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Final Outcome of ICT Infrastructure Services (RFT06/2006) Tender

07 November 2007 - The South African Revenue Service (SARS) is pleased to announce the final outcome of the tender process for last three towers regarding the provision of ICT Services.

In May this year, SARS issued a media statement announcing the preliminary outcome of the tender process for the provision of ICT Infrastructure Services (RFT 06/2006)

This tender was published on 13 September 2006. The scope of RFT 06/2006 was subdivided into 7 segments or towers, each with a separately awardable element of the tender. The scope is as follows:

- Tower 1 Managed Network Services
- Tower 2 Data Carrier Services
- Tower 3 Voice Carrier Services
- Tower 4 ISP Services
- Tower 5 Workstation Services
- Tower 6 Server Services
- Tower 7 Workgroup Printing Services

SARS received a total of 21 bids from 10 separate companies.

Our objectives included:-

- To achieve significant cost savings without any degradation in services;
- To use the savings to upgrade ICT Infrastructure at SARS, including SARS's network.

On 14 May 2006 SARS announced the

- Selection of preferred and reserve bidders for three (3) of the 7 Towers;
- Selection of a preferred bidder for one (1) of the Towers; and
- Selection of bidders to receive invitations to participate in a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) process in three (3) of the Towers

Best and Final Offer Process Completed

After a thorough engagement with the bidders involved in the Best and Final Offer process in respect of Tower 1 to 3, the following awards were made:

Tower 1: Managed Network Services

- Business Connexion has been appointed as preferred bidder and Dimension Data as reserve bidder for the elements of scope to be awarded in Tower 1.

Tower 2: Data Carrier Services

- Dimension Data has been appointed as preferred bidder and Telkom as reserve bidder for elements of scope to be awarded in Tower 2 (Data Carrier Services).

Tower 3: Voice Carrier Services

- Dimension Data has been appointed as preferred bidder and Telkom as reserve bidder for Tower 3

SARS will now commence with contract negotiations with preferred bidders.

SARS is pleased with the outcome of the tender process and in particular the savings it has brought. We wish to thank all the bidders who submitted proposals.