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Enquiries: SCM Official
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Bidder's Information: The Manager/Director

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Dear Sir/Madam

INVITATION TO BID: SCM 04/2021/SANC: APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE OFF-SITE RECORDS STORAGE, BACK UP MEDIA, DISPOSAL SERVICES, SCANNING/DIGITIZATION, UPLOADING OF FILES TO THE SOFTWARE APPLICATION AND RETRIEVAL OF DOCUMENTS ON AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (05) YEARS.

The South African Nursing Council is a regulatory body established in terms of the Nursing Act No. 33 of 2005 (the Nursing Act) to regulate the nursing profession and to provide for matters connected therewith.

The South African Nursing Council invites bidders to participate and submit bids/proposals for the appointment of a service provider to provide off-site records storage, back up media, disposal services, scanning/digitization, uploading of files to the software application and retrieval of documents on as and when required for a period of five (05) years.

You are requested to complete the tender documents and submit them in accordance with the stipulations mentioned hereunder.

1. The conditions contained in the attached annexures apply.
2. The bid must be submitted in two (2) separate envelopes with a name and address of the bidder, bid number, description of the bid and closing date.
3. **Envelope 01:** This envelope is for technical/administrative documents only- one (01) original document and three (03) copies.
4. **Envelope 02:** This envelope is for pricing only, i.e. pricing schedule and/or the formal quote by the bidder - one (01) original document.
5. **All couriered bid proposals must be addressed to the SANC Supply Chain Management Unit and they must be submitted before 11H30 on 12 April 2021 and will be valid for a period of 120 days after the closing date. No late submissions will be accepted.**



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6. The attached forms/annexures. if completed in detail and returned. will form part of your price quotation.
7. Please take note that. this bid will be evaluated in terms of 80/20 Preference Point System
8. With reference to the Preference Point Claim form (SBD 6.1). the following documents must be submitted with your price quotation:
 - a) Proof of claims (B-BBEE Certificate issued by the accredited Verification Agency or Sworn Affidavit signed by the vendor and affirmed by the Commissioner of Oath)
 - b) Proof that the supplier is registered and complying with National Treasury - Central Supplier Database (CSD) requirements (CSD report).
9. All communication should be made through the use of an email. The cut-off date for all enquiries will be at **16H30 on 09 April 2021.**

Yours faithfully

Chief Financial Officer

Mr T Ndadana

Signature: 

Date: 2021-03-16

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL.

Bid number:	SCM 04/2021/SANC	Closing date:	12 APRIL 2021	Closing time:	11H30
Description:	APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE OFF-SITE RECORDS STORAGE, BACK UP MEDIA, DISPOSAL SERVICES, SCANNING/DIGITIZATION, UPLOADING OF FILES TO THE SOFTWARE APPLICATION AND RETRIEVAL OF DOCUMENTS ON AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (05) YEARS.				
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY BE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT / CONTRACT					

Bid response documents may be deposited in the bid box situated at (street address)		The South African Nursing Council. 602 Pretorius Street Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083 (Reception)			
SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
Name of bidder:					
Postal address:					
Street address:					
Telephone number:					
Cell phone number:					
E-mail address:					
VAT registration number:					
Tax clearance status PIN:		CSD NUMBER:			
B-BBEE status level verification certificate [tick applicable box]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	B-BBEE status level verification certificate [tick applicable box]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If Yes, who was the certificate issued by?					
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMEs& QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]					
The Accredited Representative In South Africa for the goods /services /works offered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [if yes enclose proof]	Are you a foreign based supplier for the goods /services /works offered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [if yes answer part 3 below]		
Signature of Bidder:			Date:		
Capacity under which this bid is signed (attach proof of authority to sign this bid; e.g. resolution of directors. etc.)					

Total number of items offered		Total bid price (all inclusive)	
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THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL:

BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:	
Contact person:	Neo Kabini	Contact person	Tintswalo Nyathi
Telephone number:	012 426 9541	Telephone number	012 426 9570
Facsimile number:		Facsimile number	
E-mail address	nkabini@sanc.co.za	E-mail address	tnyathi@sanc.co.za

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. BID SUBMISSION:

- 1.1. Bids must be delivered by the stipulated time to the correct address. Late bids will not be accepted for consideration.
- 1.2. All bids must be submitted on the official forms provided– (not to be re-typed) or online
- 1.3. This bid is subject to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 2000 and the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017. and, if applicable, any other legislation or Special Requirement of the Contract.

2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Bidders must ensure compliance with their tax obligations.
- 2.2 Application for tax compliance status (tcs) pin may be made via e-filing through the sars website www.sars.gov.za.
- 2.3 In bids where consortia / joint ventures / sub-contractors are involved, each party must submit a separate tcs certificate / pin / csd number.
- 2.4 Where no TCS pin is available but the bidder is registered on the central supplier database (csd), a csd number must be provided.
- 2.5 No bids will be considered from persons in the service of the state, companies with directors who are persons in the service of the state, or close corporations with members persons in the service of the state."

