

## Request for Proposals (RFP)

**The provision of professional services to the CSIR to develop a mining innovation strategy and transition roadmap aligned with the new CSIR organisational strategy**

**RFP No. 3441.1/23/04/2021**

Date of Issue	Thursday, 25 March 2021	
Compulsory briefing session	Date: Wednesday, 14 April 2021 Time: 11h00 Venue: Online MS Teams ( <i>please see link below</i> )	
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Closing Date	Friday, 23 April 2021 at 16h30	
Place of tender submission	<a href="mailto:tender@csir.co.za">tender@csir.co.za</a>	
Enquiries	Strategic Procurement Unit	E-mail: <a href="mailto:tender@csir.co.za">tender@csir.co.za</a>
CSIR business hours	08h00 – 16h30	
Category	Professional services	

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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. The CSIR has nine Clusters including Advanced Agri and Food, Chemicals, Defence and Security, Manufacturing, Mining, NextGen Enterprises and Institutions, Next Gen Health, Smart Logistics as well as Smart Places.

As in the rest of the world, the mining sector has experienced a wave of digital transformation which is characterised by implementation of technologies that sees mining operations move away from traditional mining processes into digital processes, which includes autonomous mining processes with driverless machinery, the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, data analysis for diagnostics and decision support.

The CSIR Mining Cluster aims to develop niche capabilities that will see the organisation becoming a research and innovation partner of choice for the mining industry. It intends to reposition itself to support industry in the adoption of fit for purpose innovative solutions to support the drive for zero harm, enhanced efficiencies and productivity in the extraction of minerals that will see operators reduce operational costs. The development of a technology and innovation roadmap is expected to guide the organisation's future investment into mining as well as strategically reposition the Cluster. For this reason, the Mining Cluster is soliciting the support of a globally reputable strategy innovation firm to facilitate the required stakeholder engagements and to develop the roadmap.

## **2 BACKGROUND**

The CSIR Mining Cluster is seeking the support of a globally reputable strategy innovation and adoption firm with the following demonstrated track record.

- Deep level understanding on the challenges and gaps faced by the local and global mining industry with regards to aspects of economic competitiveness, efficiencies, trends in technology and innovation
- Demonstrated experience with adoption of technologies which includes the development of an innovation culture and transformation. These should include technology strategies that addresses and supports ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) drivers in mining
- Experience in developing ecosystem strategy roadmaps
- Experience with venture capital, innovation and start-up companies
- Demonstrated stakeholder relations management which includes private, public and government partnerships
- Diverse experience with industries that include energy, mobility and manufacturing including emerging technology industries.
- Demonstrated experience with accustomed to handling sensitive information
- Design thinking capability

Support is required to develop a Mining Cluster Innovation strategy and transition roadmap that identifies the R&D needs of the industry that advise the establishment of critical capabilities and technologies. The roadmap has to make recommendations on the most suitable implementation of a strategy, including, but not necessarily limited to business models, capabilities, technologies, supporting functions, systems, processes, tools and other elements where appropriate, in line with global best practice. A critical outcome of the roadmapping process is the engagement between CSIR, government and industry stakeholders to achieve shared understanding of a vision and objectives. This must be kept in mind to all parties intending to submit a response to this RFP.

## **3 INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL**

Proposals are hereby invited for the supply of professional services to the CSIR to develop a Mining Innovation strategy and transition roadmap aligned with the new CSIR organisational strategy.

## 4 PROPOSAL SPECIFICATION

The CSIR requires support from a service provider/s for the following services relating to Mining Innovation strategy development.

