



BIDDER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SAMSA/023/2021/21: APPOINTMENT OF A PANEL OF FIVE (5) FORENSIC INVESTIGATION FIRMS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS.

NO	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	<p>Question 1: In terms of PART 2: INSTRUCTIONS, under 2.12 Transformation, the document states that bidders are encouraged to partner with majority black owned entities. My question is, if we are a majority black owned entity, do we still need to partner with another entity or can we submit in our own right?</p>	<p>This is not a criteria to qualify the bidder for the award of the tender. Bidders are encouraged to partner or subcontract with small companies to boost theirs and SAMSA BBBEE scoring.</p>
	<p>Question 2: In PART 5: EVALUATION CRITERIA under 5.2, sub bullet (e), there is a requirement that states: Certification with the relevant forensic body of both the Firm and Engagement Partner/Director, such as the Institute of Commercial Forensic Practitioners (ICFP), the South African Academy of Forensic Sciences (SAAFS) or other relevant body. The ICFP does not offer corporate membership, so it is not possible for the firm to register with the ICFP. Most of our staff who will be deployed on the assignment, however, are members of the ICFP as well as the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). In addition, SAAFS (the other listed body) does not regulate the</p>	<p>This is an evaluation criterion which will be evaluated at the Bid Evaluation Committee level. My advise to you will be that include your explanation on your proposal and ensure that you include all professional certificates you and your company possess.</p>

	<p>forensic accounting industry, but rather Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Crime Scene and Digital. My question is, as the firm cannot register with either of these entities, but most of our staff are registered with the appropriate entities, will this render our bid invalid?</p> <p>We will appreciate your urgent feedback, as we would like to start working on our proposal but would not want to do a proposal that will not be accepted due to an impossible requirement.</p>	
2.	<p>Please send us the terms of reference for the subject matter above.</p>	<p>Please see attached tender document</p>
3.	<p>I am emailing with regards to the tender: Panel of five (5) Forensic Investigation Firms</p> <p>I would like to confirm if the correct tender number is: SAMSA/023/2021/21</p>	<p>The correct tender number is SAMSA/023/2020/22</p>