

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Provision of Recruitment Services

Closing Date: 24 March 2023

Time: 12h00

1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Eskom Pension and Provident Fund (“EPPF”, or “the Fund”) herewith invites proposals from interested service providers to submit responses to this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the:

- Provision of Recruitment services.

2 PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

The purpose of this RFP document is to provide broad details relevant to the services required and is not intended to provide a detailed overview of every action required.

3 OVERVIEW

The EPPF is a self-administered Defined Benefit (DB) pension fund, regulated by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA). The EPPF, as an organisation, is responsible for providing benefit administration and investment management services to the pension fund of Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd and its subsidiaries. The Fund provides retirement, withdrawal, death, and ill-health benefits to members, pensioners and their dependents.

The Fund is managed by a Board of Trustees, which delegates the day-to-day operations to an Executive Management team. The organisation employs a staff complement of 150 and its operations are independent from those of Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd.

The EPPF’s core business activities are pension fund administration (Pension Administration Department) and investment management (Investment Management Unit Department). The core functions are supported by the Finance, Governance and Assurance, Human Capital , and Information Technology Departments.

The EPPF’s vision is to become the most admired pension fund by its peers and members, and its mission is to be a member-centric pension fund that can enter new markets by 2024.

The Fund’s strategic objectives, which would enable it to fulfil its mission, are defined under five (5) pillars, representing critical strategic focus areas. The Human Capital (HC) department is responsible for the fourth pillar of the strategic objectives, which focuses on “developing the talent of our human capital”. The picture below depicts these critical focus areas:



In light of strategic pillar 4, the recruitment process is a crucial step in ensuring that we attract and retain high calibre talent that will drive the implementation of the strategy. Recruitment refers to the process of identifying, attracting, interviewing, selecting, and hiring. In other words, it involves everything from the identification of a staffing need, to filling it.

In the spirit of effectively managing the recruitment budget of various departments within the Fund, the HC department first attempts to attract candidates through direct sourcing strategies by utilising suitable mechanisms; for example, the company website, LinkedIn, job boards, social media, recruitment software and other suitable sourcing platforms (where practical). The utilisation of various platforms allows EPPF to expand the talent pool of potential candidates from the market. In instances where EPPF is unable to source suitable candidates directly (for example, in cases of skill scarcity, large volumes recruitment – e.g. learnerships, Internship/graduate programmes, ad hoc temps and senior positions), the attraction process is outsourced to external recruitment agencies who are tasked with assisting EPPF in sourcing suitably qualified candidates.

The Fund is looking for reputable and experienced recruitment agencies who are:

- Able to dedicate more resources in the talent attraction process,
- Fully resourced with sourcing technologies that enable them to directly headhunt potential candidates,
- Have databases of candidates that are in the market, and
- Able to reach out to passive candidates who might not be actively looking for a new job and will not respond to a job board ad.

The EPPF has established a Preferred Supplier List (PSL) when utilising external recruitment agencies in rendering recruitment services. The EPPF wants to add other recruitment agencies to the PSL, the Fund is therefore inviting proposals through an open tender process. Following the outcome of the RFP process, EPPF will enter into formal agreements with the appointed

service providers to provide recruitment services as and when required. The overall objective is to establish partnerships with reputable service providers specialising in recruitment within the financial services industry. Pension fund experience will be a highly advantageous skill for the service provider to have.

4 RFP RESPONSE GUIDELINES

4.1 Point of contact

This RFP is issued on an open tender notice format with a definite closing date and time.

Respondents are required to submit their responses in expansive detail and on time to qualify for consideration of their responses.

During the open response time, the central point for all queries relevant to the provision of background information and points of clarity relevant to this RFP, will be managed through a central mailbox. In the interest of all parties concerned all queries must be submitted **in writing only** and responses to queries or points of clarity will be published in the “Tenders” section of the Fund’s website (www.eppf.co.za).

The electronic mail address for queries is ProcurementOffice@eppf.co.za. No telephonic or verbal queries will be entertained.

After the distribution of this RFP, a **Compulsory** briefing session will be conducted with all potential respondents to provide further information and address questions relevant to the RFP.

