

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years.

RFP No. 3720/20/02/2026

Date of Issue	Wednesday, 21 January 2026	
Compulsory Briefing Session	Wednesday, 28 January 2026 Time: 15:00 via MS Teams using the following link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/39030477291577?p=04aMioQlbfFnQCEENB	
Compulsory Physical Site Visits	Date: Thursday, 29 January 2026 Time: 14:00 Meeting Address: <u>CSIR Pretoria Scientia</u> Meiring Naude Rd, Brummeria, Pretoria, North Gate opposite Sasol Garage	
Enquiries	Supply Chain Management	E-mail: tender@csir.co.za
	Please use RFP No and RFP Description as the subject reference	
Last date for submission of enquiries/clarifications	Monday, 02 February 2026 @ 16H30	
Electronic Submission	tender@csir.co.za (If a tender submission exceeds 25MB, multiple emails must be sent)	
Category	Facilities Management	
Closing Date and Time	Friday, 20 February 2026 @ 16H30	
Bid validity Date	180 calendar days from the closing date of the RFP	

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SECTION A

GENERAL RFP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1 INTRODUCTION

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is one of the leading scientific research and technology development organisations in Africa. In partnership with national and international research and technology institutions, the CSIR undertakes directed and multidisciplinary research and technology innovation that contributes to the improvement of the quality of life of South Africans. The CSIR's main site is in Pretoria while it is represented in other provinces of South Africa through regional offices.

2 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- 2.1 All proposals are to be submitted electronically to tender@csir.co.za. No late proposals will be accepted.
- 2.2 All proposals will only be considered if received by the CSIR before the closing date and time (*as indicated on the cover page*).
- 2.3 All proposal submissions are to be clearly subject-referenced with the **RFP number and RFP Description**. Proposals must consist of two parts, each of which must be sent in separate emails with the following subject:
 - PART 1: Technical Proposal (Please indicate the RFP Number on each File/folder)**
 - PART 2: Pricing Proposal, Specific Goals, and claim documentation: RFP No.: (Please indicate the RFP Number on each File/folder)**
- 2.4 Proposals submitted must be signed by a person or persons duly authorised.
- 2.5 Proposals submitted at the incorrect location will not be accepted for consideration.
- 2.6 Proposals received after the closing date and time, at the address indicated in the bid documents, will not be accepted for consideration.
- 2.7 All dates and times in this bid are South African standard time.
- 2.8 Any time or date in this bid is subject to change at the CSIR's discretion. The establishment of a time or date in this bid does not create an obligation on the part of the CSIR to take any action or create any right in any way for any bidder to demand that any action be taken on the date established. The bidder accepts that, if the CSIR extends the deadline for bid

submission (the Closing Date) for any reason, the requirements of this bid otherwise apply equally to the extended deadline.

- 2.9 Documents submitted via cloud solutions such as WeTransfer, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc., will not be considered.
- 2.10 The naming/labelling syntax of files or documents must be short and simple.

3 COUNTER CONDITIONS

Bidders' attention is drawn to the fact that amendments to any of the RFP Conditions or setting of counter conditions by Bidders or qualifying any RFP Conditions will result in the invalidation of such bids.

4 FRONTING

- 4.1 Government supports the spirit of broad-based black economic empowerment and recognizes that real empowerment can only be achieved through individuals and businesses conducting themselves in accordance with the Constitution and in an honest, fair, equitable, transparent, and legally compliant manner. Against this background, the Government condemns any form of fronting.
- 4.2 The Government, in ensuring that Bidders conduct themselves in an honest manner will, as part of the RFP evaluation processes, conduct, or initiate the necessary enquiries/investigations to determine the accuracy of the representation made in bid documents. Should any of the fronting indicators as contained in the Guidelines on Complex Structures and Transactions and Fronting, issued by the Department of Trade and Industry, be established during such enquiry/investigation, the onus will be on the Bidder/contractor to prove that fronting does not exist. Failure to do so within a period of 14 days from the date of notification may invalidate the bid/contract and may also result in the restriction of the Bidder/contractor to conduct business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten years, in addition to any other remedies the CSIR may have against the Bidder/contractor concerned.

5 PRICING PROPOSAL

- 5.1 Pricing must be provided in South African Rand (including all applicable taxes, less all unconditional discounts, and the discounts must be reflected on the pricing schedule).

- 5.2 Prices that are subject to escalation and exchange rate fluctuations are to be clearly indicated, with the currency and ROE used in the quotation must be clearly indicated. For prices subject to rates of exchange (ROE) variations, bidders must indicate the ROE used by 12:00 p.m. (South African Time) on the date of issuing this tender. Bidders must also indicate the source of ROE used. The bidder must provide a total cost breakdown and escalation formula.
- 5.3 Prices must be firm/valid for each twelve (12) month period of the contract unless something drastically changes in the market, except for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). LPG and associated products, such as propane and butane, which fluctuate monthly according to the Central Energy Fund (CEF). The price will be adjusted on the first Wednesday of every new month in line with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy price adjustment.
- 5.4 Prices must include rental of gas cylinders, tanks, manifolds and other related consumable products.
- 5.5 Provide costing for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to the CSIR for a period of five (5) years.
- 5.6 The bidder will be responsible for all costs associated with the manufacturing, installation, compliance with local requirements and maintenance of the bulk storage tanks/ cylinders and associated components. CSIR will pay the rental costs only for the duration of the contract.
- 5.7 Pricing should be inclusive of all cost levers and quoted, Excluding and Including VAT, where a discount is given, it should be reflected.
- 5.8 In the event that the awarded service provider's prices are not market-related, the CSIR reserves the right to approach alternative suppliers.
- 5.9 Payment will be according to the [CSIR Payment Terms and Conditions](#).
- 5.10 Please provide detailed pricing using a Pricing Schedule outlined under **Annexure C. Pricing must strictly be in accordance with the Pricing Schedule.**

6 APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER

- 6.1 The CSIR will split the award of the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and the rental of gas-related products and equipment to the CSIR for the duration of the contract period. The highest-ranked bidder will be awarded 70% of the contract, the second-ranked

bidder will be awarded 20% of the contract, and the third-ranked bidder will be awarded 10% of the contract.

- 6.2 The CSIR will award the contract to a qualified bidder/s whose proposal/s are determined to be the most advantageous to the CSIR, taking into consideration the technical (functional) solution, price, specific goals, and if there is a risk that needs to be mitigated, then objective criteria will be applied.
- 6.3 The agreement will be awarded to a service provider/s who score the highest total number of preference points during the evaluation process.
- 6.4 The CSIR reserves the right to appoint a bidder/s for gas and other related products. The highest-ranked bidder/s will be awarded based on the price and B-BBEE evaluation.
- 6.5 The CSIR reserves the right to follow another procurement process to approach the market if the appointed bidder/s is unable to supply within the required timelines, introduces a continued price increase, has unavailability of gases and/or gas-related products and equipment, and limited capacity to supply gases, gas-related products and equipment.
- 6.6 CSIR will use the most reliable and most cost-effective service provider/s.
- 6.7 Appointment as a successful service provider/s shall be subject to the parties agreeing to mutually acceptable contractual terms and conditions. In the event of the parties failing to reach such an agreement, CSIR reserves the right to appoint an alternative supplier.
- 6.8 Awarding of contract/s will be published on the same platform where the bid was published, and no regret letters will be sent to unsuccessful bidders.

7 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

- 7.1 Upon award, the CSIR and the successful bidder/s will conclude an agreement in line with the applicable form of contract regulating the specific terms and conditions applicable to the services being procured by the CSIR.
- 7.2 The CSIR reserves the right to accept or reject any or all amendments or additions proposed by a bidder if such amendments or additions are unacceptable to the CSIR or pose a risk to the organisation.

8 ENQUIRIES AND CONTACT WITH THE CSIR

Any enquiry regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing to CSIR to the email and format outlined in the table on the cover page of this RFP document.

Any other contact with CSIR personnel involved in this tender is not permitted during the RFP process, other than as required through existing service arrangements or as requested by the CSIR as part of the RFP process.

9 MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION

All documentation submitted in response to this RFP must be in English.

10 CORRECTNESS OF RESPONSES

- 10.1 The bidder must confirm satisfaction regarding the correctness and validity of their proposal and that all prices and rates quoted cover all the work/items specified in the RFP. The prices and rates quoted must cover all obligations under any resulting contract.
- 10.2 The bidder accepts that any mistakes regarding prices and calculations will be at their own risk.

11 VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

- 11.1 Bidders should check the numbers of the pages to satisfy themselves that none is missing or duplicated. No liability will be accepted by the CSIR regarding anything arising from the fact that pages are missing or duplicated.
- 11.2 Pricing schedule and specific goals credentials should be submitted with the proposal, but as a separate document and no such information should be available in the technical proposal.

12 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUB-CONTRACTORS AND BIDDER'S PERSONNEL

A bidder is responsible for ensuring that its personnel (including agents, officers, directors, employees, advisors, and other representatives), its sub-contractors (if any), and personnel of its sub-contractors comply with all terms and conditions of this bid. In the event that the CSIR allows a bidder to make use of sub-contractors, such sub-contractors will at all times remain the responsibility of the bidder and the CSIR will not under any circumstances be liable for any losses or damages incurred by or caused by such sub-contractors.

