



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION – SAE 04/2021

PUBLIC RELATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS

1. Background

The Durban ICC is one of the world's leading events and meetings venues. In order to maintain the extremely high standards demanded by the entity and its stakeholders, all public relations and communications need to be professional written, according to the requirements of our venue.

In terms of the mandate of our shareholder, eThekweni Municipality, the Durban ICC exists as a catalyst to increase economic impact to the City and contribute to the GDP of the country. Hence the need to build and defend the public reputation of the facility to its stakeholder community.

Given that the public relations and communications capacities do not exist within the organization, it is important for the Durban ICC (the client) to appoint a public relations / communications agency (the service provider) to capacitate and support its stakeholder engagement and marketing activities.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to identify and appoint a public relations / communications agency which will provide, as and when required, public relations, communications, and copywriting services for the Durban ICC, for a period of 12 months.

3. Specifications

It is the intention of the Durban ICC to enter into a formal Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the successful Service Provider. This agreement will be for a period of 12 months. The Durban ICC will be entitled to withdraw from the SLA subject to the operational requirements of the Durban ICC with one month's written notice to the service provider at any time within the period of contract.

It is essential that the service provider is fully represented in Durban, with account executive capacity, and can demonstrate its ability to fully service the Durban ICC account from its Durban offices.

The Durban ICC reserves the right to appoint one or more service providers to support the public relations and communications activities or to not make an appointment if the proposals are deemed inadequate or unsuitable in terms of the requirements of the organization from the submissions received.

4. Conditions of contract

The following scope of services is required from the service provider:

- The service provider would write and compile the appropriate communications for the Durban ICC in order to support the stakeholder engagement and marketing activities of the organisation.
- The service provider would be required to write press releases, editorials, speeches, interview responses and media comments on behalf of the organisation and Board on an ad hoc basis.
- The service provider would render copywriting services for the organisation as and when required.

Examples of the communications and public relations duties which the service provider would be required to render may include, but will not be limited to:

- Press releases
 - Editorials
 - Speeches
 - Interview responses
 - Media comments and responses
 - Copywriting for printed collateral and website
- It is envisaged that the Durban ICC will make use of the services of the service provider during the period of the SLA as and when required.
 - The Durban ICC does not provide for appointing a service provider on a regular retainer and submissions should not make provision for this. The service provider will only be entitled to invoice for jobs completed and on a project by project basis.
 - All content belonging to the Durban ICC, including all pre-existing logos and trademarks, shall remain the sole property of the client and the Durban ICC shall be the sole owner of all rights in connection therewith.
 - The Durban ICC will retain all rights and title to any original content, copywriting, and communications commissioned from the service provider, including all rights to display or edit such content in perpetuity.
 - The service provider shall provide the Durban ICC with the original files for all projects in an editable format whenever requested.
 - Once appointed the successful Service Provider will still be required to submit quotations for projects throughout the contract period in order to monitor and manage the value of the business produced for the client.
 - There will be no contractual obligation extending beyond the 12 month period.
 - The hourly rates quoted, as per bid submission, will be fixed for the contract period and will not be subject to any increase during the period of the SLA.

5. Evaluation

The evaluation of the proposals will be based on how well the service provider demonstrates their writing and communications ability and how this is expressed in examples of previous work produced.

The second round of evaluation will involve the assessment of the respective pricing and design time for each element.

The service provider is required to submit a portfolio of examples which must include at least one sample of each of the following projects or a similar project which they have written previously.

Description	Weighting
1. Press Release	20
2. Speech	20
3. Annual Report Content	40
4. Editorial	20
Total	100

A minimum quality criteria score of 80 must be obtained in order for the bidder to be deemed responsive and evaluated for price.

A bidder, who does not meet the minimum quality criteria score of 80, will be deemed non-responsive and not further evaluated.

6. Preconditions

A written proposal/quotation will not be considered unless the service provider who submits the quotation provides the following with their proposal/quotation:

- 6.1 Full name
- 6.2 Identification or company or other registration number
- 6.3 Tax reference number and VAT number, if any
- 6.4 Valid original Tax clearance from South African Revenue Services which proves that the providers tax matters are in order
- 6.5 Valid BBEE Certificate
- 6.6 MBD 4 Declaration of Interest form must be completed
- 6.7 The service provider must be registered on the CSD database and EThekweni Vendor Portal. Proof of registration needs to be submitted. Failure to be registered on these databases will adversely affect the awarding process and may result in the service provider being deemed non-responsive.