The briefing session is scheduled for **10h00 SA Time on Wednesday, 22 February 2023** via Microsoft Teams. Interested participants to send their email addresses by **Monday, 20 February 2023 at 12h00 noon SA Time** to ProcurementOffice@eppf.co.za. Attendance is limited to two (2) persons per company or Service Provider. Email Subject for all communication relating to this RFP is **Provision of Recruitment services for a period of three years**. A request with the Microsoft Teams meeting information will then be forwarded to the email address provided.

Respondents must not contact any of the Fund’s Board members, executives, consultants, or staff to discuss matters related to this RFP or the RFP process. Discussion of this RFP with

any person within or associated with the Fund other than the designated contact email as above will result in the disqualification of that respondent from the process.

4.2 RFP process and submission procedure

The Fund will review proposals at its discretion against a set of pre-defined criteria and will rate each proposal on its ability to satisfy the requirements stated in this RFP.

In the event that preferred suppliers are selected, such service providers will be formally notified. A formal Agreement will be entered into between the Fund and the successful service providers detailing issues such as the scope of work, fee structure and validity of the term of the contract.

Potential service providers are requested to be mindful of the time allowed for responses, the closing date and time, the email address for proposals and must note that late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

The proposal must be submitted with the necessary supporting detail and must at a minimum provide the information requested in this RFP.

The Fund reserves the right to consider any proposal in its entirety or partially and may appoint more than one service provider or no service provider at all. The Fund's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

4.3 Submission Date, Time and Address

The closing date for submission of proposals to the email address indicated below is **24 March 2023, 12h00.**

RFPs must be submitted electronically to ProcurementOffice@eppf.co.za.

All proposals must reach the allocated email address on or before the closing time. It remains the responsibility of the respondents to ensure that their proposals reach the Fund before the closing date and time.

Respondents are allowed to send large files via WeTransfer ONLY and must ensure that the hyperlinks provided are fully functional. All documents must be provided in Adobe PDF.

Proposals may not be faxed, or hand delivered, and proposals received by any other means other than the designated email address, will not be considered and will be rendered invalid.

4.4 **RFP Timelines**

The timelines for the RFP process are as follows:

Activity	Due Date
Issuing of RFP	18-20 February 2023
Compulsory Briefing Session	22 February 2023
Deadline for clarification questions	24 February 2023
Final response to clarification questions	3 March 2023
Closing date for submissions	24 March 2023

Please note that the above timelines are indicative and that the Fund reserves the right to change these timelines. Respondents will be advised of any changes and/or notices via email.

4.5 **RFP Process Requirements**

The following minimum requirements will be applied to the RFP process:

- i. Responses received after the closing date and time will be considered late and **will not** be accepted.
- ii. All responses must be submitted in full and completed on or before the closing time. The Fund will not allow additions and/or amendments to any response to be submitted after the closing date and time.
- iii. Responses may be withdrawn in writing by a respondent prior to the closing date and time.
- iv. All enquiries relevant to the RFP may only be submitted to the indicated point of contact and in writing. Telephonic and/or verbal enquiries will not be entertained.

- v. During the course of this RFP process, respondents may acquire confidential information relating to the Fund's business, projects and/or customers. Respondents are required to keep this information strictly confidential at all times (even after the RFP process has been completed) and may not use or attempt to use or allow such information to be used for personal gain or the gain of any other person or institutions.
- vi. Respondents may not disclose any such confidential information to any third party, but to the extent that such disclosure may be necessary for the submission of a formal proposal, the respondent must approach the Fund for prior approval to share any information with any third party. This does not apply to information which must, by law, be disclosed or becomes available to and known by the public due to no fault on the part of the respondents.
- vii. Respondents must comply with the highest ethical standards in order to promote mutual trust and an environment where business can be conducted with integrity, in a fair and reasonable manner.
- viii. Proposals submitted to the Fund must remain valid for a minimum period of 90 days from the closing date.
- ix. Respondents will be held to their proposals as submitted. The Fund reserves the right to negotiate the modification of a proposal with the successful respondent in whole or in part.
- x. Agreements reached after such modifications with the successful respondent, or parts thereof, and accepted by the Fund will form part of the contract.
- xi. Each proposal will be evaluated for general conformity to specifications and the demonstrated capabilities of respondents to execute the scope of work.
- xii. Respondents must provide curricula vitae of all key personnel they propose for execution of the scope of work, with clearly defined fields of expertise, functions and responsibilities.
- xiii. In general respondents must indicate the experience and field/s of expertise of their companies and must specifically demonstrate their experience in similar assignments and an understanding of the services required.
- xiv. Respondents are responsible for any and all costs and liabilities incurred in responding to this RFP. The Fund will not be responsible for any costs whatsoever or howsoever arising.
- xv. The Fund reserves the right to withdraw this RFP for any reason and at any time without incurring any cost or liability.
- xvi. The Fund reserves the right to withdraw, at any stage of this process, amend or cancel this RFP, reject or not accept any or all proposals, obtain any information from any

