

3.24 Prepare and issue the final draft of contract documents to the successful tenderer for acceptance as soon as possible after the date of the Procuring Entity's execution of the Form of Offer and Acceptance (including the Schedule of Deviations). Only those documents that the Conditions of Tender require the tenderer to submit, after acceptance by the Procuring Entity will be included.

Provide copies of the contracts

3.25 Provide to the successful tenderer the number of copies stated in the **Tender Data** of the signed copy of the contract as soon as possible after completion and signing of the Form of Offer and Acceptance.

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List of Returnable Documents

The tenderer must complete the following returnable documents:

1 Returnable Documents required for tender evaluation purposes.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	RETURNED
		Yes /No
1	PPRA Registration	
	Code: 143: Human Resources Services	
	Sub code 01: Recruitment	
2	Valid Tax Clearance Certificate Number and Tax Identification	
	Number (TIN) or Exemption thereof issued by BURS. Such validity of	
	the tax clearance is subject to online registration verification	
3	Certificate of Incorporation	
4	CIPA Extract & Share Certificates	
5	IDs of Shareholders	
6	Certificate of Authority of Signatory	
7	Citizen Owned Eligibility	
8	Ownership Certification	
9	Declaration Form For Tendering Purposes	

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Other returnable documents that will be incorporated into the contract:

CONTRACT DATA PRICING INSTRUCTIONS FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	

TENDER SCHEDULES

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF SIGNATORY

Indicate the status of the tenderer by ticking the appropriate box hereunder. The tenderer must complete the certificate set out below for the relevant category.

А	В	С	D	E
COMPANY	PARTNERSHIP	JOINT VENTURE	SOLE PROPRIETOR	OTHER

A. Certificate for company

l,	, authorised representative of,		
	, hereby confirm that by resolution of the board		

Mr/	Ms	acting in the capacity of	
		0 1 7	

___, was authorised to sign all documents in connection with this tender offer and any contract resulting from it on behalf of the company.

B. Certificate for partnership

We, the undersigned, being the key partners in the business trading as _____

______ hereby authorise Mr/Ms ______, acting in the capacity of _______, to sign all documents in connection with the tender offer for Contract _______, and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE	DATE

NOTE: This certificate is to be completed and signed by all of the partners. Attach additional pages if more space is required.

Furthermore, we attach to this Schedule a copy of the partnership agreement which incorporates a statement that all partners are liable jointly and severally for the execution of the contract and that the lead partner is authorised to incur liabilities, receive instructions and payments and be responsible for the entire execution of the contract for and on behalf of any and all partners.

C. Certificate for Joint Venture

We, the undersigned, are submitting this tender offer in Joint Venture and hereby authorise Mr/Ms ______, an authorised signatory of the company ______ _____, acting in the capacity of lead partner, to sign all documents in connection with the tender offer for Contract ______ and any contract resulting from it on our behalf.

This authorisation is evidenced by the attached power of attorney signed by legally authorised signatories of all the partners to the Joint Venture.

Furthermore, we attach to this Schedule a copy of the joint venture agreement which incorporates a statement that all partners are liable jointly and severally for the execution of the contract and that the lead partner is authorised to incur liabilities, receive instructions and payments and be responsible for the entire execution of the contract for and on behalf of any and all the partners.

NAME OF FIRM	ADDRESS	AUTHORISING SIGNATURE, NAME & CAPACITY
Lead partner		

D. Certificate for sole proprietor.

I, _____, hereby confirm that I am the sole owner

of the business trading as _____.

E. Certificate for other.

I, _____, hereby confirm that I am ______

of the business trading as _____

THUS, SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME COMMISSIONER OF OATHS AT

ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20___, AT ___ AM /

PM, THE DEPONENT HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS OF THIS DECLARATION AND THAT IT IS BINDING ON HIS CONSCIENCE.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

CAPACITY:

CITIZEN OWNED ELIGIBILITY

Indicate the status of the tenderer by ticking the appropriate box hereunder. The tenderer must complete the certificate set out below for the relevant category.

A WOMAN	B YOUTH	C PEOPLE WITH	D RURAL SETTING	E	
		DISABILITY		EMPLOYMENT	
A, B, 0	C: Certificate owned	by WOMAN/ YOUTH/	PEOPLE WITH DISA	BILITY	
	I being dully authorised representative and acting on				
my capac	ity as	of		, hereby	
confirm that the	above mentioned bus	iness is 100% owned b	y women/ youth/ peop	le with disability.	
		As witnesses:-			
1					
			Authoris	ed Signatory	
2					
				Date	
	D. CERT	FICATE FOR RURAL	SETTING		
		being dully authorised r	-	• • • •	
		n established and oper	-		
	LC	DCATION OF BUSINE	SS		
	WARD		VILLAGE		
1. As witnesses:-			Date:		
2. Authorised Sign	atory		Date:		
	E. CER	TIFICATE FOR EMPLO	DYMENT		
		peing dully authorised r			
		y of the following categ			

