

Request for Proposals (RFP)

For the provision of services to CSIR Wind Tunnels

RFP No. 3484/15/10/2021

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Place of tender submission	tender@csir.co.za	
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

The CSIR operates a suite of wind tunnels of different performance and complexity. The wind tunnel systems have been acquired and commissioned in a period that ranges from the late 1960s to the most modern facility in the late 1980s. These systems are industrial plants in their own right, and are operated via a system of mechatronic hardware and software.

Whereas the CSIR has a well-staffed Experimental Aerodynamics research group with a range of adequate skills, the Aeronautics Impact Area of the Defence and Safety cluster of the CSIR is experiencing an unusual demand for wind tunnel services in the near and medium term. If a number of these requests translate into contractual services for the impact Area, the current resource pool will be placed under severe pressure which could translate into missed delivery dates and compromise the quality of the services delivered.

To this end the CSIR seeks to have a pool of resources, experts in the various capabilities required to execute a wind tunnel service, pre-contracted and readily available at short notice.

3 INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals are hereby invited from suitably-qualified service providers for supplying engineering services for typical wind tunnel test projects which include:

- Wind tunnel model and systems procurement support.
 - Wind tunnel model/system design.
 - Wind tunnel model/system manufacturing suppliers sourcing.

- Wind tunnel model/system manufacturing costing and quoting.
- Wind tunnel model/system procurement and acceptance.
- Wind tunnel model/system checkout and assembly assistance in the relevant wind tunnel.
- Wind tunnel test support.
 - Wind tunnel test specification
 - Wind test execution (shift work)
 - Wind tunnel data post-processing software coding.
 - Wind tunnel data post-processing.
 - Wind tunnel data post run qualification and pre-analysis.
- Wind tunnel test reporting support.
 - Compilation of a wind tunnel test campaign post-test report.

4 PROPOSAL SPECIFICATION

All proposals are to be submitted in a format specified in this enquiry. However, tenderers are welcome to submit additional / alternative proposals over and above the originally specified format.

The proposal to be submitted will be based on an **hourly rate** for support contracted for the above specified tasks.

Tasks will be contracted with the selected and contracted suppliers on an *Ad Hoc* basis through the issuing of Request For Quotes by the CSIR, after contracts are entered into with CSIR clients and a resource at the CSIR shortage is identified.

Depending on the projects contracted, the selected suppliers will be asked to sign a NDA with the CSIR, and depending on the security status of the projects, might be asked to submit a security clearance.

5 FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

5.1 The evaluation of the proposal will be based on the following criteria:

The applicants can make submission for either one, two or all three of the following services:

- Wind tunnel model procurement support
- Wind tunnel test support
- Wind tunnel test reporting support

Wind tunnel model/system procurement support			
Criteria	weight	Score	Max score
Suitable qualifications; - BSc, MSc (or equivalent technical qualifications) in Mechanical, Aeronautical, Industrial Engineering or a related field.	15%	Out of 100	15
More than 5 years' experience on Computer Aided Design (CAD) systems.	15%	Out of 100	15
SolidWorks design software experience.	20%	Out of 100	20
Previous experience in the design/procurement of industrial scale/production Wind Tunnel systems.	20%	Out of 100	20
Previous experience in wind tunnel model design and procurement for industrial scale/production wind tunnel facilities.	30%	Out of 100	30
Totals	100%		100

Wind tunnel test support			
Criteria	weight	Score	Max score
Suitable qualifications; - BSc, MSc (or equivalent technical qualifications) in Mechanical, Aeronautical, Industrial Engineering.	10%	Out of 100	10
Previous experience in production wind tunnel testing as part of the test execution team.	70%	Out of 100	80
Availability to test in the late night shift team.	20%	Out of 100	20
Totals	100%		100

Wind tunnel test reporting support			
Criteria	weight	Score	Max score
Suitable qualifications; - BSc, MSc (or equivalent technical qualifications) in Mechanical, Aeronautical, Industrial Engineering or a related field.	20%	Out of 100	20
Previous experience in production wind tunnel test reporting	80%	Out of 100	80
Totals	100%		100

- 5.2 Proposals with functionality / technical points of less than the pre-determined minimum overall percentage of 70 % will be eliminated from further evaluation.
- 5.3 Refer to Annexure A for the scoring sheet that will be used to evaluate functionality.

6 ELIMINATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be eliminated under the following conditions:

- Submission after the deadline;
- Proposals submitted at incorrect location;
- Supplier listed on National Treasury list of restricted suppliers.

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 (SANAS approved or Affidavit on DTI template). If no certificate can be provided, no points will be scored during the evaluation process. (RSA suppliers only)

SECTION B – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8 VENUE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All proposals must be submitted at: tender@csir.co.za

If mail size exceeds 25 MB, then multiple mails must be sent.