13 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 13.1 A bidder shall not assume that information and/or documents supplied to CSIR, at any time prior to this request, are still available to CSIR, and shall consequently not make any reference to such information or document in its response to this request.
- 13.2 Copies of any affiliations, memberships, and/or accreditations that support your submission must be included in the tender.
- 13.3 In case of proposal/s from a joint venture, the following must be submitted together with the proposal/s:
- A joint venture agreement signed by both parties clearly indicating the lead partner, including the split of work;
 - The Tax Compliance Status (TCS) or CSD Report of each joint venture partner;
- 13.3.1 Proof of ownership/shareholder certificates; and
- Company registration certificate/s.
- 13.4 An omission to disclose material information, a factual inaccuracy, and/or a misrepresentation of fact may result in the disqualification of a tender, or cancellation of any subsequent contract.
- 13.5 Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions as set out in this document will invalidate the Proposal.

14 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The CSIR reserves the right to:

- 14.1 Extend the closing date of this RFP;
- 14.2 Correct any mistakes at any stage of the tender that may have been in the Bid documents or occurred at any stage of the tender process;
- 14.3 Verify any information contained in the bidder's submission;
- 14.4 Request documentary proof regarding the bidder's submission;
- 14.5 Carry out site inspections, product evaluations, or hold explanatory meetings in order to verify the nature and quality of the product/service offered by the bidder(s) or verify any information whether before or after the adjudication of this RFP;
- 14.6 Award this bid to a bidder that did not score the highest total number of points, only in accordance with Section 2(1)(f) of the PPPFA (Act 5 of 2000);
- 14.7 Request audited financial statements or other documents for the purpose of a due diligence exercise to determine if the bidder will be able to execute the contract;

- 14.8 Award this RFP as a whole or in part; or split award.
- 14.9 Cancel and/or terminate the tender process at any stage, including after the Closing Date and/or after presentations have been made, and/or after tenders have been evaluated, and/or after the preferred bidder(s) have been notified of their status as such;
- 14.10 Post tender, negotiate on any elements of the bid, including but not limited to technical, transformation, price, and contractual terms and conditions.;
- 14.11 Not to award a contract to a bidder who is associated with a security breach that materially adversely affects other entities, or if any directors or officers of a bidder are formally accused of fraudulent or illegal conduct which would harm the CSIR's reputation by its continued association with the bidder.

15 DUE DILIGENCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- 15.1 CSIR has a legal and moral obligation to ensure that a successful bidder's financial position does not place public money or services at unacceptable risks and will therefore perform due diligence and risk assessment of recommended bidder(s)' prior to award.
- 15.2 As part of due diligence and risk assessment, the bidder must ensure that the bidder is complying to all regulatory prescripts, including industry regulations specific to the commodity/services procuring, that are applicable to this tender, as well as ethical business practices. CSIR has the right to request evidence of this compliance from the bidder, and third parties, for purposes of the due diligence exercise and for audit or contracting arrangements.
- 15.3 In the event that a due diligence exercise reveals that a recommended bidder does not comply with CSIR's risk appetite or compliance requirements, then CSIR has the right not to make an award to the recommended bidder.
- 15.4 The recommended bidder(s) will be required to consent in the agreement to continuous and in-depth due diligence to ensure ethical business practices throughout the term of the tender.

16 CONFLICT OF INTEREST, CORRUPTION, AND FRAUD

- 16.1 The CSIR reserves its right to disqualify any bidder who either itself or any of whose members (save for such members who hold a minority interest in the bidder through shares listed on any recognised stock exchange), indirect members (being any person or entity who indirectly holds at least a 15% interest in the bidder other than in the context of

shares listed on a recognised stock exchange), directors or members of senior management, whether in respect of CSIR or any other government organ or entity and whether from the Republic of South Africa or otherwise ("Government Entity")

- a. engages in any collusive tendering, anti-competitive conduct, or any other similar conduct, including but not limited to any collusion with any other bidder in respect of the subject matter of this bid;
- b. seeks any assistance, other than assistance officially provided by a Government Entity, from any employee, advisor, or other representative of a Government Entity in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
- c. makes or offers any gift, gratuity, anything of any value or other inducement, to any Government Entity's officers, directors, employees, advisors, or other representatives in order to obtain any unlawful advantage in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
- d. accepts anything of value or an inducement that would or may provide financial gain, advantage, or benefit in relation to procurement or services provided or to be provided to a Government Entity;
- e. pays or agrees to pay to any person any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration, that is contingent upon or results from, the award of any tender, contract, right, or entitlement which is in any way related to procurement or the rendering of any services to a Government Entity;
- f. has in the past engaged in any matter referred to above; or
- g. has been found guilty in a court of law on charges of fraud and/or forgery, regardless of whether or not a prison term was imposed and despite such bidder, member, or director's name not specifically appearing on the List of Tender Defaulters kept at the National Treasury.

17 MISREPRESENTATION DURING THE LIFECYCLE OF THE CONTRACT

- 17.1 The bidder should note that the terms of its Tender will be incorporated in the proposed contract by reference and that the CSIR relies upon the bidder's Tender as a material representation in making an award to a successful bidder and in concluding an agreement with the bidder.

17.2 It follows therefore that misrepresentations in a Tender may give rise to service termination and a claim by the CSIR against the bidder notwithstanding the conclusion of the Service Level Agreement between the CSIR and the bidder for the provision of the Service in question. In the event of a conflict between the bidder's proposal and the Service Level Agreement concluded between the parties, the Service Level Agreement will prevail.

18 PREPARATION COSTS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The Bidder will bear all its costs in preparing, submitting, and presenting any response or Tender to this bid and all other costs incurred by it throughout the bid process. Furthermore, no statement in this bid will be construed as placing the CSIR, its employees, or agents under any obligation whatsoever, including in respect of costs, expenses, or losses incurred by the bidder(s) in the preparation of their response to this bid.

A bidder participates in this bid process entirely at its own risk and cost. The CSIR shall not be liable to compensate a bidder on any grounds whatsoever for any costs incurred or any damages suffered as a result of the Bidder's participation in this Bid process.

19 INDEMNITY

If a bidder breaches the conditions of this bid and, as a result of that breach, the CSIR incurs costs or damages (including, without limitation, the cost of any investigations, procedural impairment, repetition of all or part of the bid process, and/or enforcement of intellectual property rights or confidentiality obligations), then the bidder indemnifies and holds the CSIR harmless from any and all such costs which the CSIR may incur and for any damages or losses the CSIR may suffer.

20 PRECEDENCE

This document will prevail over any information provided during any briefing session whether oral or written, unless such written information provided, expressly amends this document by reference.

21 TAX COMPLIANCE

No tender shall be awarded to a bidder who is not tax compliant. If a recommended bidder is not tax compliant, the bidder will be notified in writing of their non-compliant status and the bidder will be requested to submit written proof from SARS of their tax-compliant status or proof that they have made an arrangement to meet their outstanding tax obligations within seven (7) working days. Should they fail to do so, CSIR will reject their bid.

The CSIR reserves the right to withdraw an award made, or cancel a contract concluded with a successful bidder in the event that it is established that such bidder was in fact not tax compliant at the time of the award or has submitted a fraudulent Tax Clearance Certificate to the CSIR, or whose verification against the Central Supplier Database (CSD) proves non-compliant. The CSIR further reserves the right to cancel a contract with a successful bidder in the event that such bidder does not remain tax compliant for the full term of the contract.

22 TENDER DEFAULTERS AND RESTRICTED SUPPLIERS

No tender shall be awarded to a bidder whose name (or any of its members, directors, partners or trustees) appear on the Register of Tender Defaulters kept by the National Treasury, or who have been placed on National Treasury's List of Restricted Suppliers. The CSIR reserves the right to withdraw an award, or cancel a contract concluded with a Bidder should it be established, at any time, that a bidder has been blacklisted with National Treasury by another government institution.

23 GOVERNING LAW

South African law governs this bid and the bid response process. The bidder agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the South African courts in any dispute of any kind that may arise out of or in connection with the subject matter of this bid, the bid itself and all processes associated with the bid.

24 CONFIDENTIALITY

Except as may be required by operation of law, by a court or by a regulatory authority having appropriate jurisdiction, no information contained in or relating to this bid or a

bidder's tender(s) will be disclosed by any bidder or other person not officially involved with the CSIR's examination and evaluation of a Tender.

No part of the bid may be distributed, reproduced, stored or transmitted, in any form or by any means, electronic, photocopying, recording or otherwise, in whole or in part except for the purpose of preparing a Tender. This bid and any other documents supplied by the CSIR remain proprietary to the CSIR and must be promptly returned to the CSIR upon request together with all copies, electronic versions, excerpts or summaries thereof or work derived there from.

Throughout this bid process and thereafter, bidder(s) must secure the CSIR's written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to (i) the potential work or activities to which this bid relates; or (ii) the process which follows this bid. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification from the bid process and civil action.

25 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Should funds no longer be available to pay for the execution of the responsibilities of this bid, the CSIR may terminate the Agreement at its own discretion or temporarily suspend all or part of the services by notice to the successful bidder who shall immediately make arrangements to stop the performance of the services and minimize further expenditure: Provided that the successful bidder shall thereupon be entitled to payment in full for the services delivered, up to the date of cancellation or suspension.

26 PERSONAL INFORMATION

26.1 Each Party consents to the other Party holding and processing "personal information" (as defined in the POPI Act) relating to it for legal, personnel, administrative and management purposes (including, if applicable, any "special personal information" relating to him/her, as defined in the POPI Act). Notwithstanding the generality of the aforesaid, each Party hereby undertakes to comply with all relevant provisions of the POPI Act and any other applicable data protection laws. The bidder further agrees to comply with all CSIR's reasonable internal governance requirements pertaining to data protection.