CSD registration website: <https://secure.csd.gov.za>

EThekweni Vendor Portal registration: <https://ethekwinivendor.durban.gov.za>

Or contact 031 322 7011 / 7154

Fatima.milazi@durban.gov.za / phumla.mdabs@durban.gov.za



7. Compulsory Pricing Schedule (official form of offer)

Description	Hourly rate	Estimated no. of hours to render service	Total (hourly rate x est. hours)
1. Press Release	R	30	R
2. Speech	R	30	R
3. Annual Report Content	R	100	R
4. Editorial	R	30	R
Total (Excluding VAT)			R
15% VAT			R
Total (Including VAT)			R

I.....being duly authorized thereto by do hereby confirm that the information contained herein is true and correct and acknowledge that, should it be established that any of the information contained herein is false and incorrect, my company may be disqualified from quoting to the Durban ICC.

Signature:

Date:

Note: Failure of a Service Provider to complete and sign this page will invalidate the quotation

8. Contact Person




Sandile Makhanya – Marketing Manager
 Tel: 031 360 1192
 Email: sandilema@icc.co.za

9. Closing Date

Quotations, the portfolio of examples, together with this document and supplier registration forms are to be placed in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of the Procurement Department and are to be placed in the Tender Box at the Durban ICC security entrance on the ground floor, 45 Bram Fischer Road Durban before 12:00 on 3rd February 2022.

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10. Request approved by:

	21.01.2022
Acting Director: Marketing, Sales and Events Irene Vallihu	
	21.01.2022
SCM Compliance Officer Bathabile Mahangu	
	24/02/2022
SCM Compliance Manager Thanshree Naidoo	
	24/01/2022
Chief Finance Officer Melanie Ramabally	
	24/01/2022
Chief Executive Officer Lindwe Rakhebe	

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11. Past experience in similar assignments:

Assignment Description	Key Elements	Date Completed	Contact Person and Telephone Number	Assignment Value

I, being duly authorized thereto by do hereby confirm that the information contained herein is true and correct and acknowledge that, should it be established that any of the information contained herein is false and incorrect, my company may be disqualified from quoting to the Durban ICC.

Name: **(Block Capitals)** _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

12. Declaration of Municipal Fees

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that the Municipal fees of

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(Full name of Company / Close Corporation / partnership / sole proprietary/Joint Venture)

(hereinafter referred to as the TENDERER) are, as at the date hereunder, fully paid or an Acknowledgement of Debt has been concluded with the Municipality to pay the said charges in instalments.

The following account details relate to property of the said TENDERER:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Number: to be completed by tenderer.</u>																				
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I acknowledge that should the aforesaid Municipal charges fall into arrears, the Municipality may take such remedial action as is required, including termination of any contract, and any payments due to the Service provider by the Municipality shall be first set off against such arrears.

- Where the TENDERER'S place of business or business interests are outside the jurisdiction of eThekweni Municipality, a copy of the accounts/agreements from the relevant municipality must be attached (to the back inside cover of this document).
- Where the tenderer's Municipal Accounts are part of their lease agreement, then a copy of the agreement, or official letter to that effect is to be attached (to the back inside cover of this document).

NAME (Block Capitals)

SIGNATURE DATE:
(of person authorised to sign on behalf of the Tenderer)

13. MBD4 Declaration of Interest

13.1 No bid will be accepted from persons in the service of the state¹

13.2 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.

13.3 In order to give effect to the above, the following questionnaire must be completed and submitted with the bid.

13.3.1 Full name of bidder or his/her representative

13.3.2 Identity number:

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

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13.3.4 Company Registration Number:

13.3.5 Tax Reference Number:

13.3.6 VAT Registration Number:

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

References:

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

(a) a member of –

- any municipal council
- any provincial legislature
- 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;

(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.*

13.3.8 Are you presently in the service of the state?
If yes, furnish particulars:

YES	NO
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13.3.9 Have you been in the service of the state for the past twelve months?
If yes, furnish particulars:

YES	NO
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13.3.10 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?
If yes, furnish particulars:

YES	NO
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13.3.11 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? If yes, furnish particulars:

YES	NO
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13.3.12 Are any of the company's directors, trustees, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state?
If yes, furnish particulars:

YES	NO
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13.3.13 Is any spouse, child or parent of the company's directors, trustees, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders in service of the state? If yes, furnish particulars:

YES	NO
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13.3.14 Do you or any of the directors, trustees, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholders of this company have any interest in any other company or business whether or not they are bidding for this contract? If yes, furnish particulars:

YES	NO
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14. Full details of directors / trustees / members / shareholders

Full Name	Identity Number	State Employee No.

Signature

Date

Capacity

Name of Bidder