Total no' of employees	
No' of Women (W)	youth (Y)
People with disability (PWD)	
% ratio of (W+Y+PWD) to Total no' of employees	(cut of point will be 60%)
As witnesses:-	
1	
	Authorised Signatory
2	Date

NB: youth in this regard will be people within the age of 18-35 years

OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE

- 1. Declaration to establish Eligibility for Reservation and Price Preferences for 100% citizen owned Contractor/ company and other Entities.
- 2. The declaration shall be signed by all Businesses tendering for reserved contracts and contracts subject to preferences.
- 3. The 100% citizenship requirements for shareholders, etc. contained therein shall not withstand any previous consents and practice, be pre -condition for the award of any reserved tender.

4. Definition

The following definitions shall apply to this declaration:

100% citizen owned contractor/ company: a natural person or an incorporated company wholly owned and controlled by persons who are citizens of Botswana.

Control: the possession and exercise of legal authority and power to manage the assets, goodwill, and daily operations of a business and the active and continuous exercise of managerial and financial authority and power in determining the policies and directing the operations of the business.

Net amount: the financial value of the Contract at the time of the award of the contract, exclusive of sales tax which the law requires the Employer to pay to the Contractor

Owned: Having all the customary incidents of ownership, including the right of disposition, and sharing in all risks and profits commensurate with the degree of ownership interest or shareholding as demonstrated by an examination of the substance as well as the form of ownership arrangements.

5. Undertakings

The Bidder confirms that it is a 100% citizen owned contractor/company and undertakes to remain a Citizen owned contractor/company or the duration of this contract.

The Bidder further undertakes not to subcontract more than 25% of the Net Amount to non-citizen contractor/company in the performance of this contract.

6. Sanctions relating to reserved treatment

Any changes in ownership or control which violate the definition of citizen contractor/company or subcontracting of more than 25% of the Net Amount of the contract to non-citizen contractors/ company shall be sufficient reason for MDCB to terminate the contract.

- 7. All the shareholders of (name of company) have read this declaration and agree to its contents.
 - a) All the shareholders of hereby consent verification of the information provided above and understand that this may include but not limited to verification of assets, liabilities, accounts, bonds and undertake to notify the competent authorities of any change to the information provided in this declaration within seven days of such occurrence.

I understand and declare that each matter here deposed to is essential for the tender

validity of (name of company).

THUS SIGNED AND SWORN BEFORE ME, COMMISIONER OF OATHS AT ON THIS DAY OF 20, THE DEPONENT HAVING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDS THE CONTENTS OF THIS DECLARATION AND THAT IT IS BINDING.

COMMISIONER OF OATHS

NB: MDCB reserves the right to confirm the authenticity of the information provided

TENDER	DECLARATION FORM FOR TENDERING
RETURNABLE DOCUMENT	PURPOSES

Declaration to establish that Directors, shareholders, beneficial owners, partners, members have not participated through any other bid for the same tender.

PART A

l,	_ (full name), in my capacity as	(state position
in Entity)		

hereby declare that on my behalf, and on behalf of the owners, partners / directors/ shareholders /administrators and/or Other (Please specify)

of:	
	(Name of
Entity)	

of :		
	 	 •••••
		 address)

that, in connection with the enclosed tender,

All information contained herein is true and not misleading, and it is to the best of my knowledge factual and binding on the Entity and/or its Representatives. I state that the (State Name of Entity) and/or its representatives confirm that they have not, through other entities, participated in the same tender and offer the same products in response to the same items.

NOTE THAT: In the case of competing franchises, the franchises may bid for the same item but with different products. Item means the commodity required by the procuring entity indicated in the ITT. Product means the commodity offered by the bidder.

I declare and confirm that the Entity and/or its Representatives have in fact not participated in the same tender and offered the same products in response to the same items, through any other registered company or other entity. I hereby provide a current list of Directors/ Administrators/ Partners/ Beneficial Owners/ Members and/or Shareholders for the Company/Partnership/ *Society*/Joint Venture/ Private Foundation/Statutory Body and/or other (Please specify)

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	DIRECTORS/MEMBERS/Benefici al Owners and/or Other (Please Specify)	CAPACITY IN ENTITY	NATIONALITY	PERCENTAGE OF SHAREHOLDING
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

	SHAREHOLDERS NAME	NATIONALITY	PERCENTAGE OF SHAREHOLDING
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	BENEFICIAL OWNER NAME	NATIONALITY	PERCENTAGE OF SHAREHOLDING
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If more space is required attach additional sheet. Note that Public companies should state which stock exchange the company is listed under.