lawful source regarding past business history and practices of the respondent, and to take any such information into consideration in the evaluation process.

- xvii. The Fund does not have to explain acceptance or rejection of any specific service provider and the Fund's decision is final and binding, no correspondence will be entered into.

4.6 Compliance requirement: structure of responses

The structure of proposals must be as follows:

- 4.6.1** Proposals must be electronically generated and must be signed by the individual(s) legally authorised to bind the organisation.
- 4.6.2** Legibility, clarity and completeness are essential.
- 4.6.3** One signed copy of the RFP response and supporting documents.
- 4.6.4** Responses must be prepared as simply as possible, providing a straightforward, concise description of the interested parties and the capabilities available to satisfy the requirements of the RFP.

4.6.5 The RFP response must be presented in the following format:

Section	Title
1	Executive Summary of Proposal
2	Company background
3.	Proposed team members and Credentials
4	Proposed Approach and Methodology
5	Proposed Service Offerings
6	Pricing Schedule (See below table)
7	Detailed Recruitment Experience of bidders
8	B-BBEE
9	Supporting documentation referred to in paragraph 6.7 of this RFP

4.6.6 Failure to comply with paragraphs 4.3, 4.5 and 4.6 and 4.7.2 will result in the relevant response being disqualified.

4.7 Evaluation Criteria

Respondents will be evaluated according to the extent to which they are able to fulfil the requirements of the Fund. Evaluation criteria will place emphasis on the following areas:

- Functional ability: 50%
- Pricing (including guarantee period): 20%
- BBBEE: 20%
- Data Privacy - POPIA Compliance: 10%

Respondents must be well established entities with expertise in providing professional recruitment services utilising ethical guidelines and best practice methodologies. Respondents are required to indicate the period they have been in operation in this specific environment and must include supporting evidence in respect of such specific expertise.

Respondents are required to include proof of registration with Apso and the Department of Employment and Labour of South Africa.

Respondents must provide supporting documentation relevant to issues such as the ownership of the business, management structure and B-BBEE credentials in the format indicated in this RFP document.

The successful respondents should have a balance between technical and business knowledge, to allow a demonstration of a thorough understanding of the Fund’s specific business requirements.

The evaluation criteria will place emphasis on the following areas:

4.7.1 Functional Ability

- Service providers must submit a capability statement with demonstrated experience of successful rendering Recruitment services.
- Experience in Recruitment, including sourcing (active and passive), cold calling, providing market insight reports in line with business requirements.
- The capacity and experience of the proposed team, with CVs of team members.
- The proposed approach for offering Recruitment services, indicating all deliverables associated with this service.
- Indicative turnaround time responding to job specifications (including, sourcing and submitting of candidates for consideration, conducting background checks).

4.7.2 Fee Structure

Pricing Schedule:

No.	Placement fee description (inclusive of all background checks)	Placement Fee (Percentage)
1	Recruitment for permanent hires.	
2	Recruitment for permanent living with a disability hires.	
3	Graduate recruitment	
3	Recruitment for ad hoc temps.	

All prices are to be quoted in ZAR and **must include VAT** where applicable.

Proposals must be valid for at least 90 days from the closing date of the RFP. If prices are subject to exchange rate fluctuations, respondents must indicate the assumed rates and conditions pertaining to exchange rate fluctuations.

All prices including incidental/consequential/contingent expenses must be comprehensively disclosed clearly indicating direct and indirect components and any other prices that may be applicable even if they will not be incurred or paid to the successful vendor.

Note - To facilitate like-for-like comparison, bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with the pricing schedule and not utilise a different format. Use of a format different to the pricing format provided, may render your submission being disqualified.