- 26.2 Each Party consents to the other Party making such information available to those who provide products or services to such parties (such as advisers, regulatory authorities, governmental or quasi-governmental organisations and potential purchasers of such Party or any part of their business).
- 26.3 While performing any activity where a Party is handling personal information as a “responsible party” (as defined in the POPI Act), each Party undertakes that it will process the personal information strictly in accordance with the terms of the POPI Act, this Contract, and the other Party’s instructions from time to time, and take appropriate operational measures to safeguard the data against any unauthorised access.
- 26.4 Each Party acknowledges that in the course of conducting business with each other, each Party intends to maintain and process personal information about the other Party in an internal database. By signing this Contract, each Party consents to the maintenance and processing of such personal information.
- 26.5 Where relevant, the bidder shall procure that all of its personnel, agents, representatives, contractors, sub-contractors and mandataries shall comply with the provisions of this clause 25 (Personal Information). The CSIR shall be entitled on reasonable notice to conduct an inspection or audit bidders’ compliance with the requisite POPI Act safeguards.

27 DISCLAIMER

This RFP is a request for proposals only and not an offer document. Answers to this RFP must not be construed as acceptance of an offer or imply the existence of a contract between the parties. By submission of its proposal, bidders shall be deemed to have satisfied themselves with and to have accepted all Terms & Conditions of this RFP. The CSIR makes no representation, warranty, assurance, guarantee or endorsements to bidder concerning the RFP, whether with regards to its accuracy, completeness or otherwise and the CSIR shall have no liability towards the bidder or any other party in connection therewith.

SECTION B

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

28 TERMS OF REFERENCE

This RFP is for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and the rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years. The service offering must include all requirements as set out in **Annexure A** - Technical Specifications.

29 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The CSIR has set minimum standards that a bidder needs to meet in order to be evaluated and selected as a successful bidder. The minimum standards consist of the following:

Elimination Criteria (Phase 1)	Technical Evaluation Criteria (Phase 2)	Price and Preference Points Evaluation (Phase 3)	Objective Criteria
Only bidders that comply with ALL the criteria set in paragraph 29.1 of Phase 1 below will proceed to Technical / Functional Evaluation (Phase 2).	Bidder(s) are required to achieve a predetermined minimum point of 50% threshold on each of the individual criteria, and a predetermined minimum threshold of 70% on the overall 100%. Only bidder(s) who meet and/or exceed the minimum threshold points on Phase 2 below will proceed to Price and Preference Points Evaluation (Phase 3).	Bidder(s) will be evaluated out of 100 points, 80 points for Price and 20 points for Preference Points.	The CSIR reserves the right to award this tender to a bidder that did not score the highest total number of points in accordance with Section (2) (1) (f) of the PPPFA (Act 5 of 2000).

29.1 Elimination Criteria (Phase 1)

Proposals will be eliminated under the following conditions:

- Bidders that submit late bids will not be considered.
- Bidders that submit to the incorrect location or email address will not be considered (Only electronic submission to tender@csir.co.za would be considered).
- Proposals submitted via cloud solutions such as WeTransfer, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc., will not be considered.
- Bidders that are listed on the NT database of restricted suppliers will not be considered.
- Bidders that are registered on the NT Register of Tender Defaulters will not be considered.
- Bidders who fail to attend the compulsory online MS Team session will not be considered.
- Bidders that fail to attend the compulsory site visit will not be considered.
- Bidder that did not submit any one of the **mandatory returnable documents** as listed in **Annexure E: Proposal Form and List of Returnable Documents** will not be considered.

Only bidders that comply with ALL the elimination criteria (Phase 1) will qualify to be evaluated on the Technical/Functional Evaluation (Phase 2).

29.2 Technical Evaluation Criteria (Phase 2)

The evaluation of the functional/technical details of the proposal will be based on the following criteria:

No	ELEMENT	WEIGHT
1	Technical	30
2	Quality	30
3	References	10
4	Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) Policy	15
5	Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA)	15
TOTAL (%)		100

Proposals with functionality / technical points of less than the pre-determined minimum overall percentage of **70%** and less than **50%** on each of the individual criteria will be eliminated from further evaluation on Price and Preference Points Evaluation.

Refer to **Annexure B (Technical Evaluation Matrix)** for the scoring ranges that will be used to evaluate functionality.

29.3 **Price and Preference Points Evaluation (Phase 3)**

Only Bidders that have met minimum thresholds on Technical / Functional Evaluation will be evaluated for price and preference points. Price and Preference Points will be evaluated as per **Annexure F: Preference Points Award Form**.

30 **OBJECTIVE CRITERIA**

The CSIR reserves the right to award this tender to a bidder that did not score the highest total number of points in accordance with Section (2) (1) (f) of the PPPFA (Act 5 of 2000)", under the following conditions:

- 30.1 The directors or officers of the bidder must not be formally charged with fraudulent or illegal conduct which could harm the CSIR's reputation by associating with the bidder.
- 30.2 Bidders must have an unqualified audit report and a Current Ratio greater than 1 for each year over a period of three (3) years. Three (3) latest Audited Annual Financial Statements must be provided.

31 **NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) REGISTRATION**

Respondents are required to self-register on the National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD), which has been established to centrally administer supplier information for all organs of state and facilitate the verification of certain key supplier information. Business may not be awarded to a Respondent who has failed to register on the CSD. Only foreign suppliers with no local registered entity need not register on the CSD. In order to enable the CSIR to verify information on the CSD, Respondents are required to provide the unique registration reference number.

Before any negotiations will start with the winning bidder it will be required from the winning bidder to:

- be registered on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD). Registrations can be completed online at: www.csd.gov.za;
- provide the CSIR with their CSD registration number.

32 CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPULSORY ONLINE BRIEFING SESSION AND COMPULSORY PHYSICAL SITE VISIT

32.1 Compulsory Online (MICROSOFT TEAMS) Briefing Session

All potential bidders are welcome to attend the compulsory online briefing session via the Microsoft Teams link available on Page 1 of this document.

During the briefing session, bidders will be required to type in the Microsoft Teams chat box the following as this will be used as an attendance register:

- Name of the company
- Contact person
- Email address

Note: Bidders who fail to attend the compulsory online (Microsoft Teams) briefing session will be excluded from attending the compulsory site visit.

1.1. Compulsory Physical Site Visits Logistics

The Bidder must meet the following mandatory criteria for participation in the Compulsory Site Visit Session:

- a. Bidders will only be allowed to attend the compulsory site visit if they have attended the compulsory online (Microsoft Teams) briefing session.

Please take note of the following Safety Protocols to follow when visiting the CSIR site/s for the Compulsory Physical Site Visits/inspection:

a. Safety Apparel

- i. Non-slip closed safety shoes (no high-heeled shoes or sandals); no need for hard hats or goggles.

b. Prior to Compulsory Physical Site Visits

- i. All bidders attending the Compulsory Physical Site Visit must prior to the visit watch the CSIR Safety and Health video via the following link - [CSIR Site Safety, Health and](#)

[Environmental Awareness – YouTube](#) (Please press control and click the link to view this video before visiting any of the CSIR sites).

c. Conduct during Compulsory Physical Site Visit

- i. Bidders may take photos and notes.
- ii. No pens, paper or other stationery will be distributed. Bidders need to bring their own pens, notepads, etc.
- iii. Each bidder must have no more than two (2) representatives attending the compulsory physical site visit. In the event that the group is too big, then the session will be split into two. The representatives must provide a valid, acceptable form of identification in South Africa at the CSIR reception areas.
- iv. No refreshments will be served during the Compulsory Physical Site Visits.
- v. Complete and sign the compulsory physical site visit register at the site to confirm attendance. If your company does not appear on the registers, you will not be eligible to submit a proposal.

Annexure A

Technical Specification for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years.

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2. INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals are hereby invited for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and the rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years.

The purpose of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain capability, pricing and general information on the business of potential Contractors for the CSIR to determine the Contractors most capable of providing the service.

This RFP document details and incorporates, as far as possible, the tasks and responsibilities of the potential bidder required by the CSIR.

This RFP does not constitute an offer to do business with the CSIR but merely serves as an invitation to bidder(s) to facilitate a requirements-based decision process.

Responses to this RFP(hereinafter referred to as a Bid or a Proposal) are requested from suitably qualified entities (hereinafter referred to as a Respondent or Bidder) for the Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as and when required basis for a period of five (5) years.

The CSIR will split the award of the contract to bidder/s who score the highest number of preference points following the CSIR-approved evaluation process, based on the evaluation criteria set out in section 29 (evaluation criteria), and will be appointed.

3. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

All proposals are to be submitted in a format specified in this enquiry.

Technical Proposal

The following must be submitted as part of the **technical** proposal:

- a. Company profile.
- b. Detailed Technical Proposal
- c. Completed Product Technical Requirements (**Annexure A1**).
- d. Completed table for Bidder's Past Experience in point 3.2

3.1. Financial Proposal:

The following must be submitted as part of the **financial** proposal:

- a. Cover Letter.
- b. Completed Pricing Schedule (**Annexure C**).
- c. CSD registration report (RSA suppliers only).

3.2. Mandatory Qualifying Criteria

Mandatory qualifying criteria must be met, or your bid will not be eligible for evaluation.

Failure to submit the required documents will lead to disqualification.

- a. **Annexure C** - Pricing Schedule.
- b. Completed **Annexure A1** – Product Technical Requirements; failure to complete the technical specifications as indicated will result in a bid being non-responsive.

4. DETAILED SPECIFICATION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK

The bidder will provide the bulk storage tanks, gas cylinders and associated components for the duration of the contract to all CSIR sites as and when required. The bidder will be responsible for all costs associated with the manufacturing, installation, compliance with local requirements and maintenance of the bulk storage vessels, cylinders and associated components. CSIR will pay the rental costs only for the duration of the contract. Specific requirements of the bulk storage tanks, cylinders and associated components for each site are to be verified prior to the supply and installation on site.

