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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO DEVIATE THE PRESCRIBED TENDER PROCESS TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLARIFICATION MEETING TO NON-COMPULSORY, CHANGE DATE OF THE CLARIFICATION MEETING from 16th March 2023 to 22nd March 2023 AND CHANGE THE CLARIFICATION MEETING FROM A PHYSICAL TO A VIRTUAL PLATFORM FOR CONTRACT NUMBER: ZNB01832/00000/00/HOD/GEN/23/T: REQUEST FOR BID TO APPOINT A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY MANAGEMENT AND ROAD ASSET DATA COLLECTION SERVICES IN LINE WITH DORA REQUIREMENTS, FOR A PERIOD OF 5-YEARS

1. Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to seek approval to deviate from the prescribed tender process and also change the date for of the clarification meeting from 16th March 2023 to 22nd March 2023 for contract number: ZNB01832/00000/00/HOD/GEN/23/T, to procure service providers for the “BID TO APPOINT A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY MANAGEMENT AND ROAD ASSET DATA COLLECTION SERVICES IN LINE WITH DORA REQUIREMENTS, FOR A PERIOD OF 5-YEARS”.

2. Background

There is an ongoing strike which started 6th March 2023, led by NEHAWU, which resulted in the union members evicting all departmental staff from the premises and restricting access to the workplace, to date the staff have not been able to access the premises. We fear that due to the ongoing protest action and lack of resolutions, the original compulsory clarification physical meeting; 16th March 2023 at McDonald Theatre in L Block, may be disrupted which jeopardises

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the process and the safety of attendees. Potential disruptions to the process will result in delays in appointing the potential winning bidder which adversely impacts on the operations within the Department.

3. Motivation

With the current service provider contract concluding at the end of April 2023, there are currently no provisions for a service provider for the provision of infrastructure delivery management and road asset data collection services. The current structure and skill set at the department does not satisfy the requirement of the IDMS system, hence the need for the service provider. Any delay in the SCM processes will have negative and rippling effects on the operations for service delivery.

With the ongoing strike having the potential to disrupt the processes, it is a request to change the date of the clarification meeting from 16th March 2023 to 22nd March 2023, change the compulsory attendance to the clarification meeting to non-compulsory and also make the clarification meeting a virtual meeting instead of a physical. This will benefit any potential bidders to be considered for the BID, even if prevented to attend as a result of the ongoing protests.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

The request to change the requirement from compulsory to non-compulsory does not have any direct financial impact on the BID. However, the delay in appointing a successful bidder will result in negative impacts on the departments infrastructure delivery performance, expenditure and acquired expenditure in the outer MTEF years.

4.2 Legal Implications

These changes will result in the department giving a fair opportunity to all bidders to participate in the tender process even if disrupted / restricted to attend by the ongoing protest action. The attendance to a meeting does not have an impact on the preferential goals of the tender.

4.3 Time Implications

It is in the best interest of the Department to urgently approve this submission to prevent delayed in-service delivery as the IDMS service provider and the support team are critical to the day to day operations of the Departments

4.4 Social Implications

Fair opportunity for all bidders given the current situation. The change in requirement will be communicated by the SCM department.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that the HOD approve this submission to deviate the prescribed tender process to change the requirements of the clarification meeting from compulsory to non-compulsory, Change date of the clarification meeting from 16th March 2023 to 22nd March 2023 and change the clarification meeting from a physical to a virtual platform to the benefit of the department and potential bidders given the situation of an ongoing strike.

Kind Regards,



MR B KHUMALO

Control Technician: TIDS Planning, Budgeting & Reporting

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COMMENT:

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