



WITZENBERG

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Reference/ Verwysing/ iRef: 08/2/19/59

Enquiries/ Navrae/ Imibuzo: S Mentor

04 May 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/ Madam

REQUEST FOR FORMAL WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATIONS:

(Over R30 000.00 up to a transaction value of R200 000.00 VAT included)

Kindly furnish us with a written quotation for the supply of the following:

PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES

This bid document must be placed in a sealed envelope. The following particulars must appear on the outside of the envelope: **"08/2/19/59: PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES, the name and address of the bidder and the closing date of this bid.** The sealed envelope must be put in the bid box located at the entrance of the Witzenberg Municipal Head Office, 50 Voortrekker Street, Ceres by no later than **WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2022 at 10:00.** The bid box is generally open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Telephonic, facsimile, electronic/ e-mailed and late bids will not be accepted. Bids may only be submitted on the bid documentation as provided by the municipality.

The following conditions will apply

- Price(s) quoted must be valid for at least ninety (90) days from date of your offer.
- Price(s) quoted must be firm and must be inclusive of VAT.
- A firm delivery period must be indicated.
- This quotation will be evaluated in terms of the 80/20 preference point system.
- The successful provider will be the one scoring the highest points.
- Payments to the successful bidder in terms of this contract will be processed within 30 days after receipt of a valid tax invoice for goods and/or services rendered to the satisfaction of the municipality.
- The checklist at the back of the bid document must be completed and adhered to.

NB: No quotations will be considered from persons in the service of the state as defined in Regulation 1 of the Local Government: Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations dated 30 May 2005)

Failure to comply with these conditions may invalidate your offer.

Yours faithfully

**D NASSON
MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

REQUEST FOR A FORMAL WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATION

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY

BID NUMBER: 08/2/19/59

CLOSING DATE: 11 MAY 2022

CLOSING TIME: 10:00

DESCRIPTION: PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES

The successful bidder will be required to fill in and sign a written Contract Form (MBD 7).

The following conditions to bid exist:

(Failure to comply may result in your bid being disqualified)

- Bidders should ensure that bids are delivered timeously to the correct address as indicated below. If the bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration. The bid box is generally open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **Telephonic, facsimile, electronic/mailed and late bids will not be accepted.**
- All prices must **include VAT**.
- Bids will be evaluated according to the 80/20 points system.
- An original or copy of the bidder's Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) certificate must be attached to this bid document in order to claim B-BBEE points.
- Bid documents can be obtained during office hours from Monday to Thursday: 8h30 -13h00 and 13h45 - 15h30 and Fridays: 8h30 – 13h00 and 14h00 – 14h30 from the Witzenberg Municipality, Supply Chain Unit, Drommedaris Street, Ceres at a cost of R 30.00 per set and is payable at the Municipal Head Office, 50 Voortrekker Street, Ceres or via EFT. Proof of payment must be submitted before the bid document will be released. The bid documents are also available on our website at <http://www.witzenberg.gov.za/resource-category/tenders?category=92>**
- The bids will be opened in the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 50 Voortrekker Street, Ceres in public immediately after the closing time at 10:00.
- The bid must be properly received in a sealed envelope which must clearly indicate the description of the bid, the bid number and the name and postal address of the bidder on the outside of the sealed envelope. Unmarked bids will not be taken into consideration and will be returned. **Note: Originally completed bid documents must be submitted in the bid box, at the entrance of the Municipal Offices, Witzenberg Municipality, 50 Voortrekker Street, Ceres. No electronic bid submissions will be accepted.**
- The lowest or any bid shall not necessarily be accepted and the Municipality reserves the right to accept any part of the bid.
- An original and valid tax clearance certificate must be attached to this bid document. Bidders must indicate their pin as provided by SARS to confirm validity of their Tax Clearance Certificate. Failure to provide Tax Clearance Pin may result in your bid being disqualified.**
- Do not dismember this Bid Document (do not take it apart or put documents between its pages).
- All other documents of the submission must be attached behind this bid document.
- The bidder must complete the checklist at the back of this bid document.
- Please note that any suspicious collusive bidding behaviour and restrictive practices by bidders will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties.**

NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE AS DEFINED IN THE MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO 27636 DATED 30 MAY 2005)

BANKING DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:

Bank:	First National Bank
Name:	Witzenberg Municipality
Branch code:	200107
Account number:	627 482 159 79
Reference number:	Bid number

CONTACT DETAILS FOR ENQUIRIES:

Ms S Mentor Tel: (023) 312-1761 Email: supplychain@witzenberg.gov.za

D NASSON
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

1. SCOPE

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this bid is for the **PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES** at various municipal sites from the date of contract signing until 30 June 2022.