9 TENDER PROGRAMME

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

- Issue of tender documents: 30 September 2021
- Closing / submission Date: 15 October 2021
- Estimated contract duration 2 years

10 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

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

PART 1: Technical Proposal: RFP No: 3484/15/10/2021

PART 2: Pricing Proposal, B-BBEE and other Mandatory Documentation: RFP No: 3484/15/10/2021

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

10.3 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.

11 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Proposals shall be submitted at the address mentioned above no later than the closing date of 15 October 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.

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, 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.

13.2 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.

14 PRICING PROPOSAL

14.1 The supplier shall indicate a **price per hour** (hourly rate) for hours required for the services purchased by the CSIR.

14.2 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.

14.3 Price should include additional cost elements such as freight, insurance until acceptance, duty where applicable.

14.4 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.*

14.5 Payment will be according to the CSIR Payment Terms and Conditions.

15 VALIDITY PERIOD OF PROPOSAL

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

Each **hourly rate proposal** shall be valid for a minimum period of one (1) year calculated from the closing date, after which escalation to the hourly rate will be negotiated for the subsequent year.

16 APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

16.3 Awarding of contracts will be announced on the National Treasury website and no regret letters will be sent to unsuccessful bidders.

17 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 3484/15/10/2021 - The provision of services to the CSIR Wind Tunnels**" 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.

18 MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION

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

19 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.

20 CORRECTNESS OF RESPONSES

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 The tenderer accepts that any mistakes regarding prices and calculations will be at their own risk.

21 VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

- 21.1 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.
- 21.2 *Electronic copy* of each proposal must be submitted.
- 21.3 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.

22 SUB-CONTRACTING

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 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.

23 ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS

The consultants will only be remunerated at the rates:

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

24 TRAVEL EXPENSES

24.1 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:

- 24.1.1 Only economy class tickets will be used.
- 24.1.2 A maximum of R1400 per night for accommodation, dinner, breakfast and parking will be allowed.
- 24.1.3 No car rentals of more than a Group B will be accommodated.

25 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

25.1 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.

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

25.3 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.

25.4 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.

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

26 CSIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO

- 26.1 Extend the closing date;
- 26.2 Verify any information contained in a proposal;
- 26.3 Request documentary proof regarding any tendering issue;
- 26.4 Give preference to locally manufactured goods;
- 26.5 Appoint one or more service providers, separately or jointly (whether or not they submitted a joint proposal);
- 26.6 Award this RFP as a whole or in part;
- 26.7 Cancel or withdraw this RFP as a whole or in part.

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, 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.

28 DECLARATION BY TENDERER

RFP No: 3484/15/10/2021

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. 3484/15/10/2021 at the rate/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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DATE:	

29 ANNEXURE A Scoring Criteria

Wind tunnel model procurement support			
Criteria	weight	Score	Max score
<p>Suitable qualifications; - BSc, MSc (or equivalent technical qualifications) in Mechanical, Aeronautical, Industrial Engineering or a related field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct qualifications = 100% • Incorrect qualifications = 0% 	15%	Out of 100	15
<p>More than 5 years' experience on Computer Aided Design (CAD) systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater than 5 years = 100% • Greater than 3 less or equal to 5 years = 70% • Greater than 1 less or equal to 3 years = 30% 	15%	Out of 100	15
<p>SolidWorks design software experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater than 5 years = 100% • Greater than 3 less or equal to 5 years = 70% • Greater than 1 less or equal to 3 years = 30% 	20%	Out of 100	20
<p>Previous experience in the design/procurement of industrial scale/production Wind Tunnel systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience =100% (proof required) • No experience = 30% 	20%	Out of 100	20
<p>Previous experience in wind tunnel model design and procurement for industrial scale/production wind tunnel facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience =100% (proof required) • No experience = 30% 	30%	Out of 100	30
Totals	100%		100

Wind tunnel test support			
Criteria	weight	Score	Max score
Suitable qualifications; - BSc, MSc (or equivalent technical qualifications) in Mechanical, Aeronautical, Industrial Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electronic Engineering or a related field. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct qualifications = 100% • Incorrect qualifications = 0% 	10%	Out of 100	10
Previous experience in production wind tunnel testing as part of the test execution team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience =100% (proof required, test description) • No experience = 0% 	70%	Out of 100	70
Availability to test in the late-night shift team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability = 100% • Not available = 10% 	20%	Out of 100	20
Totals	100%		100

Wind tunnel test reporting support			
Criteria	weight	Score	Max score
Suitable qualifications; - BSc, MSc (or equivalent technical qualifications) in Mechanical, Aeronautical, Industrial Engineering or a related field. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct qualifications = 100% • Incorrect qualifications = 0% 	20%	Out of 100	20
Previous experience in production wind tunnel test reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience =100% (proof required) • No experience = 10% 	80%	Out of 100	80
Totals	100%		100