



**ACCOUNTING OFFICERS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS
HEADS OF PROCUREMENT**

UNIFORM BIDDING DOCUMENTS

**Supply Chain Management Office
Practice Note Number SCM-08 of 2005**

1 Context

The Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999 as amended by Act 29 of 1999, was approved by National Parliament to regulate financial management in the National Government and Provincial Governments, to ensure all revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities of those Governments are managed efficiently and effectively and to provide for the responsibilities of persons entrusted with financial management in those Governments.

In terms of section 76(4)(c) of the Act the National Treasury may make regulations or issue instructions applicable to all institutions to which this Act applies, concerning the determining of a framework for an appropriate supply chain management system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective. However, according to section 38(1)(a)(iii) of the Act it is the responsibility of the accounting officer/authority of a department, trading entity or constitutional institution to have and maintain an appropriate procurement and supply system which is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective.

Where applicable, Provincial Treasuries must set complementary standards within the parameters as set by National Government. These standards may not jeopardize national objectives. A provincial treasury must also submit to the National Treasury such SCM information as the National Treasury may require.

Within this context this practice note is issued by Provincial Treasury to provide guidance and support to Provincial departments in the implementation of supply chain management.

2 Common Provincial Principles

The acquisition, disposal, hiring and letting of immovable property is dealt with in terms of the KwaZulu-Natal Land Administration Act, 2003, Act No 3 of 2003, and departments who administer this Act should follow the

procedures laid down in terms of this Act and any regulations and delegations made in terms of this Act.

The acquisition of all Information Technology (IT) equipment and software must be done through SITA according to the SITA Act (1998), Act No 88 of 1998.

3 Introduction

As part of the bidding procedure, departments are required to complete bidding documents containing legal and general bidding conditions as required by Provincial Treasury. These bidding documents are to replace the existing bidding documents for departments. As part of the new SCM legislative requirement, departments are required to adhere to the standard terms and conditions that have been specified in the Provincial bidding documents. Where bidding and contract conditions are required in terms of National and Industry norms, such as in the construction industry, those documents should be used.

4 Bidding documents

Attached as Annexure A are the bidding documents that must be used with any bidding process. The standard general condition of contract is attached as Annexure B

5 Effective Date

This practice note takes effect from

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MRS C. COETZEE
SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
4 APRIL 2005

**ANNEXURE A: STANDARD BID DOCUMENTATION
SECTION A
INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HERBY INVITED TO BID FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE (NAME OF DEPARTMENT / PUBLIC ENTITY)

PLEASE NOTE

THIS BID CLOSSES AT 11:00

CLOSING DATE : _____
BID NO. : _____
DESCRIPTION : _____
CONTRACT PERIOD : _____
VALIDITY PERIOD : _____
NAME OF BIDDER : _____

PROVINCIAL SUPPLIERS DATABASE REGISTRATION NO.: _____

NB: IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS A BIDDER MUST ENSURE THAT HE/ SHE/ IT IS REGISTERED AS AN APPROVED SUPPLIER ON THE KWAZULU-NATAL SUPPLIER DATABASE, AND THAT ALL INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND UP TO DATE BEFORE THE CLOSURE OF THE BID

DOCUMENTS DELIVERED BY HAND MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED IN:

Department Address	THE BID BOX IS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES : MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 08:00 - 16:00
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DOCUMENTS POSTED SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO:

N.B.: THE POST IS CLEARED FROM _____ POST OFFICE BEFORE _____ ON THE DUE DATE

TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES TO BE MADE TO: _____

DEPARTMENT OF: _____

MR/ MRS/ MISS: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: _____

SECTION B
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS REGARDING THE
COMPLETION OF BIDDING FORMS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE KWAZULU-NATAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS.

1. Unless inconsistent with or expressly indicated otherwise by the context, the singular shall include the plural and visa versa and with words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the neuter.
2. Under no circumstances whatsoever may the bid forms be retyped or redrafted. Photocopies of the original bid documentation may be used, but an original signature must appear on such photocopies.
3. The bidder is advised to check the number of pages and to satisfy himself that none are missing or duplicated.
4. Bids submitted must be complete in all respects.
5. Bids shall be lodged at the address indicated not later than the closing time specified for their receipt, and in accordance with the directives in the bid documents.
6. Each bid shall be addressed in accordance with the directives in the bid documents and shall be lodged in a separate sealed envelope, with the name and address of the bidder, the bid number and closing date indicated on the envelope. The envelope shall not contain documents relating to any bid other than that shown on the envelope. If this provision is not complied with, such bids may be rejected as being invalid.
7. All bids received in sealed envelopes with the relevant bid numbers on the envelopes are kept unopened in safe custody until the closing time of the bids. Where, however, a bid is received open, it shall be sealed. If it is received without a bid number on the envelope, it shall be opened, the bid number ascertained, the envelope sealed and the bid number written on the envelope.
8. A specific box is provided for the receipt of bids, and no bid found in any other box or elsewhere subsequent to the closing date and time of bid will be considered.
9. No bid sent through the post will be considered if it is received after the closing date and time stipulated in the bid documentation, and proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
10. No bid submitted by telefax, telegraphic or other electronic means will be considered.
11. Bidding documents must not be included in packages containing samples. Such bids may be rejected as being invalid.
12. Any alteration made by the bidder must be initialled.
13. Use of correcting fluid is prohibited
14. Bids will be opened in public as soon as practicable after the closing time of bid.
15. Where practical, prices are made public at the time of opening bids.
16. If it is desired to make more than one offer against any individual item, such offers should be given on a photocopy of the page in question. Clear indication thereof must be stated on the schedules attached.

