

Request for Quotation Document (RFQ)

RFQ Description:	You are hereby invited to submit quotations for the appointment of a service provider to manage the Project and produce Competent Persons Report for the Rare Earth Elements (REE) Project on behalf of African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation (SOC) Ltd (AEMFC).
Closing Date:	28/05/2021
Quotation No:	AE/QUO025/2021

1. KEY DATES AND ACTIVITIES

The table below lists certain key dates and activities relevant from time of publishing of the RFQ up until the closing date for questions:

No	Description	Start Date/Time
1.	RFQ is published	17/05/2021
2.	Bidders briefing session	N/A
3.	Bidders to submit written questions relating to RFQ	28/05/2021
4.	Closing dates for questions	24/05/2021

2. BACKGROUND

African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation (SOC) Ltd (“AEMFC”) is a state-owned Mining Company established to secure South Africa’s energy supply primarily through the mining and supply of coal for the generation of electricity, as well as securing other resources that will provide energy for the future, including key minerals for beneficiation in the energy and steel value chain.

AEMFC is the current holder of a prospecting right for **Rare Earth Elements** granted and executed with Department of Mineral Resources and Energy on 03rd June 2015 over the portion 1, 2 and remaining extent of the farm Blokspruit 157 JQ and the farm Ruigtepoort 162 JQ for the period of five (5) years ending 02 June 2020. Application for the extension of another three (3) years has been lodged with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy.

AEMFC is thus looking **for quotations from service providers for the appointment of a service provider to manage the Project and produce Competent Persons Report for the Rare Earth Elements (REE) Project on behalf of African Exploration Mining and Finance Corporation (SOC) Ltd (AEMFC).**

3. PRE - QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT

3.1. The following tenderers may respond by submitting valid certificates for the following:

- 3.1.1. The Lead individual(s) for the project must be Registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions ("SACNASP") and/or Engineering Council of South Africa ("ECSA") or Equivalent.
- 3.1.2. The Resource Geologist for the project must be Registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions ("SACNASP") or Equivalent.

A bidder that fails to meet the pre-qualifying criteria stipulated above, will not be considered further.

4. SCOPE OF WORK (SOW)

4.1. The service required is for a Supplier to review the following sections of CPR:

- 4.1.1. Review of available geological and geophysical information, including the Prospecting Works Programme (PWP).
- 4.1.2. Identify gaps on the information available and propose mitigation.
- 4.1.3. Produce project plan including Work Breakdown Structure "WBS", schedule, cashflow, risk assessment and monitoring and control plan.
- 4.1.4. Design and implementation of an Exploration works Programme.
- 4.1.5. Management of Project and Management of Exploration drilling work (managing the drilling contractors, stacking of holes, Logging, and sampling including transportation of samples to the appointed laboratory).
- 4.1.6. Application for transportation of Radioactive material.
- 4.1.7. Transportation of samples to the MINTEK (Johannesburg- 210 km's from Project area) and cores to Vlakfontein Mine storage (10 Km's from Ogies Town – Mpumalanga – 290 km's from Project area).
- 4.1.8. Data processing and Data interpretation.
- 4.1.9. Resource Modelling - produce a competent person resource report (SAMREC Compliance) and recommendations.
- 4.1.10. Project closeout report

4.1.11. Project progress report (Monthly)

4.1.12. Management of Radioactive material

4.1.12.1. Advise and implement a Radioactive material storage procedure at Vlakfontein Mine

4.1.12.2. Disposal procedures.

4.1.13. Bidders to follow COVID-19 procedures.

5. SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY AEMFC

5.1. Access to Project area.

5.2. All reports, data and documents pertaining to the project.

6. SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE SUPPLIER

6.1. Own (service provider's) resources relating to Project.

6.2. Communication, travelling & accommodation.

6.3. Own Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) suitable for mine and site visits.

6.4. Any other materially related services.

7. SUBMISSION

Quotations must be emailed to quotations@aemfc.co.za. Suppliers are requested to submit the following documents:

- **A certified copy of B-BBEE certificate or Sworn Affidavit for EMEs and QSEs**
- **Central Supplier Database (CSD) report**

8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following evaluation method will be used:

After the closing date of the bid invitation, an appointed evaluation committee of AEMFC officials and / or external parties/ consultants (where necessary) will evaluate the proposal of the service providers.