3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS:

- 3.1. Is the bidder a resident of the Republic of South Africa (RSA)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3.2. Does the bidder have a branch in the RSA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3.3. Does the bidder have a permanent establishment in the RSA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3.4. Does the bidder have any source of income in the RSA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the answer is "no" to all of the above, then, it is not a requirement to obtain a tax compliance status/tax compliance system pin code from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) and if not register as per 2.3 above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT OF QUOTATION:

1. CONTRACT PERIOD:

- 1.1** This is a five year contract for the appointment of a service provider to provide off-site records storage, back up media, disposal services, scanning/digitization, uploading of files to the software application and retrieval of documents on as and when required for a period of five (05) years.
- 1.2** SANC reserves the right to extend or cancel the contract, pending available funding and satisfaction with service delivery.

2. ACCEPTABLE BIDS/OFFERS:

- 2.1** The SANC reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the bid without prior notification.
- 2.2** SANC is not obliged to award the quotation to the lowest bidder.
- 2.3** The SANC may request interviews/presentations/pitching sessions with shortlisted bidders before the final selection is made.
- 2.4** The SANC will not be liable for any cost incurred by a service provider in the process of responding to this bid, including on-site presentations and the preparation of the proposal.
- 2.5** The SANC will not consider any late bids. All bids submitted after the stipulated closing date and time will not be considered and it will be sent back to the bidder unopened.
- 2.6** Any effort by the bidder to influence bid evaluation, bid comparisons or bid award decisions in any manner, may result in rejection of the bid concerned.
- 2.7** The successful bidder will be informed in writing of the intent to award or per an official order.
- 2.8** The bid has a validity period of 120 days from date of closure of the bid/tender.
- 2.9** No bid may be awarded to a person who has failed to submit proof of his/her tax compliance status (tax clearance certificate and personal identification number issued by SARS) or any proof certifying that the taxes of that person is in order or that suitable arrangements have been made with SARS.
- 2.10** Where it is discovered that an advantaged company used a disadvantaged person, as a "front" to acquire a Bid, such company will be disqualified and the Bid shall be withdrawn.
- 2.11** Only bids complying with all requirements as stipulated in the Terms of Reference/Scope of Work/Specification will be regarded as acceptable.
- 2.12** The following qualifying criteria must be strictly adhered to and bidders should attach the following documents. **Non-compliance to these criteria may invalidate your bid:**
 - 2.12.1** Proof of CSD report
 - 2.12.2** Copy of its last three (3) years' audited or Accounting Officer's report in the case of the Close Corporation.
 - 2.12.3** Submit a list of three (3) contactable references for similar work performed for requirement one and requirement two, (thus six references) during the past 3 years with relevant supporting information that clarifies:
 - 2.12.3.1** Name of reference organisation;
 - 2.12.3.2** Client manager contact details ;
 - 2.12.3.3** Type of work and services provided.
- 2.13** Please take note that, should the bidder/tenderer fail to comply with the above matter their offer will be regarded as non-responsive.

3. SUBMISSION OF BIDS:

3.1 Bidders will be required to submit their bids/proposals via email or hand delivered as stipulated below:

3.1.1 Tenderers are required to submit a Completed bid pack (this documents). including:

- a) Duly completed and signed RFQ documents
- b) B-BBEE certificate or Sworn Affidavit.
- c) Copy of its last three (3) years' audited or reviewed annual financial statements
- d) Proof of CSD registration report
- e) Submit a list of three (3) contactable references for similar work performed for requirement one and requirement two. (thus six references) during the past 3 years with relevant supporting information that clarifies:

3.2 Any bidder who fails to comply with any requirement of the bid may, at the discretion of the Bid Evaluation Committee, be regarded as non-compliant and as a result be rejected.

4. PAYMENTS:

4.1 SANC undertakes to pay delivery validated invoices in full within thirty (30) days from the invoice date or upon agreed payment intervals as accepted in the contract. All invoices should be sent to the following email address: sancinvoices@sanc.co.za.

4.2 No invoices for outstanding deliverables or for any unproductive or duplicated time spent by the service provider will be validated for payment.

4.3 Invoices should be emailed or hand -delivered to SANC timeously.

4.4 The invoices should be original and must be accompanied by an inspection certificate and/or proof of delivery.

5. SUPPLY / DELIVERY VALIDATION:

5.1 The certificate and the related report of delivery/installation/ progress milestone/commissioning will be validated by a SANC representative prior to payment of final invoices.

6. VALUE ADDED TAX:

6.1 All contract prices are inclusive of 15% value added Tax (VAT). except in the case of a person that is not required to register for Value Added Tax. Companies not registered in terms of Value Added Tax, may not claim VAT on invoices.