1. Support CSIR with building up its understanding of mining state-of-the-art technology and future trends as well as building a system for keeping track of this in CSIR (a technology forecasting and foresight system, or access to it elsewhere).
2. Identify leading technology solutions including best practices internationally in solving solutions for the mining industry.
3. Identify “innovation” gaps for the South African mining sector including the Southern African Development Community and map the innovation ecosystem.
4. Identify barriers to the uptake of modern mining technology and systems (technology diffusion) in the different RSA mining sub-sectors
5. Identify RD&I needs in the different RSA mining sub-sectors, and the rest of the mining ecosystem including all major supplier/supporting industries and stakeholders
6. Identify potential technologies, products, and RD&I services that CSIR should consider developing for addressing the innovation needs of all the relevant mining industry role players including government and regulatory institutions
7. Identify the relevant mining RD&I capabilities across CSIR (there are CSIR capabilities that are relevant to mining but are not applied to the mining sector at the moment)
8. Identify potential partners nationally and internationally, including other Research Technology Organizations (RTO) with mandates similar to CSIR
9. Support the development of a Mining RD&I Capability trajectory for the CSIR in the context of CSIR and partner capabilities
10. Develop and apply an approach for prioritizing CSIR RD&I capabilities for investment and development, including new capabilities to be developed (in the context of partner capabilities, i.e. what to have in-house and what to access from partners)
11. Develop a transition roadmap (people, processes and technology) and implementation plan to transition the CSIR towards its new mining RD&I vision, including short term, medium term and long-term goals.
12. The Mining Innovation Strategy must be fit for purpose, fit for use and aligned to the new CSIR strategy.

Important considerations for the development of the roadmap:

- “RD&I capabilities” is understood to include relevant 1) methodologies, processes, procedures and techniques, 2) modelling and simulation infrastructure, 3) test and evaluation infrastructure, 4) laboratories, and 5) skills and expertise of staff.
- ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) drivers in mining must be built into the proposal
- The roadmap is an “industry-driven” roadmap focussing on the needs of the industry
- A critical outcome of the roadmapping process is the engagement between CSIR, government and industry stakeholders to achieve shared understanding of a vision and objectives.
- The CSIR team will be part of the roadmap and strategy development process with the target stakeholder base.
- The final product is required 4-6 months after appointment of the successful bidder.

## **5 DELIVERABLES**

The following key deliverables are required as outcomes of this work:

1. A detailed capability and offering transition roadmap with RDI project pipeline and implementation plan to transition CSIR from its current Mining Innovation Support RD&I state, to the desired future state. This analysis report should include business development and market analysis detailing the industry demand for expanding the existing mining cluster, CSIR capabilities to the industry
2. Report on leading technology and innovation solution in mining, systems gaps for SA mining ecosystems and the adoption of mine modernisation best practises. The systems gaps should detail benchmark and lessons learned in integrating new technology solution for historical mining operations.
3. A summary of existing industry gaps that will require niche capabilities that would become part of CSIR future offering. This should also include details of complementary capabilities and defined areas of symbiotic collaboration with CGS, Mintek, academic institutions and other research institutions.
4. Detailed stakeholder engagement plan to foster strategic partnership with the mining industry stakeholders including a plan that would aid the establishment of a CSIR industry advisory team

comprising of a multidisciplinary team to support the industry as well as keeping abreast with industry ongoing /new technical challenges

5. Design operating a suitable culture and adoption model for that would enable successful implementation of the formulated strategy roadmap
6. Report addressing the culture shift required in the mining RD&I approach for CSIR.

## 6 TIMELINE

The final product is required approximately 4-6 months after appointment of the successful bidder.

## 7 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of the proposal will be based on the criteria and scoring in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Criteria and scoring matrix

No.	Criteria	Proof required	Points allocation	Weight
1	<p><b>Team Innovation Strategy Development and Strategy Implementation/Adoption Experience:</b></p> <p>The team must have a demonstrated experience, in successfully drafting innovation strategies and roadmaps drawing together multiple parties across public and private sectors.</p> <p>The team must have evidence/testimonials that demonstrate strategy implementation and learnings thereof.</p> <p>The team must present evidence/testimonials that demonstrate that strategies previously developed were implemented, adopted and achieved success.</p> <p>The team leader must have <u>not less than 10 years'</u> experience in strategic innovation management interventions. Experience in working with organisations similar in nature to the CSIR in the past 5 years with successful innovation related</p>	<p>Company Profile explicitly indicating the number of years the company has been providing innovation strategy related services and to which organisations. Level of experience of leader clearly articulated.</p> <p>Examples of success stories demonstrating experience and successful outcomes.</p>	<p>(i) Organisations experience totally unaligned to CSIR requirements OR (ii) business and experience of team leadership &lt; 8 years OR (iii) no demonstrable experience in drafting and implementing innovation strategies for organisations similar to CSIR in the past 5 years - <b>0 points</b></p> <p>Company profile indicates company has 8-10 years' experience in innovation strategy related processes – <b>5 points</b></p> <p>Company profile indicates company has between 11-15 years' experience in managing innovation strategy processes successfully with a solid track record demonstrated –<b>7 points</b></p>	20%