1.2 Witzenberg Municipality includes the following towns and rural areas

- Ceres;
- Prince Alfred's Hamlet;
- Op-die-berg;
- Tulbagh; and
- Wolseley

Witzenberg Municipality is required to deliver services to the abovementioned areas.

1.3 Pre-Qualification Criteria

- 1.3.1 Service Providers must be registered with the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA). Proof of registration of the company must accompany the bid document to comply with Sections 20(1)(a) and 20(2) (a and b) of the Private Security Industry Regulations Act (Act 56 of 2001). Failure to submit proof with the bid documents at the closing of the bid may result in the bid not being evaluated and will be deemed as non-responsive. Proof to be attached.
- 1.3.2 The bidder must list their track record on the provision of Security Services. Bidders must have completed at least two projects successfully with a combined value of at least R 250 000.00 during the past five years. Bidder must complete the table on page 5 of this document.
- 1.3.3 Bidder must provide a declaration in terms of any investigation or no investigation by the South African Police Services against the company involving contraventions in terms of the Fire Arms Control Act.
- 1.3.4 Bidder must provide a declaration in terms of any contract which was ended prematurely with reasons why the contract was ended prematurely. In the event that the contract was not ended prematurely a written declaration must still be made.

1.4 Special Conditions of Contract

- 1.4.1 Service Provider must compensate their security officers in accordance with PSIRA rates.
- 1.4.2 Service Provider must provide security officers with full uniform, are screened and has no convictions, issue PPE and equipment.
- 1.4.3 The municipality reserves the right to request security guards at its sites that are not identified in this document the successful bidder will be notified in writing of such a request within a reasonable space of time and rates as tendered will remain unchanged.
- 1.4.4 In the event an emergency situation occurs, the successful bidder must be able to provide security officers within a space of twelve (12) hours from time of notification.
- 1.4.5 Service Provider must have liability cover.
- 1.4.6 The Service provider must ensure Grade C officers are regularly checked by an accredited PSIRA Grade supervisor.
- 1.4.7 Workmen's Compensation – Bidder must be in possession of a letter of good standing in terms of COIDA.

2. EVALUATION CRITERIA

2.1 This bid will be evaluated according to the criteria and weight given in the table below:

Evaluation Criteria	Points
2.1 Price	80
2.2 B-BBEE (form MBD 6.1)	20
Total points on offer	100

NOTE: The Witzenberg Municipality will verify all information submitted in terms of this proposal and any information that is incorrect will result in that Bid being automatically disqualified and not considered further.

Clarification Meeting(s) will not be held, all bid enquires are therefore to be submitted prior to the bid closing date. Bidders may arrange for site inspections with the Contract Manager:

Chief: Traffic and Law Enforcement Services

Telephone: 023 316 1854

Email: trafficchief@witzenberg.gov.za

CURRENT / PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Indication of Competence / Ability to Perform Successfully

List of recent or previous work of a similar nature undertaken by the firm

Description of Project	Client contact details			Value of Contract	*Year Completed
	Name of Client	Name of Responsible Official	Telephone no		

The Witzenberg Municipality will verify all information submitted in terms of this bid and any information that is incorrect will result in that bid being automatically disqualified and not considered further. Therefore it is stressed that the contact firm or person of the bidder must be willing to confirm the information in writing on the request by the Municipality.

The Bidder hereby confirms that the information given above is true and correct:

.....
(Name in Print)

.....
(Signature)

.....
(Capacity)

.....
(Date)

**WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

BID: 08/2/19/59: PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES

The following background is provided:

Scope of Work for Resorts and/or Swimming Pools

Access control during the day
Perimeter patrols during night and day
Visitor Management
Car park Management if and when required
Providing security support to municipal staff when needed
Patrolling of Municipal buildings
Completion of registrars

The respective sites are as follows:

	(SITES)	(Times)	(Days)
1.	Municipal Office & Library, Tulbagh	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday
2.	Municipal Stores, Dromedaris street, Ceres	16h00-07h00	Monday-Friday
		24 hours: 07:00 to 19:00 and 19:00 until 07:00	Weekends (Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays)
3.	Street & Stormwater depot (Dromedaris street); Parks depot	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday
4.	Traffic Testing Station (Ceres)	16h00-07h00	Monday-Friday(Excluding Public Holidays)
5.	Electrical: Power Station Bon Chretein	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday(Including Public Holidays)
6.	Ceres Electrical: Power Station Plantation Road	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday(Including Public Holidays)
7.	Bella Vista Electrical Power Station : Bon Chretein	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday(Including Public Holidays)
8.	Nduli Electrical Power Station : Nduli	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday(Including Public Holidays)
9.	Tulbagh Municipal Municipal Stores	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday(Including Public Holidays)
10.	Ceres Traffic Services Voortrekker Road	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday(Including Public Holidays)
11.	Montana Traffic and Law Enforcement Services	16h00-07h00	Monday-Sunday(Including Public Holidays)

The bidder hereby confirms that the information given above is true and correct:

.....
(Name in Print)

.....
(Signature)

.....
(Capacity)

.....
(Date)

DETAILS OF BIDDER (THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MUST BE FURNISHED. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING DISQUALIFIED)

Name of firm / entity / enterprise	
Trading as (if different from above)	
Postal address of enterprise	Line 1 : _____ Line 2: _____ Town/city _____ Postal code: _____
Physical address of enterprise	Line 1 : _____ Line 2: _____ Town/city _____ Postal code: _____
Contact details of the person signing the bid, being duly authorised to do so:	Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Cellular telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____
Contact details of the senior manager responsible for overseeing contract performance:	Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Cellular telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____
Contact Details of the Bidder's proposed Project Manager who will represent the Bidder in the implementation processes:	Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Cellular telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____
Company income tax number	
Tax Compliance Status System PIN (issued by SARS)	
VAT registration number	
Company registration number	
Any other Registration applicable to this Industry	
Banking details	Name of account holder: _____ Name of bank: _____ Account number: _____ Branch code: _____

PART A INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY					
BID NUMBER:	08/2/19/59	CLOSING DATE:	11 MAY 2022	CLOSING TIME:	10:00
DESCRIPTION	PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES				
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).					

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID
BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)

SUPPLIER INFORMATION					
NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	☐ Yes ☐ No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT ☐ Yes ☐ No		
[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]					
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?		☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED			TOTAL BID PRICE		R
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER			DATE		
CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED					
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		
DEPARTMENT	Supply Chain		CONTACT PERSON	Mr M Green	
CONTACT PERSON	Ms S Mentor		TELEPHONE NUMBER	023 316 8165	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	023 312 1761 / 5		FACSIMILE NUMBER	023 316 2415	
FACSIMILE NUMBER	023 312 1934		E-MAIL ADDRESS	trafficchief@witzenberg.gov.za	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	supplychain@witzenberg.gov.za				

PART B 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 AND THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- 2.4 FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.
- 2.5 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.6 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.7 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

- 3.1. IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 3.2. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 3.3. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 3.4. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? ☐ YES ☐ NO
- 3.5. IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.
NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.**

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

DATE:

**PRICING SCHEDULE – FIRM
PRICES (PURCHASES)**

NOTE: ONLY FIRM PRICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NON- FIRM PRICES (INCLUDING PRICES SUBJECT TO RATES OF EXCHANGE VARIATIONS) WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Name of Bidder:	Bid Number: 08/2/19/59
Closing Time: 10:00	Closing Date: 11 MAY 2022

OFFER TO BE VALID FOR 90 DAYS FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF BID.

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PRICE (INCL VAT) brought over from Excel sheet
Provision of Security Grade C OFFICERS (from date of contract signing up until 30 June 2022)	

The attached Excel Bill of Quantities containing detailed sites must be completed and submitted with the bid document and will be used for evaluation and contract purposes, subject to section M under Responsiveness and Evaluation Criteria on page 15, Arithmetical Errors. The above is reflective of the total bid price for the entire scope of works and period. **Please note that the Excel Bill of Quantities will govern.**

Bids will be evaluated and awarded as a whole. It is compulsory for bidders to bid for all items as set out in the pricing schedule. If not, the bid will be considered as non-responsive.

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price and delivered to the prescribed destination as indicated above.

- Required by: Chief Traffic and Law Enforcement Services
- At: 50 Voortrekker Street, Ceres
- Does offer comply with specification? *YES/ NO
- If not to specification, indicate deviation(s)
- *Delivery: Firm
- Period required for delivery

Note: All delivery costs must be included in the bid price and delivered to the prescribed destination.

VALUE ADDED TAX

The following forms part of the General Conditions of Contract (July 2010):

Where the value of an intended contract will exceed R1 000 000.00 (R1 million) it is the bidder's responsibility to be registered with the South African Revenue Service (SARS) for VAT purposes in order to be able to issue tax invoices.

