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TERMS OF REFERENCE / SPECIFICATIONS FOR ANNUAL RENEWAL OF DIGITAL SIGNATURE AND ADVANCED DIGITAL SIGNATURE (34 Licences)

CLOSING DATE: 22 OCTOBER 2025

TIME:11H00

NB: All proposal/quotation must be submitted to Quotations@nlsa.ac.za, kindly note that failure to submit via this email address will result in your proposal /quotation being rejected and disqualified.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The National Library of South Africa, hereafter referred to as NLSA, is a world class African National Library and Information Hub. The NLSA is responsible for collecting, recording, preserving, and making available the national documentary heritage of South Africa. The NLSA promotes awareness, appreciation and access to published documents, nationally and internationally and in doing so contributes to the development and prosperity of South Africa. The NLSA has Campuses in Pretoria and Cape Town.
- 1.2 The National Library of South Africa (NLSA) wishes to appoint a service provider to render the annual renewal of the digital signature and advanced digital signature services. **(34 Licences)**

2. SCOPE OF WORK

- 2.1 The scope for digital signature and advanced digital signature:
 - 2.1.1 To establish trust, ensure data integrity, and provide non-repudiation in the digital realm, enabling secure electronic communication and transactions.
 - 2.1.2 A digital signature is to provide a secure and verifiable method of authenticating the integrity and origin of digital documents or messages. It ensures that the recipient can verify that the

document has not been altered during transmission and that it indeed comes from the claimed sender.

3. NLSA'S RIGHTS

- 3.1 The NLSA is entitled to amend any RFQ conditions, RFQ validity period, RFQ terms of reference, or extend the RFQ's closing date, all before the RFQ closing date. All Bidders, to whom the quotation documents have been issued and where the NLSA have record of such Bidders, may be advised in writing of such amendments in good time and any such changes will also be posted on the NLSA's website under the relevant Bid information. All prospective Bidders must, therefore, ensure that they visit the website regularly and before they submit their quotations response to ensure that they are kept updated on any amendments in this regard.

4. DURATION OF THE PROJECT

- 4.1 The appointed service provider shall deliver the requested services (issue the licenses) within 30 days after a Purchase Order is issued.

5. CONDITIONS OF BID

- 5.1 The NLSA reserves the right not to accept the lowest proposal.
- 5.2 The NLSA reserves the right to appoint one or more Bidder.
- 5.3 The NLSA reserves the right not to award the contract.
- 5.4 The NLSA reserves the right to have any documentation, submitted by the successful Bidder checked or inspected by any other person or organisation.
- 5.5 The NLSA will not be held responsible for any costs incurred by the Bidder in the preparation and submission of the RFQ.
- 5.6 No upfront Payment will be done by NLSA.
- 5.7 The NLSA reserves the right to purchase and request delivery of the equipment in phases.
- 5.8 The quotations shall remain valid for a period of 60 days and may be extended at the discretion of the NLSA.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Pre evaluation (standard bid documents)

- 6.1 Fully completed SBD 4, SBD 6.1 forms.
- 6.2 All Bidders must be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) and must attach a copy of the most recent report.

6.3 Technical Criteria

Only those service providers / contractors who responded exactly as per below scope of work and to the satisfaction of the NLSA shall be considered.

6.4 Preference point system

6.4.1 The following formula must be used to calculate the points out of 80 for price in respect of an invitation for a tender with a Rand value equal to or below R50 million, inclusive of all applicable taxes:

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

P_s = Points scored for price of tender under consideration;

P_t = Price of tender under consideration; and

$P_{\min}$ = Price of lowest acceptable tender.

6.5.2 Specific Goals (maximum of 20 points):

- 100% Black owned (20 points), Less than 100% Black owned (10 points).

7. PRICING

7.1 Quotation must provide a pricing schedule which clearly sets out the cost of providing the goods including any applicable charges.

7.2 The pricing schedule must clearly indicate the unit or item price as well as total price for the requested.

7.3 **All cost items must be inclusive of VAT.**

8.ENQUIRIES

All enquiries regarding this RFQ must be directed to the SCM Office:

For any RFQ related enquiries please send to the following email address quoting the Bid Number, Bid Description as a Reference; Judy.Moshige@nlsa.ac.za and quotations@nlsa.ac.za OR (012) 402 3017