SECTION C

REGISTRATION ON THE PROVINCIAL SUPPLIERS DATABASE

1. In terms of the KwaZulu-Natal Supply Chain Management Regulations, all suppliers of goods and services to the Province of KwaZulu-Natal are required to register on the Provincial Suppliers Database.
2. If you wish to apply for registration, forms may be downloaded from the website, <http://www.kzntreasury.gov.za>, or obtained by phoning the toll free number **0800 201 049**. This number is also available for general enquiries relating to Provincial procurement.
3. If a business is registered on the Database and it is found subsequently that false or incorrect information has been supplied, then the Department may, without prejudice to any other legal rights or remedies it may have :
 - 3.1 de-register the supplier from the Database,
 - 3.2 cancel a bid or a contract awarded to such supplier, and the supplier would become liable for any damages if a less favourable bid is accepted or less favourable arrangements are made.
4. The same principles as set out in paragraph 3 above are applicable should the supplier fail to request updating of its information on the Suppliers Database, relating to changed circumstances.
5. Application for registration must be submitted to the Provincial Treasury. **IF THE SUPPLIER IS NOT REGISTERED AT THE TIME OF BIDDING, THE SUPPLIER IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION FORM TOGETHER WITH THE BID DOCUMENTATION TO THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT INVITING BIDS.**

SECTION D
DECLARATION THAT INFORMATION ON PROVINCIAL SUPPLIER DATABASE IS
CORRECT AND UP TO DATE
(To be completed by bidder)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT (NAME)..... OF (STATE NAME
OF
BIDDER)

AM AWARE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL SUPPLIER DATABASE WITH
RESPECT OF THE BIDDERS DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION, AND THAT
THE SAID INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND UP TO DATE AS
ON.....(DATE)

AND AM AWARE THAT INCORRECT OR OUTDATED INFORMATION MAY BE A CAUSE
FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE BIDDING PROCESS, AND/OR POSSIBLE
CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT.

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SIGNATURE OF BIDDER OR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE :

SECTION F
(To be completed by bidder)

BID NUMBER.....

1. BID PRICE INCLUDING VAT: R.....
2. AMOUNT IN WORDS:
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3. TIME FOR COMPLETION/ DELIVERY:.....calendar days/months

NAME OF COMPANY:	SIGNATURE	DATE:
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FOR OFFICE PURPOSES ONLY	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 60%;"><p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">IMPORTANT</p><p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Mark appropriate block with "X"</p></div>	
1. HAVE ANY ALTERATIONS BEEN MADE?	YES NO
2. HAS AN ALTERNATIVE BID BEEN SUBMITTED?	YES NO
3. IF APPLICABLE: DID THE BIDDER ATTEND THE OFFICIAL BRIEFING SESSION/ COMPULSORY SITE INSPECTION?	YES NO

SECTION G
QUESTIONNAIRE REPLIES

1. Are the prices/rates quoted firm?
2. Is the delivery period stated firm?
3. How will delivery be affected?
4. Is the equipment guaranteed for a minimum period of six months?
5. Are you the accredited agents in the RSA for the manufacture/supply of the goods offered by you?
6. What is the address in the RSA (preferably in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal) where a machine/ goods as offered by you can be inspected under working conditions?
7. What is the approximate value of spares carried in stock in the RSA for this particular make and model of machine?
8. Where is stock held?
9. What facilities exist for the servicing of the machine/goods offered?
10. Where are these facilities available?
11. What are the names and addresses of the factories where the goods will be manufactured and, if required, inspected?
12. Is a special import permit required?

.....
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER

.....
DATE

N. B: THIS FORM IS ONLY TO BE INCLUDED AND COMPLETED WHEN APPLICABLE TO THE BID

**SECTION H
OFFICIAL BRIEFING SESSION/SITE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE**

Site/building/institution involved:

Bid No.:.....

Service:.....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT. (name)..... ON BEHALF OF

.....

VISITED AND INSPECTED THE SITE ON(DATE)

AND IS THEREFORE FAMILIAR WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICE TO BE RENDERED.

