

## Question and Answers

### RFP18/2023: THE APPOINTMENT OF A 5SF OR HIGHER (CIDB GRADE) SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIRE DETECTION AND PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AT LEHAE LA SARS.

Question	Answer
1. Can SARS make provision of BOQs in Excel format?	BOQs were loaded and can be downloaded from the SARS website.
2. When does SARS anticipate having awarded the tender?	SARS anticipates having the tender awarded within the first quarter of the year, 2024. Bidders need to take into consideration the possible material cost increases in the new year, when formulating their price proposal.
3. Working hours - Will the awarded contractor be required to work outside of working hours? As this will impact their price proposal?	Most buildings are occupied, plus there is a need to complete this work as soon as possible to address compliance. The contractor will in some instances be required to work outside of normal working hours and on weekends. This should be considered in the price proposal.
4. Has consideration been made for the Health and Safety File?	Consideration has been made as it pertains to the health and safety file. Refer to the Final Collection pages in the BOQs issued.
5. Clarification on the approach - Quotation Focus: We will primarily focus on providing a detailed and accurate quotation based on the Bill of Quantities (BOQ) provided. Our quote will be centered on the BOQ specifications, and we will not be comparing it to the drawings.	Agreed.
6. A request to be granted an extension until the 24th of November 2023 in order to conclude our pricing accurately. (Request sent on 8/11/2023)	In accordance with PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION NO. 09 OF 2022/2023, Institutions must capture any bid amendments at least <b>10 working days</b> before the bid closes. This request, unfortunately falls outside of the required period and thus cannot be fulfilled.