

SIYATHEMBA MUNICIPALITY



INVITATION TO BID

RFQ:50/2025(R30 000.00-R300 000.00)

ADVERTISEMENT: APPOINTMENT OF AN ACCREDITED SERVICE PROVIDER FOR AN INTEGRATED RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) ASSESSMENT (NQF LEVEL 7 EQUIVALENCE, ECSA TECHNOLOGIST REGISTRATION & ACADEMIC ARTICULATION)

Siyathemba Local Municipality hereby invites proposals from accredited service providers to conduct an Integrated Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Assessment aimed at formally recognising extensive technical and managerial experience and aligning it with national, professional and academic standards.

1. SCOPE OF WORK

The appointed service provider will be required to:

- Conduct a comprehensive integrated RPL assessment in line with the SAQA National Policy on RPL.
- Consolidate multiple engineering (N3–N6) and municipal management (NQF 4–5) qualifications into a coherent recognition framework.
- Determine and certify academic equivalence at a minimum of NQF Level 7.
- Assess professional experience to determine eligibility for registration as a Professional Engineering Technologist (Pr.Tech.Eng.) with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA).
- Produce a Credit Accumulation and Transfer (CAT) Report to support academic articulation with the University of the Free State (BML Programme) or an equivalent institution.
- Deliver a Final Integrated RPL Assessment Report summarising the methodology, findings, recommendations, and certification outcomes.

2. SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

Interested service providers must demonstrate:

- Accreditation with the Council on Higher Education (CHE) or Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) for qualifications at NQF Level 7 or higher.
- A Lead Assessor registered with ECSA as a Professional Engineering Technologist (Pr.Tech.Eng.) or Professional Engineer (Pr.Eng.), with proven RPL and mentorship experience.
- Demonstrable expertise in integrated RPL and CAT assessments for senior technical professionals.
- The capability to evaluate and consolidate multiple qualifications and professional experience into a verified NQF 7 equivalence framework.
- A comprehensive quality assurance and risk management plan, ensuring validity,

fairness, and transparency throughout the assessment process.

3. DELIVERABLES

- Consolidated verification of qualifications and competencies.
- Certificate of Equivalence (minimum NQF Level 7).
- ECSA Pr.Tech.Eng. eligibility statement.
- University CAT Report for academic credit recognition.
- Final Integrated RPL Assessment Report with recommendations.
- Where applicable, a Remediation Plan addressing identified learning gaps and developmental needs.

4. DURATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

The full process, including inception, assessment, moderation, verification and final reporting, must be completed within ninety (90) working days.

All activities must be moderated and quality assured by an ECSA-registered assessor in compliance with national RPL and professional competency standards.

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested and qualified service providers must submit the following:

- Company profile and proof of relevant accreditation (CHE/QCTO).
- Certified copy of Lead Assessor's ECSA registration certificate (Pr.Tech.Eng. or Pr.Eng.).
- Detailed methodology and project plan, including timeframes and milestones.
- References and evidence of similar assignments completed.
- Pricing schedule inclusive of VAT.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (Act No. 5 of 2000) and the Municipality's SCM Policy on the basis of the 80/20 preference point system.

Functionality, experience, accreditation and compliance will form part of the evaluation criteria.

Bid Closing Date

06/10/2025

Bidders shall take note of the following bid conditions:

- The Siyathemba Municipality Preferential Procurement Policy; Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) and Municipal Finance Management Act will apply;
- The Siyathemba Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest bid or any other bid and reserves the right to accept the whole or part of the bid;
- Bids which are late and incomplete will not be accepted;
- Bid's validity period will be taken as 90 days;
- All bidders must be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD).
- BBBEE Certificates-certified copies will be accepted and Sworn Affidavits must be original

Tenders in a clearly marked, sealed envelope endorsed "**RFQ: 50/2025 APPOINTMENT OF AN ACCREDITED SERVICE PROVIDER FOR AN INTEGRATED RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) ASSESSMENT (NQF LEVEL 7 EQUIVALENCE, ECSA TECHNOLOGIST REGISTRATION & ACADEMIC ARTICULATION)**" must be deposited in the Tender Box at the offices of the Siyathemba Municipality, **Victoria Street, Po Box 16 Prieska 8940** no later than **16h00** on **06 November 2025** or via email before closing date and time to ryno@siyathemba.gov.za

Note: All Prices must include delivery to Siyathemba Municipality in Prieska
The request must be executed within 7 days after the award of the bid
The bid will be awarded to One Service Provider for the Supply and Delivery to Siyathemba Municipality
Incomplete quotations and attach MBD forms will disqualify a bidder

ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE BIDDING PROCEDURE MAY BE DIRECTED

Contact Person: Mr Ryno Oor
Tel: (053) 492 3422
Email: ryno@siyathemba.gov.za



MBD 4

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

1. No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹.
2. Any person, having a kinship with persons in the service of the state, including a blood relationship, may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In view of possible allegations of favouritism, should the resulting bid, or part thereof, be awarded to persons connected with or related to persons in service of the state, it is required that the bidder or their authorised representative declare their position in relation to the evaluating/adjudicating authority.
- 3 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

3.1 Full Name of bidder or his or her representative:.....

3.2 Identity Number:

3.3 Position occupied in the Company (director, trustee, shareholder²):.....

3.4 Company Registration Number:

3.5 Tax Reference Number:.....

3.6 VAT Registration Number:

3.7 The names of all directors / trustees / shareholders members, their individual identity numbers and state employee numbers must be indicated in paragraph 4 below.