	interventions would be a strong advantage.		Company profile indicates company has in excess of 15 years' experience in managing innovation strategy processes successfully with an extensive track record and success stories with significant industry members in the mining and related industries – <b>10 points</b>	
2	<p><b>RSA Mining Sector and sub-sector experience</b></p> <p>The onsite team assigned to the CSIR must have demonstrated knowledge and insights into the RSA mining industry through direct involvement with mining innovation project implementations in South Africa</p> <p>-Members of the onsite team must have experience with a broad range of commodity sectors (gold, platinum, coal, titanium, iron, manganese, chromium, diamonds, zinc, etc.) within mining.</p> <p>-Experience in open pit and underground is required</p> <p>-Experience across the value chain including supply chain is required</p>	Examples of strategic engagements with RSA mining companies demonstrating experience and successful outcomes in RSA mining including experience across the value chain in various commodity sectors.	<p>No demonstrable experience in the RSA mining sector with mining innovation project implementations; less than 3 commodities and only one of open pit or underground mining operations– <b>0 points</b></p> <p>Successful innovation projects in both open pit and underground mining operations with 3-5 commodities – <b>5 points</b></p> <p>Successful innovation projects in both open pit and underground mining operations with 6 commodities <b>6 -7 points</b></p> <p>Successful innovation projects in both open pit and underground mining operations with atleast 7 commodities and key mines in RSA including deep level gold and platinum – <b>10 points</b></p>	20%
3	<b>International mining technology state of the art knowledge</b>	Examples of projects with customers where	Assigned team to CSIR does not have demonstrable knowledge	20%

	<p>The team assigned to the CSIR must have demonstrated knowledge and insights into state of the art application of technology in mining and related industries (energy, oil and gas, mining equipment, etc.) and the technology trends impacting on these, including the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution foundational technologies for top mining companies</p>	<p>knowledge of the state-of-the-art was developed and/or mobilised to the benefit of customers</p>	<p>and insight into mining state-of-the-art application of technology in mining and related industries, including the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution foundational technologies – <b>0 points</b></p> <p>1-3 technology investigations or trade-study projects, technology forecasting or foresight projects in mining and related industries, limited technology scope – <b>5 points</b></p> <p>4-6 technology investigation or trade-study projects in mining and related industries, or technology forecasting or foresight projects some with broad technology scope – <b>7 points</b></p> <p>&gt; 6 technology investigation or trade-study projects in mining and related industries, each with broad technology scope, as well as technology forecasting or foresight projects – <b>10 points</b></p>	
4	<p><b>Mine modernization strategy and plan development experience</b></p> <p>The specific onsite team assigned and committed to the CSIR must have demonstrated knowledge and insights into practical mine modernization programs and roadmaps and lessons learnt from actual mine modernization programs</p> <p>Experience with underground and open pit mining operations is required.</p>	<p>Examples of mine modernization roadmap development and implementation success stories demonstrating experience and successful outcomes.</p>	<p>Onsite team dedicated to CSIR has no mine modernization roadmap development and implementation success stories – <b>0 points</b></p> <p>Onsite team dedicated to CSIR has experience in 1-3 mine modernization roadmap development and implementation success stories – <b>5 points</b></p>	20%

			<p>4-6 mine modernization roadmap development and implementation success stories – <b>7 points</b></p> <p>&gt; 6 mine modernization roadmap development and implementation success stories – <b>10 points</b></p>	
5	<p><b>Methodology, approach, tools and technical proposal</b></p> <p>The service provider must demonstrate their understanding of the key requirements and expectations of CSIR as outlined in the proposal specification section of the document.</p> <p>An understanding of the CSIR and its strategy, role and mandate is required.</p> <p>A detailed approach, methodology and plan on how they will assist CSIR in achieving the objectives of this request must be provided, including an outline of the project deliverables and artefacts, indicating key milestones and turnaround times.</p>	<p>Detailed Methodology, Approach and clear project plan/ Gantt Chart/timelines etc.</p>	<p>Non-submission or proposal does not address the scope of the assignment – <b>0 points</b></p> <p>Approach is very generic. The bidder’s proposal addresses and meets minimum or basic project requirements. The work plan and timeframes meet the requirements of the assignment, the sequencing of activities indicate the bidder understand the requirements. – <b>5 points</b></p> <p>Approach is specifically tailored to suit the CSIR’s requirements. The work plan and timeframes meet the requirements of the assignment, the sequencing of activities demonstrate that the bidder clearly understand the requirements and has a good understanding of the needs of the CSIR. – <b>7 points</b></p>	20%