7. PRICE AND PRICE QUALIFICATION:

7.1 Prices for the first year are firm.

7.2 All prices shall be quoted in the South African currency (ZAR).

7.3 The bid prices shall be given in the units shown and will be awarded as a whole not per item.

7.4 Prices must be inclusive of delivery costs and all taxes.

7.5 Please note that the foreign exchange risk in case of imported goods and service is for the account of the bidder.

7.6 Please indicate the % escalation where required for the next four (4) years.

7.7 No changes or extensions or additional ad hoc costs are accepted once the contract has been awarded and/or signed.

8. COMMUNICATION:

- 8.1 Communication will only be restricted to Supply Chain Management Officials.
- 8.2 The South African Nursing Council may request clarification in writing regarding the information provided by bidders. Bidders are to supply the required information within the specified period. Failing to do so may **invalidate** your bid.

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

- 9.1 All the information contained in this document is intended solely for the purpose of assisting bidders to prepare their bids. Any use of the information contained herein for another purpose than those stated in this document is prohibited.
- 9.2 The ownership and intellectual property rights of all designs, specifications, programming code and all other documentation provided by the SANC to the bidder/tenderer, both successful and unsuccessful, remain the property of the SANC.

10. SUPPLIER DUE DILIGENCE:

- 10.1 The SANC may conduct due diligence to all shortlisted bidders/tenderers to identify their specific capabilities and financial stability.
- 10.2 The SANC may visit the premises of the bidders or those of their suppliers.
- 10.3 Some of the key elements that should be documented and included during the comprehensive supplier analysis/due diligence include: the current workload of the supplier, cost structure of the tender/bid, the financial status of the bidder/tenderer, the previous customer satisfaction levels, the support capabilities, their relative strength, weaknesses and core capabilities, how SANC fits into the tenderers/bidders business and how the tenderer/bidder is viewed by the public, etc.
- 10.4 Bidders may be required to provide names of traceable references who may also be visited to confirm their testimonials.

11. DISPUTES

- 11.1 The relevant bidder agrees that should any dispute arise from the contract, the matter shall be submitted to the relevant Bid Adjudication Committee for a ruling and such ruling shall be final

TERMS OF REFERENCES

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to invite suitably qualified, capacitated and experienced service providers, who are NARSSA accredited and **who can provide all of the services as stipulated in requirement one and two**, to submit quotations for:

1.1. Requirement One:

1.1.1. The storage, inventory management, provision of document retrieval services, storage and retrieval of back up media devices, provision of document storage containers, provision of an on-line user accessible document and back up media storage management administration solution, provision of archiving and management/disposal service for stored documents and back up media for a five (05) year period.

1.2. Requirement Two:

1.2.1. The imaging, categorisation and uploading of documentation on to the Canon Therefore software application as deployed at the South African Nursing Council as a once-off initiative.

2. THE SANC INTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

2.1. ICT Infrastructure:

- 2.1.1. Standardised on Microsoft Server 2019;
- 2.1.2. Databases – standardised on SQL 2019;
- 2.1.3. End-User equipment – Windows 10;
- 2.1.4. Data backup solution – VEEAM backup solution;
- 2.1.5. Canon Therefore document management software; and
- 2.1.6. WAN connectivity – 150 Mbps link.

3. REQUIREMENTS – REQUIREMENT ONE

The SANC is looking to, at its complete discretion, enter into an agreement with a bidder who is able to **fully comply** with the following requirements:

- 3.1. The Bidder must have **at least five years** of related experience of having performed work of an exact same nature and comparable volume to **at least 5 other clients** utilising proven and established processes, procedures, tools and software/systems.
- 3.2. The Bidder must be situated within an 80 kilometre radius from the SANC premises and should have the physical facilities, capacity, capability and experience that is required.
- 3.3. Be able to store at least six thousand (6 000) to ten thousand (10 000) document storage boxes which will contain approximately two thousand two hundred (2 200) A4 pages each. The approximate size of the boxes is estimated to be:
 - 3.3.1. H 250 mm
 - 3.3.2. L 430 mm
 - 3.3.3. W 325 mm
- 3.4. Be able to store at least twenty (20) to sixty (60) back up media devices i.e. LT07 or equivalent tapes.

3.5. The bidder must be able to:

3.5.1. Provide the required boxes and lids used for storage of documents as per paragraph 3.3 above.

3.5.1.1. This will be applicable to all additional storage requirements as the initial take-on of storage boxes is estimated to be approximately 6200 pre-packed boxes.

3.6. Each storage box is to be represented/managed in an on-line application to which the SANC nominated staff will have access to and the on-line application must be able to:

3.6.1. Have a unique record of existence for each box i.e. box number reflected on scanner bar code sticker attached to the storage box.

3.6.2. List the unique document inventory per storage box (reflecting the content of the documents in the storage box) and attach/insert a hard copy of such inventory list to/within the storage box).

3.6.2.1. Electronically capture the storage box content/inventory to the on-line document management solution for visibility by the SANC based upon a 5 meta data record per recordable inventory item provided by the SANC making use of a WAN or 3G/4G or related remote connection prior to the additional inventory leaving the SANC premises.

3.6.2.2. Provide a copy of the printed storage box inventory list which is to signed off and dated by the nominated SANC representative.

