

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) DOCUMENT

AFRICAN EXPLORATION MINING AND FINANCE CORPORATION (PTY) LTD Registration Number 1944/018018/30) [hereinafter referred to as (“AEMFC”).

RFQ DESCRIPTION	REQUEST FOR SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUPPLY X2 FIREWALLS
RFQ Doc number:	4100015979
RFQ Issue Date	22 May 2023
COMPULSORY /NON-COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	No Briefing session
CLARIFICATION ENQUIRY ON RFQ	None
CLOSING DATE ON CLARIFICATION ENQUIRY	26 May 2023
RFQ CLOSING DATE:	30 May 2023
RFQ CLOSING TIME:	12H00 <i>Written Quotations are to be submitted to email address as referenced below by the requested Closing Time, Bidders not complying will be disqualified.</i>
RFQ validity period:	Sixty [60] “Business Days” from the closing date of this RFQ
Delivery Instructions By Email	RFQ Written Quotations (inclusive Vat) to be submitted and emailed to: quotations@aemfc.co.za . Bidders must ensure that bids are submitted to the above email address on time to the correct email address. NOTE: RFQ quotations received late shall not be accepted for consideration. “BIDDERS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE INSTRUCTION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED”.
THE VALUE OF THIS BID IS ETIMATED TO BE:	The value of this bid is estimated to be below R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and therefore the 80/20 system shall be applicable.
NOTE IMPORTANT	<i>Suppliers of Goods and /or Services to AEMFC cannot be undertaken without receipt of a VALID Purchase Order Number. Verbal, telephonic instructions from employee of AEMFC is a violation of AEMC’s Procurement Policy and Procedures. Commencement of such an act will result in an unlawful transaction with the repercussion of non -payment to the supplier.</i>

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Section 1

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1 RESPONSE TO (RFQ)

- 1.1 Response to this RFQ [**Quotations**] must not include documents or reference relating to any other quotation or proposal. Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter.

2 BROAD-BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT [B-BBEE]

N/A

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Respondents are warned that a response will be liable for disqualification should any attempt be made by a Respondent either directly or indirectly to canvass any officer(s) or employee of AEMFC in respect of this RFQ between the closing date and the date of the award of the business.
- 3.2 A Respondent may, however, before the closing date and time, direct any written enquiries relating to the RFQ address them to the following address:
Email: quotations@aemfc.co.za

4 CHANGES TO QUOTATIONS

- 4.1 Changes by the Respondent to its submission will not be considered after the closing date and time.

5 PRICING

- 5.1 All prices quoted must be submitted on the company's letter head.
- 5.2 All prices must be quoted in South African Rand on a fixed price basis, including VAT.
- 5.3 All prices quoted which are subject to confirmation will not be considered
- 5.4 Arithmetic errors, omissions, and discrepancies the following will apply.
- a. Where there is a discrepancy between the amounts in figures and the amount in words, the amount in words shall govern.
 - b. If there is an error in the line-item total on the bill of quantities resulting from the product of the unit rate and the quantity, the rate shall govern, and the line-item total shall be corrected.
 - c. Where there is an error in the total of the prices either because of other corrections required by this checking process or in the addition of prices, the rates shall govern, and the total tendered price shall be revised to achieve an arithmetically correct total tendered price.

6 BINDING OFFER

- 6.1 Any Quotation furnished pursuant to this Request shall be deemed to be an offer. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.

7 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

- 7.1 The successful Respondent shall be in full and complete compliance with all applicable national

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and local laws and regulations.

8 SCOPE OF WORK (SOW) /SPECIFICATION

The successful bidder should provide us with X2 FortiGate® 100F Series firewalls with following specifications:

- FortiGate-100F firewall with service level agreement for a period of 36 months
- Installation and configuration FortiGate Firewalls- Project plan to be provided.
- Documentation of the configuration and diagrams of the layout
- Perform review of current firewall policy and documentation
- Service level agreement should cover the following:
 1. Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5pm
 2. Monthly incident reports
 3. Security advisory
- FortGate-100F Hardware plus 3year 24/7 Forti care and FortiGuard Unified Threat protection (UTP). Must cater for Proxy Service.
- Provide Fortinet partner certificate.
- Provide Fortinet Cortication of team members.
- **Features** - Firewall protection, switching, routing, IPv6 support, IPSec Virtual Private Network (VPN), anti-malware protection, web threat protection.

NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD)

Respondents are required to self-register on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) which has been established to centrally administer supplier information for all organs of state and facilitate the verification of certain key supplier information. AEMFC is required to ensure that price quotations are invited and accepted from prospective bidders listed on the CSD. Business may not be awarded to a Respondent who has failed to register on the CSD. Only foreign suppliers with no local registered entity need not register on the CSD. The CSD can be accessed at <https://secured.csd.gov.za/>. Respondents are required to provide the following to AEMFC in order to enable it to verify information on the CSD:

Supplier Number: _____ Unique registration reference number: _____.

