

RFP 23/2025: PROVISION OF A TRANSFER PRICING BENCHMARKING TOOL

Communication #1

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1. Questions and Answers

These questions and answers as well as issued / reissued documents referred to in this document will be posted to all potential bidders.

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1.	Is it possible for us to submit our response via email? I note under 6.4 of the Main Document states that we should submit a hard copy and an electronic copy on a USB to the SARS Procurement Tender Office. Given the deadline, and that we are based in the UK, this will be very difficult for us. The ability to submit via email would be much appreciated.	Currently, all SARS bid submissions must be delivered via physical tender box as stated in Section 6.4 of the Main Document. NB: Bidders located outside South Africa are responsible for making all necessary arrangements to ensure their bid submission is physically delivered on or before the tender closing date, as outlined in Section 6.4 of the Main Document.
2.	I note that under the prequalification criteria, we are required to sign the pro forma document to agree to the General Conditions of Contract. Would SARS consider negotiating terms post-award if successful?	SARS will initiate contract negotiations with the successful bidder selected for these services. Nevertheless, for bidding purposes, all bidders must review, sign, and submit the provided General Conditions of Contract (GCC) along with their bid submission.

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3.	Is there a fixed template for the response to the technical requirements? Or can we create our own document that aligns to each of the headings?	There is no standard template for technical requirements. Bidders are responsible for preparing their own template and including all necessary evidence to meet the technical evaluation criteria.
4.	Would it be of interest for us to include AI capabilities within the platform in our response? If so, should we price these separately?	No, Bidders are required to adhere to the SARS requirements as specified in the <u>SARS RFP 23-2025 2-1 Business Requirement Specification.</u>
5.	What is the quickest way for the queries to be addressed?	All queries are being addressed proactively, with responses available on the e-tender platform and SARS website. NB: Bidders should regularly check both the SARS and e-tender platforms for all updated documents and Q&As.
6.	We are required to register on the SARS website to see the responses?	Bidders do not need to register on the SARS website or e-tender platform to access responses to questions. Any issued or re-issued documents are updated on the same platform where the tender pack was originally provided.
7.	Does the BEEE requirements apply to foreign companies without a Permanent Establishment in South Africa?	If an entity is not registered in South Africa, it will not possess a B-BBEE certificate or a sworn affidavit and consequently will not be eligible to earn points for specific goals. However, bidders should note that the allocation of points for specific goals is not a disqualifying criterion.