- a. Supply and deliver a list of gases as per the pricing schedule on an as-and-when required basis. Note: the quantities in Annexure C: Pricing Schedule are dummy quantities only for comparison purposes. The requirements will be on an as-and-when-required basis over the contract duration
- b. The CSIR reserves the right to order more or less than the quantities indicated in this RFP
- c. Refer to **Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements**
 - The quality standard indicated in Annexure A1 will be verified at the contracting stage.
 - The CSIR will reserve the right not to procure Gases and other related consumable products that do not comply with the quality standard that was agreed to at contracting.
 - The bidders may give a proposal on the exact specification outlined by the CSIR or propose alternative equivalent specifications in the **Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements** document.
- d. Due to the nature of our business and its unique and dynamic environment, the Gases and other related consumable products will not be limited to the current list issued with the bid document.
 - An additional list of similar Gases and other related consumable products may be required based on the CSIR’s business needs, which may arise for various reasons.
 - The CSIR reserves the right to conduct market analysis for an additional list of similar Gases and other related consumable products to determine if the price offered is market-related or not. Should the price not be market-related, the CSIR will reserve the right not to award the additional Gases and other related consumable products.
- e. The bidder must indicate the manufacturer’s warranty on the gas cylinder and tanks’ integrity, as well as on the contamination of the gas.

4.1. Detailed Technical Specifications: Bulk tanks, gas equipment and other related consumables

The scope mainly comprises the following:

- Supply, deliver, install, and commission the bulk tank, lines and other related consumable products on an as-and-when-required basis. The installed pipeline will remain the property of the CSIR at the end of the contract. The bidders are required to

attend a compulsory site visit at the CSIR Scientia campus to view the existing installations.

- Provide pressure testing of the bulk tank and accessories in line with the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) of each gas product. The bidder must provide a certificate of compliance valid for the duration of the contract, or when modifications are made to the system, the bidder must issue a new certificate of compliance.
- For any new installations for the bulk gas storage tank, a detailed design must be developed together with the detailed drawing of the gas installation and layout. A detailed drawing must be submitted to the municipal brigade for approval, and the gas store and installation must be approved by the Chief Fire Inspector from the municipality before installation.

The installation must include all components.

- a. Each vessel must be supplied with a fence and gate for access control. Existing fences, if available, can be used if adequate.
- b. Horizontal or vertical vessels can be supplied, considering site area limitations.
- c. Where possible, the tank will be installed within the existing framework of fire systems. If a fire system is not available, then adequate fire systems will be provided by the bidder as part of the installation.
- d. The vessel installations comply with the Pressure Equipment Regulations and SANS 10087 or equivalent. This includes issuing a Certificate of Compliance for the installation, pressure tests, maintenance, and any other statutory requirements. All costs associated with compliance with any national requirement are on account of the bidder throughout the rental period.
- e. The bidder submits an inspection and maintenance plan in line with the SDS of each gas product.
- f. The Bidder submits a detailed installation, commission and testing program to CSIR for acceptance prior to the commencement of the activities.

4.2. Detailed Technical Specifications: Cylinders, gas equipment and other related consumables products

The scope mainly comprises the following:

- a. The estimated annual usage for cylinders for all gases is estimated at 24,807.90 kilograms across all gases.
- b. Supply and deliver cylinders, gas equipment and other related consumables products.
- c. Provide pressure testing of gas cylinders and accessories in line with the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) of each gas product. The bidder must provide a certificate of compliance valid for the duration of the contract, or when modifications are made to the system, the bidder must issue a new certificate of compliance. Conduct an audit on site-rented gas cylinders on an annual basis in line with the SDS for each gas;
- d. Provide a consumption report on a quarterly basis.
- e. Provide SDS, staff training in gas handling, and supplier-led emergency response support at all CSIR sites.
- f. Adhere to safety regulations, guidelines and procedures during the contract term.
- g. Provide a technical team back-up for product quality, improvement of performance application and safety.
- h. Confirmation that the SDS will be available for each product via a digital platform, and hard copies of the SDS for each gas and will be provided to the CSIR with the delivery of the first order.
- i. Bidder must keep sufficient stock on hand to meet the CSIR-issued purchase order within the agreed lead time.
- j. The CSIR prefers a delivery lead time of at least 1 – 2 working days from the purchase order issue date. However, bidders must indicate the lead-time per type of gas on the pricing schedule.

4.3. Gas cylinders, tanks

- The bidder will be responsible for all costs associated with the manufacturing, installation, compliance with local requirements and maintenance of the bulk storage vessels/ cylinders and associated components. CSIR will pay the rental costs only for the duration of the contract.

4.4. Inspections

- The bidder must provide the certificate of compliance in accordance with the SDS for each gas product and equipment at commissioning of the contract.
- The bidder and CSIR will inspect the fixed equipment and associated components before the first delivery to confirm compliance with the quality standard and the OHS Act. The bidder will submit a report to the CSIR for acceptance.
- The bidder performs inspections on the gas equipment and associated components in line with the SDS of each gas product and notifies the CSIR of any non-compliances.
- The bidder will perform a final inspection after the last filling operation.
- The inspections include a review of the site maintenance records, where available.
- The bidder will maintain a data book with all the inspection reports and filling records. The data book will be submitted to the CSIR on completion of the contract.
- The bidder will submit an inspection plan to the CSIR for acceptance.
- The bidder will submit recommended maintenance plans to the CSIR.

4.5. Maintenance

The bidder will perform maintenance of vessels and associated components as agreed with the CSIR. The maintenance activities are based on the maintenance plan submitted by the bidder, and where available, the inspection and pressure testing of equipment must be conducted in accordance with requirements. The maintenance activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Internal inspections.
- Non-Destructive Testing.
- Performance testing.
- Statutory inspections in accordance with the Pressure Equipment Regulations.
- Repairs to storage vessel.
- Certification of vessels and safety valve.
- Repair of components (including piping and instrumentation).
- Refurbishment of components (including piping and instrumentation).
- Replacement of components (including piping and instrumentation).
- Calibration and certification of instrumentation.
- Installation of plant codification labels.
- The bidder must perform a thirty-six (36) monthly pressure testing on the pressure vessels, pipelines and safety valve.

- The bidder must perform 6 monthly inspections and service of vaporisers.
- The bidder must perform an annual inspection of piping, valves, regulators and accessories, including flexible hoses and pigtailed.

The Bidder maintains a data book with all the maintenance records performed by the Contractor. The databook is submitted to the CSIR on completion of the contract.

4.6. Information to be Supplied with Each Delivery

The bidder provides the following information for the CSIR's representative at delivery:

- a. Name or classification of gas.
- b. Standard to which the gas conforms.
- c. Composition of gas cylinder - (including a test certificate/certificate of compliance detailing the composition of the gas).
- d. Volumetric capacity, filling pressure and gas weight.
- e. Material safety data sheet.
- f. Statement that the cylinder conforms to the requirements of the relevant standard.
- g. Details of any deviations in sizes to the requirements in the Material Safety Data Sheet as accepted in writing by the CSIR prior to delivery.
- h. Individual cylinder or multi-cylinder pack identification, to be recorded during delivery and collection on/from the site.

4.7. Compliance and Accreditation

- a. Compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act 85 of 1993 or equivalent standard.
- b. Testing laboratories comply with ISO 17025 and are accredited by SANAS or equivalent standard.
- c. Compliance with the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 or equivalent standard.
- d. Compliance with the National Road Traffic Act and SANS 10228 for transportation of dangerous goods or equivalent standard.
- e. All road vehicles entering CSIR sites comply with the National Road Traffic Act. Vehicles not complying with the National Road Traffic Act will be refused entry.

- f. The vehicle driver must comply with all required legislation, including having a Professional Driver Permit (PrDP) with a “D” ranking (permitting driver to operate a hazardous substance transport vehicle), proof of relevant training for emergency response and have a transport emergency card (TREM CARD) relevant to the gases being transported. The driver must be compliant with each delivery to the CSIR premises.
- g. South African legislation (OHSA and HCA Regulations, PER, NEMA/Waste Act, NRTA, COIDA, POPIA).
- h. Key SANS standards (10019, 10087, 10228–10231, 10234, 10238).
- i. International standards (ISO 9001, 14001, 45001, ISO/IEC 17025 (for their test labs), UN Orange Book).
- j. Municipal by-laws for Tshwane, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban (fire safety approvals and permits).

4.8. Return of Unused Products to the Bidder (Reverse Logistics)

4.8.1. Return of non-faulty products

- a) A "cool-off" period will be applicable for products purchased by the CSIR, as per the requirements of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008. The bidder will give credit for non-faulty items returned within ten (10) working days from the date of purchase under the following conditions:
 - Bidder will check and verify, together with the CSIR that the gas has not been withdrawn, valve seals are intact, and that no contamination has occurred.
 - It is a standard stock item.
 - Equipment and consumable items are returned as new with original packaging or containers undamaged.
 - Proof of purchase is required. Where the original CSIR Purchase Order was sent to the Bidder.
 - All returns will be checked and approved by the Bidder and CSIR before any credit is given.
 - Returns can only be considered and processed when the actual physical goods are returned/received by the Bidder.
- b) Credit will be passed to the CSIR for the following products (but not limited to the following products) if the Bidder made an error:
 - Medical Gases (cannot be put back into circulation);

- Medical Consumables;
 - Liquid state cryogenics gases (supplied by means of PCC or Dewar flask);
 - Special gas mixtures (where a mixture meets agreed specifications);
 - Consumables or any hardgoods/welding products that are no longer in a sealed package;
 - Obsolete, Discontinued, Made-To-Order (MTO) and Strategic Stock (STRA) category items;
 - Products that have expired
- c) The return of goods and empty cylinders will not attract a handling fee.
- d) Purchases returned after the day of purchase will not be invoiced. Where an invoice has been issued, a credit note will be passed for the returned purchases.
- e) Full refund will be made upon a valid return of goods,
- f) Goods purchased on credit will only be refunded to the customer's account.
- g) Rental on cylinders and the gas contents of the cylinder returned within the ten (10) working day "cool-off" period will be credited. Credit will only be passed at the price as indicated on the point-of-sale document.

