



Expression of Interest (EOI)
For
Participation in an Enterprise and Supplier
Development Program with the CSIR

EOI No. 8016/19/11/2019

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Place	Tender box, CSIR Main Reception, Gate 3 (North Gate)	
Enquiries	Strategic Procurement Unit	E-mail: tender@csir.co.za
CSIR business hours	08h00 – 16h30	
Category	Engineering	

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SECTION A – TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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, 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 BACKGROUND

This is an expression of interest to participate an enterprise development program, with the aim of developing the South African Defence industry. This program will run for a period of two financial years (2019/20 and 2020/21), with the option of extending the program by a financial year (2021/22). This program aims to identify 51% (or greater) black owned SMMEs or EMEs, with experience in the Software Development domain, to conduct research in partnership with the CSIR.

3 INVITATION FOR EXPRESION OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interests are hereby invited for participation in the Enterprise and Supplier Development program with the CSIR.

4 EOI SPECIFICATION

All proposals are to be submitted in the format specified in this this document. However, applicants are welcome to submit additional / alternative information over and above the originally specified format.

5 FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

5.1 The evaluation of the functional / technical detail of the EOI will be based on the requirements listed in the table below:

Requirement	Acceptance Criteria	Weight	Score
The applicant must be proficient in C, C++ or Python	<p>Examples of work done in specified languages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example given sufficient – 100% • Example not acceptable - 0 	20%	Out of 100
The applicant must be proficient with the development of both SQL and noSQL databases.	<p>Examples of development of SQL and noSQL database.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example given sufficient – 40% • Example not acceptable - 0 	30%	Out of 100
The applicant must be able to develop applications that can access data via the web.	<p>Examples of extracting data from the Internet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example given sufficient – 30% • Example not acceptable - 0 		
The applicant must be able to develop web based applications.	<p>Examples of web based applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example given sufficient – 30% • Example not acceptable - 0 		
The applicant must demonstrate experience with source control.	Indicate which source control applications was used and to what extent	10%	Out of 100

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source control app used acceptable – 100% • Source control app not provided - 0 		
The applicant must be able to develop software architectures.	<p>Indicate applications used to develop the architecture and provide examples of architectures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apps used indicated and examples are acceptable 100% • Apps not indicated/examples not acceptable 0% 	10%	Out of 100
The applicant must be proficient with Software Design modelling.	<p>Indicate applications used to model the designs and provide examples of design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apps used indicated and examples are acceptable 100% • Apps not indicated/examples not acceptable 0% 	10%	Out of 100
The applicant must be able to conduct software testing.	<p>Examples of software testing performed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software testing examples are acceptable 100% 	10%	Out of 100

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apps not indicated/examples not acceptable 0% 		
The applicant must be able to develop background processing applications.	<p>Examples of background applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background apps examples are acceptable 100% • Apps not indicated/examples not acceptable 0% 	10%	Out of 100

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

In addition the supplier must submit an answer to the following task:

Task to evaluate the applicant’s software proficiency

1. Develop a software module that can run independently and retrieve information from a Wikipedia page.
2. Take the following piece of text and write a software module that will pack the information into a JSON format.

Title	Date	Authors	Text
Zimbabwe establishes monetary policy committee in stability bid	Sep 11 2019	Ray Ndlovu and Antony Sguazzin	Zimbabwean Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube has established a Monetary Policy Committee in his latest attempt to stabilise an economy in freefall. The former economics professor, appointed last year to get the economy out of a two-decade rut, named a nine-member panel consisting of academics, bankers and the governor and two deputy governors of the nation’s central bank.

Mugabe to be buried in his village next week - family	2019-09-12	Mr Journalist	Zimbabwe's former president Robert Mugabe will be buried early next week in his village and not at a national monument for liberation heroes, his family said on Thursday.
British American Tobacco to cut more than 2 000 jobs, a fifth of senior managers could go	Sep 12 2016	Prof Economy	British American Tobacco [JSE: BTI] plans to cut 2 300 jobs around the world, the company announced on Thursday morning. More than 20% of the senior roles in the companies will be affected as part of a new "focus on simplification and removal of management layers".
Mugabe became a 'broken soul' in final years	2017-09-11	Mr Journalist	Once feared for the all-encompassing power he wielded in Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe died a "broken soul," bereft at his downfall, his allies and relatives say. Mugabe died in Singapore last Friday at the age of 95, nearly two months before the anniversary of the coup that forced him from power.

1. Write a software module to visualise the JSON data in an appropriate form such as a relationship graph, or geomap, etc.
2. Describe how the data would be stored in a SQL base database and how it would be stored in a noSQL database.

Appropriate libraries may be used to perform the software task.

The software can be in C, C++ or Python. The task will be evaluated out of 100 points.

6 ELIMINATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be eliminated under the following conditions:

- Submission after the deadline;
- Proposals submitted at incorrect location
- Less than 51% Black ownership
- Company turnover greater than R50 million

7 NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE REGISTRATION

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 of their CSD registration number; and
- provide the CSIR with a certified copy of their B-BBEE certificate or affidavit. If no certificate can be provided, no points will be scored during the evaluation process.

SECTION B – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8 VENUE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All proposals must be submitted at:

- **CSIR GATE 03 - Main Reception Area** (in the **Tender box**) at the following address
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
Meiring Naudé Road
Brummeria
Pretoria

9 PROGRAMME

The program, as currently envisaged, incorporates the following key dates:

- Issue of documents: 5 November 2019
- Closing / submission Date: 19 November 2019
- Estimated contract duration (in months/years) 24 Months

10 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

10.1 All proposals are to be sealed. No open proposals will be accepted.

10.2 All proposals are to be clearly marked with the EOI number and the name of the tenderer on the outside of the main package.

