INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER NUMBER: NRF/SARAO SCBF/45/2026-27

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND SUPPORT OF COMPUTING AND NETWORKING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MEERKAT BAND 5B PROJECT

The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory ('SARAO') hereby invites bid submissions for the following tender -

Tender Number	Tender Description	Tender Closing Date and Time
NRF/SARAO SCBF/45/2026-27	Supply, Delivery and Support of Computing and Networking Equipment for the MeerKAT Band 5B Project	Tuesday, 17 November 2026 at 12.00PM

PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT SYSTEM:

The 80/20 price and preference points system, as prescribed by Section 4 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 issued under the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, (Act No 5 of 2000) (PPPFA) will be applied to evaluate this bid.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Bidders must satisfy the evaluation criteria in Stages 1 and 2 of the bid selection process in order to be evaluated further on price and preference (Stage 3). Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

BID DOCUMENT:

The tender document may be obtained on the SARAO website: http://www.sarao.ac.za/tenders/, or the E-Tender Portal: https://www.etenders.gov.za

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BID SUBMISSION

Electronic bid submissions must sent on the National Treasury e-submission portal on or before the closing date, **Tuesday, 17 November 2026 at 12.00PM**.

To submit a bid: Go to the National Treasury e-tender website [https://admin.etenders.gov.za//Identity/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F/]. Log in to the portal using your Central Supplier Database (CSD) login details. Browse opportunities and search using the Tender Number [NRF/SARAO SKAR/21/2026-27]. Download and read all documents pertaining to the tender carefully. Prepare your submission. Apply for the tender and upload your submission to the portal before the closing date. Save confirmation/reference number.

Guide for e-submissions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9DDXBTUOAw

Late submissions - received after 12.00PM on the closing date, will NOT be accepted.

TENDER ENQUIRIES:

Tender enquiries may be directed to, Email: tender-enquiries@sarao.ac.za