3.6.3. Record the related date(s):

3.6.3.1. On which a storage box was taken into inventory at the bidder premises.

3.6.3.2. Any subsequent dates that it was retrieved by the SANC.

3.6.3.3. The date on which the storage box was subsequently returned to storage by the SANC.

3.6.3.4. The date that the returned storage box inventory was confirmed as being unchanged.

3.6.3.5. The SANC was informed of any missing documents as per the original inventory for storage boxes returned by the SANC.

3.6.3.5.1. The date on which the storage box inventory was either corrected by the SANC or the date and associated instructions by the SANC to alter the inventory list associated with the storage box.

3.7. Be able to deliver to the SANC and collect from the SANC any storage boxes:

3.7.1. Within one business day after being requested to do so via the on-line portal/application.

3.8. Implement and execute a document and archival/destruction process:

3.8.1 In accordance with a document policy retention policy that is to be determined by the SANC based upon the type of document or data storage device.

3.8.2 Provide certified proof of compliance with such a retention policy if and when executed

3.8.3 Update the inventory record on the on-line application data base with the relevant information.

3.8.4 Obtain formal confirmation from the SANC nominated representative prior to the destruction of any documentation.

3.9. Confidentiality and security of SANC documentation and other items stored:

- 3.9.1. A dedicated storage area is to be determined for the physical storage of all documents and other storage requirements of the SANC.
- 3.9.2. The dedicated storage area is to be secure and only authorised bidder staff who has signed a confidentiality declaration (content thereof to be approved by the SANC) will have access to and/or be allowed to transport such documents and other storage media and have access to the on-line application.
- 3.9.3. The bidder is to confirm that all of its document processes and procedures complies with the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI) and that compliance against such requirements is independently verified annually and that the results thereof will be made available to the SANC.
- 3.9.4. The premises and specifically the storage facilities are compliant with all industry requirements related to privileged access, physical security, fire, water, rodent/insect infestation and other environmental damage prevention.
- 3.9.5. The on-line application solution is to be backed up daily (preferably in real time) to an alternative Disaster Recovery (DR) site/environment and that access to information in the on-line solution/application can be restored within one business day after any DR related disaster.
- 3.9.6. An annual risk audit related to processes and procedures are to be performed by an independent third party and such unabridged outcome is to be shared with the SANC.

3.10. Reporting:

- 3.10.1. It is a requirement that the bidder be able to provide detailed reporting, both on-line and hard copy format, to the SANC and the following minimum reports are to be included:
 - 3.10.1.1. Boxes/documents due for destruction.
 - 3.10.1.2. Boxes/files retrieved by the sanc but not returned.
 - 3.10.1.3. Boxes/files retrieved and returned.
 - 3.10.1.4. Boxes/files requested for retrieval and not yet delivered to the SANC.
 - 3.10.1.5. Boxes/files in storage.
 - 3.10.1.6. Boxes in inventory.
 - 3.10.1.7. File inventory (by box if required).
 - 3.10.1.8. Take on date by file and box.
 - 3.10.1.9. Retention period and dates per box and file or combination thereof.
 - 3.10.1.10. Historical destruction information (boxes and files).
 - 3.10.1.11. Audit trails for any updates/changes made to any information related to the sanc information being stored/managed by the bidder.

3.11. The bidder must provide a detailed approach for the performance of all work associated with the bid and must, but not necessarily be limited to, include the following:

- 3.11.1. Document collection and transport process.
- 3.11.2. Storage and document control at bidder premises.
- 3.11.3. Document/back up media storage take-on process
- 3.11.4. Document/back up media retrieval and collection process
- 3.11.5. Reporting process and capabilities.
- 3.11.6. Document/back up media retrieved return and transport process.
- 3.11.7. Billing and quality assurance process.
- 3.11.8. Bidder BCP policy, and
- 3.11.9. Bidder site access and security policy.

3.12. Insurance:

- 3.12.1. The bidder is to provide the SANC with a detailed overview of the third party liability and damages insurance that it provides on behalf of its clients.

