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SPECIAL INVESTIGATING UNIT (SIU)

RFP:04/12/2025/NI

APPOINTMENT OF PANEL OF EXPERTS

FORENSIC ACCOUNTANTS SERVICES- POE.12

23 January 2025

Issued by:

Special Investigating Unit ("UNIT")

Submission address:

74 Watermeyer Street Rentmeester Building Meyerspark

Closing date: 30 January 2025

Closing time: 11:00

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: TERMS OF REFERENCE'S CLARITY/QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1.	Will the appointments of the Lead Forensic Accountant under	Desktop Evaluation	Pg 21	No, the Lead Forensic Accountant will be used on an
	this panel be of a secondment arrangement to the SIU?	Criteria		adhoc basis on specific projects awarded.
2.	Will an affidavit by the resource proposed as the lead forensic	Presentation	Pg 24	No, the bidders who have made it to the presentation
	accountant suffice as evidence of the preparation or	Evaluation Criteria		stage will be invited to make presentation of previous
	production of forensic/litigation reports? (Forensic reports will	<i>i</i> /		forensic/ civil litigation reports as part of the evaluation
	bear the signature of a partner/director of our firm, whereas	/		process.
	the preparation/production of such reports were done by the			
	proposed lead forensic accountant?			
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3.	Presentation Evaluation indicates the following: "A resource has produced forensic/litigation reports in a legal proceeding (a bidder should present with valid proof which support the preparation irrespective of the number of legal proceedings attendances or production of forensic/litigation reports) equals. Failure to provide valid proof during the presentation will result in non-scoring" Can you please advise as to what kind of reports do you deem acceptable for this submission and if there is specific format that they are required to be in?	Presentation Evaluation Criteria	Pg 24	Any report to the client for use in Legal Proceedings in preparing reports for criminal and or civil litigation and or disciplinary purposes with regards to Forensic Accounting matters should suffice.
4.	What impact will the lack of affiliation to the referenced Professional Membership have on our submission/evaluation, as there is no reference to its evaluation criteria?	Administrative Compliance requirements	Pg 5	The SCM process have three (3) stages of evaluation. The first stage of evaluation is Administrative Compliance, which is mandatory as per the bid document on page 5. Failure to comply to the Administrative Compliance will lead to disqualification and your submission/evaluation will not be evaluated further and lead to disqualification.
5.	Will ACFE and ICFP Professional memberships be considered?	Administrative Compliance requirements	Pg 5	No, they must have registered with the relevant Accounting body(s)



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6.	Must be registered with one of the following Professional bodies: SAICA - CA(SA) only, SAIPA - Professional Accountant (SA) only, SAIBA - BAP(SA) only and ACCA - Chartered Certified Accountant only. (Certificate of registration must be attached) as well as other professional bodies to be accredited by SAQA from time to time with similar level of qualifications." May you kindly advise whether other professional bodies like ACFE and ICFP would suffice, or SIU requires association strictly with the bodies listed above?	Administrative Compliance requirements	Pg 5	The main registration of the person must be with one of the mentioned bodies, or any other recognized Accounting body – As the main knowledge will be accounting, thus registration with an accredited and recognized accounting body is required.
7.	Should the Lead Forensic Accountant's qualification be in the accounting stream or will any relevant qualification be accepted?	Qualifications of Forensic Accountant	Pg 13 & 23	It must be in the accounting stream as this is primarily work of an accounting nature – with investigative skills being applied to produce a financial outcome which has possible legal consequences.
8.	When is the closing date of the bid RFP:04/12/2025/NI	Bid Closing date	Pg 1	Closing Date is on Thursday, 30 January @11h00
9.	According to the letter published on your website in respect of the extension date for publishing the consolidated inquiries and the response, the date for consolidated inquiries were revised to 23 January 2025. The heading of the letter however refers to the extension of tender closing date and inquiries for panel of experts.	Addendum	N/A	The tender closing date has not been extended. The closing date remains the 30 January 2025.

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	The letter contains no information on the closing date being revised.			
	Kindly confirm if the submission date is 31 January 2025			
10.	The bidder is required to present valid proof which support	Presentation	Pg 24	Any report to the client for use in Legal Proceedings in
	the preparation or production of forensic/litigation reports,	Evaluation Criteria		preparing reports for criminal and or civil litigation and or
	please can you advise on what would be deemed as valid			disciplinary purposes with regards to Forensic Accounting
	proof/ evidence of such reports?			matters should suffice.
11.	Will this stage of evaluation, require a physical presentation	Presentation	Pg 24	Yes, a physical presentation to the SIU will be required
	by the Lead Forensic Accountant to the SIU?	Evaluation Criteria		for the bidders who have made it to the presentation
				stage.





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Addendum received by the Bidde	r and the contents therec	of included in the Request for Proposa
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