4.7.3 Empowerment / B-BBEE

The Fund is committed to advancing the objectives of B-BBEE and details of the service provider's B-BBEE credentials, supported by a copy of a rating certificate from a SANAS accredited rating institution or an affidavit wherever applicable, with details of the relevant company profile must be provided. In the very least, specific reference must be made to:

- Ownership structure and shareholding;
- Board representation;
- Executive / Operational Management structure;
- Gender equity profiles for all staff; and
- Secondary B-BBEE initiatives, such as procurement from B-BBEE suppliers and other initiatives.

These details must be clearly stated in the order requested and with the headings as above.

4.8 References

The Fund requires all respondents to include reference letters from clients in the financial services sector with their proposal. Respondents must include references from at least three recent Candidate placements within the financial services sector in the following format:

- Client name.
- Contact details (telephone, fax and email address).

- Client representative.
- Role description (scope, size, budget, contract type, and turnaround time).
- Summary of key lessons learnt, if applicable.

When providing information regarding references it is accepted that the respondent has cleared with the referee that:

- The client can be contacted directly by the Fund or its consultants.

All shortlisted service providers will then be invited to the second phase of the evaluation process.

- This will be in the form of a presentation to the procurement evaluation committee, with the aim of providing an opportunity to further seek clarity on the proposed methodology, service offerings and assumptions on prices.
- Dates will be communicated to the shortlisted service provider(s), together with an outline of the presentation requirements.
- From the presentation stage, a further evaluation will be done to further shortlist the successful bidder.

5 RFP SPECIFICATIONS

5.1 Purpose

The EPPF seeks to contract with suitably qualified service providers to provide recruitment services, to enable the EPPF recruits the best talent in order to achieve its objective of “Developing the Talent of its Human Capital”. It is EPPF’s intention to appoint qualifying service providers to a preferred supplier list for a period of five (5) years, subject to annual review of performance.

5.2 Recruitment Services overview

In order for the EPPF to effectively Develop the Talent of its Human Capital, the HC departmental scorecard incorporates several strategic initiatives, including:

- Transformation of talent acquisition strategy
- Organisational Design (OD)

The above strategic initiatives are strongly anchored by the Recruitment process. Whilst EPPF currently handles the recruitment portfolio internally, there are certain positions that require services to be outsourced due to complexity in sourcing suitable candidates and volume recruitment. HC therefore deems this an opportunity to add to the preferred supplier list in order to assist EPPF as and when the need arises.

5.3 Recruitment Services Scope

The Human Capital team aims to partner with service providers who will offer a broad scope of recruitment services to the EPPF. The proposed term of the contract is 5 years, subject to annual review of performance. Taking into consideration the length of the term, the appointed service providers will be expected to continuously offer new, innovative and cost-effective recruitment services, in line with the changing world of work and taking advantage of digital transformation.

In light of the above, the scope of these services will be to:

- Offer Recruitment services as part of the Talent Acquisition process, to attract high calibre talent. This should include all relevant background checks.
- Guide business in responding to market changes within the recruitment environment.

Proposals should include a list of the Recruitment tools used by the service provider and outline the processes utilised to attract candidates.

Capacity and Experience

In addition, EPPF seeks to engage Service Providers that have:

- a) A sufficient number of experienced Researcher and Recruitment specialists.
- b) The capacity to deliver required services within reasonable time frames.
- c) A database of high-calibre potential candidates.
- d) Access to highly efficient recruitment software and sourcing tools. The respondents will be required to demonstrate their software and tools should they be shortlisted for the presentation stage. The demonstration will form part of the evaluation criteria.
- e) An administrative support team to ensure that the attraction process is administered efficiently.
- f) A proven track-record of providing recruitment services across all occupational levels within the financial services industry.
- g) A Research team to perform statistical and trend analysis as and when required, to deliver reports that will enhance decision-making.
- h) Capacity to render end-to-end recruitment services as their core business function.

During the term of the partnership, the service providers are expected to allocate suitably qualified resources to deliver against the required deliverables. EPPF attracts talent across the country, therefore the service provider must have recruitment tools that are accessible with ease and not limited by geographical distance.