4. REQUIREMENTS – REQUIREMENT TWO

- 4.1. The Bidder must have **at least five years** of related experience of having performed work of an exact same nature and comparable volume to **at least 5 other clients** utilising proven and established processes, procedures, tools and software/systems.
- 4.2. The Bidder must be situated within an eighty (80) kilometres radius from the SANC premises and should have the physical facilities, capacity, capability and experience that is required.
- 4.3. The SANC is looking to, at its complete discretion, enter into an agreement with a Bidder which are able to comply with the following requirements:**
- 4.3.1 Scan and digitise a minimum of six (6) million, one sided, A4 size documents in a format that will ensure that the file size of the digitised document is optimised. The use of a .pdf format is proposed but the vendor may make alternative proposals as to the file format on condition that it is a mainstream file format that will be available for at least the next 10 years and that the associated image file size benefit is conclusively more effective and that the retrieval thereof from a centralised database will not require the procurement of any proprietary software nor that it will create any processing “overheads” on excess of that when using a pdf format.
- 4.4 The number of documentation to be scanned and digitised could, at the sole discretion of the SANC, be increased to a maximum of twenty (20) million documents depending on the bidder pricing and the availability of required funding.
- 4.5 Each scanned and digitised document will need to be uploaded to the Canon Therefore solution as deployed at the SANC and for each document it is a requirement that 5 meta data/indexing field information be captured. It is recommended that the bidder assume that on average that meta data/indexing field information will be required for every three (3) pages scanned and digitised. The SANC staff will provide the bidder with the required meta data for the scanned/digitised pages.
- 4.6 The bidder will be required to provide the digitised document information on a readable format and on media that will allow for the uploading thereof to the server infrastructure and SQL data base at the SANC.
- 4.7 The bidder will be required to file each scanned/digitised document in a “storage” box and that an associated index be created for the content of each storage box – the indexing information will be similar to the meta data captured. The index per storage box should be in a format that allows it to be uploaded to an automated retrieval solution and must also be reflected on the inside/outside of the storage box for easy identification of the content of the storage box.
- 4.8 The SANC will only be liable for scanned/digitalized images which contains information which is relevant to the organisation and will not be liable for costs associated with scanned/digitalized documentation which reflects “marks” or “images” which is not related to actual content.**
- 4.9 The indexed storage boxes are to be delivered to the SANC premises (if scanning and indexing is performed off-site).
- 4.10 The storage boxes must be compliant with the National Archives & Records Services (NARSSA) standards - the SANC is currently using procured storage boxes for this purpose (W 325/ H 250/L 430) with a lid. These boxes hold an estimated 2 200 pages per box and the associated assumption is to be used by the bidder. These boxes are to be re-used by the bidder.

- 4.11 The costs associated with the provisioning of NARSSA compliant storage boxes will be included in the proposed fixed pricing as submitted by the bidder.
- 4.12 The bidder can deploy scanning and indexing software and hardware at the SANC or choose to perform such activities at its premises – the bidder is to clearly indicate the approach to be used and any associated requirements that it would have for space and other facilities should it propose that the work be performed at the SANC premises.
- 4.13 All transport of documentation. to and from the SANC. will be for the account of the bidder.
- 4.14 All transport used by the bidder must ensure that any documentation in transit is adequately safeguarded against loss. theft and/or fire.
- 4.15 All documentation held at the bidder premises must be adequately safeguarded against loss. theft and/or fire.
- 4.16 The bidder will be required to conclude the initial six (6) million-page scanning/digitalisation. indexing. boxing and the provision of the upload media in the required format within a three-month period.
- 4.17 The bidder will be required to submit weekly progress reports to the SANC.
- 4.18 A register. preferably in electronic format. is to be kept of all documentation that is removed from the SANC premises and is to be updated by SANC staff once the documents are returned in a boxed and indexed format.
- 4.19 The bidder must provide a detailed approach for the performance of all work associated with the bid and must. but not necessarily be limited to. include the following:
 - 4.19.1 Document collection and transport process.
 - 4.19.2 Storage and document control at bidder premises.
 - 4.19.3 Scanning and digitisation software and tools to be used.
 - 4.19.4 Document preparation process.
 - 4.19.5 Scanning and indexing process.
 - 4.19.6 Meta data capturing process.
 - 4.19.7 Packing and labelling process.
 - 4.19.8 Media format and file format of digitised documentation.
 - 4.19.9 Reporting process.
 - 4.19.10 Document return and transport process. and
 - 4.19.11 Billing and quality assurance process.

5 REQUIREMENT ONE PRICING AND PAYMENT TERMS:

5.3 General:

- 5.3.1 The Bidder is required to agree on the following payment terms:
 - 5.3.1.1 Payment for goods and services delivered to the SANC will be made by the SANC thirty days after the receipt of an invoice complying with the South African Revenue Services requirements for such an invoice and,
 - 5.3.1.2 Bidder invoices will only be paid if supported by all relevant proof of services and goods provided.

5.4 Requirement one:

5.4.1 The Bidder will be required to:

- 5.4.1.1 Provide a fixed price (including VAT) for the first year of the contract period and commit to price increases thereafter for the remainder of the contract period which **will not exceed the average annual CPIX for the previous twelve (12) month period per annum thereafter for services and goods.** and

- 5.4.1.2 Agree that the SANC will not accept or be liable for any additional billing and/or charges of whatsoever nature other than the fixed price as quoted by the bidder.

5.5 Requirement two:

5.5.1 The Bidder will be required to:

- 5.5.1.1 Provide a fixed price (including VAT) for the performance of the scope of work as described in Requirement Two. The fixed price is to include costs (including VAT) for all associated goods, services and other ad-hoc costs. **The SANC will not accept any additional billing and/or charges of whatsoever nature other than the fixed price as quoted by the bidder.**

6 REQUIREMENT ONE AND TWO REQUIREMENTS FULFILMENT:

- 6.3 Only responses from Bidders who are able to provide all of the products/goods as well as have the required maintenance and support capabilities and capacity and whose submissions comply with all of the stated requirements will be considered.
- 6.4 Only responses from NARSSA accredited bidders will be considered.