4.8.2. Return of faulty products

The CSIR will return any faulty product within 6 (six) months of purchase or having accepted delivery thereof (or within such other period as may be agreed to with the Bidder, having regard to the nature and properties of the goods concerned), if the goods are:

- not reasonably suitable for the purpose for which they are generally intended,
- defective,
- not reasonably usable and durable,
- if the goods have failed to comply with any applicable standard set out in the Standards Act No 29 of 1993.

4.8.3. Return of faulty cylinders

The following process will be followed:

- All faulty cylinders will be investigated.
- The CSIR will be informed about the outcome of the investigation.
 - Where the investigation concludes that the Bidder is not at fault and the CSIR agrees to it, the CSIR will pay for any replacement gas provided.

- Where the investigation concludes that the Bidder is at fault and the CSIR requires a replacement a replacement cylinder should be supplied, but no credit will be processed.
- Where the CSIR does not require a replacement, a credit will be processed and passed to the CSIR.

4.8.4. Bulk Gases /Pipeline/Manifold

The bidder will credit the CSIR for the following reasons only:

- Contamination/Off-specification product delivered;
- Leaking/faulty storage tank or vessel, or manifold;
- Volume disputes which are approved; and
- If the bidder is unable to prove supply.

4.9. Delivery Place –

The gases and other related consumable products will be delivered to all CSIR sites:

- Various Buildings at **the CSIR Scientia Campus, Pretoria.**
- CSIR Cottesloe
- CSIR Stellenbosch
- CSIR Rosebank (Cape Town)
- CSIR Durban
- CSIR Paardefontein
- CSIR Kloppersbos

4.10. Bidder’s Past Experience

- a) Bidder(s) to complete the information requested below and provide a minimum of three (3) clients where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025.
- b) It is the bidders’ responsibility to ensure that the details provided are correct before submitting this tender and that the references will be available and be able to provide additional feedback, if necessary.
- c) If the references are unable to validate, verify or provide additional information on the projects, no points will be awarded for that particular reference.

Reference Client’s Name	Contact Person	Telephone Number(s)	Email Address	Contract Period (Indicate the Contract Start and Contract End Date)	Total number of gas cylinders, tanks, and pipeline installation and maintenance supplied and delivered.

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Annexure B

Technical Evaluation Matrix/Rubrics

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The CSIR will review all proposals based only on evidence submitted as part of the bidder's proposal. Provide evidence and describe processes where applicable to assist the CSIR with its evaluation. The final interpretation of evidence and proposed solutions resides with the CSIR, and this interpretation will be used as the basis for evaluation against the requirements in Annexure B - Technical Evaluation Matrix/Rubrics and the functional criteria as described in this document.

Bidders should note that information provided in the submitted proposals will be reflected in the service level agreement that will be signed with the successful service provider.

The bidders will be evaluated according to the functional/technical evaluation criteria in the table below. Bidders must indicate their ability to do the following and substantiate as required with supporting documentation:

Main evaluation criteria	Sub criteria <i>All criteria will be scored according to the scoring criteria in this table</i>	Weight %	Reference page in bidder's document	Comments
Technical Evaluation Criteria				
1.	TECHNICAL		Clarification on	
1.1	<p>Bidders are required to confirm compliance with specifications on each item quoted for. Bidders must indicate compliance with specifications, or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification for each item quoted for. Details of alternative functional specifications must be outlined in Annexure A1. Bidders must complete and return Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Compliance with specifications or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification for each item quoted for =10 points • Non-compliance with any one of the specifications or any alternative equivalent compatible with the original specification on each item quoted for = 0 points 	30		
2.	QUALITY		Clarification on	
2.1	<p>The bidder must indicate the UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 for each gas item quoted for in Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements (Gas Requirements).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidder indicates 100% UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 on each gas item quoted for =10 points 	20		

Main evaluation criteria	Sub criteria <i>All criteria will be scored according to the scoring criteria in this table</i>	Weight %	Reference page in bidder's document	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder did not indicate 100 % UN Number in line with UN Orange Book, and Hazard Classification in line with SANS 10228 on each gas item quoted for = 0 points 			
2.2	<p>The bidder must indicate the quality standard compliance on each item quoted for in Annexure A1 – Product Technical Requirements (Other Consumable Products) complied with.</p> <p>Note: The product specification quality standard includes SABS/SANS or equivalent international standards, reflecting that all safety standards have been met.</p>	10		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder indicates 100% quality standard compliance on each item quoted for =10 points 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder did not indicate 100% quality standard compliance on each item quotation for = 0 points 			
3.	REFERENCES		Clarification on	
3.1	<p>The bidder must complete the Table in 3.10 Bidder's Past Experience and must provide a minimum of three (3) clients where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the references are unable to validate, verify or provide additional information on the projects, no points will be awarded for that particular reference. It is the bidders' responsibility to ensure that the details provided are correct before submitting this 	10		

Main evaluation criteria	Sub criteria <i>All criteria will be scored according to the scoring criteria in this table</i>	Weight %	Reference page in bidder's document	Comments
	<p>tender and that the references will be available and be able to provide additional feedback, if necessary.</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bidder completed Table 3.9 Bidder's Past Experience and provided five (5) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 10 points 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bidder completed Table 3.10 Bidder's Past Experience and provided four (4) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 7 points 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bidder completed Table 3.10 Bidder's Past Experience and provided three (3) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope during the period from 2018 to 2025; and the references were verified. = 5 points 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No submission or the bidder did not complete Table 3.10 Bidder's Past Experience or provided less than three (3) client references where the bidder successfully delivered against contracts in similar projects in relation to the scope 			

Main evaluation criteria	Sub criteria <i>All criteria will be scored according to the scoring criteria in this table</i>	Weight %	Reference page in bidder's document	Comments
	during the period from 2018 to 2025, or the references could not be verified. = 0 points			
4.	SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL (SHE) POLICY		Clarification on	
4.1	The bidder must submit the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7.	15		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder submitted the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7 = 10 Points 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder did not submit the SHE policy signed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Delegated Authority and the SHE Plan as proof of compliance with OHS Act Section 7 = 0 Points 			
5.	BASELINE OHS RISK ASSESSMENT (BRA)			
5.1	The bidder must provide the methodology used for the risk assessment together with the BRA. The methodology must include Identification, assessment and management of OHS risks, gases bidding for, movement of trucks, decanting, and a response plan to emergencies related to the scope of work	15		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder submitted methodology used for the risk assessment together with the BRA, and the methodology includes Identification, assessment and management of 			

Main evaluation criteria	Sub criteria <i>All criteria will be scored according to the scoring criteria in this table</i>	Weight %	Reference page in bidder's document	Comments
	OHS risks, gases bidding for, movement trucks, decanting, and a response plan to emergencies related to the scope of work. = 10 Points			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder did not provide the methodology for the risk assessment together with the BRA, or the methodology submitted does not include Identification or assessment and management of OHS risks or gases bided for or movement of trucks or decanting or a response plan to emergencies or is not related to the scope of work. = 0 Points 			

Proposals with functionality / technical points of less than the **pre-determined minimum overall percentage of 70%** and **less than 50% on each of the individual criteria** will be eliminated from further evaluation, Price and preference points.

Annexure D

Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents

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By signing this certificate the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with, and agrees with all the conditions governing this RFP. This includes those terms and conditions contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof, including but not limited to the documents stated below. As such, CSIR will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such condition or failed properly to take it into account for the purpose of calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in the RFP unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted Bid. Any such submission shall be subject to review by CSIR's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be. A material deviation from any term or condition may result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid which they intend to respond on, before submitting the bid. The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFP was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

The bidder understands that his/her Bid will be disqualified if the Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP documents included in the RFP as a returnable document, is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20_____

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES AND NAME OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Annexure E

Proposal Form and List of Returnable Documents

**Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment
to the CSIR for a period of five (5) years**

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I/We _____

[name of entity, company, close corporation or partnership] of [full address]

carrying on business trading/operating as

represented by _____ in my capacity
as

being duly authorised thereto by a Resolution of the Board of Directors or Members or Certificate of Partners, dated _____ to enter into, sign execute and complete any documents relating to this proposal and any subsequent Agreement. The following list of persons are hereby authorised to negotiate on behalf of the abovementioned entity, should CSIR decide to enter into Post Tender Negotiations with shortlisted bidder(s).

FULL NAME(S) CAPACITY SIGNATURE

I/We hereby offer to supply the abovementioned Services at the prices quoted in the schedule of prices in accordance with the terms set forth in the documents listed in the accompanying schedule of RFP documents.

I/We agree to be bound by those conditions in CSIR's:

1. General RFP Terms and Conditions; and [CSIR's Purchasing Terms and Conditions](#) or Any other standard or special conditions mentioned and/or embodied in this Request for Proposal.

I/We accept that unless CSIR should otherwise decide and so inform me/us in writing of award/intent, this Proposal [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence], together with CSIR's acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding contract between CSIR and me/us.

I/We further agree that if, after I/we have been notified of the acceptance of my/our Proposal, I/we fail to enter into a formal contract if called upon to do so, or fail to commence the supply of Services within 4 [four] weeks thereafter, CSIR may, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, recover from me/us any expense to which it may have been put in calling for Proposals afresh and/or having to accept any less favourable Proposal.