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SIGNATURE OF BIDDER OR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE
PRINT NAME

DATE :

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SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE
PRINT NAME

DEPARTMENTAL STAMP:
(OPTIONAL)
DATE:

N. B.: THIS FORM IS ONLY TO BE INCLUDED AND COMPLETED WHEN APPLICABLE TO THE BID

SECTION I DECLARATION OF GOOD STANDING REGARDING TAX

IT IS A CONDITION OF BID THAT -

1. The taxes of the successful bidder **MUST** be in order, or that suitable arrangements have been made with the Receiver of Revenue to satisfy them.
2. This form, Application for Tax Clearance Certificate (in respect of bids), **MUST** be completed by the bidder in all respects and submitted to the Receiver of Revenue where the bidder is registered for income tax purposes. That Receiver of Revenue will then furnish the bidder with a Tax Clearance Certificate that will be valid for 6 months from date of issue. The Tax Clearance Certificate must be submitted in the original with the bid, that is before the closing time and date of the bid. Failure to submit an original and valid Tax Clearance Certificate **MAY** invalidate your bid.
3. Each party to a Consortium/Sub-contractor/Joint Venture must complete a separate Tax Clearance Certificate. Copies of the application for Tax Clearance Certificate are available at any Receiver's Office.

NB The party cited on the Tax Certificate must be same legal entity as in the bid document.

**SECTION J
AUTHORITY TO SIGN A BID**

A. COMPANIES

If a Bidder is a company, a certified copy of the resolution by the board of directors, personally signed by the chairperson of the board, authorising the person who signs this bid to do so, as well as to sign any contract resulting from this bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and/or contract on behalf of the company must be submitted with this bid, that is before the closing time and date of the bid

AUTHORITY BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Resolution passed by the Board of Directors on20....., Mr/Ms (whose signature appears below) has been duly authorised to sign all documents in connection with bid/ contract on behalf of (Name of Company)

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF COMPANY:
PRINT NAME

IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS:

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY: **DATE:**
PRINT NAME

WITNESSES: 1
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B. SOLE PROPRIETOR (ONE - PERSON BUSINESS)

I, the undersigned..... hereby confirm that I am the sole owner of the business trading as

.....
SIGNATURE

.....
DATE

C. PARTNERSHIP

The following particulars in respect of every partner must be furnished and signed by every partner:

Full name of partner	Residential address	Signature
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We, the undersigned partners in the business trading as....., hereby authorise..... to sign this bid as well as any contract resulting from the bid and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this bid and /or contract on behalf of

..... SIGNATURE SIGNATURE SIGNATURE
..... DATE DATE DATE

D. CLOSE CORPORATION

In the case of a close corporation submitting a bid, a certified copy of the Founding Statement of such corporation shall be included with the bid, together with the resolution by its members authoring a member or other official of the corporation to sign the documents on their behalf.

By resolution of members at a meeting on 20..... at

Mr/Ms....., whose signature appears below, has been authorised to sign all documents in connection with this bid on behalf of (Name of close corporation)

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SIGNED ON BEHALF OF CLOSE CORPORATION

.....
IN HIS/HER CAPACITY AS :..... DATE:

SIGNATURE OF SIGNATORY:.....

WITNESSES: 1

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SECTION K CONDITIONS OF BID

1. I/We hereby bid to supply all or any of the supplies and/or to render all or any of the services described in the attached documents to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Administration (hereinafter called the "Province") on the terms and conditions and be in accordance with the specifications stipulated in the bid documents (and which shall be taken as part of and be incorporated into this bid) at the prices and on the terms regarding time for delivery and/or execution inserted therein.

2. I/we agree that:
 - (a) the offer herein shall remain binding upon me and open for acceptance by the Province during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing time of the bid;
 - (b) this bid and its acceptance shall be subject to the PFMA and KwaZulu-Natal Supply Chain Management Regulations, the terms and conditions contained in the KwaZulu-Natal General Conditions and Procedures for procurement, with which I/we am fully acquainted;
 - (c) if I/we withdraw my bid within the period for which I/we have agreed that the bid shall remain open for acceptance, or fail to fulfil the contract when called upon to do so, the Province may, without prejudice to its other rights, agree to the withdrawal of my bid or cancel the contract that may have been entered into between me and the Province. I/we will then pay to the Province any additional expenses incurred by the Province having either to accept any less favourable bid or, if fresh bids have to be invited, the additional expenditure incurred by the invitation of fresh bids and by the subsequent acceptance of any less favourable bid. The Province shall have the right to recover such additional expenditure by set-off against monies which may be due to me under this or any other bid or contract or against any guarantee or deposit that may have been furnished by me or on my behalf for the due fulfilment of this or any other bid or contract and pending the ascertainment of the amount of such additional expenditure to retain such monies, guarantee or deposit as security for any loss the Province may sustain by reason of my default;
 - (d) if my bid is accepted, the acceptance may be communicated to me by registered post, and that the South African Post Office Limited shall be treated as delivery agent to me;
 - (e) the law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the contract created by the acceptance of my bid and I choose *domicilium citandi et executandi* in the Republic at (full physical address) :
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3. I/we furthermore confirm that I/we have satisfied myself as to the correctness and validity of my bid: that the price(s), rate(s) and preference quoted cover all of the work/item(s) and my obligations under a resulting contract, and I accept that any mistakes regarding the price(s) and calculations will be at my risk.

4. I/we hereby accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this agreement, as the Principal(s) liable for the due fulfilment of this contract.

5. I/we agree that any action arising from this contract may in all respects be instituted against me and I/we hereby undertake to satisfy fully any sentence or judgement which may be pronounced against me as a result of such action.
6. I/we confirm that I/we have declared all and any interest that I or any persons related to my business has with regard to this bid or any related bids by completion of the Declaration of Interest Section.
7. CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTNESS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN THIS DOCUMENT

I/we, THE UNDERSIGNED, WHO WARRANT THAT I AM DULY AUTHORISED TO DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDER, CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN TERMS OF THIS DOCUMENT IS CORRECT AND TRUE, THAT THE SIGNATORY TO THIS DOCUMENT IS DULY AUTHORISED AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

(1) The bidder will furnish documentary proof regarding any bidding issue to the satisfaction of the Province, if requested to do so.

(2) If the information supplied is found to be incorrect and/or false then the Province, in addition to any remedies it may have, may:-

- (a) Recover from the contractor all costs, losses or damages incurred or sustained by the Province as a result of the award of the contract, and/or
- (b) Cancel the contract and claim any damages which the Province may suffer by having to make less favourable arrangements after such cancellation.

SIGNED ON THIS DAY OF 20 AT

.....
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER OR DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS

ON BEHALF OF (BIDDER'S NAME)

CAPACITY OF SIGNATORY

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON (IN BLOCK LETTERS, PLEASE)

.....
POSTAL ADDRESS

.....
TELEPHONE NUMBER: FAX NUMBER:.....

CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER:.....

E-MAIL ADDRESS:.....

ANNEXURE B

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. CESSION OF CONTRACTS

- 1.1 The Contract is personal to the Contractor who shall not sub-let, assign, cede or make over the Contract or any part thereof, or any share of interest therein, to any other person without the written consent of the Province, and on such conditions as it may approve.
- 1.2 This sub-clause shall not apply to sub-contracts given to regular suppliers of the Contractor for materials and minor components relating to the goods or services supplied. The Province reserves the right to require the Contractor to submit, for noting, the names of such sub-contractors in order to ascertain their registration on the Provincial Suppliers Database and they must be legal entities.

2. DISCREPANCIES

Should there appear to be any discrepancies, ambiguities or want of agreement in description, dimensions, qualities or quantities in the Contract, the Contractor shall be obliged to refer the matter to the Provinces' Representative for a decision, before proceeding to execute the Contract or part thereof in respect of which the said discrepancies, ambiguities or want of agreement appear to exist.

3. QUALITY AND GUARANTEE

- 3.1 All Goods supplied shall be equal in all respects to samples, patterns or specifications where such are provided. Any changes to quality or brands will have to be approved by the Province, as this is a change to the conditions of the contract.
- 3.2 Should the Province, after the award of the Contract and/or during the manufacture of the goods specified, decide on a variation or alteration to the specification, either at the suggestion of the Contractor or otherwise, which will be to the Province's advantage, such variation or alteration shall be performed to the Province's satisfaction. Any variation in the Contract Price arising there from shall be subject to agreement between the Province and the Contractor.
- 3.3 The Contractor shall not be relieved of his obligations with respect to the sufficiency of the materials and workmanship and the quality of the Goods supplied by the reason of no objection having been taken thereto by the Province's Representative at the time the Goods were delivered.
- 3.4 If at any time, but not exceeding six (6) months after delivery, or such other time as may be stipulated in the Contract, the Province shall prove that the Goods or any part thereof are defective on account of materials being faulty or of inferior quality of workmanship or bad design, or are not strictly in accordance with the Contract, the Contractor shall immediately remedy the said defect free of cost to the Province. Should the Contractor delay remedial work in excess of time stipulated by the Province's representative, the Province may have such remedial work executed at the Contractor's expense. Should the Province decide that the defect is such that it cannot be remedied, the Goods may be rejected.

Such rejected goods shall be held at the risk and expense of the Contractor and shall, on request of the Province, be removed by him immediately on receipt of notification of rejection. The Contractor shall be responsible for any loss the Province may sustain by reason of such action as the Province may take, in terms of this clause.

- 3.5 The risk in respect of the Goods purchased by the Province under the Contract shall remain with the Contractor until such goods have been delivered to the Province.
- 3.6 The principle feature of the Goods and Work are described in the Goods or Services Information, but the Goods or Services Information does not purport to indicate every detail of construction, fabrication or arrangements of Goods and Works necessary to meet the requirements. Omission from the Goods or Services information of reference to any part or parts shall not relieve the Contractor of his responsibility for carrying out the Work as required under the Contract.
- 3.7 If any dispute arises between the Province and the Contractor in connection with the quality and guarantee of the Goods, either party may give the other notice in writing of the existence of such dispute, and the same shall thereupon be referred to arbitration in South Africa by a person mutually agreed upon by both parties. The submission shall be deemed to be a submission to arbitration within the meaning of the terms of the arbitration laws in force in the Republic of South Africa.

4. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS AND DELAYED EXECUTION

- 4.1 If a bidder amends or withdraws his/her/their bid after the closing time but before the bidder is notified that his/her/their bid has been accepted, or when notified that his/her/their bid has been accepted, he/she/they fail/fails, within the period stipulated in the conditions of bid or such extended period as the Bid Award Committee or Central Procurement Committee (prior to 01 April 2005) may allow, to sign a contract or to provide security when requested to do so, he/she/they shall, unless the Bid Award Committee or Central Procurement Committee decides otherwise, and without prejudice to any other right which the Province may have under paragraphs 4.2 and 4.4, including the right to claim damages if a less favourable bid is accepted or less favourable arrangements are to be made, forfeit any deposit which may have been made with the bid.
- 4.2 Should the contractor fail to comply with any of the conditions of the contract, the Province shall be entitled, without prejudice to any of its other rights, to cancel the contract.
- 4.3 Upon any delay beyond the contract period in the case of a supplies contract, the Province shall, without canceling the contract, be entitled forthwith to purchase supplies of a similar quality and up to the same quantity in substitution of the goods not supplied in conformity with the contract and to return any supplies delivered later at the contractor's expense and risk, or forthwith to cancel the

contract and buy such supplies as may be required to complete the contract, and without prejudice to its rights, be entitled to claim damages from the contractor.

- 4.4 Upon any delay beyond the contract period in the case of a service contract, the Province shall, without prejudice to any other right and without canceling the contract, be entitled forthwith to arrange the execution of the service not rendered in conformity with the contract or to cancel the contract, and without prejudice to its other rights, be entitled to claim damages from the contractor.
- 4.5 In the event of the Province availing itself of the remedies provided for in paragraph 4.2 -
- 4.5.1 the contractor shall bear any adverse difference in price of the said supplies services and these amounts plus any other damages which may be suffered by the Province, shall be paid by the contractor to the Province immediately on demand, or the Province may deduct such amounts from moneys (if any) otherwise payable to the contractor in respect of supplies or services rendered or to be rendered under the contract or under any other contract or any other amounts due to the contractor; or
- 4.5.2 if the contractor fails to supply the goods or render the service within the period stipulated in the contract, the Province shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to claim any damages or loss suffered.
- 4.6 No damages shall be claimed in respect of any period of delay which the contractor can prove to be directly due to a state of war, sanctions, strikes, lockouts, damage to machinery as a result of accidents, fire, flood or tempest or act of God, which could not be foreseen or overcome by the contractor, or to any act or omission on the part of persons acting in any capacity on behalf of the Province.
- 4.7 If the delivery of the supplies or the rendering of the service is likely to be delayed or is in fact being delayed on account of any of the reasons mentioned in paragraph 4.6, full particulars of the circumstances shall be reported forthwith in writing to the Province and at the same time the contractor shall indicate the extension of the delivery period which is desired.

5. PATENTS

The Contractor shall pay all royalties and expenses and be liable for all claims in respect of the use of patent rights, trademarks or other protected rights, and hereby indemnifies the Province against any claims arising there from.

6. PACKAGING, MARKING AND DELIVERY

- 6.1 All goods shall be crated, packed or battened securely in such a manner as to prevent damage during loading, transport and off-loading. Unless otherwise specified, packing cases and packing materials are included in the Contract Price, and shall be and remain the property of the Province.
- 6.2 All goods shall be clearly marked in the manner stated in the Goods or Services Information.
- 6.3 Goods shall be delivered to the address within the Province's area of jurisdiction as set out in the Special Conditions of the Contract or Goods and Services Information.
- 6.4 Goods shall be delivered on Weekdays between 08:00 and 16:00, free of all charges, only when ordered upon an official letter or form of order issued by the Province. No goods will be received on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.
 - 6.4.1 Paragraph 6.4 above is applicable only when not excluded in the Special Conditions of Bid
- 6.5 Goods delivered shall in all cases be accompanied by delivery notes in duplicate, one which will be retained by the Province. The Contractor shall be responsible for the safe delivery as to the quality, quantity and condition of the goods.
- 6.6 Delivery, unless otherwise provided for in the Special Conditions of Bid, shall be affected within seven (7) days from receipt of the order. The Contractor shall advise the Province upon receipt of an order in writing of any anticipated delays, citing reasons therefore and put forward a new anticipated delivery date. The Province may then extend the delivery date, if and as it deems fit.
- 6.7 Should the Contractor fail to supply the material within the time stated in his bid, or within the extended time allowed to him in terms of clause 6.6 hereof, the Province reserves the right (after giving the Contractor seven days notice in writing) to cancel the contract and purchase the materials elsewhere and the bidder shall refund to the Province any extra cost incurred over and above the contract price. No liability shall, however, be attached to the Contractor if delivery of materials is rendered impossible or delayed by reason of circumstances beyond the Contractor's control.
- 6.8 If the Contractor cannot produce proof satisfactory to the Province that the delay was due to circumstances beyond his control, no price increase after the due date will be recognized.
- 6.9 If at any time the Province ascertains that, due to negligence of the Contractor or for reasons beyond his control:
 - 6.9.1 No work on the order has been commenced and in the opinion of the Province, there is little or no prospect of work being commenced in reasonable time;

- 6.9.2 Delivery of any materials is being or is likely to be delayed beyond the delivery date promised, and/or
- 6.9.3 There is little or no prospect of the order being completed within a reasonable time after the promised date; the Province may, by notice to the Contractor in writing, cancel as from the future date specified in such notice, the whole or any part of the order in respect of which material has not been delivered by that date without incurring any liability by reasons of such cancellation. The cases where circumstances beyond the control of the Contractor have delayed commencement or completion of the order, cancellation of the order will be effected by mutual arrangement or where this is not possible by the decision of the Province. The Contractor shall then as soon as possible after such date deliver to the Province that part of the order which has been completed, and payment is to be effected is for the part performance on a proportional basis, subject to the uncompleted part not being an integral or essential part of the contract.

7. CONSIGNMENT OF GOODS

- 7.1 Goods, if delivered by Spoornet may be consigned carriage paid in the Contractor's name, care of the Province to the place of delivery stipulated, but not in the name of the State. Goods consigned to stores located in areas which Spoornet may refuse to deliver, must be done so care of a local agent or to a local depot from which they may be re-delivered by road to such stores.
- 7.2 Contractors shall arrange with Spoornet to deliver goods to the Province's stores during the hours and on the days that the stores are open.
- 7.3 The Province will not be responsible for any damage, re-delivery charges or any other charges raised by Spoornet.
- 7.4 Claims on the South African Transport Services or on any other carrier in respect of weight, quantity, damage or loss, shall be made by the Contractor.

8. PAYMENT

Payments for goods are made by the Province concerned only. Any disputes regarding late or delayed payments must be taken up with the department and if a problem persists, the Procurement Administration Office can be requested to investigate the delays.

9. INVOICES

All invoices submitted by the Contractor must be Tax Invoices indicating quantity ordered and quantity delivered, the amount of tax charged and the total invoice amount.

10. CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENT

- 10.1 Firm Contract Prices shall not be subject to adjustment. Contract Prices which are not firm shall be increased or reduced by the amount of variation between the Cost to Bidder and the actual cost to the Contractor, such variations to be subject to the following conditions:-
- 10.1.1 Where the Cost to Bidder was based on a printed catalogue or list price, the variation shall be the difference between that price list and the price list actually charged. Should it transpire that the Cost to Bidder was not based on the latest available price list at the Date of Bid, the Province shall have the right to elect the price list on which any variation shall be based.
- 10.1.2 Where the Cost to Bidder was based on a quotation by the manufacturer, or where the Contractor is the manufacturer, and the Contract Price was based on the cost of materials and labour ruling at a certain date, the variation in the Contract Price shall be calculated by means of the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of South Africa (SEIFSA) formula if this is stipulated in the Contract, or if the Province's representative considers it to be appropriate. Where the use of the SEIFSA formula is not appropriate, the variation shall be calculated by means of another formula acceptable to the Province, which shall be indicated in the Special Conditions of Contract. Only those cost increases due to wage increases prescribed by regulating measures having the force of law, or increases in the cost of materials and railage as may be proven by documentary evidence, or published data, will be considered in determining Contract Price variation.
- 10.1.3 Any difference between Rates and Charges ruling at the time of bid and those actually paid by the Contractor will be for the account of the Province. The Contract Price adjustment arising from any variation in Rates and Charges shall, in every instance, be applied to the appropriate value, or tonnage, of the Goods shipped. Where a variation in the Cost to bidder has been allowed, the Contract Price shall be adjusted by the product of such variation and every component of Rates and Charges which is based on the value of the Goods, whether or not the costs of such components have varied.
- 10.1.4 No claim for increased costs will be entertained if the Contractor is unable to produce documentation to substantiate Cost to Bidder and Rates and Charges on which the Contract Price was based and documentation to support his claim. Such documentation must, in the opinion of the Province,

adequately support the Contractor's claim. No claim for increased costs to the Contractor arising from negligence on his part, or that of the manufacturer, will be considered.

- 10.1.5 The Contractor shall, in respect of every consignment or shipment of Goods delivered, supply to the Province's Representative documentary evidence of variation, if any, in Cost to Bidder and Rates and Charges.
- 10.1.6 Claims for increased cost shall be submitted with the invoice for the Goods in respect of which the claim is made, or as soon thereafter as possible. Claims shall not be considered if received more than 90 days after the expiry of the Contract unless notice of intention to claim has been given to the Province before such date.
- 10.1.7 In the event of there being no claim by the Contractor for increased costs, the Contractor shall not be entitled to full payment under the Contract before he has submitted to the Province, in his own name or in the name of the manufacturer, a certificate declaring that there have been no adjustments in the cost of manufacture which entitle the Employer to a reduction in the Contract Price as provided for in this clause.

11. REMEDIES IN THE CASE OF DEATH, SEQUESTRATION, LIQUIDATION OR JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT

- 11.1 In the event of the death of a contractor or the provisional or final sequestration of his/her/their estate or of his/her/their cession or transfer of a contract without the approval of the Central Procurement Committee (where applicable)/Bid Award Committee or of the surrender of his/her/their estate or of his/her/their reaching a compromise with his/her/their creditors or of the provisional or final liquidation of a contractor's company/closed corporation or the placing of its affairs under judicial management, the Province may, without prejudice to any other rights it may have, exercise any of the following options :
 - 11.1.1 cancel the contract and accept any of the bids which were submitted originally with that of the contractor or any offer subsequently received to complete the contract. In such a case the estate of the contractor shall not be relieved of liability for any claim which has arisen or may arise against the contractor in respect of supplies not delivered or work not carried out by the contractor, under the contract.
 - 11.1.2 Allow the executor, trustee, liquidator or judicial manager, as the case may be, for and on behalf of and at the cost and expense of the estate of the contractor to carry on with and complete the contract.

- 11.1.3 For and on behalf of and at the cost and expense of the estate of the contractor, itself carry on with and complete the contract and in that event the Province may take over and utilize, without payment, the contractor's tools, plant and materials in whole or in part until the completion of the contract.
- 11.2 Should the Province elect to act in terms of paragraph 11.1.3 it shall give notice of its requirements to the executor, trustee, liquidator or judicial manager of the contractor's estate and should the said executor, trustee, liquidator or judicial manager fail within 14 days of the despatch of such notice to make provision to the satisfaction of the Province for the fulfillment of such requirements, or should no trustee, liquidator or judicial manager be appointed within 14 days of the occurrence mentioned in paragraph 11.1, the Province may apply any remedy open to it in terms of the contract as if a breach thereof had taken place.
- 11.3 Should the Province act in terms of paragraph 11.1.3 the contractor must leave the premises immediately and may not occupy such premises on account of retention or any other right.

12. LAW TO APPLY

The Contract shall in all respects be construed in accordance with the law of the Republic of South Africa, and any difference that may arise with the law of the Republic of South Africa, and any difference that may arise between the Province and the Contractor in regard to the Contract, shall be settled in the Republic of South Africa.

13. OFFERING OF COMMISSION OR GRATUITY

If the Contractor, or any person employed by him, is found to have either directly or indirectly offered, promised or given to any office bearer of the Province or person in the employ of the Province, any commission, gratuity, gift or other consideration, the Province shall have the right, summarily and without recourse to law and without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have in regard to any loss or additional cost or expenses, to cancel the Contract without paying any compensation to the Contractor.

14. PREFERENCES

- 14.1 Should the Contractor apply for preferences in the submission of his bid, and it is found at a later stage that these applications were incorrect or made under false pretenses, the Province may, at its own right:-
- 14.1.1 Recover from the Contractor all costs, losses or damages incurred or sustained by the Province as a result of the award of the Contract; and / or
- 14.1.2 Cancel the contract and claim any damages which the Province may suffer by having to make less favourable arrangements after such cancellation.

- 14.1.3 The Province may impose penalties, however, only if provision therefore is made in the Special Conditions of Tender.

15. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The quantities of goods offered or delivered shall be according to South African standard weights and measures.

16. SECURITY

- 16.1 Special Conditions of Bid relating to Surety/Guarantee requirement must be dealt with in strict compliance with the Conditions of Bid set out herein.
- 16.2 In respect of contracts less than R 500 000, the guarantees and sureties required may be based on a risk evaluation conducted by the Province inviting the bid.
- 16.3 No deposits are required for bid applications for contracts below R 500 000.

17. ORDERS

- 17.1 Goods shall be delivered and services rendered only upon receipt of a written official order or the signing of a contract with the Province, and accounts shall be rendered as indicated on the official order or in the contract, as the case may be.
- 17.2 The Province reserves the right to call upon any Contractor during the contract period to make known the following details:
- 17.2.1 Name of Institution placing order;
- 17.2.2 Provincial official order number;
- 17.2.3 Quantity ordered; and
- 17.2.4 List of items ordered.

18. EXPORT LICENCES

- 18.1 When orders are placed for goods in respect of which an export licence from the country of origin of supplies is required, the Contractor shall:
- 18.1.1 Not incur any direct or indirect costs in connection with the supply or despatch of such supplies before he has obtained such licence;
- 18.1.2 If the government of the country from which the supplies are to be exported refuses, or fails to grant such licence within three months of the placing of the order, the order shall be considered to be cancelled and no liability will be accepted for any loss or expenses irrespective of the nature thereof, including loss or expenditure suffered or incurred by the Contractor or any other person in respect of the

production, supply, transportation or delivery of such supplies.

19. INSURANCE

Any insurance policies taken out by a Contractor to cover goods delivered for a contract must be taken out with a company registered in South Africa in terms of relevant insurance and companies acts.

20. INSPECTION, TESTS AND ANALYSES

- 20.1 In terms of Provincial policy, inspections of a Bidder's goods and services are permitted. Bidders and Contractors must allow reasonable access to premises to officials from the department inviting the bid, or person specially appointed by the Province to carry out inspection or tests. There are two main categories: Firstly, where the bid conditions call for goods to be inspected during the contract period. Secondly, where the inspection results are to be submitted with the bid document.
- 20.2 If it is a bid condition that goods to be produced should at any stage during production or on completion be subject to inspection, the premises of the Contractor shall be open, at all reasonable hours, for inspection by a representative of the Province or of an organisation acting on its behalf.
- 20.3 Inspections tests and analyses may be carried out prior to despatch in regard to such contract goods as may be deemed necessary by the Province, and the Contractor shall provide, if required, all the required facilities for the inspection, tests and analyses of the goods free of charge and shall, if required, provide all the materials, samples and labour and available apparatus which may be required for the purposes of such inspection, tests and analyses free of charge, unless otherwise specified.
- 20.4 If there are no inspection requirements in the bid documents and no mention thereof is made in the letter of acceptance, but during the contract it is decided that inspections shall be carried out, the Province shall itself make the necessary arrangements, including payment arrangements, with the testing authority concerned. The premises of the Bidder Contractor must be open and accessible at all reasonable times for the purposes of these tests.
- 20.5 If the inspection, tests and analyses show the goods or service to be in accordance with contract requirements, the cost of the inspection, tests and analyses shall be defrayed by the Province calling for such tests or analyses. Where the supplies or services do not comply with the contract, the costs shall be defrayed by the Contractor and the Province shall have the right, without prejudice to any other legal remedy it may have, to deduct such costs from payments due to the Contractor under the contract or under any other contract.
- 20.6 Goods and services which do not comply with the contract requirements may be rejected.

- 20.6 Any goods may on or after delivery be inspected, tested or analysed and may be rejected if found not to comply with the requirements of the contract, and such rejected goods shall be held at the cost and risk of the Contractor who shall, when called upon, remove them immediately at his own cost and forthwith substitute them for goods which do comply with the requirements of the contract, failing which such rejected goods shall be returned at the Contractor's cost and risk. Should the Contractor fail to provide the substitute goods forthwith, the Province may, without giving the Contractor a further opportunity to substitute the rejected goods, purchase such supplies as may be necessary at the expense of the Contractor, for example, the transport costs and other expenses regarding the rejected goods must be refunded by the Contractor.
- 20.7 Where imported goods are to be inspected before delivery, the Contractor shall notify his suppliers abroad of the conditions applicable to inspections.
- 20.8 Provisions contained in sub-clause 20.1 and 20.8 shall not prejudice the right of the Province to cancel the contract on account of a breach of the conditions thereof.

21. RESTRICTION OF BIDDING

Without prejudice on any other legal remedies, the Province may impose restrictions on a Bidder in terms of which bids to the Province will not be accepted for such period as determined by the Province. This information may be passed to other provinces or State organisations in the Republic of South Africa. These restrictions may be imposed in terms of the breach of any of the requirements to be met in terms of the accepted bid or contract. The Province may also make a restriction on a bidder from another province or State institution applicable to this Province.

22. CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY

- 22.1 In the event of the contract being cancelled by the Province in the exercise of its rights in terms of conditions, the Contractor shall be liable to pay to the Province any losses sustained and/ or additional costs or expenditure incurred as a result of such cancellation, and the Province shall have the right to recover such losses, damages or additional costs by means of set-off from moneys due or which may become due in terms of the contract or any other contract or from guarantee provided for the due fulfillment of the contract and, until such time as the amount of such losses, damages or additional costs have been determined, to retain such moneys or guarantee or any deposit as security for any loss which the Province may suffer or may have suffered.
- 22.2 The Contractor may be held responsible for any consequential damages and loss sustained which may be caused by any defect, latent or otherwise, in supply or service rendered or if the goods or service as a result of such defect, latent or otherwise, does not conform to any condition or requirement of the contract.

23. PRICE LISTS

Price lists which are part of the contract shall not be amended without the approval of the Province, unless the Special Conditions of Bid specify otherwise.

24. SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS

- 24.1 Claims must be submitted within 90 days of the delivery date of items, but the delivery date will be calculated according to the delivery period stipulated in terms of the contract, unless an extension for late delivery has been granted by the Province.
- 24.2 For period contracts, no price increase will be granted within the first 180 days of the contract period. No price increase applications which are submitted later than 90 days after the contract period expired, will be considered. The claims shall be accompanied by documentary proof and, if required, an auditor's report sustaining the claim shall be provided.
- 24.3 Claims referring to formulae and indices must be clearly set out in terms of indices or formulae values used to calculate the bid price, and the adjusted indices or values.

25. PROVINCIAL PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF A CONTRACTOR

- 25.1 Province's property supplied to a Contractor for the execution of a contract remains the property of the Province and shall at all times be available for inspection by the Province or its representatives. Any such property in the possession of the Contractor on the completion of the contract shall, at the Contractor's expense, be returned to the Province forthwith.
- 25.2 The Contractor shall be responsible at all times for any loss or damages to the Province's property in his possession and, if required, he shall furnish such security for the payment of any such loss or damages as the Province may require.

26. RIGHTS TO PROCURE OUTSIDE THE CONTRACT

- 26.1 The Province reserves the right to procure goods outside the contract in cases of urgency or emergency or if the quantities are too small to justify delivery costs, or if the goods are obtainable from another organ of Province or if the Contractor's point of supply is not situated at or near the place where the goods are required or if the Contractor's goods are not readily available.
- 26.2 No provision in a contract shall be deemed to prohibit the obtaining of goods or services from a Province or local authority.

27. AMENDMENT OF CONTRACT

No agreement to amend or vary a contract or order or the conditions, stipulations or provisions thereof shall be valid and of any force and effect unless such agreement to amend or vary is entered into in writing and signed by the contracting parties. Any waiver of the requirement that the agreement to amend or vary shall be in writing.