			The approach is innovative and more than exceeds the expectations of the CSIR. The work plan and timeframes meet the requirements of the assignment, the sequencing of activities indicate the bidder has an excellent or demonstrated in-depth understanding of the requirements of the CSIR and of the issues that they are faced with – <b>10 points</b>	
	<b>Total</b>			100%

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

7.2 The scoring sheet in Table 1 will be used to evaluate functionality.

## 8 ELIMINATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be eliminated under the following conditions:

- Submission after the deadline;
- Proposals submitted at incorrect location;
- Applicants with leadership of less than 10 years experiences and/or no demonstrable experience in drafting and implementing strategies for organisations similar to the CSIR in the last 5 years will not be considered
- Applicants with no demonstrable experience with (a) RSA mining sector with mining innovation project implementations and (b) open pit and underground mining operations

- Applicants with no demonstrable experience with having worked in at least 3 commodity sectors will not be considered for this work. Commodity sectors include gold, platinum, coal, titanium, iron, manganese, chromium, diamonds, zinc and others.
- Applicants with no demonstrable knowledge and insight into mining state-of-the-art application of technology in mining and related industries (energy, oil and gas, mining equipment, etc.), including the 4th industrial revolution foundational technologies will not be considered for this work.
- Applicants with no insights and knowledge of the mining value chain will not be considered for this work.
- Applicants with onsite teams without a demonstrable track record of mine modernization roadmap development and implementation success will not be considered for this work.
- Applicants with no experience and track record in developing and implementing strategy, without testimonials of successful adoption, for the top major industry members in mining and related industries.

## **9 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](http://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. If no certificate can be provided, no points will be scored during the evaluation process. (The B-BBEE requirement only applies to RSA suppliers only).

## SECTION B – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 10 VENUE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All proposals must be submitted at: [tender@csir.co.za](mailto:tender@csir.co.za)

### 11 TENDER PROGRAMME

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

- Issue of tender documents: 25 March 2021
- Briefing session 14 April 2021
  - Time : 11:00 to 12:00
  - Venue : MS Teams (See link below)

[https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting\\_MDlhYjBiMTYtNjk5Mi00YTVkLWE0OWMtMzAwYzEyODhiNGU2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22fd3c5d5-ddb2-4ed3-9803-f89675928df4%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22e394db22-b023-4fad-89ed-d21166645113%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_MDlhYjBiMTYtNjk5Mi00YTVkLWE0OWMtMzAwYzEyODhiNGU2%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22fd3c5d5-ddb2-4ed3-9803-f89675928df4%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22e394db22-b023-4fad-89ed-d21166645113%22%7d)

- Last date for submission of queries: 19 April 2021
- Closing / submission Date: 23 April 2021
- Duration of contract 6 months

### 12 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

12.1 All proposals are to be clearly marked with the RFP number. Proposals must consist of two parts clearly marked:

**PART 1:** Technical Proposal: RFP No.: 3441.1/23/04/2021

**PART 2:** Pricing Proposal, B-BBEE and other Mandatory Documentation:

RFP No.: 3441.1/23/04/2021

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

12.3 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, price and B-BBEE.

### 13 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Proposals shall be submitted at the address mentioned above no later than the closing date of **Friday, 23 April 2021** 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.

### 14 AWARDING OF TENDERS

14.1 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.

### 15 EVALUATION PROCESS

#### 15.1 Evaluation of proposals

All proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation team for functionality, price 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 tenderers.

A two-phase evaluation process will be followed.

- The first phase includes evaluation of **elimination** and **functionality criteria**
- The second phase includes the evaluation of **price** and **B-BBEE** status.