6 REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS

6.1 Declaration

Respondents must, on the official letterhead of the company submitting the response, declare that:

- a. the information provided in all documentation is true and correct;
- b. the signatory of the tender document is duly authorised to do so by means of a special or general resolution of the company responding; and
- c. undertake that all information gained from the EPPF through this RFP document or from any other interaction relevant to this RFP, will remain confidential.

6.2 *Company details and stability*

Please provide a response to each of the following questions:

- a. How long the company has been in operation within its current specific environment of providing professional Recruitment services.
- b. The nature of the business, paying particular attention to core activities.
- c. The company's summarised value proposition to its clients.
- d. The company's registration number and supporting registration documents.
- e. The company's overall organisational structure and key team resources within this structure that will be deployed to recruitment services.
- f. If the response to the RFP is made as part of a joint venture with another business entity, details of the commercial relationships between the parties making up the consortium / joint venture / partnership. In addition, provide the following information:
 - Copy of the Joint Venture Agreement
 - Entity(ies) that will be guaranteeing contract performance;
 - Date of Joint Venture formation;
 - The name of the lead / prime contractor; and
 - Details regarding the nature of the agreement between the Joint Venture (JV) Partners including the proposed percentage division of work and revenue between the constituent members. In the event that a JV partner is a subsidiary company, the extent to which the holding company and related subsidiaries and associates are prepared to provide guarantees must be detailed.
 - The plan and process pertaining to account management, invoicing and record keeping.
 - A statement of compliance with legislation relating to information security, including compliance with the POPI Act.

6.3 *Presence and Experience*

- i. Provide details of the head office location.
- ii. Provide the year of establishment of the business and the number of employees currently employed.
- iii. Provide instances of the company's experience in providing professional Recruitment services.

6.4 Approach

- i. Describe how your organisation would approach this engagement, and methodologies adopted. Please detail the phases, activities and milestones involved.
- ii. Describe how and when the required capabilities and resources from your organisation will be deployed.
- iii. Describe the resources required from the Fund to be involved in the recruitment services.

6.5 Timeframes

Indicate estimates of timelines for the recruitment activities.

- Sourcing
- Submitting shortlist of candidates for consideration
- Background checks

6.6 *Supporting Documentation*

Respondents must include the following supporting documentation within their electronic proposals:

- Certified copies of CIPC company registration documentation. In the case of respondents who are not companies as envisaged in the Companies Act of 2008, equivalent founding documents must be submitted;
- A valid Tax Clearance Certificate and/or PIN indicating good standing with the South African Revenue Services (SARS);
- A detailed statement of the company's B-BBEE credentials as required in the above, supported by a rating certificate from a SANAS accredited rating institution or a B-BBEE affidavit.
- Recent Audited Financial Statement of the specific entity that will be submitting the proposal. Group or any other entity's Annual Financial Statements will not be accepted. Respondents who are not required by law to have audited financial statements must include a letter signed by an authorised official confirming that the respondent is not required by law to have audited financial statements and accordingly, is unable to provide same.

In the case of a Joint Venture the above-mentioned documentation need only be supplied for the guaranteeing entity.

Respondents will be disqualified from the RFP process if any of the details and/or documents listed in 6.6 above are not submitted.

7 Appendix A – Terms of business

1. Background

The Fund wishes to appoint a suitable service provider to provide professional Recruitment services.

By submitting a response to the RFP sent out by the Fund, a respondent automatically undertakes to be bound by and agrees to the conditions set out in this entire document.

Respondents that do not consider themselves bound by the provisions of this entire document should not respond to the RFP, as submission of a response pre-supposes agreement to the terms of this agreement.

2. Terms of Business

The Fund hereby sets out the Terms of Business and the respondent hereby accepts the conditions that will apply to the work to be done by the service provider appointed in terms of the RFP detailed in this agreement.

Once signed by both parties, these Terms of Business will form part of the basis of a suitable Agreement between the Fund and the successful service provider.

An additional agreement detailing the services to be rendered will be entered into. These Terms of Business will establish the basis of such an agreement to provide the services as outlined in the RFP, and will serve to explain the conditions under which the appointment of the preferred service provider is made, but may also be extended in the Agreement to include other matters not necessarily addressed in this RFP.

3. The services to be provided

3.1. The Services

The service provider will provide the services described in the RFP, and at the location(s) to be set out in the Agreement. The services described in the RFP are not an exhaustive list of all services to be performed by the successful respondent.

