**Valves tender**

**Clarification Questions and Answers**

**16 August 2022**

1. Is the attendance of the clarification meeting session on 15 August 2022 compulsory.

It is not compulsory but it is highly recommended for the suppliers to attend in order to enable the suppliers to submit the quality tender response.

1. Does Eskom have consistency or standard in terms of soft copy or memory stick tender submission?

Procedurally, two set of hard copy files must be submitted, that is, one original hard copy and the copy of the original hard copy as they will both be stamped. The original file will be kept at the tender office whereas the copy file will be utilized for evaluation. The soft copy is for ease of evaluation in case the volume of supplier responses is too big, so soft copy or memory stick is not compulsory.

1. Tender Office loses tender documents, what assurance do we have that it will not happen in this tender.

In this particular tender, the Valves Cross Functional Team will request the tender office to capture or keep a register of whoever submits this tender on their tender Box, so that the register will be compared or matched with the number of supplier responses received by the closing date.

1. OEM do not quote suppliers on some of the valve items on this tender list and this tender requires the tenderers to cover the full scope of valves items.

The tender is for the full scope and the suppliers can contact multiple OEM’s in order to cover the full scope as Eskom needs assurance and/or security of supply of the full scope of these valves.

1. If the supplier has the agreement letter from the OEM but does not have any purchase order for valves as yet, will that supplier be disqualified.

Yes, the mandatory technical evaluation criteria clearly stipulates that the tenderer should have supplied or received purchase orders for the valves before. This criteria will not change.

1. The tender document does not specifically stipulates that the tender is for 5 years.

It was mentioned or kept on record that the tender is for 5 years and the NEC document has stipulated that it will be for 5 years.

1. Can the supplier respond to this tender without the DTI letter since they take time to respond.

No, the letter from the DTI must be submitted with the tender response before the closing date.

1. Will it be a disqualification if we use globe valve over a gate valve.

No, as long as the dimensions, temperature, etc. and all other parameters are correct or within the required scope/range, it will be accepted, in other words these valves are not brand specific.

1. For the previous experience, do we need to get the letter from other Power stations, submit previous Purchase Orders so that Eskom will check.

The Purchase Order number is sufficient as we will check or verify on the system.

1. We request the extension of the closing date as the NEC document was uploaded late.

The suppliers must formally request in writing, the extension of the closing date including the reasons why the need this extension and they will receive the response.

**Subsequent to the clarification meeting held on 15 August 2022, the request was formally made by multiple suppliers for Eskom to extend the closing date by two weeks. This request has been granted and the tender closing date has been extender from 23 August 2022 to the new date of 6 September 2022 at 14:00.**

**Note:**

**It was stated on record that all the questions that were raised in the supplier clarification meeting held on 15 August 2022 as well as the answers provided in that meeting will be published on the Eskom Tender Bulletin under Questions and Answers Folder. This will be applicable for all future questions, i.e. all questions and answers will be published.**