TAX COMPLIANCE

Respondents must be compliant when submitting a proposal to AEMFC and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

It is a requirement that Respondents grant a written confirmation when submitting this bid that SARS may on an ongoing basis during the tenure of the contract disclose the Respondent's tax compliance status and by submitting this bid such confirmation is deemed to have been granted.

It is a condition of this RFQ that the tax matters of the successful bidder be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the bidder's tax obligations.

No business will be awarded to a person whose tax matters have not been declared to be in order by SARS. If a recommended bidder is not tax compliant, the bidder must be notified in writing of their non-compliant status and the bidder requested to submit written proof from SARS of their tax compliant status or proof that they have made an arrangement to meet their outstanding tax obligations within seven (7) working days. Should they fail to do so AEMFC will reject their bid

Respondents are required to be registered on the Central Supplier Database as indicated in paragraph 9 and the National Treasury shall verify the Respondent's tax compliance status through the Central Supplier Database.

Prior to award, a CSD report on the successful bidder must be drawn by Procurement to confirm that the bidder is indeed registered on CSD and tax compliant.

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Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database

NEW TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) SYSTEM

SARS has implemented a new Tax Compliance Status (TCS) system in terms of which a taxpayer is now able to authorize any 3rd party to verify its compliance status in one of two ways: either through the use of an electronic access PIN, or through the use of a Tax Clearance Certificate obtained from the new TCS system.

Respondents are required to provide the following to AEMFC in order to enable it to verify their tax compliance status:

Tax reference number: _____

Tax Clearance Certificate & TCC Number: _____ and PIN: _____.

8 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

In responding to this bid, AEMFC acknowledges that it may obtain and have access to personal data of the Respondents. AEMFC agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Respondents in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law. Furthermore, AEMFC will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal data submitted by Respondents or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any Third Party without the prior written consent from the Respondents. Similarly, AEMFC requires Respondents to process any personal information disclosed by AEMFC in the bidding process in the same manner.

SECTION 2

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

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AEMFC will utilise the following criteria (not necessarily in this order) in choosing a Supplier/ Service Provider:

- 9.3 After the closing date of the bid Quotation, an appointed evaluation committee of AEMFC officials will evaluate the proposals received.
- 9.4 The committee will evaluate each of the bid proposals received against the approved criteria as stated below:
 - a) Compliance Check of required documents (Completeness of response and returnable documents)
 - b) Prequalification criteria (**Note: If Applicable**)
 - c) Functionality (Technical) (**Note: If Applicable**)

10 VALIDITY PERIOD

AEMFC requires a validity period of **Sixty [60] Business Days** from the closing date of this RFQ.

Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, on the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period. However, once the adjudication body has approved the process and award of the business to the successful bidder(s), the validity of the successful bidder(s)' bid will be deemed to remain valid until a final contract has been concluded.

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11 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Required documents means all the documents as listed in the tables below. The following bidding documents duly completed and signed:

COMMERCIAL RESPONSE	
MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
Pricing Schedule	

COMMERCIAL RESPONSE	
ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
National Treasury Registration on Central Data Base (CSD) (certificate).	
Valid and original (or a Certified copy) B-BBEE certificate/Sworn affidavit.	
Tax Clearance Certificate or electronic access PIN obtained from SARS's new Tax Compliance Status (TCS) system [Consortia / Joint Ventures must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate for each party]	

SECTION 3**QUOTATION FORM /ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFQ DOCUMENT**

I _____ /
We _____

hereby offer to supply the goods/services at the prices quoted in the Price Schedule below / (Company Letter Head), in accordance with the conditions related thereto.

I / We accept that unless AEMFC should otherwise decide and so inform me/us, this Quotation [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence], together with AEMFC's acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding contract between AEMFC and me/us.

I / We further agree that if, after I/we have been notified of the acceptance of my/our Quotation, I/we fail to deliver the said goods/service/s within the delivery lead-time quoted, AEMFC may, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, cancel the order. AEMFC may call for Quotations afresh.

Annexure B: PRICING SCHEDULE

Item No.	Description of Goods /Services	Unit Of Measure	Quantity	Unit Price (ZAR)	Total value Price (Ex Vat)
1	FortiGate 100F	EA	1		
2	FortiGate 100F	EA	1		
3	24/7 Forti care and FortiGuard Unified Threat SLA	EA	1		

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VAateT (If Applicable)			
TOTAL PRICE (INCLUSIVE OF VAT)			
Total Price In Words			

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