Where the Agreement refers to services to be performed this means that the service provider will provide the Fund with the Services and will be responsible for the management and control of the services and the quality of any deliverables listed in or referred to in the Agreement.

Where the Agreement refers to Services to assist the successful service provider this means that the Fund will use reasonable skill and care, as specified, to assist the service provider with its work, but the service provider will be responsible for the overall management and control of the Services and for the results to be achieved from using the Services.

3.2. The service provider's staff

Where individual members of the service provider's staff (including partners and directors) are named in the Agreement the service provider will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the named individual(s) are available to support its work for the Fund stated in the Agreement.

Where the service provider considers changes in its named staff necessary or appropriate, for reason of, inter alia, resignation, relocation, training or illness, the service provider may make the changes after giving the Fund reasonable notice and will provide the Fund with details of replacement staff.

3.3. Contract Management

Both parties may designate a contact person that will be responsible for managing all issues relating to the performance of the Agreement.

3.4. Deliverables

3.4.1. Preparation and Delivery

The Fund will incorporate the deliverables listed or referred to in the RFP into the Agreement to be signed with the preferred service provider.

4. Fees and Payment

4.1. Payment of services

The Fund agrees to pay for the Services as set out in the Agreement.

All invoices will be payable within thirty days from date of receipt thereof.

5. Term, Suspension and Termination

5.1. Duration of Contract

The Agreement will apply from the Commencement Date stated, or where no Commencement Date is specified, from the date of signature of the Agreement by both parties. The Agreement will continue until all the Services and deliverables have been provided unless it is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms set out below.

5.2. Termination of the Contract

Unless stated otherwise in the Agreement, the Contract may be terminated by either party at any time by giving the other party no less than 30 days written notice. The Fund however reserves the right to terminate the Agreement by giving 24 hours written notice.

Where the Contract is terminated in this way the Fund will pay the service provider for all Services provided and completed up to the date of termination.

5.3. Termination for Breach of Contract

The Agreement may be terminated by either party by written notice with immediate effect if the other commits a material breach of any term of the Agreement that is not remedied within 10 days of dispatch of a written request to remedy the same, where such breach is capable of being remedied.

5.4. Termination for Insolvency

The Agreement may be terminated by either party by written notice in the event that the other party is unable to pay its debts or has been placed under administration, judicial manager, liquidator or similar person or officer appointed or compromises generally with its creditors or ceases for any other reason to carry on business or in the reasonable opinion of the other party any of these events appears likely.

6. Confidentiality and Conflicts of Interests

- 6.1. By signing the Agreement, each party is under a professional obligation not to disclose to a third party any information confidential to the other party. Similarly, reports by the service provider are for the use of the Fund alone and may not be disclosed to third parties without the Fund's prior written consent.
- 6.2. Notwithstanding 6.1 above, either party will be entitled to disclose confidential information of the other to a third party to the extent required by law or where the said information is already known to the public due to no fault on the other party, provided that in the former case (and without breaching any legal requirement), where reasonably practicable not less than five business days' notice in writing is first given to the other party.
- 6.3. Respondents are required to declare any relationship (family, friend, other) between themselves and any person employed by the EPPF who may be involved with the evaluation and or adjudication of this RFP. Such declarations may be included as part of the Respondent's proposal. In addition, service providers with such an interest may be required to complete the EPPF's standard declaration of interest form.

7. Liability

- 7.1. The service provider shall use reasonable skills and care expected from an expert in its industry in the provision and delivery of the services and the deliverables in terms of the Agreement.
- 7.2. The service provider shall accept liability to pay compensation for damages and losses suffered by the Fund arising as a direct result of breach of contract, misconduct, dishonesty/fraud or negligence (including gross negligence) on its part or third parties acting on behalf of the service provider in respect of Services provided in connection with, or arising out of the Agreement (or any variation or addition thereto).

8. General

8.1. Force Majeure

Neither of the parties to the Agreement will be liable to the other for any delay or failure to fulfil obligations caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

8.2. Assignment

Neither of the parties to the Agreement may cede, assign, delegate, transfer, encumber, charge nor otherwise seek to deal in any of its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

8.3. Notices

Notices must be served either personally, sent by prepaid registered post or faxed to the address of the other party given in the Agreement or to any other address as the parties may have notified during the period of the agreement. Any notice sent by registered post will be deemed to have been delivered 10 days after sending. Any notice sent by fax or served personally will be deemed to have been delivered on the first working day following its dispatch.