I further acknowledge that should any of the directors, partners, and shareholders, members/administrators /beneficial owners (others please specify) be found to be associated in a similar or other manner in another company/entity, participating in this tender and offering the same products in response to the same items, this shall disqualify this Company/Partnership/ Society/Joint Venture/ Private Foundation/Statutory Body, and whichever company or other entity the said director/partner/ beneficial owners shareholder/member and/or administrator is consequently involved in.

I further acknowledge that should the Company /Partnership/ *Society*/Joint Venture/ Private Foundation/ Statutory Body or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries be found to have participated in

the same tender and offered the same products in response to the same items, the said Company/Partnership/ *Society*/Joint Venture/ Private Foundation/Statutory Body/(others please specify) and its affiliates and/or subsidiaries shall be disqualified.

The Company/Partnership/ *Society*/Joint Venture/ Private Foundation/ Statutory Body/(others please specify), through its agents, employees or directors has not illegally communicated with any member of the procuring entity or its agents except as may be permitted in the relevant "instructions to tenderers" or by law.

The Company/Partnership/ *Society*/Joint Venture/ Private Foundation/Statutory Body/(others please specify), through its agents, employees, partners, beneficial owners/ members, administrators and/or directors has not paid or offered to pay any consideration, favour or promise to any member of the procuring entity or its agent.

I declare that this tender is submitted by us in our own right and we have not colluded in any way with any other /potential tenderer in the production and submission of this tender other than in the establishment of a joint venture or sub-contractor arrangement as fully and correctly declared in the tender.

I acknowledge that if after the award of this tender any of these declarations are found to be false then any contract(s) between ourselves and the procuring entity shall be terminated forthwith and we may be barred from future tendering for government services and liable to possible prosecution.

I confirm that our entity has undertaken not to collude to withdraw from a tender award, only for the reason that an unsuccessful bidder be awarded the tender. I confirm further that the entity has undertaken not to engage in frivolous complaints and litigation that frustrates project implementation.

SIGNED: NAME:

DATED:

.....

Entity

Stamp

PART B

- 1. Declaration to establish Eligibility for Reservation and Price Preferences for Citizen Contractor / and other Entities.
- 2. The declaration shall be signed by all Businesses tendering for reserved contracts and contracts subject to preferences, as a condition of each tender.
- 3. The 100% citizenship requirements for shareholders, etc. contained therein shall not withstand any previous consents and practice, be pre-condition for the award of any reserved tender.

Definition

4. The following definitions shall apply to this declaration:

Citizen Contractor: a natural person or an incorporated company wholly owned and controlled by persons who are citizens of Botswana.

Control: the possession and exercise of legal authority and power to manage the assets, goodwill and daily operations of a business and the active and continuous exercise of managerial and financial authority and power in determining the policies and directing the operations of the business.

Beneficial Owner: means a natural person, who directly or indirectly through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise —

(a) in relation to an incorporated body, ultimately owns or has a controlling ownership or exercises ultimate effective control through positions held in the incorporated body or is the ultimate beneficiary of a share or other securities in the body corporate;

(b) in relation to a trust or other legal arrangement, is the settlor, trustee or ultimate beneficiary of the trust or legal arrangement or has the power, alone or jointly with another person or with the consent of another person, to —

(i) dispose of, advance, lend, invest, pay or apply trust property or property of the legal arrangement,

(iii)vary or terminate the trust or legal arrangement,

(iii) add or remove a person as a beneficiary or to or from a class of beneficiaries,

(iv) appoint or remove a trustee or give another person control over the trust or legal arrangement, or

(v) direct, withhold consent or to overrule the exercise of a power referred to in subparagraphs(i) - (iv)

(c) is the ultimate beneficiary of proceeds of a life insurance policy or other related investment services when an insured event covered by the policy occurs; or

(d) a transaction is conducted on his or her behalf.

Net Amount: the financial value of the Contract at the time of the award of the Contract, exclusive of sales tax which the law requires the Employer to pay to the Contractor.

Owned: Having all the customary incidents of ownership, including the right of disposition, and sharing in all the risks and profits commensurate with the degree of ownership interest or shareholding as demonstrated by an examination of the substance as well as the form of ownership arrangements

5. The company operates banking and savings accounts, the only authorised signatories are:

i	(Bank Name and Name of signatory)	(Omang No. /Passport)
II	(Bank Name and Name of signatory)	(Omang No. /Passport)
III	(Bank Name and Name of signatory)	(Omang No. /Passport)
IV	(Bank Name and Name of signatory)	(Omang No. /Passport)

6. Undertakings

The Tenderer confirms that it is a Citizen contractor and undertakes to remain a Citizen Contractor for the duration of the Contract.