7 EVALUATION/AWARDING OF BID:

7.3 Evaluation method to be used:

- 7.3.1 After the closing date, an appointed SANC bid evaluation committee will evaluate the Bids; and
- 7.3.2 All Bids will be evaluated against the qualifying criteria as set out in this document.

7.4 Evaluation phases:

7.4.1 Phase 1

7.4.1.1 Phase 1 A: Initial Screening/Administrative Compliance:

Bids will be first evaluated to determine Bidder compliance with the provisioning of accurate and quality information as reflected in the following table of information (The Bidder is to complete all information required in this document).

Compulsory documents to be submitted by Bidder	Information provided by Bidder (Bidder to indicate Y / N to indicate conformance with requirement)	Reference number/page number of submission where information can be verified
Proof of CSD registration report		
Copy of its last three (3) years' audited or reviewed annual financial statements		
Submit a list of three (3) contactable references for similar work performed for requirement one and requirement two. (thus six references) during the past 3 years with relevant supporting information that clarifies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of reference organisation • Client manager contact details • Type of work and services provided 		

7.4.1.2 Phase 1 B: Technical and Services Compliance:

7.4.1.2.1 Bids will be evaluated to determine the Bidder compliance with the SANC requirements for the required. goods. solutions. equipment and services. The following criteria will be considered during the evaluation:

- 7.4.1.2.1.1 Only Bids which score a minimum of 70% compliance against the following SANC requirements will be considered for further evaluation. Completeness of information is paramount to the effective evaluation of the Bidder response and the provision of complete and accurate information is the sole responsibility of the Bidder; and
- 7.4.1.2.1.2 Only Bids for which all required information was provided will be considered during this evaluation phase.

Criteria	Bidder to indicate Y / N as to whether the Bid submission complies with the SANC requirements and that all the required information was provided	Submission reference where information can be verified	Weighting	Score
Ability to provide all of the required services and goods as detailed in requirement one of this document and it is clear that the system will be able to perform the functions as required by the SANC. Detailed processes descriptions and clarification of the bidder compliance against the requirements were attached to the bid response.			50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply completely = 50 points Partial compliance = 0
Ability to provide all of the required services and goods as detailed in requirement two of this document and it is clear that the system will be able to perform the functions as required by the SANC. Detailed processes descriptions and clarification of the bidder compliance against the requirements were attached to the bid response.			30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply completely = 30 points Partial compliance = 0
Bidder is able to conclude the deployment within three months of a possible contract being entered into for six million documents (requirement two)			20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply completely = 20 points Partial compliance = 0
Total			100	

Only Bids that comply with all of the requirements for information as stipulated above will be considered for further evaluation. The SANC retains the right to clarify information provided where it deems necessary.

7.4.2 Phase 2: Financial Evaluation (Calculation of points):

7.4.2.1 During phase 2, points for price will be calculated for all shortlisted Bidders only who passed phase 1 and which did meet the requirements of the due diligence process during phase 1.

7.4.2.1.1 Pricing Information:

7.4.2.1.1.1 The following price schedule which is relevant to the implementation is to be completed. The costs of any goods/equipment is to include the cost associated with the required 2-year OEM warranty. It is important that the Bidder comply with the following pricing approach guidelines:

7.4.2.1.1.1.1 Prices quoted must be in South African Rand and must be inclusive of VAT.

7.4.2.1.1.1.2 Prices quoted must be the total price of all cost components as reflected in the pricing schedule below.

7.4.2.1.1.1.3 Prices must include all cost associated with the procurement, dispatching and pre-delivery quality assurance or any other cost that the Bidder may incur. SANC will pay only the quoted price as listed in the price schedule below and no other additional costs will be payable by the SANC.

7.4.2.1.2 Pricing Formula

7.4.2.1.2.1 The following formula will be used to calculate the points for price:

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

P_s = Points scored for price of Bid under consideration
 P_t = Rand value of Bid under consideration

7.4.2.1.2.2 The final points will be calculated as follows:

7.4.2.1.2.2.1	Points for price:	80 points
7.4.2.1.2.2.2	B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution:	20 points
7.4.2.1.2.2.3	Final / total points:	100 points

7.4.2.1.2.3 The Bid Evaluation Committee will hereafter meet to come to a decision and to formulate a recommendation to the relevant level of delegation.

7.4.2.1.2.3.1 Points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining their B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor in accordance with the information below:

7.4.2.1.2.3.1.1 A maximum of twenty (20) points may be allocated for B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor; and

7.4.2.1.2.3.1.2 The points scored by a bidder in respect of the level of B-BBEE contribution contemplated above will be added to the points scored for price.

7.4.2.1.2.4 Subject to the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017 the contract may be awarded to the bidder who scores the highest number of points per item.

