

Annexure K

DECLARATION BY BIDDER(S) AND BREACH OF LAW FORM

CSIR Network upgrade (design, provisioning, implementation, maintenance and support) for Five (5) Years

RFP No. 3551.1/29/09/2023

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 and/or 7 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 may 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 _____ duly authorised hereto	AS WITNESS:
Name:	Name:
Position:	Position:
Signature:	Signature:
Date	Registration No of Company/CC
Place	Registration Name of Company/CC