PART 1: Technical Proposal: EOI No.:8016/19/11/2019

PART 2: B-BBEE and other Mandatory Documentation: EOI No.:8016/19/11/2019

10.3 Proposals submitted by companies must be signed by a person or persons duly authorised.

10.4 The CSIR will award the contract to qualified tenderer(s)' whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the CSIR, taking into consideration the technical (functional) solution and B-BBEE.

11 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Proposals shall be submitted at the address mentioned above no later than the closing date of **19 November 2019** during CSIR's business hours. The CSIR business hours are between 08h00 and 16h30.

Where a proposal is not received by the CSIR by the due date and stipulated place, it will be regarded as a late tender. Late tenders will not be considered.

12 AWARDING OF TENDERS

- 12.1 Awarding of tenders will be published on the National Treasury e-tender portal or the CSIR's tender website. No regret letters will be sent out.

13 EVALUATION PROCESS

13.1 Evaluation of proposals

All proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation team for functionality and B-BBEE. Based on the results of the evaluation process and upon successful negotiations, the CSIR will approve the awarding of the contract to successful applicants.

14 VALIDITY PERIOD OF PROPOSAL

Each **proposal** shall be valid for a minimum period of three (3) months calculated from the closing date.

15 APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER

- 15.1 Tenderer who scores the highest total number of points during the evaluation process will be appointed to the ESD programme.
- 15.2 The appointment to the ESD program shall be subject to the parties agreeing to mutually acceptable contractual terms and conditions. In the event of the parties failing to reach such agreement CSIR reserves the right to appoint an alternative supplier.
- 15.3 Appointees to the ESD program will be announced on the National Treasury website and no regret letters will be sent to unsuccessful bidders.

16 ENQUIRIES AND CONTACT WITH THE CSIR

Any enquiry regarding this EOI shall be submitted in writing to CSIR at tender@csir.co.za with ***“EOI No 8016/19/11/2019 - For Participation in an Enterprise and Supplier Development Program with the CSIR ”*** as the subject.

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

17 MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION

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

18 COST OF EOI

Tenderers are expected to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions, requirements and specifications of this EOI before submitting proposals. Each tenderer assumes all risks for resource commitment and expenses, direct or indirect, of proposal preparation and participation throughout the EOI process. The CSIR is not responsible directly or indirectly for any costs incurred by tenderers.

19 CORRECTNESS OF RESPONSES

- 19.1 The tenderer 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 EOI. The prices and rates quoted must cover all obligations under any resulting contract.
- 19.2 The tenderer accepts that any mistakes regarding prices and calculations will be at their own risk.

20 VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

- 20.1 Tenderers should check the numbers of the pages to satisfy themselves that none are missing or duplicated. No liability will be accepted by the CSIR in regard to anything arising from the fact that pages are missing or duplicated.
- 20.2 *One hard copy and one electronic copy (CD or USB memory key)* of each proposal must be submitted. In the event of a contradiction between the submitted copies, the hard copy shall take precedence.
- 20.3 If a courier service company is being used for delivery of the proposal document, the EOI description must be endorsed on the delivery note/courier packaging to ensure that documents are delivered to the tender box, by the stipulated due date.

21 SUB-CONTRACTING

No subcontracting is allowed in this EOI.

22 ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS

The consultants will only be remunerated at the rates:

- 22.1 Determined in the "Guideline for fees", issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA); or
- 22.2 Set out in the "Guide on Hourly Fee Rates for Consultants", by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA); or
- 22.3 Prescribed by the body - regulating the profession of the consultant.

23 TRAVEL EXPENSES

23.1 All travel expenses for the CSIR's account, be it directly via the CSIR's travel agent or indirectly via re-imbursements, must be in line with the CSIR's travel policy. The following will apply:

- 23.1.1 Only economy class tickets will be used.
- 23.1.2 A maximum of R1300 per night for accommodation, dinner, breakfast and parking will be allowed.
- 23.1.3 No car rentals of more than a Group B will be accommodated.

24 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

24.1 A tenderer 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 document in its response to this request.

24.2 Copies of any affiliations, memberships and/or accreditations that support your submission must be included in the tender.

24.3 In case of proposal from a joint venture, the following must be submitted together with the proposal:

- Joint venture Agreement including split of work signed by both parties;
- The original or certified copy of the B-BBEE certificate of the joint venture;
- The Tax Clearance Certificate of each joint venture member;

- Proof of ownership/shareholder certificates/copies; and
- Company registration certificates.

24.4 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.

24.5 Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions as set out in this document will invalidate the Proposal.

25 CSIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO

25.1 Extend the closing date;

25.2 Verify any information contained in a proposal;

25.3 Request documentary proof regarding any tendering issue;

25.4 Give preference to locally manufactured goods;

25.5 Appoint one or more service providers, separately or jointly (whether or not they submitted a joint proposal);

25.6 Award this EOI as a whole or in part;

25.7 Cancel or withdraw this EOI as a whole or in part.

26 DISCLAIMER

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

DECLARATION BY TENDERER

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

EOI No: 8016/19/11/2019

I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached tendering documents to CSIR in accordance with the requirements and task directives / proposal specifications stipulated in the EOI No. **8016/19/11/2019** at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remains binding upon me and open for acceptance by the CSIR during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the proposal.

I confirm that I am satisfied with regards to the correctness and validity of my proposal; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the services specified in the proposal documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.

I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this proposal as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of this proposal.

I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any tenderer or any other person regarding this or any other proposal.

I accept that the CSIR may take appropriate actions, deemed necessary, should there be a conflict of interest or if this declaration proves to be false.

I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this proposal.

NAME (PRINT)

CAPACITY

SIGNATURE

NAME OF FIRM

DATE

WITNESSES	
1
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DATE:	