7.4.2.1.2.5 Thus, the Council has the right to award the contract to the bidder that did not score the highest total points.

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

PRICING SCHEDULE (FIRM PRICES) – REQUIREMENT ONE

Requirement Description (Refer to detailed requirements as described in requirement one section)	Fixed price – year one (including VAT)
Take on cost for 6200 boxes. indexing of files therein and updating of all related information on the bidder on-line solution (including retention information and collection transport costs)	R
Cost for NARSSA boxes per box with lid (approximate size): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H 250 mm L 430 mm W 325 mm 	R
Collection fee per box (delivery to the SANC and collection from the SANC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < = 10 boxes or back-up media device per trip (3 business day turn around) R > = 10 boxes or back-up media device per trip (3 business day turn around) R < = 10 boxes or back-up media device per trip (same business day turn around) R > = 10 boxes or back-up media device per trip (same business day turn around) R < = 10 boxes or back-up media device per trip (next business day turn around) R > = 10 boxes or back-up media device per trip (next business day turn around) R 	
Destruction handling fee per box	R
Destruction handling fee per back-up media device	R
Handling fee per box for take-on on to on-line solution and all associated indexing. data capturing and other related processes (estimated 2 200 A4 pages consisting of 1 100 files per box)	R
Monthly fee for access to bidder on-line solution/application (per SANC user)	R
Permanent withdrawal cost per box	R
Permanent withdrawal cost per back-up media device	R
Storage cost per month per box	R
Storage cost per month per data back-up media device	R
Other costs (specify): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	R

Requirement	Description (Refer to detailed requirements as described in requirement one section)	Fixed price – year one (including VAT)
•		R
•		R
Total Cost		R

PRICING SCHEDULE (FIRM PRICES) – REQUIREMENT TWO

Requirement	Description (Refer to detailed requirements as described in requirement two section)	Fixed price per unit / device including associated peripherals (excluding VAT)
	Cost for NARSSA boxes for six (6) million A4 pages	R
	Cost for NARSSA box lids for six (6) million A4 pages	R
	Scanning, indexing, digitizing, packing, creating box inventory, creating download media, reporting and uploading of data to Canon Therefor for six (6) million A4 pages	R
	Other: (Specify)	
	•	
	•	
SUB TOTAL		R
VAT		R
GRAND TOTAL		R

Required by (End-User):

Information Communication Technnology

Required at (Address):

**Cecilia Makiwane Building
602 Pretorius Street
Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083**

Brand and model (if applicable):

N/A.....

Country of origin (if applicable):

N/A.....

Guarantee period (if applicable):

N/A.....

Does the offer comply with the specification?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

***Mark the relevant block with an X**

If not to specification, indicate deviation(s)

N/A.....

How long it will take for the bidder to deliver goods/services after receipt of a purchase order?

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(Only firm delivery period will be considered):

BIDDERS MUST TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. The price for the first year must be firm.
2. Offers to be valid for **120 days** from the closing date of the bid.
3. The bid prices shall be given in the units shown and will be awarded as a whole.
4. Prices must be inclusive of delivery costs and all taxes.
5. All prices shall be quoted in the South African currency (ZAR).
6. Foreign exchange risk in case of imported goods and service is for the account of the bidder.
7. Prices affected by the exchange rate must remain firm for the duration of the validity period.
8. No changes or extensions or additional ad-hoc costs are accepted once the contract has been awarded and/or signed.
9. **Please indicate the annual cost escalation where required for the next four (4) years.**
10. Detailed information is optional and is provided as Annexures to the details of the bid

DECLARATION BY THE BIDDER:

Iconfirm that the information furnished is correct and true. I accept that the South African Nursing Council May act against me should this declaration prove to be false.

Name of Bidder:.....Position:.....

Signature:.....Date:.....

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM IN TERMS OF THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS 2017

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim form for preference points for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Status Level of Contribution

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM. BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF QUOTATION, DEFINITIONS, AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
 - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
 - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 1.2 The value of this bid is estimated to **not exceed** R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable; or
- 1.3 The 80/20 preference point system will be applicable to this tender.
- 1.4 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:
 - (a) Price; and
 - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.
- 1.5 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR	20
Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed	100

- 1.6 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE Status level of contributor together with the bid will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.
- 1.7 The Purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **"B-BBEE"** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (b) **"B-BBEE status level of contributor"** means the B-BBEE status of an entity in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **"Bid"** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the provision of goods or services, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (d) **"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act"** means the broad-based black economic empowerment act, 2003 (act no. 53 of 2003);
- (e) **"EME"** means an exempted micro enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the broad-based black economic empowerment act;
- (f) **"Functionality"** means the ability of a tenderer to provide goods or services in accordance with specifications as set out in the tender documents.
- (g) **"Prices"** include all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts;
- (h) **"Proof Of B-BBEE status level of contributor"** means:
 - 1) B-BBEE status level certificate issued by an authorized body or person;
 - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE codes of good practice;
 - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the b-bbee act;
- (i) **"QSE"** means a qualifying small business enterprise in terms of a code of good practice on black economic empowerment issued in terms of section 9 (1) of the broad-based black economic empowerment act;
- (j) **"Rand Value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in rand, calculated at the time of bid invitation, and includes all applicable taxes;

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for a price on the following basis:

80/20

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

- P_s = Points scored for the price of a bid under consideration
- P_t = Price of a bid under consideration
- P_{\min} = Price of lowest acceptable bid

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR

- 4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

5. BID DECLARATION

- 5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

5.1.1 B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: = (Maximum of 20 points)

(Points claimed must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by the relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of the contributor.