The committee will evaluate each of the bid proposals received against the approved criteria as stated below:

- a) Pre - qualification criteria for preferential procurement
- b) Compliance Check of mandatory documents / information.
- c) Functionality (Technical).
- d) Price and B-BBEE Status level of contribution in accordance with PPPFA and its Regulations.

8.1. Phase 1: Pre - qualification criteria for preferential procurement

All proposals submitted will be evaluated to determine that bidders comply with the pre-qualification criteria.

- The Lead individual(s) for the project must be Registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions ("SACNASP") and/or Engineering Council of South Africa ("ECSA") or Equivalent. **Provide valid registration certificate.**
- The Lead Mineral Resource Geologist for the project must be Registered with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions ("SACNASP") or Equivalent. **Provide valid registration certificate.**

8.2. Phase 2: Pre compliance of Mandatory documents

All proposals submitted will be evaluated to establish compliance to the commercial requirements such as for completion and signing of Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) forms, and submission of CSD registration number.

8.3. Phase 3: Functionality

Minimum threshold value of **85 points** should be obtained by the service providers to qualify to the fourth phase, and those who got less than the threshold value will **not** be considered further.

EVALUATION CRITERIA	SCORE
1. Provide a list of reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report by your company. a) More than 5 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 30 b) 4 successfully reviewed and/or and completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 20 c) 3 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 15 d) 2 or No successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 5 N.B. Fill in a Table provided as Annexure A. The onus is on a bidder to ensure that the contact details and email addresses of the clients provided are valid. • Bidders are to provide detailed reference letters on referring company's letterhead. • Failure to provide reference letters from company listed in Annexure A will lead to bidder not scoring any points for such company.	30
2. Provide list of reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report by the Lead Individual (Project Manager) who will be working on the project. a) More than 5 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 30 b) 4 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 20 c) 3 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 15 d) 1 or 2 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 5 e) No successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 0 N.B. Fill in a Table provided as Annexure B. The onus is on a bidder to ensure that the contact details and email addresses of the clients provided are valid. • Lead Individual to provide detailed Curriculum Vitae ("CV"). Failure to provide CV with contactable references will lead Bidder scoring zero.	30

3. Provide list of reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report by the Resource Geologist who will be working on the Project. a) 5 or More successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 20 b) 4 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 15 c) 3 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 10 d) 1 or 2 successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 5 e) No successfully reviewed and/or completed ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report = 0 N.B. Fill in a Table provided as Annexure C. The onus is on a bidder to ensure that the contact details and email addresses of the clients provided are valid. • Resource Geologist to provide detailed Curriculum Vitae (“CV”) clearly indicating the number of years of experience and projects worked on. • Failure to provide CV with contactable references will lead Bidder scoring zero.	20
4. Provide number of years of experience by the Resource Geologist in ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report generation and/or review. a) More than 6 years of experience in ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report generation and/or review = 20 b) More than 4 and up to 6 years of experience ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report generation and/or review = 15 c) More 2 and up to 4 years of experience in ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report generation and/or review = 10 d) 2 years or less experience in ferrous or base metal Competent Persons Report generation and/or review = 05 • The service provider must submit detailed Curriculum Vitae (“CV”) of the Resource Geologist allocated for this Project, demonstrating relevant qualifications, skills, expertise, and experience. • Failure to provide detailed Curriculum Vitae (“CV”) with contactable references will lead to bidder scoring zero points	20
TOTAL POINTS	100
Minimum threshold value	85

Only bidders who achieve a threshold of 85 points in functional evaluation will be evaluated on Price and B-BBEE.

9. PRICE AND B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PPPFA AND ITS REGULATIONS.

Price Quotations will be evaluated in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), using the 80/20 preference point system, where 80 points will be for price and the remaining 20 will be for B-BBEE Status of Level of contribution.

B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution	Number of Points (80/20)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

10. THE PRICE QUOTATION

- 9.1. Quotation to be in Rands.
- 9.2. Price quoted must include **VAT (If applicable)**.
- 9.3. The price must be in accordance with the Bill of Quantities (BOQ) provided as Annexure A.
- 9.4. Bids will be valid for 60 days.
- 9.5. Quotation to be submitted in the Company's letter head.