7. Sanctions relating to reserved treatment

Any changes in Ownership or Control which violate the definition of a Citizen Contractor shall be sufficient reason for the Procuring entity to terminate the Contract.

a) All the Beneficial owners, partners/Directors/shareholders and Administrators hereby give consent and verification of the information provided above and understand that this may include but is not limited to the verification of assets, liabilities, accounts, bonds and undertake to notify the competent authorities of any change to the information provided in this Declaration within seven (7) days of such occurrence.

b) I understand and declare that each matter here deposed to is essential for the tender validity of (Name of company)'s

NB: BERA reserves the right to confirm the authenticity of the information provided above.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

CONTRACT

rices Contract for Procurement of Services for developing a market structure framework for ectricity Supply Industry (ESI) of Botswana and the associated regulatory framework.			
RACT			
PART 1: AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACT DATA			
Form of Offer and Acceptance			
General Conditions for Services Contract			
Special Conditions of Contract			
2: PRICING DATA			
Pricing Instructions - Activity Schedule / Price Schedules			
3: SCOPE OF WORK			
Scope of work			

Offer

The Procuring Entity, (name) of (address), has solicited offers to enter into a contract for the procurement of:

Title of the Contract: Services Contract For

The tenderer, identified in the signature block below, has examined the documents listed in the Tender Data and addenda thereto as listed in the Tender Schedules, and by submitting this Offer has accepted the Conditions of Tender.

By attaching the signature of a duly authorised representative to this part of this Form of Offer and Acceptance, the tenderer offers to perform all of the obligations and liabilities of the Service Provider under the Contract including compliance with all its terms and conditions according to their true intent and meaning for an amount to be determined in accordance with the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data.

The total of the amount tendered is
Pula, (in words); P
(in figures). (Not applicable for rate only contracts)

This Offer, of which the tenderer has one original, may be accepted by the Procuring Entity by signing the form of Acceptance overleaf and returning one fully executed original of this document including the Schedule of Deviations (if any) to the tenderer before the end of the period of validity stated in the Tender Data, whereupon the tenderer becomes the party named as the Service Provider in the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data.

For the tende	er:
Signature(s)	
Name(s)	
Capacity	
	(Insert name and address of organisation)
Name & signature of witness	Date
	30

Acceptance

By attaching the signature of a duly authorised representative to this part of this Form of Offer and Acceptance, the Procuring Entity accepts the tenderer's Offer. In consideration thereof, the Procuring Entity shall pay the Service Provider the amount due in accordance with the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data. Acceptance of the tenderer's Offer shall form an Agreement between the Procuring Entity and the tenderer upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement and in the Contract that is the subject of this Agreement.

The terms of the Contract, are contained in:

- Part 1 Agreements and Contract Data, (which includes this Form of Offer and Acceptance) The following Appendices: [*Note: If any of these Appendices are not used, the words "Not Used" should be inserted below next to the title of the Appendix and on the sheet attached hereto carrying the title of that Appendix.*]
 - Appendix A: Description of the Services

Appendix B: Schedule of Reporting Requirements

Appendix C: Key Personnel and Subcontractors

Appendix D: Breakdown of Contract Price in Foreign Currency

Appendix E: Breakdown of Contract Price in Pula

Appendix F: Services and Facilities Provided by the Procuring Entity

- Part 2 Pricing Data
- Part 3 Scope of Work

Drafting Instructions to the Procuring Entity Delete these instructions when they have been complied with

and drawings and documents (or parts thereof), which may be incorporated by reference into the above listed Parts.

Deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the Tender Data and any addenda thereto listed in the Tender Schedules as well as any changes to the terms of the Offer agreed by the tenderer and the Procuring Entity during this process of Offer and Acceptance, are contained in the Schedule of Deviations attached to and forming part of this Form of Offer and Acceptance. No amendments to or deviations from said documents are valid unless contained in this Schedule, which must be signed by the duly authorised representative(s) for both parties.

The tenderer shall within one week of receiving a fully executed original of this Agreement, including the Schedule of Deviations (if any), contact the Procuring Entity's agent (whose details are given in the Contract Data) to arrange the delivery of any securities, bonds, guarantees, proof of insurance and any other documentation to be provided in terms of the Conditions of Contract identified in the Contract Data at, or just after, the date this Agreement comes into effect. Failure to fulfil any of these obligations in accordance with those terms shall constitute a repudiation of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, this Agreement comes into effect on the date when the tenderer receives one fully executed original of this document, including the Schedule of Deviations (if any). Unless the tenderer (now Service Provider) within five days of the date of such receipt notifies the Procuring Entity in writing of any reason why he cannot accept the contents of this Form of Offer and Acceptance, this Agreement shall constitute a binding contract between the Parties.