I/We accept that any contract resulting from this offer will be for a period as determined by the CSIR.

Furthermore, I/we agree to a penalty clause/s which will allow CSIR to invoke a penalty against us for non-compliance with material terms of this RFP including the delayed delivery of the Services due to non-performance by ourselves, failure to meet Subcontracting.

I/we agree that non-compliance with any of the material terms of this RFP, including those mentioned above, will constitute a material breach of contract and provide CSIR with cause for cancellation.

ADDRESS FOR NOTICES

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern any contract created by the acceptance of this RFP. The domicilium citandi et executandi shall be a place in the Republic of South Africa to be specified by the Respondent hereunder, at which all legal documents may be served on the Respondent who shall agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of South Africa. Foreign Respondents shall, therefore, state hereunder the name of their authorised representative in the Republic of South Africa who has the power of attorney to sign any contract which may have to be entered into in the event of their Proposal being accepted and to act on their behalf in all matters relating to such contract.

Respondent to indicate the details of its domicilium citandi et executandi hereunder:

Name of Entity:

Facsimile: _____

Address: _____

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD OF RFP

As soon as possible after approval to award the contract(s), the successful Respondent [**the Service provider**] will be informed of the acceptance of its Proposal. Unsuccessful Respondents may be advised in writing of the name of the successful Service provider and the reason as to why their Proposals have been unsuccessful, for example, in the category of price, delivery period, quality, B-BBEE or for any other reason.

VALIDITY PERIOD

CSIR requires a validity period of 180 [One Hundred and Eighty Calendar Days from closing date] against this RFP.

Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, at the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the

validity period. However, once the adjudication body has approved the process and award of the business to the successful bidder(s), the validity of the successful bidder(s)' bid will be deemed to remain valid until a final contract has been concluded.

NAME(S) AND ADDRESS / ADDRESSES OF DIRECTOR(S) OR MEMBER(S)

The Respondent must disclose hereunder the full name(s) and address(s) of the director(s) or members of the company or close corporation [C.C.] on whose behalf the RFP is submitted.

1. Registration number of company / C.C.

2. Registered name of company / C.C.

3. Full name(s) of director/member(s) Address/Addresses ID Number(s)

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

All Sections, as indicated in the footer of each page, must be signed, stamped and dated by the Respondent. **Returnable Documents** means all the documents, Sections and Annexures, as listed in the tables below.

a) **Mandatory Returnable Documents**

Failure to provide any Mandatory Returnable Documents at the closing date and time of this bid will result in a Respondent's disqualification. Bidders are therefore urged to ensure that all these documents are returned with their Proposals.

Please confirm submission of the mandatory Returnable Documents detailed below by so indicating [**Yes** or **No**] in the table below:

MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
Annexure C: Pricing Schedule	
Completed Annexure A1: Product Technical Requirements; failure to complete the technical specifications as indicated will result in a bid being non-responsive	
In the case of Joint Ventures, the bidder must submit a copy of the <u>signed</u> Joint Venture Agreement. (The Joint Venture Agreement must be signed by all parties.)	
In the case of subcontracting arrangements, the bidder must submit a copy of the <u>signed</u> subcontracting agreement. (If the agreement is not fully signed by both parties by the closing date and time, and where the subcontracting agreement has not been finalised, the bidder must submit a signed letter of intent or preliminary agreement, and a signed subcontracting agreement will be submitted within seven (7) days upon request.)	

b) **Essential Returnable Documents**

In addition to the requirements of section (a) above, Respondents are further required to submit with their Proposals the following **essential Returnable Documents** as detailed below.

Essential Returnable Documents required for evaluation purposes:

Failure to provide any essential Returnable Documents used for purposes of scoring a bid, by the closing date and time of this bid will not result in a Respondent’s disqualification. However, Bidders will receive an automatic score of zero for the applicable evaluation criterion. Bidders are therefore urged to ensure that all these documents are returned with their Proposals.

Please confirm submission of these essential Returnable Documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING	SUBMITTED
Completed the table for Bidder’s Past Experience in point 3.9	
Response to Technical Evaluation Criteria (Annexure B)	
<p>Annexure F: Preference Points Award Form in Terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 (Mandatory documents to claim preference points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid copy of BBBEE certificate/ sworn affidavit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In case of unincorporated trust, consortium or joint venture, they must submit their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard with their <u>individual B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit</u>. ✓ In case of sub-contracting both parties must submit copies of their valid BBBEE certificates. <p>NB: Non-submission or invalid submission will result in zero points. Should the individual entity’s B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit of the unincorporated trust, consortium or joint venture parties <u>be invalid</u>, the joint venture scorecard will also be invalid.</p>	

Other Essential Returnable Documents:

Failure to provide other essential Returnable Documents may result in a Respondent's disqualification. Bidders are therefore urged to ensure that all these documents are returned with their Proposals. However, if the bidder indicated **YES** in the **SUBMITTED** column and the documents is not submitted, then the bidder may be given two (2) days to provide the missing information.

Please confirm the submission of these essential Returnable Documents by indicating Yes or No in the table below

OTHER ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
Annexure D: Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents	
Annexure E: Proposal Form and List of Returnable documents (<u><i>This document</i></u>)	
Annexure G: Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 1 Form	
Annexure H: Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 4 Form	
Annexure I: RFP Declaration and Breach of Law Form	
Bidder must provide proof of compliance with The National Road Traffic Act, 93 of 1996 (NRTA), specifically Regulation 286 and the SANS specifications referred to in the NRT Regulations – reg 273A, i.e., SANS 10228, 10229, 102230, 1019, and 10231.	
The bidder must provide evidence confirming compliance with the ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 Quality Management.	
Bidder must provide proof that the vehicle to be used for the transportation of the gas must comply with the NRT Act, 93 of 1996 (compliance certificate to be supplied or permit to be provided, e.g COF, Dangerous goods permit, Emergency information panel, Dangerous goods signage	
Bidder must provide proof of Hazchem training certificate for the driver, i.e. for the transportation of the Dangerous Goods (Dangerous Goods Certificate), coupled with the PDP	
Bidder must submit three (3) latest Audited Annual Financial Statements	

<u>OTHER ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS</u>	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
A valid letter of good standing with the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA)	
Transit / Goods in Transit Insurance of R2 million per load	
Public Liability Insurance of R100 million per event	
Product Liability Insurance of R100 million per claim	
Environmental Impairment / Pollution Liability of R100 million	
Professional Indemnity (If bidding for installation or specialist work) of R100 million	

CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The successful respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its Tax Clearance Certificate and valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate, for the duration of any contract emanating from this RFP. Should the Respondent be awarded the contract **[the Agreement]** and fail to present CSIR with such renewals as and when they become due, CSIR shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies that it may have in terms of the eventual Agreement, to terminate such Agreement forthwith without any liability and without prejudice to any claims which CSIR may have for damages against the Respondent.

SIGNED at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20 ____

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES AND NAME OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Annexure F

Preference Points Award Form in Terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022

Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years.

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This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for the preference points allocated on the basis of specific goals outlined in point 3 below.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF SPECIFIC GOALS, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1. The following preference point systems are applicable to this bid:
- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 1.2. Points for this bid shall be awarded for:
- (a) Price; and
 - (b) Preference Points based on specific goals.
- 1.3. The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
Preference Points	20
Total points for Price and Preference Points must not exceed	100

- 1.4. Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of preference points together with the bid, will be interpreted to mean that preference points are not claimed.
- 1.5. The CSIR reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the CSIR.

2. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

2.1. THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of bid under consideration

P_t = Price of bid under consideration

P_{\min} = Price of lowest acceptable bid

3. PREFERENCE POINTS AWARDED

- 3.1. In terms of Regulation 4 (2) and 4 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points may be awarded to a bidder for the specific goal specified for the tender in accordance with the table below:
- 3.2. Specific goals must be determined per tender.

Specific Goals	Preference Points
Black Ownership	10
Black Women Ownership	10
Total	20

3.3. Total preference points per specific goal to be determined per tender.

3.3.1. Total preference points per specific goal to be awarded as follows:

3.3.1.1. Preferential points for black ownership will be awarded as follows:

Black Ownership	% of Preferential points
Bidder with 100% black ownership	100%
Bidder with 51% to 99% black ownership	50%
Bidder with less than 51% black ownership	0%

3.3.1.2. Preferential points for black women ownership will be awarded as follows:

Black Women Ownership	% of Preferential points
Bidder with 100% black women ownership	100%
Bidder with 30% to 99% black women ownership	50%
Bidder with less than 30% black women ownership	0%

3.4. Joint Ventures, Consortiums and Trusts

A trust, consortium or joint venture¹, will qualify for preference points as a legal entity (Incorporated), provided that the entity submits its valid B-BBEE certificate. Only valid BBEE certificates issued by SANAS accredited verification agency will be considered for allocation of points.

A trust, consortium or joint venture will qualify for preference points as an unincorporated entity, provided that the entity submits their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard as if they were a group structure and that such a consolidated B-BBEE scorecard is prepared for every separate bid. Only valid consolidated BBEE certificates issued by SANAS accredited verification agency will be considered for allocation of points.

Bidders must submit concrete proof of the existence of joint ventures and/or consortium arrangements. The CSIR will accept signed agreements as acceptable proof of the existence of a joint venture and/or consortium arrangement. Furthermore, in bids where unincorporated joint

¹ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

venture and/or consortium/sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate TCS PIN and CSD number.

The joint venture and/or consortium agreements must clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of the Lead Partner and the joint venture and/or consortium party. The agreement must also clearly identify the Lead Partner, who shall be given the power of attorney to bind the other party/parties in respect of matters pertaining to the joint venture and/or consortium arrangement.

