



MKHONDO

LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP):

FROM SUITABLE INVESTOR(S) TO LEASE, DEVELOP, OPERATE, PLAN & CONTROL MKHONDO MUNICIPALITY FORESTRY DIVISION'S OPERATIONS FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 30 YEARS

Mkhondo Local Municipality invites suitable qualified and CSD registered service providers to submit bid sealed proposals, duly endorsed as per description below:

Bid No.	Description	Non-Refundable Bid Document Price	Compulsory Briefing Session	Minimum Functionality Points	Evaluation Criteria	Tender Closing Date
MKHO09/2023/24	REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): FROM SUITABLE INVESTOR(S) TO LEASE, DEVELOP, OPERATE, PLAN & CONTROL MKHONDO MUNICIPALITY FORESTRY DIVISION'S OPERATIONS FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 30 YEARS	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	75 %	Method 4	26 September 2023, 12h00

The Municipality's objectives amongst others include, to lease the plantation in the townlands to interested commercial forestry business entities in South Africa, appoint a suitable investor(s) to lease, develop, operate, plan and control all forestry activities on a long-term lease agreement to be entered into with the Mkhondo Local Municipality for a maximum duration of thirty (30) years, and to promote direct investment, economic growth, job creation and economic development of the forestry division.

The RFP is made in line with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 No.56 of 2003), Section 33 read with Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations of 2005 Section 40. Preferential Procurement Policy framework Act No.5 of 2000: Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022 and Supply Chain Management Policy of MKHONDO Local Municipality will apply in the adjudication process. Method 4 of evaluation of the acceptable proposals will be applied and responsive bids are expected to score at least a minimum of **75 out of 100 (or 75%)** for functionality points to be considered for further evaluation. The prospective investor will be required to demonstrate their ability and capacity to deliver and manage the plantation(s). The prospective investor will be required to submit a Business Proposal that, at a minimum, shall address the following:

- Over 30 years' experience in Timber Plantation Management,
- Company or investor must be certified with Forest Stewardship Council (FSC),
- Financial Ability, and Proof of Public Liability Insurance cover
- Empowerment plan or Socio-Economic Benefits,
- Presentation to Valuation Committee

According to the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act No.5 of 2000: Preferential Procurement Regulations 2022, Tenders will be adjudicated according to the 80/20 (if tenders are less than R 50 000 000) or 90/10 (if tenders are above R 50 000 000) of the Price Preferential point system. Original or certified valid copy of B-BBEE Certificate / or sworn B-BBEE affidavit must be submitted to claim preference points. Bidders who do not submit B-BBEE Status Level Verification Certificates or are non-compliant contributors to B-BBEE do not qualify for preference points for B-BBEE but will not be disqualified from the bidding process.

Proposed Prices and rates should be all Inclusive (Inclusive of Vat for Vat Vendors). Bids should be accompanied by the following compulsory documents (non-submission will result to bid being non-responsive): A valid SARS Tax Compliance Status (TCS) PIN, certified copies of Identification Documents of Directors, certified copy of Company registration certificate, a recent (not older than thirty days from tender closing date) full comprehensive (not a summary) CSD registration report, current municipal account (not in arrears for more than 90 days) / proof of lease agreement must be attached if renting (Bidders residing in a non-billed areas must attach proof of residence / letter from Tribal Authority, and Entity's latest three-year Audited Financial Statements.

This tender document should be in a sealed envelope duly endorsed "**BID NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION.**" must be placed in the tender box situated at the Mkhondo Town Hall, on or before **26th of September 2023 at 12:00** at the Municipal Offices, corner Mark and De Wet Streets, eMkhondo.

Collection of bid documents: Tender documents may be downloaded from the Mkhondo Municipality's website www.mkhondo.gov.za or e-tenders portal www.etenders.gov.za **from the 24th of August 2023.** Please note that no bid document will be couriered to prospective bidders. Tenders received after closing date and time, faxed, completed with pencil, tipexed, incomplete document or e-mailed will not be considered.

NOTE: Only those tenderers who are registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) are eligible to submit tenders for these tenders. The Council does not bind itself to accept or award the highest priced bid. The Council may elect to accept only part or wholly of the successful tender. Council reserves the right to appoint more than service provider. Council reserves the right not to appoint or withdraw the tender. The adjudication process and the award, if an award is made, will conform to the requirements of the Supply Chain Management Regulation, the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act and the Preferential Procurement Regulations of 2022. This bid is subject to the, Mkhondo Local Municipality Supply Chain Management policy. Only the version of this notice and invitation contained in the tender document shall form part of the tender. No correspondences will be entered into with regards to evaluation scores obtained. Tenders may only be submitted on the original tender documentation that is issued by the employer. Tenders should be valid for a period of not less than ninety (90) days. Taking into consideration the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 No.56 of 2003, Section 33 (1), the Municipality also invites the Local Community and other interested persons to submit to the Municipality comments or representations in respect of the proposed contract before the closing of the 26th of September 2023 to be addressed to the Acting Municipal Manager at msdlamini@mkhondo.gov.za

For Technical enquiries contact the Ms.N.Kunene, Forestry Division during business hours on, E-mail address nkunene@mkhondo.gov.za and Administrative Supply Chain enquiries to Mr. M.C Gumede, E-mail address mgumede@mkhondo.gov.za .The closing of tender will only be administered at Town Hall, 33 Mark Street, eMkhondo, 2380. Closing date: **Tuesday, 26 September 2023 at 12h00**

If you do not hear from us within 90 days after the closing date, please consider your tender unsuccessful.

Mr. M S Dlamini
Acting Municipal Manager
Mkhondo Local Municipality