8.4. Amendment

Any amendment or consensual variation, cancellation or termination of the Agreement, or any of its terms, will not be effective unless agreed in writing and signed by both parties.

8.5. Survival

The confidentiality clause in the Agreement shall survive the termination or expiry of the agreement and shall continue to bind the parties to the agreement.

8.6. Electronic Communications

During the provision of the Services, the Fund may from time to time communicate electronically. However, as the service provider is aware, the electronic transmission of information cannot be guaranteed to be secure or error-free and such information could be intercepted, corrupted, lost, destroyed, arrive late or incomplete or otherwise be adversely affected or unsafe to use.

Accordingly, whilst the Fund carries out commercially reasonable procedures to check for the most commonly known viruses and to check the integrity of data, it remains the service provider's responsibility to carry out a virus check on any documents before launching them, whether to be sent or to be received on disk or otherwise. Therefore and notwithstanding any collateral contract, warranty or representation, the Fund will have no liability to the service provider on any basis, whether in contract, delict (including negligence) or otherwise, in respect of any error or omission arising from or in connection with the electronic communication of information to or from the service provider and the service provider's reliance on such information and including (but not limited to) the acts or omissions of the relevant service providers.

If the communication relates to a matter of significance on which the service provider wishes to rely and is concerned about the possible effects of electronic transmission, the service provider should request a hard copy of such transmission from the Fund.

8.7. Validity of contract Provisions

If any provision of the Agreement is held to be invalid, in whole or in part, such provision shall be deemed not to form part of the agreement. In any event the enforceability of the remainder of the agreement will not be affected.

8.8. Conflict

In the event of any conflict between the Agreement and any other document that forms part of the agreement, the Agreement shall prevail except where amended by specific reference to the relevant Clause of the Terms of Business. In the event and only to the extent of any conflict between the Agreement and any referenced or attached document other than the Terms of Business, the Agreement will take precedence.

8.9. Applicability

The Agreement shall apply to work undertaken in relation to the service provider, its holding company or any of its subsidiary, associated or related companies, agents or sub-contractors providing services in terms of the agreement.

9. Dispute Resolution and Governing Law

Should any dispute arise between the Fund and the service provider, both parties will attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith through senior-level negotiations. If the dispute is not resolved through negotiation or mediation within a reasonable time both parties agree that it shall be finally resolved in accordance with the rules of the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa by an arbitrator or arbitrators appointed by the Foundation and agreed upon by both parties. The arbitration clause does not prohibit a party from seeking relief in a dispute where urgency can be proved, and where, as a result, application can be made for an urgent interdict, urgent declaratory order or other urgent relief to any court of competent jurisdiction, on condition that such urgent relief is only of an interim nature pending the determination of the dispute by the arbitrator. The parties submit in this regard, to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Gauteng Local Division, Johannesburg.

The Terms of Business and the Agreement shall be subject to South African law.

10. Quotation/Proposal Conditions Validity of Quotations

Quotations must be valid for at least 90 days from the closing date of the tender. Include original valid tax clearance certificates, proof of registration of the business, audited annual financial statements and the latest BBBEE certification.

Disqualifying Criteria

- Failure to submit before the specified date and time
- Failure to comply with sections 5 and 6 of the RFP.
- Failure to submit requested supporting documentation in 6.7.

VAT

VAT must be included in all prices and costs quoted, where applicable.

Closing Date for Proposal Submission

The closing date and time for submission of proposals at the delivery address indicated is 24 March 2023 at 12h00.

The Fund reserves the right to withdraw, at any stage of this process, amend or cancel this RFP, reject or not accept any or all proposals, obtain any information from any lawful source regarding past business history and practices of the respondent, and to take any such information into consideration in the evaluation process.

11. Acceptance

By signature of this document, the service provider agrees to be bound by the terms of business contained herein.

Signed in acceptance on behalf ofbeing duly authorised thereto.

Signed at..... on this.....day of.....2023

Name & Surname.....

Designation.....

Signature.....