For the Procuring Entity

Signa	ture(s)		
Name	e(s)		
Сарас	city		
		(Insert name and address of organisation)	
Name signat witne	ture of	Date	
<u>Note</u> :	<u>lote</u> : If tenderer wishes to submit alternative tender offers, further copies of this document may be used for that purpose, duly endorsed, 'Alternative Tender No'		
(Sugge	sted for	rmat, to be completed by the Procuring Entity prior to award of contract)	
Schedu	ule of De	eviations	
Note:			
	 The extent of deviations from the tender documents issued by the Procuring Entity prior to the tender closing date is limited to those permitted in terms of the Conditions of Tender. In the event of conflict between the contents of this Schedule of Deviations and any other list or record of tender stage amendments or addenda, this Schedule shall take precedence. 		
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Details			
2	Subject	t	
Details			
3	Subject	t	

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By affixing the signatures of the duly authorised representatives below, the Procuring Entity and the tenderer both agree to and accept the foregoing Schedule of Deviations as the only deviations from and amendments to the documents listed in the Tender Data and any addenda thereto listed in the Tender Schedules, as well as any changes to the terms of the Offer agreed by the tenderer and the Procuring Entity during this process of Offer and Acceptance.			
It is expressly agreed that no information, documentation or communication not listed in the Schedule of Deviations shall have any meaning or effect in the contract between the parties arising from this Signature(s)			
Name	e(s)		
Сара	city		
	(Insert name and address of organisation)		
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For the tenderer:

For the Procu	ing Entity		
Signature(s)			
Name(s)			
Capacity			
	(Insert name and address of organisation)		
Name & signature of witness	Date		

BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

C1.2 GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR SERVICES CONTRACT AND CONTRACT FORMS

General Conditions of Contract (GCC)

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Appendices

Appendix A—Description of the Services

Give detailed descriptions of the Services to be provided, dates for completion of various tasks, place of performance for different tasks, specific tasks to be approved by Procuring Entity, etc.

Appendix B—Schedule of Reporting Requirements

List the format, frequency, and contents of reports or products to be delivered; persons to receive them; dates of submission; etc. If no reports are to be submitted, state here "Not applicable."

Appendix C—Key Personnel and Subcontractors

List under: C-1 Titles [and names, if already available], detailed job descriptions and minimum qualifications of Personnel to be assigned to work

C-2 List of approved Subcontractors (if already available); same information with respect to their Personnel as in C-1.

Appendix D—Breakdown of Contract Price in Foreign Currency(ies)

List here the elements of cost used to arrive at the breakdown of the lump-sum price—foreign currency portion:

- 1. Rates for Equipment Usage or Rental or for Personnel (Key Personnel and other Personnel).
- 2. Reimbursable expenditures.

This appendix will exclusively be used for determining remuneration for additional Services.

Appendix E—Breakdown of Contract Price in Pula

List here the elements of cost used to arrive at the breakdown of the lump-sum price—Pula portion: 1. Rates for Equipment Usage or Rental or for Personnel (Key Personnel and other Personnel).

2. Reimbursable expenditures.

This appendix will exclusively be used for determining remuneration for additional Services.

Appendix F—Services and Facilities Provided by the Procuring Entity

Insert as appropriate.

BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY	CONTRACT PART 1 AGREEMENTS & SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT	C1.4 FORMS OF SECURITIES 1. PERFORMANCE SECURITY – DEMAND GUARANTEE
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Title of the Contract

Name and address of Beneficiary (whom	
the contract defines as the Procuring	
Entity)	

We have been informed that _ _ _ _ _ (hereinafter called the "Principal") is your contractor under such Contract, which requires him to obtain a performance security.

At the request of the Principal, we (*name of bank*) ______ hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you, the Beneficiary/Procuring Entity, any sum or sums not exceeding in total the amount of _____ (the "guaranteed amount", say: _____) upon receipt by us of your demand in writing and your written statement stating:

- (a) that the Principal is in breach of his obligation(s) under the Contract, and
- (b) the respect in which the Principal is in breach.

Any demand for payment must contain signature of your authorised signatory which must be authenticated by your bankers or by a notary public. The authenticated demand and statement must be received by us at this office on or before (insert *date*) or within seventy (70) days after the expected expiry of the period for notifying defects) _____ (the "expiry date"), when this guarantee shall expire and shall be returned to us.

We have been informed that the Beneficiary may require the Principal to extend this guarantee if the Principal has not completed his obligations under the Contract by (Insert the date) or 28 days prior to such expiry date. We undertake to pay you such guaranteed amount upon receipt by us, within such period of 28 days, of your demand in writing and your written statement that the Principal has not completed his obligations under the Contract, for reasons attributable to the Principal, and that this guarantee has not been extended.

