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Dear Tenderer

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION NO.1**

**SCOPE: INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE PROVISION OF NON-STATUTORY AUDIT SERVICES FOR ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, OVER A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS. TENDER REF: MWP1264CX**

This letter serves to respond to enquiries raised as per the Invitation to Tender Process above:

**1) Please see below:**

2.9	The Manager/Supervisor of the Eskom account is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Professional Internal Auditor (PIA) or General Internal Auditor (GIA).  (Maximum points 2)  If the Manager/Supervisor resigns, a replacement Manager/Supervisor must be registered with one of the professionals bodies as listed above.	Evidence to prove that this qualification is achieved and is valid must be provided by the IIA.  If the Manager/Supervisor is studying for this qualification then no points will be awarded.	2	2
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The aforementioned tender has reference, please clarify the following question:

The Manager/Supervisor of the Eskom account is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Professional Internal Auditor (PIA) or General Internal Auditor (GIA). (Maximum points 2)  
If the Manager/Supervisor resigns, a replacement Manager/Supervisor must be registered with one of the professionals bodies as listed above.

With reference to the above criteria as per Annexure O, would a manager that is CA (SA) be considered? And would they score the same number of points? *Response: They can be overqualified So being a CA instead of a CIA is fine and will get the points. It is just when they propose, and we require only a CIA we will only be paying for a CIA.*

**2) Please may you provide clarity on “Technical requirement 4.3. The firm provides their most recent external Quality Assurance Review report. The report must not be older than 5 years.5 points if no findings were identified. 0 points if findings were identified or if the report is older than 5 years.”**

We have previously engaged with the IIA requesting that an External Quality Assurance Review (EQAR) be performed for ##### Internal Audit. The IIA indicated that they do not perform EQAR's on audit firms, as audit firms provide services to different clients. However, ##### does perform EQAR for clients and have issued reports to that effect.

Please advise if a client reference letter confirming that we did perform this service would suffice, instead. If not, please advise on what would suffice considering that the IIA does not perform EQAR's on audit firms. *Response: The firm provides their most recent external Quality Assurance Review report. This does not refer to a reference letter. Another institution can provide the external Quality Assurance Report.*

- 3) I would like to clarify regarding the Mandatory Criteria, regarding the IIA Membership/ SAICA for all members of the proposed team. Does it apply just for the directors of the company or all the human resources including specialists?

*Response: All members of the proposed team must be active members of the IIA or South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) at the time of tendering and for the entire duration of the contract:*

- The IIA membership or SAICA certificates must be provided for all members listed in the tender documents. If an active and current membership certificate is not provided, the team member will not be considered, and the firm will be disqualified.*
- Tenderers are discouraged from proposing team members who are not in possession of a valid membership certificated at the time of tender closing. As this will lead to disqualification of the tenderer's proposal*

- 4) In the Mandatory Technical Evaluation Stage, it is stated that all members of the team must be members of SAICA or IIA. Please advise if this includes Trainees. Or is it just Professional Staff/ Managers and Directors? *Response: It will include everybody on the team, including trainees.*

- 5) Please advise if a SAICA membership as an AGA (SA) is acceptable? *Response: Acceptable if referring to Associate General Accountant (AGA (SA)). Then will be acceptable*

- 6) We are a newly established professional services company and are interested in responding to tender to provide Non-Statutory Audit Services. The professional services company consist of firms that previously existed. I would like to know whether the requirement as stated in section 4.2 wherein the bidder should provide a Quality Assurance Review Report, is a pre-qualification requirement or if it will just increase the firm's point allocation. *Response: It will just increase the points allocated if a external review is provided.*

- 7) For SAICA members, must all the members in the proposed team be CA(SA), or just have a SAICA membership? *Response: Must have SAICA membership. Not all have to be CA(SA)*

- 8) Does a safety officer qualify as a SHEQ Specialist? *Response: Yes*

- 9) See attached to e-Tender Portal and Eskom Tender Bulletin, Tax Evaluation questionnaire for purposes of PAYE 2022\_2023\_Annexure I: *There is a word version and an excel version. It is advisable to you the excel version for your completion of the questionnaire.*

Yours sincerely,

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