It is a requirement of this contract that the amount of value-added tax (VAT) must be shown clearly on each invoice.

The amended Value- Added Tax Act requires that a Tax Invoice for supplies in excess of R3 000.00 should, in addition to the other required information, also disclose the VAT registration number of the recipient, with effect from 1 March 2005.

The VAT registration number of the Witzenberg Municipality is **4000-846-206**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹.
2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.
- 3 **In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.**

3.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:.....

3.2 Identity Number:

3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²):.....

3.4 Company Registration Number:

3.5 Tax Reference Number:.....

3.6 VAT Registration Number:

3.7 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.

3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state? YES ☐ / NO ☐

3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months? YES ☐ / NO ☐

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars.....

3.10 Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? YES ☐ / NO ☐

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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¹MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

- (a) a member of –
 - (i) any municipal council;
 - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
 - (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No.1 of 1999);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or
- (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

² Shareholder” means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the company or business and exercises control over the company.

- 3.11 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? YES ☐ / NO ☐

3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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- 3.12 Are any of the company’s directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? YES ☐ / NO ☐

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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- 3.13 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company’s directors trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? YES ☐ / NO ☐

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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- 3.14 Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders, or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other related companies or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract. YES ☐ / NO ☐

3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars:

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4. Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	Personal income tax reference number	State Employee Number

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Signature

.....
Date

.....
Capacity

.....
Name of Bidder

RESPONSIVENESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

NB: Witzenberg Municipality may verify any information submitted in terms of this document and any information that is incorrect may result in the bid being automatically disqualified and not considered further.

RESPONSIVENESS CRITERIA

No bid will be considered by Witzenberg Municipality unless it meets the following responsiveness criteria (for the bid to be considered responsive, the bid **must** meet the following requirements):

- a) The bid must be properly received in a sealed envelope. The outside of the envelope must clearly indicate the bid title, the bid number, the name and address of the bidder and the closing date of the bid.
- b) The bid must be deposited in the relevant bid box as indicated on the notice of the bid on or before the closing date and time of the bid. **Telephonic, facsimile, electronic/ emailed and late bids will not be accepted.**
- c) **Bidders must provide a valid Tax Verification Details (Tax reference number and valid third party verification pin) as issued by SARS in order to confirm their tax compliance status. Failure to provide such details may result in your bid being disqualified.**
- d) An original or copy of the bidder's Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) certificate must be attached to this bid document in order to claim B-BBEE points.
- e) Bids shall be invalid, and shall be endorsed and recorded as such in the bid opening record by the responsible official to open the bid, in the following instances:
 - 1. If the bid is not sealed;
 - 2. if the bid including the bid price amount, where applicable is not submitted on the official pricing schedule;
 - 3. if the bid is not completed in non-erasable ink; or
 - 4. if the name of the bidder is not stated, or is indecipherable
- f) A bid will not be invalidated if the amount in words and the amount in figures do not correspond, in which case the amount in words shall be read out at the bid opening and shall be deemed to be the bid amount.
- g) The official bid document must be fully completed in indelible ink. Where information requested does not apply to the bidder and the space is left blank, it will be deemed to be not applicable.
- h) All requested relevant and/ or additional documentation such as Compliance Certificates, professional registration, artisan qualification, etc, must be submitted with the bid document.
- i) Bidders must submit a certified statement signed by the bidder declaring that the bidder has no undisputed commitments for municipal services towards a municipality or other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 90 days (Annexure A).
- j) The bidder must be in good standing to do business with the public sector in terms of Regulation 38 of the Supply Chain Management Regulations (Government Gazette 27636 of 30 May 2005).
- k) If the entity submitting a bid is a Joint Venture or Consortium or Partnership, each party to that formation must submit all the above information.
- l) The bidder must adhere to the Pricing Instructions. **Bidders are required to bid for all items in the pricing schedule. If not the bid will be considered to be non-responsive.**

m) Arithmetical Errors, Omissions and Discrepancies

- 1. Check responsive tenders for discrepancies between amounts in words and amounts in figures. Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and the amount in words, the amount in words shall govern
- 2. Check the highest ranked tender or tenderer with the highest number of tender evaluation points after the

