



RFB-00010-2012: REQUEST TO PUBLISH AN OPEN RFB TO PROVIDE THE SUPPLY OF FLOAT, CYCLE AND GENERAL PURPOSE BATTERIES TO TELKOM

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BIDDER'S CONFERENCE:

Date:	05 November 2012
Venue:	Telkom SA Limited 152 Johannes Ramokhoase Street(formally known as Proes) Telkom Tower North building 1 st Floor, Stretlizia Conference Room Pretoria
Time:	11:00am till 13:00pm

The Bidders are requested to arrive 30 minutes before to be signed in.



1.0 SCOPE:

Telkom wishes to invite potential Bidder/s to bid for the supply of Float, Cycle and General Purpose Batteries.

2.0 CRITICAL CRITERIA

Potential Bidders have to comply with the following critical criteria. Non-compliance to this critical criteria or no supporting documentation supplied with the RFP response for this critical criteria will invalidate a bid.

2.1 Black Economic Empowerment

At the Closing Date of the tender, the Respondent must have a valid B-BBEE recognition certificate evidencing a minimum level 4 (four) or better BEE status issued by an approved IRBA registered auditor or SANAS accredited verification agency. A valid IRBA or SANAS accredited certificate must be attached to the tender response.

ONLY VALID IRBA OR SANAS ACCREDITED CERTIFICATES WILL BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF B-BBEE STATUS.

Expiry of the B-BBEE Verification Certification during the adjudication of the tender process:

The onus is on those Bidders who submitted a certificate which was valid as at the Closing Date of the bid but which certificate would expire during Telkom's tender evaluation process or before an award of the bid has been made, to submit a new valid IRBA or SANAS accredited B-BBEE verification certificate evidencing a minimum level 4 (four) or better BEE status to the TELKOM TENDER OFFICE on or before the expiry date of the B-BBEE certificate submitted with this tender response. Failure to supply a new valid IRBA or SANAS verification certificate timeously will lead to disqualification of the Bidder from the tender process.

Telkom shall be entitled to request any original IRBA or SANAS verification certificate submitted in respect of this RFP.

3.0 Technical Critical Criteria

Each item offered will be evaluated individually against the critical technical criteria and items that do not comply with any of the critical technical criteria will be disqualified and will not be considered. The disqualification of any item/s shall not disqualify the entire offer of the relevant bidder and all remaining items that meet the critical technical criteria will be evaluated and



scored for compliance against the relevant technical specification. A penalty will be imposed for items not offered, or disqualified items.

The bidder shall be requested to provide supporting documentation (such as brochures, pamphlets, engineering manuals, test reports/ certificates, datasheets and/or OEM declarations) to prove compliance to the critical technical criteria. Failure to provide such documentary proof shall be seen as non-compliance to the critical technical criteria and the relevant product shall be disqualified.

Items that are disqualified due to non-compliance to the critical technical criteria shall not be approved for use by Telkom, even if such bidder is selected to supply other items on this RFB

The following Critical Technical Criteria will apply:

3.1 Float Batteries

The following critical technical criteria shall apply to float batteries:

- Only Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) batteries shall be considered. (Applicable to all items) Reference - SP-AP0065 section 1:
- The battery shall be designed for a float voltage of 53.5 – 54.5 Volts (per nominal 48-Volt string) or 2.23 - 2.27 volts per cell @ 25°C. Reference - SP-AP0065 section 6.2.1.a:
- Batteries with a rated capacity less than 90% of the specified requirement shall not be considered. (Applicable to all items). Reference - SP-AP0065 section 6.3.c:
- Battery cells requiring any means of external clamping to stop bulging or deformation of the casing shall not be accepted. Reference - SP-AP0065 section 6.5:
- Any battery with dimensions that exceed any of the maximum physical dimensions shall not be considered. (Applicable to items 1 to 6 and items 9 to 17). Reference - SP-AP0065 section 16.2:
- All batteries, except items 9, 10 and 11, shall have a minimum design life of 12 years or more according to the Eurobat guide or any other equivalent guide or standard as a Long Life battery. Reference - SP-AP0065 section 6.1.1.a:
- Batteries for items 9, 10 and 11 shall have a design life of 3 years or more according to the Eurobat guide or any other equivalent guide or standard as a Standard Commercial battery, but preference shall be given to batteries with a longer design life. Reference - SP-AP0065 section 6.1.1.b:

3.2 Cycle Batteries

The following critical technical criteria shall apply to cycle batteries:



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- Only Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) batteries shall be considered. (Applicable to all items)Reference - SP-AP0061 section 1.a:
 - Battery blocks shall be fully charged within the recharge period of 72 hours, at a temperature compensated voltage of 2.35 to 2.4 volts per cell at 25°C under cycle conditions. (Applicable to all items)Reference - SP-AP0061 section 6.2.1.a:
 - Batteries with a rated capacity less than 90% of the specified requirement shall not be considered. (Applicable to all items)Reference - SP-AP0061 section 6.3.a.ii:
 - Battery cells requiring any means of external clamping to stop bulging or deformation of the casing shall not be accepted. (Applicable to all items)Reference - SP-AP0061 section 6.5:
 - Any battery with dimensions that exceed any of the maximum physical dimensions shall not be considered. (Applicable to all items)Reference - SP-AP0061 section 17.2:
 - Batteries offered shall have a design life according to the Eurobat guide or any other equivalent guide or standard as a general purpose battery of 6 years or more. Preference can be given to batteries with a longer design life. (Applicable to all items)Reference - SP-AP0061 section 6.1.1:

3.3 General Purpose Battery

The following critical technical criteria shall apply to general purpose batteries:

- The battery shall be designed for a float voltage of 13.5 Volts to 14.1 Volts (per nominal 12-Volt string) or 2.25 Volts to 2.35 volts per cell @ 25°C and shall be fully charged within the recharge period of 72 hours. Reference - SP-AP0023 section 6.2.1.a:
- Batteries with a rated capacity less than 90% of the specified requirement shall not be considered. Reference - SP-AP0023 section 6.3.c:
- Battery cells requiring any means of external clamping to stop bulging or deformation of the casing shall not be accepted. Reference - SP-AP0023 section 6.5:
- Any battery with dimensions that exceed any of the maximum physical dimensions shall not be considered. Reference - SP-AP0023 section 13.2:
- The battery offered shall have a design life according to the Eurobat guide or any other equivalent guide or standard as a General Purpose battery. Preference would be given to battery with a longer design life. Reference - SP-AP0023 section 6.1.1:



4 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Telkom will further evaluate the tenders against the following criteria:

- a. Black Economic Empowerment
- b. Standard terms and Conditions
- c. Quality
- d. SHE
- e. Costing

5 The tender document can be obtained from Telkom's Tender Office at the following address:

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