

RFP 03/2015 Procurement, Maintenance and Support Services for Bulk scanning equipment

Communication #1

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1. Answers to questions posed by Bidders.

This communication is issued in terms of paragraph 9.2 of the SARS RFP 03-2015 1-1 RFP Main Document.

The information contained in the tables below is issued subject to the provisions of paragraph 12.3 of the SARS RFP 03-2015 1-1 RFP Main Document.

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Question and Answer

No	Question	Answer
1.	I refer to table 1.2 Unit Price for Proposed New Equipment . I can see that the table has an option for three models with the corresponding unit price for each. If a bidder only proposes one model, does that mean one would have to place null values for the other optional models?	Yes, only the cell corresponding to the proposed model(s) must be populated with the unit price. The cells corresponding to the additional models may be left blank or set to zero. SARS will, in any event, disregard entries that do not have a corresponding proposed model.
2.	Table 5 under paragraph 7.3.1 limits the proposal submission to only 2 specific brands of bulk document scanners. Please confirm that other brands, although more efficient and robust than the specified ones (independent and verifiable evidence available) will not be considered by SARS?	SARS is not limiting the proposed scanners to two brands. The brands noted in the tender documents relate to the current fleet of bulk document scanners which are required to be serviced and maintained.
3.	If SARS will consider other brands of bulk document scanners, other than the specified ones, will it still favour proposals submitted for the specified brands over proposals submitted other brands?	SARS will evaluate all brands that are proposed and that meet the technical requirements specified in the tender documents. The brands in SARS's current fleet of document scanners will not be preferred over alternate brands proposed by Bidders.

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4.	Regarding the pricing template, how are the effects of foreign exchange dealt with?	<p>As communicated during the Briefing Session, the relevant RFP committee has made the following changes to the assumptions that the Bidders must make to their pricing.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Bidders must use an assumed exchange rate of R14.00 to the US Dollar in pricing their equipment.</p> <p>At the time of placing an order for equipment the Bidder's price for equipment will be adjusted proportionally for the actual exchange rate at the time of the order. Note the exchange rate will not be used as a basis for any pricing adjustments during the term other than for the purchase of equipment.</p>