evaluation of tender offers

- a) the gross misplacement of the decimal point in any unit rate;
 - b) omissions made in completing the pricing schedule or bills of quantities; or
 - c) arithmetic errors in:
 - (i) line item totals resulting from the product of a unit rate and a quantity in bills of quantities or schedules of prices; or
 - (ii) the summation of the prices.
3. Notify the tenderer of all errors or omissions that are identified in the tender offer and either confirm the tender offer as tendered or accept the corrected total of prices.
4. Where the tenderer elects to confirm the tender offer as tendered, correct the errors as follows:
- (a) If bills of quantities or pricing schedules apply and there is an error in the line item total resulting from the product of the unit rate and the quantity, the line item total shall govern and the rate shall be corrected. Where there is an obviously gross misplacement of the decimal point in the unit rate, the line item total as quoted shall govern, and the unit rate shall be corrected.
 - (b) Where there is an error in the total of the prices either as a result of other corrections required by this checking process or in the tenderer's addition of prices, the total of the prices shall govern and the tenderer will be asked to revise selected item prices (and their rates if bills of quantities apply) to achieve the tendered total of the prices.

The tender offer will be rejected if the tenderer does not correct or accept the correction of the arithmetical error in the manner described above.

- n) The Bidder's details must be provided.
- o) The necessary document authorising the Representative to sign and submit the bid on the bidder's behalf must be completed and signed.
- p) The Declaration of Interests by the bidder must be completed and signed.
- q) The bid must comply with all the minimum technical specifications.
- r) The MBD 9 (prohibition of restrictive practices) must be completed and signed.
- s) Checklist at the back of the bid document must be completed and adhered to.
- t) The bidder must initial every page of the bid document.
- u) The bidder must attach full specifications and warranty details

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- a) All bids received shall be evaluated in terms of the Witzenberg SCM Policy, Supply Chain Management Regulation, the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act no 5 of 2000.
- b) The Council reserves the right to accept all, some, or none of the bids submitted — either wholly or in part — and it is not obligated to accept the lowest bid.
- c) The municipality may accept any offer notwithstanding the fact that the offer does not comply with the bid invitation in respect of which the offer has been made subject to the following:

The Accounting Officer is empowered to condone non-compliance with peremptory requirements of bids in cases where the condonation is not incompatible with public interest and promote the values of fairness, competitiveness and cost-effectiveness which are listed in Section 217 of the Constitution.

AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN EVALUATION PROCESS:

Evaluation of Preference Points

The point's allocation for this bid will be as follows:

Price	80 points
B- BBEE Status Level of Contribution	<u>20 points</u>
Total	<u>100 points</u>

PREFERENCE POINTS CLAIM FORM

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 GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE WITZENBERG SCM POLICY.

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
- a) 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
- b) Either the 80/20 or 90/10 preference point system will be applicable to this tender (*delete whichever is not applicable for this tender*).
- 1.3 Points for this bid shall be awarded for:
- (a) Price; and
 - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor.
- 1.4 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 |
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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);

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

- 5.1 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 (90/10 system)	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	10	20
2	9	18
3	6	14
4	5	12
5	4	8
6	3	6
7	2	4
8	1	2
Non-compliant contributor	0	0

6. BID DECLARATION

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

7. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 4.1

- 7.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor: . =(maximum of 10 or 20 points)
(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 7.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

8. SUB-CONTRACTING

- 8.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(**Tick applicable box**)

YES	☐	NO	☐
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- 8.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE

(**Tick applicable box**)

YES	☐	NO	☐
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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise.

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 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		

9. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

9.1 Name of company/firm:.....

9.2 VAT registration number:.....

9.3 Company registration number:.....

9.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

9.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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9.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Manufacturer
- ☐ Supplier
- ☐ Professional service provider
- ☐ Other service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

9.7 MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

Municipality where business is situated:

Registered Account Number:

Stand Number:.....

9.8 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

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-BBE status level of contributor indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 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) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of 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 favourable 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 exceeding 10 years, after the *audi alteram partem* (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (e) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES

- 1.
- 2.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS

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DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities 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 rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 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 of Restricted Suppliers 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 home 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 the 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 of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes ☐	No ☐

4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
Item	Question	Yes	No
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three MONTHSs?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.5.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM TRUE AND CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

.....
Date

.....
Position

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Name of Bidder

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.

- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.

- 3 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.

- 4 This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.

- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and/ or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and/ or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid: **BID NO 08/2/19/59: PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES invitation** for the bid made by: **WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY** does 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) 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.
- ³ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.**
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



BID NO 08/2/19/59: PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES

Authorisation to deduct outstanding amounts

To: Municipal Manager, Witzenberg Municipality

From: _____
(Name of Bidder or Consortium)

AUTHORISATION FOR THE DEDUCTION OF OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS OWED TO COUNCIL

I, THE UNDERSIGNED,

_____,
(FULL NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Hereby authorise the Witzenberg Municipality to deduct the full amount outstanding by the business organization / Director, shareholder, partner, etc from any payment due to us / me.

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Signature

THUS DONE AND SIGNED for and on behalf on the Bidder / Contractor

at on the day of 20.....
(Place) (Date) (Month) (Year)
in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

AS WITNESSES:

1..... Name in Block Letters:
(SIGNATURE)

2..... Name in Block Letters:
(SIGNATURE)

BID NO 08/2/19/59: PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES

NAME OF THE BIDDER:

Physical business address of Bidder	Municipal Account numbers

[illegible]

I, _____, the undersigned,
(full name in block letters)

certify that the information furnished on this declaration form is correct and that I/ we have no undisputed commitments for municipal services towards a municipality or other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 90 days. Bidder must attach copy of their municipal account.

Signature

THUS DONE AND SIGNED for and on behalf on the Bidder/ Contractor

at on the Day of 20.....
(PLACE) (DATE) (MONTH) (YEAR)

Please Note:

Even if the requested information is not applicable to the Bidder, the table above should be endorsed and THIS DECLARATION MUST STILL BE SIGNED.



CHECK LIST FOR COMPLETENESS OF BID DOCUMENT

The bidder must ensure that the following checklist is completed, that the necessary documentation is attached to this bid document and that all declarations are signed:

**Mark with "X" where applicable*

Items to be checked	Yes	No	Comments
1. Completed page containing the details of bidder			
2. Valid Bidders must provide a valid Tax Verification Details (Tax reference number and valid third party verification pin) as issued by SARS in order to confirm their tax compliance status. Failure to provide such details may result in your bid being disqualified.			
3. An original or certified copy of the bidder's Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) certificate must be attached to this bid document in order to claim B-BBEE points			
4. Adhered to the pricing instructions (MBD 3.1)			
5. Completed and signed declaration of interest (MBD 4)			
6. Preference points claimed and signed declarations (MBD 6.1)			
7. Signed declaration of bidder's past supply chain management practices (MBD 8)			
8. Prohibition of Restrictive Practices (MBD9) be completed and signed.			
9. Comply with full specifications.			
10. Bidder must initial every page of this bid document.			
11. Bidder must attach full specifications if it deviates from the said specification			
12. Latest municipal account of the bidder and its directors must be attached a. If the bidder is not responsible for the payment of municipal rates and/ services, details in support of this must be attached to this bid document e.g. letter from landlord			

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME)
CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS CHECK LIST IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name

BID NO & DESCRIPTION: BID 08/2/19/59: PROVISION OF SECURITY OFFICERS AT MUNICIPAL PREMISES							
		BIDDER:	NUMBER OF GUARDS	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HOURS	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DAYS	FROM DATE OF CONTRACT SIGNING UNTIL 30 JUNE 2022	
		Rate per hour Incl VAT				PER DAY OF DURATION	NUMBER OF DAYS
ITEM	Municipal Office & Library, Tulbagh						
a.	Monday to Sunday from 16:00 until 07:00		1	15	45	0	-
ITEM	Municipal Stores, Drommedaris Street, Ceres						
a.	Monday to Friday from 16:00 until 07:00		1	15	35	0	0
b.	Public Holidays and Weekends (Saturday and Sunday) : 24 hours: 07:00 to 19:00 and 19:00 until 07:00		1	24	9	0	0
ITEM	Parks, Street & Stormwater depot (Dromedaris street); Ceres						
a.	Monday to Sunday from 16:00 until 07:00		1	15	45	0	0
ITEM	Traffic Testing Station (Ceres)						
a.	Monday to Sunday from 16:00 until 07:00 (Excluding Public Holidays)		1	15	45	0	0
ITEM	Electrical: Power Station Bon Chretein, Ceres Electrical: Power Station Plantation Road, Bella Vista Electrical Power Station, Nduli Electrical Power Station, Tulbagh Municipal Municipal Stores, Ceres Traffic Services Voortrekker Road, Montana Traffic and Law Enforcement Services						
a.	Monday to Sunday from 16:00 until 07:00 (Including Public Holidays)		7	15	45	0	0
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GRAND TOTAL TO BE CARRIED OVER TO MBD 3.1 (PRICING SCHEDULE)		-					
TO BE USED FOR EVALUATION PURPOSES							