This guarantee shall be governed by the laws of Botswana subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Botswana and shall be subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, published as number 758 by the International Chamber of Commerce, except as stated above.

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BOTSWANA ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY	CONTRACT PART 1 AGREEMENTS & SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT	C1.4 FORMS OF SECURITIES: 2 ADVANCED PAYMENT GUARANTEE
Title of the Contract		

Name and address of Beneficiary (whom the contract defines as the Procuring Entity)

We have been informed that _____ (hereinafter called the "Principal") is your contractor under such Contract and wishes to receive an advance payment, for which the Contract requires him to obtain a guarantee.

At the request of the Principal, we (*name of bank*) ______ hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you, the Beneficiary/Procuring Entity, any sum or sums not exceeding in total the amount of _____ (the "guaranteed amount", say: _____) upon receipt by us of your demand in writing and your written statement stating:

- (a) that the Principal has failed to repay the advance payment in accordance with the conditions of the Contract, and
- (b) the amount which the Principal has failed to repay.

This guarantee shall become effective upon receipt [of the first instalment] of the advance payment by the Principal. Such guaranteed amount shall be reduced by the amounts of the advance payment repaid to you, as evidenced by your notices of amounts due to the Principal issued in terms of the conditions of the Contract. Following receipt (from the Principal) of a copy of each purported notice, we shall promptly notify you of the revised guaranteed amount accordingly.

Any demand for payment must contain your signature(s) of your authorised signatory which must be authenticated by your bankers or by a notary public. The authenticated demand and statement must be received by us at this office on or before........... (*Insert date*) or within seventy (70) days after the expected expiry of the time for completion of the works/Services/ Supply) _____ (the "expiry date"), when this guarantee shall expire and shall be returned to us.

We have been informed that the Beneficiary may require the Principal to extend this guarantee if the advance payment has not been repaid by...... (insert date) 28 days prior to such expiry date. We undertake to pay you such guaranteed amount upon receipt by us, within such period of 28 days, of your demand in writing and your written statement that the advance payment has not been repaid and that this guarantee has not been extended.

This guarantee shall be governed by the laws of Botswana, subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Botswana and shall be subject to the Uniform Rules for Demand Guarantees, published as number 758 by the International Chamber of Commerce, except as stated above.

Date _____

Signature(s) ______

Objectives

The objectives of the Activity Schedule are

- (a) to provide sufficient information on the quantities of Services to be performed to enable Tender Offers to be prepared efficiently and accurately; and
- (b) when a Contract has been entered into, to provide a priced Activity Schedule for use in the periodic valuation of Services executed.

In order to attain these objectives, Services should be itemized in the Activity Schedule in sufficient detail to distinguish between the different classes of Services, or between Services of the same nature carried out in different locations or in other circumstances which may give rise to different considerations of cost. Consistent with these requirements, the layout and content of the Activity Schedule should be as simple and brief as possible.

1) PRICING

a. The bidder has to provide a breakdown of the fees in terms of, but not limited to the following;

Labour fees, transport, spare parts prices and overheads

b. The pricing should take into account that the price should be fixed for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of contract commencement including price escalation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the specified period. In the event of the contractor incurring increased expenditure after 12 months, the escalation rate for the second year of the contract shall be on the basis of the CPI prevailing at the time of escalation, as published by a competent Authority in Botswana.

2) PAYMENT AND CURRENCY

The prices and rates are to be stated in Botswana Pula. The fee structure should have a breakdown of costs including contingency costs such as travelling and accommodation.

3) VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

- a. All prices shall be exclusive of VAT except on the grand total.
- b. VAT exclusion on the Grand Total by VAT registered bidders shall render the bid noncompliant and not fit for consideration for award.

4) PRICE VARIATION

In the event of the service provider incurring increased costs in the execution of the contract by reason of any or all of the following, a price increase may be considered:

a. An increase by reason of any statute enactment or regulation having force of law and applicable to the traders concerned and binding on or affecting the contract and which could not have been foreseen at the date of tender.

BOTSWANA ENERGY	CONTRACT PART 3 - SCOPE OF	SCOPE OF WORK:
REGULATORY AUTHORITY	WORK	SERVICES CONTRACTS

1. Introduction

BERA is a statutory body established in terms of the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Act, 2016 (Act No 13 of 2016 ("BERA Act") to regulate the energy sector in Botswana. The Authority's main responsibility is to provide an efficient regulatory framework for the regulated sector, with the primary mandate of providing the economic regulation of the sector. The regulated sectors include electricity, petroleum products, natural gas, coal, bio-energy, solar energy, renewable energy resources and other energy resources. These sectors are regulated in terms of the BERA Act and respective regulated sector legislation.

The Authority started its operations in September 2017 with its inaugural Chief Executive Officer. The CEOs contract has since ended in August 2022. Currently the Authority is on a temporary basis headed by a Caretaker CEO. The Board is desirous to employ a permanent CEO to provide strategic, managerial and operational leadership to the Authority.

2. Client's / Procuring Entity's objectives

The objective of this assignment is to procure a permanent Chief Executive Officer for the Authority with the assistance of a Recruitment Agency.

3. Description of the service

The Authority wishes to obtain the services from a reputable 100% citizen owned company, with appropriate experience and skills to recruit for the Authority a Chief Executive Officer. The selected recruitment agency will provide the following services:

3.1 Shortlisting and Vetting

The Authority will undertake the advertising and receipt of the applications. The Recruitment Agency shall then prepare and submit to the Board a shortlist of the most qualified prospective candidates for approval. The Recruitment Agency is expected to submit reports to the BERA

Board upon completion of each stage. However, BERA Board may request to have access to all the applications for the position when the need arises.

3.2 Assessments

The Recruitment Agency will coordinate the necessary assessment services by amongst others:

- Inviting the approved shortlisted candidates to be assessed.
- Conducting appropriate assessments aimed at testing each candidate's suitability for the position against the selected competency areas.
- Identify developmental gaps for the prospective candidates by profiling their strengths and weaknesses.

3.3 Reference Checks and Vetting

The Recruitment Agency shall perform reference checks with referees provided by the prospective candidates, a minimum of 3 references will be required in the applicant's CVs. The Recruitment Agency shall cause the candidates to undergo the necessary vettings.

3.4 Submission of Reports

The Recruitment Agency shall submit and present the final interview report with recommendations to the Board.

4. Extent of the services

N/A

5. Use of reasonable skill and care

The Recruitment Agency shall exercise reasonable skill, care and diligence in the discharge of its duties under this Agreement.

In the performance of the Services, the Recruitment Agency shall in all professional matters act as a faithful advisor to the Authority and, with respect to the Authority and third Parties, give preference to the Authority and Botswana Government. The Recruitment Agency, its staff, employees and attached specialists shall respect the laws and customs of Botswana and shall carry out all its responsibilities in accordance with the professional standards of its profession.

6. Co-operation with other services providers

Necessary consultations shall be conducted with relevant stakeholders.

7. Brief

ACTIVITY	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE
Floating of the ITT to Bidders	20 December 2023
Close of Tender Clarifications	17 January 2024
Bid Submission Deadline	24 January 2024

Evaluation and Adjudication of Bids	20 February 2024	
Official Announcement of Preferred Bidder	21 February 2024	
Cooling- Off Period	21 Feb – 5 March 2024	
Award of the Tender and Contract Signing	6 March 2024	
Completion of Recruitment	6 April 2024	

Key Deliverables for this project are as follows:

- A detailed project plan to execute the recruitment process within agreed timelines.
- A summary of all candidate profile matrix report
- Approved initial shortlisting.
- Preliminary Interview Report
- Candidates reference and checks results
- A detailed methodology on Psychometric testing
- Psychometric Report
- Final Interview report and Recommendations
- Submission of Selected candidate's documents
- Any other relevant documents

8. Approvals

The Client shall be the Board Chairperson of Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority or her nominated representative. The Board shall give its decision on all reports, recommendations and other matters properly referred by the Recruitment Agencys for decision in such reasonable time as not to delay or disrupt the performance by the Recruitment Agency of its service under this consultancy work.

9. Access to land / buildings / sites

The Authority will assign Project management staff to work with the Recruitment Agency and shall provide all the necessary resources that might be required by the Recruitment Agency to execute the assignments such as: office space, timely access to data/information etc. All the representatives of the Recruitment Agency will only access buildings/offices as permitted by BERA representatives.

10. Planning

Format of the Project Programme/ Plan: The Recruitment Agency will be expected to provide a detailed programme in a Gantt chart format.

11. Software Application for programming

N/A

12. Quality management

Recruitment Agency to advise on the Quality Management systems.

13. Key Personnel

The Recruitment Agency shall provide all personnel necessary for the execution of the assignment and the list below is only a minimum requirement, but the Recruitment Agency may propose and or provide other personnel with the appropriate expertise necessary to perform the tasks. The Recruitment Agency shall submit CVs and certificates for all the Key Staff in their proposed team. All CVs must meet the minimum requirements. The Recruitment Agency's proposal should include the following key personnel as minimum:

- a. Lead Consultant
- b. Other Consultant(s)

The Consultant will deploy a team of well qualified personnel/experts to undertake the consultancy services. All the key personnel shall be highly skilled and experienced and shall score a minimum of 80%. Key personnel with scores of less than 80% shall have to be replaced if the Consultant progresses to negotiations stage. The Consultant's proposal shall be set out in detail showing the list of experts required for each Phase and the duration person-months for which the services are required. The Consultant shall present the staffing schedule in a manner that makes it clear as to which personnel will be involved in a specific activity. A staff organogram reflecting the envisioned activities should therefore be presented.

