



South African Revenue Service

## RFP 0031-2019 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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1.	Is the deadline of August 25th for electronic and original copies mailed or can we submit the electronic version by the deadline and the original documents to arrive by mail later? We are concerned about the current situation with COVID 19 affecting mail services and cannot be certain that the documents will be delivered on time.	Bidders are encouraged to submit physically or post the electronic and original copies before the closing date in order to avoid late deliveries.
2.	Regarding the B-BBEE Requirements and Certificate, does this apply to foreign entities bidding? This is our first time encountering such requirements so we want to understand if we can participate in the bid if we do not have this certificate. Is there a waiver?	Proposals that pass the Technical requirements will be evaluated for Price and B-BBEE.  Non-submission of B-BBEE Certificate will lead to a zero score for B-BBEE; proposals will continue to be further evaluated for Pricing.  Bidders can continue to participate in the bid if they do not have a B-BBEE Certificate.
3.	Regarding the Local Development requirements from the Evaluation criteria for the database, does it also apply to entities operating outside of South Africa?	It applies to all bidders

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>Could you kindly elaborate what the “legislation alignment” in Section 11 of the Evaluation criteria for the databases means?</p>	<p>The solution needs to be flexible enough to be able to cater for legislative requirements i.e. certain elements of the solution can be changed to cater for flexibility and alignment to legislation.</p> <p>For example South Africa’s transfer pricing legislation is provided for in section 31 of the Income Tax Act, 58 of 1962, which refers to connected person as defined in section 1 of the same Act. If the legislation were to be amended in section 1 to include companies with a minimum shareholding of 20% and not 25%, SARS should be able to apply this amendment successfully in the database in its search for independent companies.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p>Overall question: can we still submit the bid even if we meet some requirements partially?</p>	<p>All gate zero requirements (which includes 1.1 of the technical criteria (“an end to end solution”) should be met.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p>Lastly, what is GCC document?</p>	<p>General Conditions of Contract</p>