

The supply of various types of gases to the CSIR Analytical Laboratories for a period of 3 years

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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 overall objective of this Request for Proposals is to invite suitable suppliers of gases for the supply of various types of required gases and cylinders at the Smart Place Sustainable Ecosystems Coastal Systems CSIR Environmental Laboratory based in Stellenbosch as and when required basis for a period of 3 years. The laboratory uses Argon for ICP OES instrumentation, Oxygen & Helium for elemental analysers and Nitrogen for SEAL nutrient analyser. The supplier should be able to deliver the products within 24 hours of issuing a purchase order from Monday to Friday.

This document describes the general terms and conditions to which all tenderers must comply.

3 INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals are hereby invited for the supply of various types of required gases and cylinders at the CSIR Analytical Laboratory based in Stellenbosch as and when required basis for a period of 3 years

4 PROPOSAL SPECIFICATION

CSIR requires service providers to provide FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of the functional / technical detail of the proposal will be based on the following criteria:

	Criteria	Weight
1	Availability of raw product	20
2	Availability of minitanks	20
3	Availability of cylinders	10
4	Delivery within 24hrs from Monday to Friday	30

5	Local technicians on standby for cylinder repairs	10
6	Track record: Previous and current projects	10
	Total	100

Proposals with technical scores of less than the predetermined minimum overall percentage of **70%** or less than **50%** on any of the individual criteria will be eliminated from further evaluation.

Refer to **Annexure “A”** for the scoring sheet that will be used to evaluate functionality.

5 ELIMINATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be eliminated under the following conditions:

- Submission after the deadline;
- Proposals submitted at an incorrect email address;
- Failure to sign declaration by tenderer
- National Treasury restricted suppliers

6 NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE REGISTRATION

All Applicants must submit documents containing the following information together with documentary proof:

- 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;
- 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. (RSA suppliers);
- B-BBEE certificate must be issued by SANAS accredited agency or a valid sworn affidavit in line with DTI regulations; and

SECTION B– TERMS AND CONDITIONS

7 VENUE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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

The CSIR requires that all tender submissions be submitted electronically to: tender@csir.co.za. Should tender file size exceed 30 MB, tenderers can submit tender in multiple emails. Use the tender number **954/22/06/2021** and description of the tender as the subject on your email.

8 TENDER PROGRAMME

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

Table 1: Tender Programme

• Issue of tender documents:	Tuesday, 08 June 2021
• The closing date for technical enquiries	Friday, 18 June 2021 at 16:30
• Closing / submission Date:	Tuesday, 22 June 2021 at 16h30

9 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- 9.1** All proposals must be submitted at: tender@csir.co.za.
- 9.2** All proposals are to be clearly marked with the RFP number under the subject on each e-mail submission.
- 9.3** Proposals must consist of two parts, each of which may be submitted in a separate e-mail package clearly marked with the RFP Number and the description of the tender:

PART 1: Technical Proposal: **RFP No.: 954/22/06/2021**

PART 2: Pricing Proposal, B-BBEE and other Mandatory Documentation:
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- 9.4** Proposals submitted by companies must be signed by a person or persons duly authorised.
- 9.5** 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 solution, price and B-BBEE.

10 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Proposals shall be submitted to tender@csir.co.za no later than the closing date of **Tuesday, 22 June 2021** at 16:30.

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

11 AWARDING OF TENDERS

11.1 Awarding of tenders will be published on the National Treasury e-tender portal website. No regret letters will be sent out.

12 EVALUATION PROCESS

Evaluation of proposals

All proposals will be evaluated by an evaluation team for technical capability, 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 the evaluation of the **technical criteria**.
- The second phase includes the evaluation of **price** and **B-BBEE** status.

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

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.

13 PRICING PROPOSAL

- 13.1** Price needs to be provided in South African Rand (excl. VAT and or Inc VAT where applicable), with details on price elements that are subject to escalation and exchange rate fluctuations clearly indicated.
- 13.2** Price should include additional cost elements such as freight, insurance until acceptance, duty where applicable.
- 13.3** Price should indicate the Rand/Dollar exchange rate and the cost of the forward cover valid for SIX (6) Months from the date of the proposal if applicable.
- 13.4** 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.
- 13.5** Payment will be according to the CSIR Payment Terms and Conditions.

14 VALIDITY PERIOD OF PROPOSAL

Each proposal shall be valid for a minimum period of six (6) months calculated from the closing date.

15 APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER

- 15.1** 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.
- 15.2** 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 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. **954/22/06/2021** – *The supply of various types of required gases and cylinders at the CSIR Analytical Laboratory based in Stellenbosch as an when required basis for a period of 3 years*” as the subject.

The closing date for the **technical** enquiries is **Friday 18 June 2021** at 16:30

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.

17 MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION

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

18 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.

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 RFP. 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 The CSIR requires that all suppliers submit proposals electronically to CSIR at tender@csir.co.za.

20.3 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.

21 SUB-CONTRACTING

21.1 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.

21.2 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.

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

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 Only economy class tickets will be used.

23.2 A maximum of R1400 per night for accommodation, dinner, breakfast and parking will be allowed.

23.3 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 a proposal from a joint venture, the following must be submitted together with the proposal:

24.3.1 Joint venture Agreement including split of work signed by both parties;

24.3.2 The original or certified copy of the B-BBEE certificate of the joint venture;

24.3.3 The Tax Clearance Certificate of each joint venture member;

24.3.4 Proof of ownership/shareholder certificates/copies; and

24.3.5 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.

24.6 During Contracting, the CSIR will negotiate with the winning tenderer to convert any Partial Compliance Scores that they have received in their tender response to become fully compliant. This is done to ensure that the tenderer fully complies with all of the CSIR's requirements. Furthermore, this will be done at no additional cost to the CSIR.

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 RFP as a whole or in part to a single supplier or multiple suppliers;
- 25.7** Cancel or withdraw this RFP as a whole or in part.

26 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.

27 DECLARATION BY TENDERER

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

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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. 954/22/06/2021** 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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DATE:

28 ANNEXURE “A” FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION SCORE SHEET

The evaluation of the functional / technical detail of the proposal will be based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Proof of	Weight	0	5	8	10
Availability of raw product gases as and when required	Latest Inventory of Raw Argon, Oxygen, Nitrogen & Helium levels in Western Cape depots	20	No information	100 – 199 units of raw product gases available	200 – 399 units of raw product gases available	>400 units of raw product gases available
Availability of minitanks as and when required	Latest Inventory of minitank in Western Cape Depots	20	No information	50 – 99 units of minitanks available	100 – 199 units of minitanks available	>200 units of minitanks available
Availability of cylinders as and when required	Latest Inventory of cylinders in Western Cape Depots	10	No information	100 – 199 units of cylinders available	200 – 399 units of cylinders available	>400 units of cylinders available
Delivery within 24hrs from Monday to Friday	Contractual agreement	30	No information	Delivery is 3 days per week	Delivery is 4 days per week	Delivery is 5 days per week
Local technicians on standby for cylinder repairs	CVs of technicians employed in Western Cape	10	No information	2 Local technicians on standby for cylinder repairs	3 – 4 Local technicians on standby for cylinder repairs	>5 Local technicians on standby for cylinder repairs
Track record: Previous and current projects.	Contactable references	10	No information	5 Previous and current projects	6 – 9 Previous and current projects	>10 Previous and current projects
Total		100				

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

END OF RFP