Pricing Proposals will only be considered after functionality phase has been adjudicated and accepted. Only proposals that achieved the specified minimum qualification scores for functionality will be evaluated further using the preference points system.

#### 15.2 Preference points system

*The 80/20 preference point system will be used where 80 points will be dedicated to price and 20 points to B-BBEE status*

## 16 PRICING PROPOSAL

- 16.1 Pricing proposal must be cross-referenced to the sections in the Technical Proposal. Any options offered must be clearly labelled. Separate pricing must be provided for each option offered to ensure that pricing comparisons are clear and unambiguous.
- 16.2 Price needs to be provided in South African Rand (excl. VAT), with details on price elements that are subject to escalation and exchange rate fluctuations clearly indicated.
- 16.3 Price should include additional cost elements such as freight, insurance until acceptance, duty where applicable.
- 16.4 Only firm prices\* will be accepted during the tender validity period. Non-firm prices\*\* (including prices subject to rates of exchange variations) will not be considered.

*\*Firm price is the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax which, in terms of a law or regulation is binding on the contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract;*

*\*\*Non-firm price is all prices other than "firm" prices.*

- 16.5 Payment will be according to the CSIR Payment Terms and Conditions.

## 17 VALIDITY PERIOD OF PROPOSAL

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

## **18 APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER**

- 18.1 The contract will be awarded to the tenderer who scores the highest total number of points during the evaluation process, except where the law permits otherwise.
- 18.2 Appointment as a successful service provider 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.
- 18.3 Awarding of contracts will be announced on the National Treasury website and no regret letters will be sent to unsuccessful bidders.

## **19 ENQUIRIES AND CONTACT WITH THE CSIR**

Any enquiry regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing to CSIR at tender@csir.co.za with ***“RFP No 3441.1/23/04/2021 - The provision of professional services to the CSIR to develop a mining innovation strategy and transition roadmap aligned with the new CSIR organisational strategy”*** as the subject.

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.

## **20 MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION**

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

## **21 COST OF PROPOSAL**

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

## **22 CORRECTNESS OF RESPONSES**

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

## **23 VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 Electronic copy of each proposal must be submitted.
- 23.3 Pricing schedule and B-BBEE credentials should be submitted with the proposal, but as a separate document and no such information should be available in the technical proposal.

## **24 SUB-CONTRACTING**

- 24.1 A tenderer will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the tender documents that such a tenderer 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 tenderer qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an exempted micro enterprise that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.
- 24.2 A tenderer 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 person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an exempted micro enterprise that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

## **25 ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS**

The consultants will only be remunerated at the rates:

- 25.1 Determined in the "Guideline for fees", issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA); or

- 25.2 Set out in the "Guide on Hourly Fee Rates for Consultants", by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA); or
- 25.3 Prescribed by the body - regulating the profession of the consultant.

## **26 TRAVEL EXPENSES**

- 26.1 All travel expenses for the CSIR's account, be it directly via the CSIR's travel agent or indirectly via re-imburements, must be in line with the CSIR's travel policy. The following will apply:
- 26.1.1 Only economy class tickets will be used.
- 26.1.2 A maximum of R1400 per night for accommodation, dinner, breakfast and parking will be allowed.
- 26.1.3 No car rentals of more than a Group B will be accommodated.

## **27 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 27.1 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.
- 27.2 Copies of any affiliations, memberships and/or accreditations that support your submission must be included in the tender.
- 27.3 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.

- 27.4 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.
- 27.5 Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions as set out in this document will invalidate the Proposal.

## **28 CSIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO**

- 28.1 Extend the closing date;
- 28.2 Verify any information contained in a proposal;
- 28.3 Request documentary proof regarding any tendering issue;
- 28.4 Give preference to locally manufactured goods;
- 28.5 Appoint one or more service providers, separately or jointly (whether or not they submitted a joint proposal);
- 28.6 Award this RFP as a whole or in part;
- 28.7 Cancel or withdraw this RFP as a whole or in part.

## **29 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, tenderers 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 tenderer concerning the RFP, 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.**

**RFP No: 3441.1/23/04/2021**

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 RFP No 3441.1/23/04/2021 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	
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