The Recruitment Agency shall provide the following key personnel as minimum:

- a. Lead Consultant: should have a minimum of a recognised degree qualification of human resources, industrial and organisational psychology, organisational development, strategic management or related course with at least 10 years' experience in recruitment of executive level management.
- b. Other Consultant (s): should have a minimum of a recognised degree qualification of human resources, industrial and organisational psychology, organisational development, strategic management or related course with at least 5 years' experience in recruitment of executive level management.

14. Management meetings

The Recruitment Agency will work under the general supervision of BERA. All deliverables/outputs would be subject to initial review and approval by designated committee and BERA Board. Scheduled project meetings will be held with Authority's representatives and the Recruitment Agency's team.

15. Forms for Communications

Formal reports and other tender documentation to be ring bound and presented in minimum font size of 12.

All communications and reports to be prepared and presented in Microsoft word, power point, excel and MS Project and any other MS applications and be presented in English language

16. Electronic Payments

Recruitment Agency to provide a firm payment address details together with the preferred method of payment.

[To be filled by the Recruitment Agency]

17. Payment Certificates

Payment invoices shall be issued by the Recruitment Agency and paid according to the terms of payment agreed by both the Employer and Service Provider. Notwithstanding the above, all payments for remuneration shall be made on milestone basis.

Recruitment Agency to provide a firm payment address details together with the preferred method of payment

18. Proof of Compliance with the Law

Full compliance with the applicable Acts and Regulations including but not limited to the following is a mandatory requirement for this tender:

- a. Public Procurement Act and its Subsidiary Legislation.
- b. And any other.

THE CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE RECRUITMENT AGENCY

The Client shall:

a. Supply free of charge all available data and information pertinent to the project requested by the Recruitment Agency that is in his possession. However, the Client shall not be held responsible for their accuracy and correctness of the information provided. The Recruitment Agency, where necessary; shall verify the accuracy and correctness of such data supplied to him.

- b. Authorize the Recruitment Agency to act as stated in the consultancy work.
- c. Not enter into contracts in connection with this assignment, which describe duties and responsibilities of the Recruitment Agency, which are inconsistent with the duties, and responsibilities of the Recruitment Agency provided for herein and required hereunder, without obtaining the prior written agreement thereto from the Recruitment Agency.
- d. Pay the Recruitment Agency's fees and expenses as provided for hereunder and provide or reimburse the Recruitment Agency for obtaining legal, accounting and insurance counselling where such are agreed as necessary between the Client and the Recruitment Agency.
- e. Bear all costs incidental to the preparation of this recruitment work, including the costs of executing this recruitment work.
- f. Designate in writing a person to act as his representative with respect to the Project and such person shall have complete authority to transmit instructions and to interpret and define the Client's policies and decisions pursuant to services covered by this Agreement, and to receive the information on behalf of the Client from the Recruitment Agency.
- g. The Authority shall appoint a project manager to act as the Client's primary contact person with respect to contacts with the Recruitment Agency.

RECRUITMENT AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE CLIENT

- a. The Recruitment Agency shall provide appropriate expert professional personnel and exercise all reasonable skill, care and diligence in the performance of the Services under this Agreement. The Recruitment Agency shall carry out all his/her responsibilities in accordance with the highest ethics and general practices of his profession.
- b. The Recruitment Agency shall in all professional matters act as a faithful adviser to the Client and, in so far as any of his duties are discretionary, act fairly as between the Client and third parties.
- c. The Recruitment Agency shall arrange regular meetings with the Client to keep him abreast of the Recruitment Agency's progress in the performance of his duties under this Agreement.
- d. With the agreement and written approval of the Client, which may not be unreasonably withheld, the Recruitment Agency shall engage specialist Recruitment Agencys or contractors directly to perform services necessary to enable the Recruitment Agency to perform the services required of him hereunder.
- e. The remuneration of the Recruitment Agency charged to the Client shall constitute his only remuneration in connection with the Agreement and neither he nor his personnel shall accept any trade commission, allowance or any indirect payment or other consideration in connection with or in relation to the Agreement or to the discharge of his obligations hereunder.

- f. The copyright of all documents prepared by the Recruitment Agency in connection with this Agreement rests with the Client.
- g. The Recruitment Agency shall have the right subject to the Client's written approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, to publish descriptive articles with or without illustrations, with respect to the services performed by him either on his own account or in conjunction with other parties concerned.