3.5. Sub-contracting

A bidder must not be awarded preference points if it is indicated in the tender documents that such a bidder intends sub- contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

A bidder awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the bidder concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

4. BID DECLARATION

Bidders who claim points in respect of specific goals **must** submit the following documents:

Mandatory documents to claim preference points	Submitted	
	Yes	No
Valid copy of BBEE certificate/ sworn affidavit to claim Black Ownership and Black Women Ownership preference points ²	√	√

² In case of unincorporated trust, consortium or joint venture, they must submit their consolidated B-BBEE scorecard with submitting their **individual B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit**, and each party must submit a separate TCS PIN and CSD number.
In case of sub-contracting both parties must submit copies of their valid BBEE certificates

DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

Name of company/firm:.....

VAT registration number:.....

Company registration number:.....

I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the documents submitted to claim preference points based on the specific goals are valid, and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 3 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 3, the contractor may be required to furnish further documentary proof to the satisfaction of the CSIR that the awarded are correct;
- iv) If any document is obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, the CSIR may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.
- v) If the CSIR is of the view that a bidder submitted false information regarding a specific goal, it must—
 - (a) inform the bidder accordingly; and
 - (b) give the bidder an opportunity to make representations within 14 days as to why the tender may not be disqualified or, if the tender has already been awarded to the bidder, the contract should not be terminated in whole or in part.
- vi) After considering the representations referred to in subregulation (v)(b), the CSIR may, if it

concludes that such information is false—

- (a) disqualify the bidder or terminate the contract in whole or in part; and
- (b) if applicable, claim damages from the bidder.

WITNESSES
1.
2.

..... SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
DATE:
ADDRESS.....

Annexure G

Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 1

PART A: INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE CSIR					
BID NUMBER:	3720/20/02/2026	CLOSING DATE:	20 February 2026	CLOSING TIME:	16H30
DESCRIPTION	Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years.				
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)					
The CSIR requires that all tender submissions be submitted electronically to tender@csir.co.za . Should tender file size exceed 25MB, bidders submit tender in multiple emails. Use the tender number and description of the tender as the subject on your email.					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO			TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
CONTACT PERSON			CONTACT PERSON		
TELEPHONE NUMBER			TELEPHONE NUMBER		
FACSIMILE NUMBER			FACSIMILE NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	tender@csir.co.za		E-MAIL ADDRESS	tender@csir.co.za	
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE No:	MAAA

<p>1 ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>[IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]</p>	<p>2 ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>[IF YES, ANSWER THE QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]</p>
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QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

<p>IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>DOES THE ENTITY HAVE PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p>IF THE ANSWER IS “NO” TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 BELOW.</p>	

PART B: TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:

- 1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
- 1.2. **ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED–(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN THE BID DOCUMENT.**
- 1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000 AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.
- 1.4. **THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (SBD7).**

2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER’S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- 2.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.5 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.6 WHERE NO TCS PIN IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.
- 2.7 NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, COMPANIES WITH DIRECTORS WHO ARE PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE, OR CLOSE CORPORATIONS WITH MEMBERS PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.”

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:
(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:

Annexure H

Standard Bidding Document (SBD) 4

RFQ No. 3720/20/02/2026

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1. PURPOSE OF THE FORM

Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

2. Bidder's declaration

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest³ in the enterprise, employed by the state?

YES /NO

2.1.1 If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

³ the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution?

YES /NO

2.2.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....

2.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES /NO

2.3.1 If so, furnish particulars:

.....

3 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name).....in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;

- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium⁴ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 3.4 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 3.5 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 3.6 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

⁴ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 and 3 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

.....
Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

.....
Name of bidder

Annexure I

DECLARATION BY BIDDER AND BREACH OF LAW FORM

Supply and Delivery of Gases and rental of gas-related products and equipment to all CSIR sites on an as-and-when-required basis for a period of five (5) years.

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Only bidders who completed the declaration below will be considered for evaluation.

NAME OF ENTITY:

We _____ do hereby certify that:

1. CSIR has supplied and we have received appropriate responses to any/all questions [as applicable] which were submitted by ourselves for RFP Clarification purposes;
2. we have received all information we deemed necessary for the completion of this Request for Proposal [**RFP**];
3. we have been provided with sufficient access to the existing CSIR facilities/sites and any and all relevant information relevant to the Services as well as CSIR information and Employees and has had sufficient time in which to conduct and perform a thorough due diligence of CSIR's operations and business requirements and assets used by CSIR. CSIR will therefore not consider or permit any pre- or post-contract verification or any related adjustment to pricing, service levels or any other provisions/conditions based on any incorrect assumptions made by the Respondent in arriving at his Bid Price.
4. at no stage have we received additional information relating to the subject matter of this RFP from CSIR sources, other than information formally received from the designated CSIR contact(s) as nominated in the RFP documents;
5. we are satisfied, insofar as our entity is concerned, that the processes and procedures adopted by CSIR in issuing this RFP and the requirements requested from Bidders in responding to this RFP have been conducted in a fair and transparent manner; and

6. furthermore, we declare that a family, business and/or social relationship **exists / does not exist** [delete as applicable] between an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity and an employee or board member of the CSIR Group including any person who may be involved in the evaluation and/or adjudication of this Bid.
7. In addition, we declare that an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity **is / is not** [delete as applicable] an employee or board member of the CSIR.
8. If such a relationship as indicated in paragraph 6 exists, the Respondent is to complete the following section:

FULL NAME OF OWNER/MEMBER/DIRECTOR/

PARTNER/SHAREHOLDER: ADDRESS:

Indicate nature of relationship with CSIR:

[Failure to furnish complete and accurate information in this regard will lead to the disqualification of a response and may preclude a Respondent from doing future business with CSIR]

9. We declare, to the extent that we are aware or become aware of any relationship between ourselves and CSIR [other than any existing and appropriate business relationship with CSIR] which could unfairly advantage our entity in the forthcoming adjudication process, we shall notify CSIR immediately in writing of such circumstances.
10. We accept that any dispute pertaining to this Bid will be resolved through the Ombudsman process and will be subject to the Terms of Reference of the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman process must first be exhausted before judicial review of a decision is sought.
11. We further accept that CSIR reserves the right to reverse an award of business or decision based on the recommendations of the Ombudsman without having to follow a formal court process to have such award or decision set aside.

BREACH OF LAW

12. We further hereby certify that I/we (the bidding entity and/or any of its directors, members or partners) have/have not been [delete as applicable] found guilty during the preceding 5 [five] years of a serious breach of law, including but not limited to a breach of the Competition Act, 89 of 1998, by a court of law, tribunal or other administrative body. The type of breach that the Respondent is required to disclose excludes relatively minor offences or misdemeanours, e.g. traffic offences. This includes the imposition of an administrative fine or penalty.

Where found guilty of such a serious breach, please disclose:

NATURE OF BREACH:

DATE OF BREACH: _____

Furthermore, I/we acknowledge that CSIR reserves the right to exclude any Respondent from the bidding process, should that person or entity have been found guilty of a serious breach of law, tribunal or regulatory obligation.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20__

For and on behalf of

AS WITNESS:

duly authorised hereto

Name:

Name:

Position:

Position:

Signature:

Signature:

Date

Registration No of Company/CC

Place

Registration Name of Company/CC

Annexure J

Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement

RFP No. 3720/20/02/2026

MUTUAL NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

1. Preamble

The Parties as identified herein are engaged in discussions relating to their potential collaboration in the Field as likewise described therein; are by virtue thereof required to disclose Confidential Information to one another and have agreed to do so subject to the terms and conditions as set out in this agreement.

2. Definitions

1.1 The following words and/or phrases, when used in this agreement, shall have the following meanings:

1.1.1 “Confidential Information” shall mean all scientific, technical, business, financial, past, present or future research, development, business activities, products, services and technical knowledge or marketing information, whether inside or outside the Field, which one party (the “Disclosing Party”) discloses to the other party (the “Receiving Party”) in connection with the discussions, and either has been identified in writing as confidential or is of such a nature (or has been disclosed in such a way) that it should be obvious to the Receiving Party that it constitutes Confidential Information. (Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, “Confidential Information” shall include any information that falls within the definition of ‘Personal Information’

1.1.2 “Disclosing Party” shall mean the Party disclosing Confidential Information under this agreement;

1.1.3 “Disclosing Purpose” shall mean, as pertains to any particular joint opportunity(ies) in the Field, the discussions held or to be held between the Parties regarding their possible collaboration and future working relationship with regards to any such opportunity(ies);

1.1.4 “Effective Date” shall mean the date of the commencement of this agreement herein”;

1.1.5 “Notice” shall mean a written document addressed by one Party to the other and either delivered by hand; sent per registered post or telefaxed to the addresses as indicated herein”;

1.1.6 “Personal Information” means any information that falls within the definition of ‘Personal Information’ as defined in the Protection of Personal Information Act, No 4 of 2013 (“POPI”);

1.1.7 “Receiving Party” shall mean the Party receiving Confidential Information under this agreement;

“Responsible Party” means a public or private body or any other person which, alone or in conjunction with others, determines the purpose of and means for processing personal information, as defined in POPI.