5.1.2 SUB-CONTRACTING

- i) Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Tick applicable box)

- ii) If yes, indicate:

- What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- The name of the sub-contractor.....
- The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE. ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Tick applicable box)

- Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if your company will subcontract with any other enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2017, as per the table below :

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at least 51% owned by:	EME ✓	QSE ✓
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

5.1.3 DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

5.1.3.1 Name of company/firm:

5.1.3.2 VAT registration number:

5.1.3.3 Company registration number:

5.1.3.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium

One person business/sole propriety

Close corporation

Company

(Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

5.1.3.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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5.1.3.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

Manufacturer

Supplier

Professional service provider

Other service providers. e.g. transporter. etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

5.1.3.7 A total number of years the company/firm has been in business:

5.1.3.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor indicated in paragraph 5.1.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;

If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of the contract have not been fulfilled, the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have –

- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
- (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
- (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favorable arrangements due to such cancellation;
- (d) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not

- (e) exceeding 10 years. after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
- (f) Forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

Signatures of the bidder (): _____ Date: _____

Witnesses: (01) _____ (02) _____

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

<p>1. Any legal person, including persons employed by the SANC, or persons having a kinship with persons employed by the SANC, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid (includes a price quotation, advertised competitive bid, limited bid or proposal). In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons employed by the SANC, or to persons connected with or related to them, it is required that the bidder or his/her authorized representative declare his/her position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority and/or take an oath declaring his/her interest, where –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the bidder is employed by the SANC; and/or - the legal person on whose behalf the bidding document is signed, has a relationship with persons/a person who are/is involved in the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid(s), or where it is known that such a relationship exists between the person or persons for or on whose behalf the declarant acts and persons who are involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of the bid. 	
<p>2. In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.</p>	
2.1 Full names of bidder or his/her representative:	
2.2 Identity number:	
2.3 Position occupied in the company (Director, trustee, shareholder)	
2.4 Registration number of the company, enterprise, close corporation, partnership agreement or trust:	
2.5 Tax Reference Number:	
2.6 VAT Registration Number:	
2.7 Are you or any person connected with the bidder/tenderer, presently employed by SANC? If so furnish particulars as an attached schedule:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.8 Are you or any person connected with the bidder presently employed by the SANC? If so furnish particulars as an attached schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.9 If you are presently employed by the SANC, did you obtain the appropriate authority to undertake remunerative work outside employment? If yes, did you attach proof of such authority to the bid document? If no, furnish the reasons for non-submission of such proof as an attached schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.10 Did you or your spouse, or any of the company's directors/shareholders/members or their spouses conducted business with the SANC in the past twelve (12) months? If so furnish particulars as an attached schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.11 Do you or any person connected with the bidder, have any relationship (family, friend, other) with a person employed by SANC and who may be involved with the evaluation and/or adjudication of this tender/bid? If so furnish particulars as an attached schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.12 Are you or any person connected with the bidder, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between the bidder and any person employed by SANC who may be involved with the evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

and/or adjudication of this bid? If so, furnish particulars as an attached schedule.	
2.13 Do you or any of the directors/shareholders/ members of the company have any interest in any other related companies whether or not they are bidding for this contract? If so, furnish particulars as an attached schedule.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Signature

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Date

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Position

.....
Name of Bidder

DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:

1. This Standard Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
2. It serves as a declaration to be used by institutions in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
3. The bid of any bidder may be disregarded if that bidder or any of its directors have-
 - a. Abused the institution's supply chain management system;
 - b. Committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system; or
 - c. Failed to perform on any previous contract.
4. **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's database as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied). The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the page.	Yes	No
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on National Treasury's website. (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes	No
4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court outside of the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes	No
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Was any contract between the bidder and any organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes	No
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION:

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid: **APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE OFF-SITE RECORDS STORAGE, BACK UP MEDIA, DISPOSAL SERVICES, SCANNING/DIGITIZATION, UPLOADING OF FILES TO THE SOFTWARE APPLICATION AND RETRIEVAL OF DOCUMENTS ON AS AND WHEN REQUIRED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (05) YEARS** in response to the invitation for the bid made by: **THE SOUTH AFRICAN NURSING COUNCIL (SANC)** do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: _____ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) Has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) Could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) Provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) Prices;
 - (b) The geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) Methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) The intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) The submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) Bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms

of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder