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## PART A INVITATION TO BID

**YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF THE THULAMELA MUNICIPALITY**

BID NUMBER:	20/2025/2026	CLOSING DATE:	06 MARCH 2026	CLOSING TIME:	11:00 AM
DESCRIPTION	PROVISION OF TRAVEL MANAGEMENT (AGENCY) SERVICES FOR THULAMELA MUNICIPALITY FOR THREE (3) YEARS				

**THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AND SIGN A WRITTEN CONTRACT FORM (MBD7).**BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX  
SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)

OLD AGRIVEN BUILDING
THOHOYANDOU
0950

**SUPPLIER INFORMATION**

NAME OF BIDDER				
POSTAL ADDRESS				
STREET ADDRESS				
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER	
CELLPHONE NUMBER				
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS				
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER				
TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS	TCS PIN:		OR	CSD No:
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE [TICK APPLICABLE BOX]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]**

ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSURE PROOF]	ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER PART B:3]
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS OFFERED		TOTAL BID PRICE	R
SIGNATURE OF BIDDER	.....	DATE	

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED			
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:		TECHNICAL INFORMATION MAY BE DIRECTED TO:	
DEPARTMENT	FINANCE	CONTACT PERSON	MR MUFAMADI AC
CONTACT PERSON	MUDZILI TP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	015 962 7614
TELEPHONE NUMBER	015 962 7629	FACSIMILE NUMBER	015 962 7629
FACSIMILE NUMBER	015 962 7718	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	mudzilip@thulamela.gov.za	<a href="mailto:mufamadiac@thulamela.gov.za">mufamadiac@thulamela.gov.za</a>	



## PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

### 1. BID SUBMISSION:

- 1.1. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE STIPULATED TIME TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.
- 1.2. **ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE OFFICIAL FORMS PROVIDED-(NOT TO BE RE-TYPED) OR ONLINE**
- 1.3. THIS BID IS SUBJECT TO THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT AND THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017, THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (GCC) AND, IF APPLICABLE, ANY OTHER SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT.

### 2. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 2.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VIEW THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.
- 2.3 APPLICATION FOR THE TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) CERTIFICATE OR PIN MAY ALSO BE MADE VIA E-FILING. IN ORDER TO USE THIS PROVISION, TAXPAYERS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH SARS AS E-FILERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
- 2.4 FOREIGN SUPPLIERS MUST COMPLETE THE PRE-AWARD QUESTIONNAIRE IN PART B:3.
- 2.5 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
- 2.6 IN BIDS WHERE CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
- 2.7 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

### 3. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS

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| 3.1. IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 3.2. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?                       | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 3.3. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?      | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 3.4. DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?           | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 3.5. IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?       | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 2.3 ABOVE.

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.  
NO BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: .....

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED: .....

DATE: .....

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### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

#### SECTION 24G APPLICATION FOR THE RECTIFICATION OF MADZIE RESIDENCE/ STAND IN BUDELI VILLAGE UNDER THULAMELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, VHEMBE DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter 5 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of 2014, promulgated under the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA) as amended in 2017 that Madzie Residence/ Stand appointed Naledzi Environmental Consultants to apply for a Section 24G license from Limpopo Economic Development Environment and Tourism (LEDET). The submission of the Section 24G Rectification application is necessitated by the applicant's omission to obtain environmental impact assessment approval and the requisite authorisation prior to the initiation of a Listed Activity.

**Project Description:** The site is located on Portion 0 of Nandoni Dam farm 399MT with central coordinates of 22°58'45.4"S / 30°34'10.0"E, in Budeli Village under Thulamela Local Municipality under the jurisdiction of Vhembe District in the Limpopo Province. The infrastructure was built within the DWS purchase line, CBA zone and within 32m of a water course.

#### TRIGGERED ACTIVITIES

NEMA Act 107 of 1998, as amended in 2017	National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)
GNR 327 Listing Notice 1 Activity 12 Activity 19	Section 21 (a)
GNR 324 Listing Notice 3 Activity 12 Activity 14	Section 21 (b)
	Section 21 (c)

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

You are hereby notified of the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project, which is out for 30-days public review, and to solicit registration of interested and affected parties onto the database. The comment/registration period starts from 30 January 2026 to 02 March 2026.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report is available at the following venues:

- Ha-Budeli Tribal Council
- Ward 19 Councillor

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Naledzi Environmental Consultants cc  
141 Thabo Mbeki Street, Fauna Park, Polokwane 0699  
Email: sncube@naledzi.co.za, Tel: 087 550 1529, Fax: 087 550 1537, Cell: 060 550 9311

#### NOTICE FOR PROSPECTING RIGHT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATIONS IN WITHIN THE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT VHEMBE, LIMPOPO PROVINCE, LP 305/1/12/6353 PR

This notice is issued in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), 2002 for a Prospecting Right application and the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), 1998 for the associated Environmental Authorisation application. The interested and affected parties are invited to register and participate in the aforementioned applications process.

#### NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

**Nature of Activity:** Masindi Minerals (Pty) Ltd has applied for a prospecting right in terms of Section 16 of the MPRDA and subsequently has applied for Environmental Authorisation in terms Section 24 of NEMA for Coal, Copper ore, Gold ore and Manganese.

**Application Area (Location):** FARM 443 MT.

**Listed Activities:** The proposed prospecting activities trigger listed activities in Listing Notice 1 (GNR 327) and Listing Notice 3 (GNR 324), as amended. Consequently, a Basic Assessment Process will be undertaken. The public is invited to contact the EAP and register as I&APs in order to participate in the EIA Process and be provided with the Basic Assessment Report and Supporting Documents. Registered I&APs will be notified directly when the environmental reports become available for review as well as details of public participation meeting.

#### IAPS REGISTRATION:

The IAPs can register by contacting EAP Company: Muga Group Pty Ltd, Contact Person: Phathutshedzo Mugagadeli/ Moses Mphephu; Email: moses@mugagroup.co.za /phathu@mugagroup.co.za Tel / WhatsApp: 073 7966 6769/ 072 173 3307.

#### NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CASH CROPS PRODUCTION AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURES ON PORTION OF PORTION 1 OF THE FARM GRAHAM 276 MT, WITHIN COLLINS CHABANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY AREA, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

LEDET REF: 12/19/1-V565

Notice is given in terms of Regulation 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations published in Government Notice R 326 of 07 April 2017, under Section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended, that: Eroma Farming & Projects (Pty) Ltd, (the applicant) proposes to undertake or develop and operate Cash Crops Farming with Associated Infrastructures (Covering 4 Ha in extent), situated in Xigalo village, on Portion of Portion 1 of the farm Graham 276 MT, within Collins Chabane Local Municipality, Vhembe District Municipality Area, Limpopo Province.

In terms of Sections 24 and 24(D) of the Act, as read with Government Notice Regulation 326 of 07 April 2017 as amended, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the following listed activities which will require Basic Assessment Process:

Activity 27 Listed in EIA Regulations R. 327 of 2017 as amended:	The clearance of an area of one hectare or more than, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation. Relevance: The area is 4 Ha in extent
Activity 28 Listed in GN 327 of 2017 as amended:	Residential, mixed, retail, commercial, industrial or institutional developments where such land was used for agriculture or afforestation on or after 01 April 1998 and where such development will occur outside an urban area, where the total land to be developed is bigger than 1 hectare. Relevance: The area will used as a commercial area

Competent Authority: Limpopo Economic Development, Environment & Tourism (LEDET)

To participate in this process, or to obtain further information/draft Basic Assessment & Environmental Management Programme Reports, please contact the under-signed within 30 days from the date of publication of this advertisement, on the following contact details:

Mr. Harron Nefale  
Madzanga Projects (Pty)'Ltd.  
8784 Hornbill Street, Hillside, Lenasia South, Johannesburg, 1829. Cell: 079 108 7440. E-Mail: harronnefale@yahoo.com



## THULAMELA MUNICIPALITY

Private Bag X5066  
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Tender documents are obtainable from Procurement Office, Office No. 02 at Thulamela Local Municipality Head Office, during the following times: 08:00 to 15:30 (Monday to Friday) as from 30 January 2026 at a non-refundable bid price of R4.00 per page. or can alternatively be downloaded from Thulamela website ([www.thulamela.gov.za](http://www.thulamela.gov.za)) for free. The bidders should also download SCM forms that are found in the Documents SCM-FORMS folder on the website and complete as part of the Bid documents.

The service providers must submit the completed Bid documents (in black ink) and hand deliver or courier them to Thulamela Municipality. All completed Bid documents (hand delivered or couriered) must be dropped in the BID BOX before the closing date and time of the Bids closure. The onus is on the service providers to make sure the Bid documents are submitted on time and late submission won't be accepted.

Interested Contractors and/or service providers will be expected to submit the Bid documents with the following compulsory requirements.

- Tax Compliance Status Letter or Tax Compliance Pin Number.
- Company registration documents (e.g., CCR).
- Company profile.
- Proof of registration on CSD
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- Proof that municipal rates & taxes that are not in arrears for more than 3 months for both company and director(s) (Proof must not be older than 3 months old from the date of the advert / letter from the municipality not older than 3 months from the date of the advert, if the business is operating in rural areas where municipal rates and taxes are not levied; NB: Where the business operates in a leased property, please attach a valid lease agreement. Where the director does not own any property or is renting please attach a valid lease agreement. Service providers who reside in areas where municipal services are not billed must submit a signed and stamped official letter from their respective local municipality not older than 3 months from the date of the advert confirming that: (a) The area in which the bidder resides is not subject to municipal billing and (b) The bidder is formally exempted from municipal service charges.
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EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS ALLOCATED
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Company ASATA registration	40
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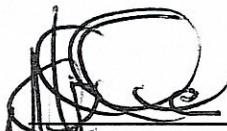
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**MUNICIPAL MANAGER**



DATE

# THULAMELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



## PROVISION OF TRAVEL MANAGEMENT (AGENCY) SERVICES FOR THULAMELA MUNICIPALITY FOR 3 (THREE) YEARS

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bid is to appoint a professional Travel Management Company (TMC) to provide a comprehensive, efficient, and cost-effective travel management service for Thulamela Local Municipality.

The appointed service provider shall be responsible for managing all official travel arrangements for:

- Municipal officials
- Councillors
- Approved non-officials travelling on municipal business

The service shall include, but not be limited to:

- Air travel bookings
- Accommodation reservations
- Conference Facilities
- Car and bus hire arrangements
- Travel insurance facilitation
- Emergency travel support
- Reporting and cost analysis

The objective is to ensure that all travel arrangements are:

- Economical
- Efficient
- Compliant with municipal policies
- Supportive of service delivery objectives

## **2. BACKGROUND**

Thulamela Local Municipality regularly undertakes official travel for meetings, conferences, training, site visits, and intergovernmental engagements. In order to ensure standardisation, cost control, and compliance, the Municipality requires a dedicated Travel Management Company to administer and manage all official travel arrangements.

The Municipality therefore intends to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Travel Management Company through a competitive bidding process, subject to the following conditions:

### **a) Official Travel Only**

All travel and accommodation arrangements shall be:

- Strictly for official municipal business
- Undertaken in the interest of Thulamela Local Municipality
- Subject to prior written approval by authorised municipal officials

No bookings shall be processed without:

- An approved travel request
- Proper authorisation in line with municipal delegation of authority

### **b) Group Bookings and Alternative Arrangements**

In cases of group travel bookings, the Municipality reserves the right to:

- Exercise alternative travel options
- Utilise existing contracts with service providers such as:
  - Charter flight operators
  - Bus and road transport companies
  - Government or negotiated service providers

The appointed Travel Management Company shall:

- Support and coordinate such arrangements
- Negotiate preferential rates and bulk discounts
- Provide comparative quotations to demonstrate cost savings
- Ensure optimal scheduling and logistical efficiency

### **c) Cost Effectiveness and Value for Money**

The Travel Management Company shall ensure that:

- The most cost-effective and practical travel options are utilised at all times
- Economy class travel is prioritised unless otherwise approved
- Advance bookings are encouraged to secure lower fares
- Preferred supplier agreements are utilised

The service provider shall further be required to:

- Produce monthly and quarterly management reports
- Analyse travel trends and expenditure patterns
- Demonstrate measurable cost reductions and efficiencies
- Provide strategic recommendations to reduce travel costs

Reports must include, but not be limited to:

- Travel spend analysis
- Route and supplier performance
- Savings achieved
- Compliance with municipal policies (eg cost containment)

### **3. SCOPE OF WORK AND DELIVERABLES**

The appointed Travel Management Company (TMC) shall provide a comprehensive, end-to-end travel management service to Thulamela Local Municipality. The service provider shall be responsible for planning, booking, amending, managing, and reporting on all official travel requirements in a professional, cost-effective, and compliant manner.

#### **3.1 Accommodation Services**

The service provider shall be responsible for:

##### **a) Planning and Booking**

- Planning, arranging, confirming, amending, and cancelling domestic and/or international accommodation bookings.
- Accommodation may include, but is not limited to:
  - Hotel groups
  - Private hotels
  - Guesthouses
  - Boarding houses
  - Lodges and other approved establishments

- All bookings shall be processed through a bill-back system approved by the

Municipality.

**b) Payments and Account Management**

- Managing accommodation payments on behalf of the Municipality in accordance with approved credit facilities and billing arrangements.
- Ensuring accurate invoicing and reconciliation of accommodation costs.

**c) Negotiation of Preferential Rates**

- Negotiating discounted corporate rates with:
  - Hotel chains
  - Independent hotels
  - Guesthouses and lodges
- Securing preferential tariffs, seasonal discounts, and value-added benefits where possible.
- Providing comparative rate schedules to demonstrate cost savings.

### **3.2 Air Travel Services**

The service provider shall be responsible for:

**a) Planning and Booking**

- Planning, arranging, booking, amending, and cancelling all domestic and international air travel.
- Processing payments through the service provider's credit card facility or approved billing system.

**b) Fare Management and Compliance**

- Securing the most cost-effective fares in line with municipal policies (eg cost containment).
- Ensuring compliance with class-of-travel approvals.

**c) Negotiation of Discounts and Incentives**

- Negotiating discounted airfares with:
  - Domestic airlines
  - International carriers
- Negotiating travel rand rewards, credits, or loyalty benefits based on accumulated spend.
- Providing periodic reports on savings achieved through negotiated agreements.

### **3.3 Vehicle Rental Services**

The service provider shall:

#### **a) Booking and Amendments**

- Plan, arrange, confirm, amend, and cancel vehicle rental bookings.
- Ensure vehicles are suitable for official travel requirements.

#### **b) Negotiation of Preferential Tariffs**

- Negotiate discounted rates with all major and independent car rental companies.
- Secure corporate rates and long-term rental discounts.

#### **c) Insurance and Risk Management**

- Ensure all rental vehicles are:
  - Fully insured
  - Provided with zero deposit requirements
  - Offered with no excess or reduced excess payable by municipal officials
- Provide confirmation of insurance cover for every booking.

### **3.4 Shuttle and Chauffeur Services**

The service provider shall:

#### **a) Planning and Coordination**

- Plan, arrange, book, amend, and cancel shuttle and chauffeur services.
- Coordinate transfers including:
  - Airport transfers
  - Hotel transfers
  - Conference and event transport

#### **b) Supplier Management**

- Engage with contracted and approved shuttle service providers.
- Negotiate discounted rates and corporate packages.
- Ensure suppliers comply with road safety and insurance requirements.

### **3.5 Conference and Event Fees**

The service provider shall:

**a) Event Management Support**

- Plan, arrange, book, amend, and cancel:
  - Conference registrations
  - Seminar fees
  - Training workshops
  - Professional development events

**b) Negotiation of Discounts**

- