

RFP 219/2024, 005/2025, 007/2025, 009/2025, 010/2025 and 011/2025			
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1.	SCM/Technical	My question has two options for the reference letters: 1. DBSA template 2. Client's own reference letter template certified on the Client's letterhead.	Both options are welcomed but it must be consider that whenever you use your own template, the client's reference letters must be in the client's letterhead and must be signed by the client.
2.	SCM/Technical	Kindly advise on the below please. Will our Insurance letter be sufficient to submit with tender or do we need to submit a letter from the Insurer indicating that we will bid for the specific DBSA tender? (2). The tenderer confirms that it has put in place specifically for the purpose of this tender, professional indemnity insurance cover (which cover is effective from not later than the closing date of this tender) issued by a reputable insurer of an amount of not less than offer price in respect of a claim without limit to the number of claims. In the case of a Joint Venture, Consortium or Association, the lead party must have met this minimum requirement.	Insurance letter should suffice, and that it does not have to be for the DBSA specific tender.
3.	SCM/Technical	Kindly advise if it is allowable for a subbie to be included in 2 competing bids?	it is allowed but the tender's bids resources must not duplicate since the work will be commencing at the same time.

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4.	SCM/Technical	Estimated budgets for the implementation of the five plans in Thembisile Hani Local Municipality i.e. WSMP, WSDP, MPNRW, RSWMP and IWMP.	The RFP requires competitive pricing so, there will be no estimate budget to be disclosed.
5.	SCM/Technical	Clarification if the tender document may be completed electronically or does it need to be completed by hand.	No problem, the document can be completed electronically.
			It is a plea that who ever submission is handwritten, please make sure that your writing is clear and readable.
6.	SCM/Technical	Could you please provide clarity on when do these Tenders Close because the Technical Part of RFP005/2025 stipulates that it closes on the 05 th February 2025 and the Financial Proposal of it stipulates that it closes on the 3 rd February 2025, whereas the Financial Proposal of RFP219/2024 stipulates that it closes on the 4 th February 2025.	05 February 2025
7.	SCM/Technical	Please advise also on Technical Criteria, we are interested on submitting for Electricity Master plan, do we still have to submit also Civil Engineers as part of our Key Resource Expert?	RFP219/2024, RFP005/2025, and RFP009/2025 requires a multidisciplinary sectors per municipality and it is expected from the PSP to provide all sectors required in all the RFPs, therefore, an electricity master planning will not meet the municipality's scope of works.
			NB! It must be noted that we need a PSP that will be able to provide all the listed sector services in each municipality.
8.	SCM/Technical	In regard to the Signed reference letters by respective clients as per DBSA requirements, there was made mentioned in the clarification meeting that prospective	Client's reference letters with letterhead and signed by the client will also be accepted.

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		tenderers can submit only signed reference letters (On a company letterhead) due to time constraints.	
9.	SCM/Technical	We are currently still sorting out the contractual arrangements to get our consortium set up in order to submit a response for the subject-mentioned RFP. Could you kindly provide us with an extension of 2 weeks to the closing date please?	Unfortunately, we do not have luxury of time and therefore will not be extending the closing date of the RFPs. We are under tremendous pressure to appoint service providers before our financial year end in March.
10.	SCM/Technical	Pricing Data – can we only price for Electricity Master planning?	RFP209/2024, RFP005/2025, and RFP009/2025 requires a multidisciplinary sectors per municipality and it is expected from the PSP to provide all sectors required in all the RFPs, therefore, an electricity master planning will not meet the municipality's scope of works.
			NB! It must be noted that we need a PSP that will be able to provide all the listed sector services in each municipality.
11.	SCM/Technical	For the Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality, in the detailed pricing data table, starting bid pg.106, it refers to a Roads & Stormwater Master Plan, however in the Pricing Data, Overall Summary, bid pg.136, it refers to [PART A] WATER SERVICES MASTER PLAN (WSMP). Can you please clarify what the scope and pricing requirements are for Part A, for Lepelle Nkumpi LM?	The scope of works for Lepelle-Nkumpi LM it covers a Roads and Stormwater Master Plan and GIS. RFP006/2025 has since been cancelled and reissued. The new RFP is RFP010/2025 and the briefing session is on Monday, the 03 rd of February 2025.

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12.	SCM/Technical	Can a key expert be nominated to fulfil more than one role? Such as Project Manager (KE1) and Civil Engineer: Water Services Planning, Management and Operations (KE3)? As long as they comply to both positions' qualifications & experience criteria?	No double count will be accepted so, we expected that the PSP provided the key resources/ experts as listed in the RFP documents.
13.	SCM/Technical	The 10-year registration the resource will not be considered if the registration period is less than 10 years irrespective of the number of years in practice. The same question applies to the 5-year registration requirements. An example is, I might be registered for less than 5 years as a Chartered Government Finance Officer but have +19 years of experience in Municipal Finance Management.	Only post-registration experience will be accepted.
14.	SCM/Technical	I would like to get some clarity on how we are supposed to submit the tender document after completion as I have noted that there are contradicting statements. On page 2 of the document, it states that the tenderers need to submit their documents on a flash drive together with the hardcopy, then on page 7 clause F.2.13.5 it states that the tender submission are to be done electronically only?	The tender submissions are to be done electronically only. Send an email to lihleSCM@dbsa.org to request for the submission link.
15.	SCM/Technical	Will the 3 tenders run concurrently over 15 months?	Yes, all the tenders will run simultaneously over the period of 15 months.

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16.	SCM/Technical	Would it be acceptable for the Project Manager and Team Leader to be registered with ECSA as an Engineering Technician?	No, a professional registered engineering technician will not be accepted in any of the resources required by the RFP but the following will remain "A Project Manager and Team Leader must be Registered as a Professional Engineer or as a Professional Engineering Technologist in terms of the Engineering Professions Act, 2000".
17.	SCM/Technical	Would it be acceptable for the GISc Expert to be registered with SAGC as a Technologist?	An individual who has been officially recognized by the South African Geomatics Council (SAGC) as qualified to practice Geographic Information Science (GISc) at a professional level, meaning they have met the necessary academic and practical requirements to perform complex GIS work and are legally allowed to do so within South Africa. Yes, a GISc expert registered with SAGC as a Technologist will be accepted.