3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.8.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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¹MSCM Regulations: "in the service of the state" means to be –

- (a) a member of –
 - (i) any municipal council;
 - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
 - (iii) the national Assembly or the national Council of provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or
- (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature.

² Shareholder" means a person who owns shares in the company and is actively involved in the management of the company or business and exercises

control over the company.

MBD 4

3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months? **YES / NO**

3.9.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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3.10 Do you have any relationship (family, friend, other) with persons in the service of the state and who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

3.10.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.11 Are you, aware of any relationship (family, friend, other) between any other bidder and any persons in the service of the state who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this bid? **YES / NO**

3.11.1 If yes, furnish particulars

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3.12 Are any of the company's directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.12.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.13 Are any spouse, child or parent of the company's director's trustees, managers, principle shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? **YES / NO**

3.13.1 If yes, furnish particulars.

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3.14 Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principle shareholders, or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other related companies or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract? **YES / NO**

3.14.1 If yes, furnish particulars:

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4. Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders.

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee Number

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Signature

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Date

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Capacity

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Name of Bidder



DECLARATION OF BIDDER'S PAST SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document must form part of all bids invited.
- 2 It serves as a declaration to be used by municipalities and municipal entities in ensuring that when goods and services are being procured, all reasonable steps are taken to combat the abuse of the supply chain management system.
- 3 The bid of any bidder may be rejected if that bidder, or any of its directors have:
 - a. abused the municipality's / municipal entity's supply chain management system or committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - b. been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - c. willfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - d. been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004).
- 4 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

Item	Question	Yes	No
4.1	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the National Treasury's Database of Restricted Suppliers as companies or persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector? (Companies or persons who are listed on this Database were informed in writing of this restriction by the Accounting Officer/Authority of the institution that imposed the restriction after the <i>audi alteram partem</i> rule was applied). The Database of Restricted Suppliers now resides on the National Treasury's website(www.treasury.gov.za) and can be accessed by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.1.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.2	Is the bidder or any of its directors listed on the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004)? The Register for Tender Defaulters can be accessed on the National Treasury's website (www.treasury.gov.za) by clicking on its link at the bottom of the home page.	☒ Yes	☒ No

4.2.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
Item	Question	Yes	No
4.3	Was the bidder or any of its directors convicted by a court of law (including a court of law outside the Republic of South Africa) for fraud or corruption during the past five years?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.3.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.4	Does the bidder or any of its directors owe any municipal rates and taxes or municipal charges to the municipality / municipal entity, or to any other municipality / municipal entity, that is in arrears for more than three months?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.4.1	If so, furnish particulars:		
4.5	Was any contract between the bidder and the municipality / municipal entity or any other organ of state terminated during the past five years on account of failure to perform on or comply with the contract?	Yes ☐	No ☐
4.7.1	If so, furnish particulars:		

MBD 8

CERTIFICATION

I, THE UNDERSIGNED (FULL NAME).....CERTIFY
THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED ON THIS DECLARATION FORM TRUE AND CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT, IN ADDITION TO CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN
AGAINST ME SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder



CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

- 1 This Municipal Bidding Document (MBD) must form part of all bids¹ invited.
- 2 Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging).² Collusive bidding is a *pe se* prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds.
- 3 Municipal Supply Regulation 38 (1) prescribes that a supply chain management policy must provide measures for the combating of abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer, among others, to:
 - a. take all reasonable steps to prevent such abuse;
 - b. reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors has abused the supply chain management system of the municipality or municipal entity or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system; and
 - c. cancel a contract awarded to a person if the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract.
- 4 This MBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
- 5 In order to give effect to the above, the attached Certificate of Bid Determination (MBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

¹ Includes price quotations, advertised competitive bids, limited bids and proposals.

² Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.

NOTICE

MBD 9

CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

SIYATHEMBA MUNICIPALITY

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: _____
that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign, the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
 - (a) has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
 - (b) could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
 - (c) provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.

³ Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
 - (a) prices;
 - (b) geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
 - (c) methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
 - (d) the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
 - (e) the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
 - (f) bidding with the intention not to win the bid.
8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
9. The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
10. I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

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Signature

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Date

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Position

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Name of Bidder

Annexures

Attach all annexures and documents to this page

1. Tax Clearance certificate
2. CSD registration
3. B-BBEE Certificate
4. Municipal account