3. Obligation of Confidentiality

1.2 The Receiving Party undertakes and agrees:

1.2.1 to use the Disclosing Party’s Confidential Information only to give effect to the Disclosing Purpose;

1.2.2 to hold in strict confidence and not to publish or disclose to any unauthorised third parties any of the Confidential Information of the

Disclosing Party without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party;

- 1.2.3 to use the same degree of care (and in any event not less than reasonable care) to safeguard the confidentiality of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information that it uses to protect its own information of like kind;
- 1.2.4 to limit any disclosure of such Confidential Information only to those of its employees and professional advisors who have a specific need –to- know to access such Confidential Information and either entered into a written agreement which impose, or are otherwise bound by the same restrictions as those imposed upon it by virtue of this agreement;
- 1.2.5 not to disclose or reveal to any third party, whomsoever, either the fact that discussions or negotiations are taking, or have taken, place between the Parties; the content of any such discussions, or other facts relating to the Disclosing Purpose;
- 1.2.6 on termination of this agreement, to act with the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in accordance with a Notice delivered to it by the Disclosing Party, and if no such Notice is delivered to the Recipient, to destroy the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in a similar manner to which it would destroy its own Confidential Information.

4. Protection of Personal Information

- 1.3 The Party(ies) undertake(s) to:-
 - 1.3.1 comply with the provisions of POPI as well as all applicable legislation as amended or substituted from time to time;
 - 1.3.2 treat all Personal Information strictly as defined within the parameters of POPI;
 - 1.3.3 process Personal Information only in accordance with the consent it was obtained for, for the purpose agreed, any lawful and reasonable written instructions received from

the applicable Responsible Party and as permitted by law;

- 1.3.4 process Personal Information in compliance with the requirements of all applicable laws;
- 1.3.5 secure the integrity and confidentiality of any Personal Information in its possession or under its control by taking appropriate, reasonable technical and organisational measures to prevent loss, damage, unauthorised destruction, access, use, disclosure or any other unlawful processing of Personal Information;
- 1.3.6 not transfer any Personal Information to any third party in a foreign country unless such transfer complies with the relevant provisions of POPI regarding transborder information flows; and
- 1.3.7 not retain any Personal Information for longer than is necessary for achieving the purpose in terms of this Agreement or in fulfilment of any other lawful requirement.
- 1.4 The Party(ies) undertake(s) to ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to:
 - 1.4.1 identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the Personal Information in its possession or under its control;
 - 1.4.2 establish and maintain appropriate security safeguards against the identified risks;
 - 1.4.3 regularly verify that the security safeguards are effectively implemented;
 - 1.4.4 ensure that the security safeguards are continually updated in response to new risks or deficiencies in previously implemented safeguards;
 - 1.4.5 provide immediate notification to the Responsible Party if a breach in information security or any other applicable security safeguard occurs; provide immediate notification to the Responsible Party where there are reasonable grounds to believe that

the Personal Information has been accessed or acquired by any unauthorised person;

1.4.6 remedy any breach of a security safeguard in the shortest reasonable time and provide the Responsible Party with the details of the breach and, if applicable, the reasonable measures implemented to address the security safeguard breach;

1.4.7 provide immediate notification to the Responsible Party where either party has, or reasonably suspects that, Personal Information has been processed outside of the purpose agreed to or consented to;

1.4.8 provide the Responsible Party, upon request, with all information of any nature whatsoever relating to the processing of the Personal Information for the purpose in terms of this Agreement and any applicable law; and

1.4.9 notify the CSIR, if lawful, of receipt of any request for access to Personal Information, in its possession and relating to the CSIR.

1.5 The CSIR reserves the right to inspect the Personal Information processing operations, as well as the technical and organisational information security measures employed by the contracting Party to ensure compliance with the provisions of clause 4.

1.6 The provisions of clause 4 shall survive the termination of this Agreement, regardless of cause, in perpetuity.

5. Exclusions

1.7 The Receiving Party recognises that this agreement is not intended to restrict use or disclosure of any portion of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information which:

1.7.1 is as at the Effective Date, or later, made known to the public or otherwise enters the public domain through no default by the Receiving Party of its obligations under this Agreement;

1.7.2 it can show was in its possession prior to the earliest disclosure by the Disclosing Party, as evidenced by written documents in its files;

1.7.3 is rightfully received by it from a third party having no obligation of confidentiality to the Disclosing Party;

1.7.4 is independently developed by the Receiving Party by a person(s) who did not have access to the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party;

1.7.5 is disclosed by the Receiving Party after receipt of written permission from the Disclosing Party; or

1.7.6 it is requested or required by subpoena, court order, or similar process to disclose, provided that, in such an event, it will provide the Disclosing Party with prompt written notice of such request(s) so that the latter may seek an appropriate protective order and/or waive the Receiving Party's compliance with the provisions of this agreement.

6. Ownership and Provision of Information

1.8 The Disclosing Party shall retain ownership of all its Confidential Information as disclosed hereunder.

1.9 Nothing contained in this agreement or in any disclosures made hereunder shall create or imply, or be construed as to grant to the Receiving Party any license or other rights in or to the Confidential Information and/or any intellectual property rights attached thereto, or act as a waiver of any rights that the Disclosing Party may have to prevent infringement or misappropriation of any patents, patent applications, trademarks, copyright, trade secrets, know-how or other intellectual property rights owned or controlled by the Disclosing Party as at the Effective Date.

1.10 The Disclosing Party provides the Confidential Information "as is" and accordingly no

disclosure thereof by it hereunder shall constitute any representation, warranty, assurance, guarantee or inducement by such Disclosing Party with respect to infringement of patents or other rights of third parties, nor is any warranty or representation as to the accuracy, completeness, or technical or scientific quality of any of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information provided hereunder. (For the avoidance of doubt it is stated expressly that the Disclosing Party neither makes, nor have made, any representation or warranty as to the merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of any Confidential Information disclosed hereunder).

7. Term of Obligation

1.11 The Parties' obligations concerning non-disclosure of Confidential Information contained in the above clauses shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for five (5) years from the date of each disclosure, unless otherwise agreed between the parties in writing, where after such obligations shall forthwith terminate.

8. No Violation

1.12 Each party represents that its compliance with the provisions of this agreement will not violate any duty which such party may have towards any third party, including obligations concerning the provision of services to others, confidentiality of information and assignment of inventions, ideas, patents or copyright.

9. Breach

1.13 It is acknowledged that the breach of this agreement by the Receiving Party would cause the Disclosing Party irreparable injury not

compensable in monetary damages alone. Accordingly, in the event of a breach, or a threat of a breach, the Disclosing Party, in addition to its other remedies, is entitled to a restraining order, preliminary injunction or similar relief so as to specifically enforce the terms of this agreement or prevent, cure or reduce the adverse effects of the breach.

10. DOMICILIUM CITANDI ET EXECUTANDI

1.14 The Parties hereto respectively choose as their *domicilium citandi et executandi* for all purposes of, and in connection with this agreement, the physical addresses and contact details stated herein.

11. Notices

1.15 Any Notice to be given hereunder shall be given in writing and may be given either personally or may be sent by post or facsimile and addressed to the relevant party at its *domicilium citandi et executandi* address as chosen herein. Any notice given by post shall be deemed to have been served on the expiry of 7 (seven) working days after same is posted by recorded delivery post or air mail. Any notice delivered personally or sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been served at the time of delivery or sending.

12. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

1.16 This agreement will be governed and construed by the laws of the Republic of South Africa and the Parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the South African courts to hear any dispute arising therefrom which the Parties are unable to settle amicably.

13. General

- 1.17 This agreement comprises the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements between them.
- 1.18 No waiver, alteration or cancellation of any of the provisions of the Agreement shall be binding unless made in writing and signed by the party to be bound.
- 1.19 The parties hereby warrant that the officials signing this agreement have the power to do so on behalf of the parties.
- 1.20 No public announcement, such as a media release, or disclosure beyond those disclosures authorised for Confidential Information hereunder may be made by either party concerning this agreement without the prior written approval of the other party.
- 1.21 Neither party is, by virtue of this agreement, authorised to use the name, logo(s) or trademarks of the other in connection with any advertising, publicity, marketing or promotional materials or activities, or for any other purpose whatsoever, without the prior written consent of the other party. For purposes of this clause, it is also recognised that, under the provisions of section 15 (1) of the Merchandise Marks Act, Act No 17 of 1941 of the Republic of South Africa, the use of the abbreviation of the name of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, "WNNR" and CSIR, is prohibited in connection with any trade, business, profession or occupation or in connection with a trade mark, mark or trade description applied to goods, other than with the consent of the CSIR.
- 1.22 Both Parties shall remain free to use, in the normal course of its business, its general knowledge, skills and experience incurred before, during or after the discussions envisaged hereunder. (To this end, it is also

recorded that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as constituting an exclusive arrangement between the parties and both Parties shall remain free to explore market opportunities in the Field, unless otherwise agreed to in writing in a subsequent agreement.)

ANNEXURE J: MUTUAL NDA

1. Parties to the NDA

THE CSIR, a statutory council, duly established under Act 46 of 1988 through its Operating Unit of herein represented byin his/her capacity as Executive Director and he/ she being duly authorised thereto; **and**

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....., registration number:..... a, with limited liability duly incorporated under the applicable laws of the Republic of South Africa herein represented by in his/her capacity as and he/she being duly authorised thereto.

2. Contact Details for Purposes of Clause 10:

1.23 The CSIR

Physical Address:

Meiring Naude Road

Brummeria

Pretoria

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FOR ATTENTION:

Postal Address:

PO BOX 395

Pretoria

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FOR ATTENTION:

Telefax Communication:

FOR ATTENTION:

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Physical Address:
FOR ATTENTION:

Postal Address:
FOR ATTENTION:

Telefax Communication:
FOR ATTENTION:

3. Effective Date:.....

4. THE FIELD:

SIGNED ON THIS THE.....DAY OF.....AT..... IN THE PRESENCE OF THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

- 1.
- 2.

FOR THE CSIR

SIGNED ON THIS THE.....DAY OF.....AT..... IN THE PRESENCE OF THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

- 1.
- 2.

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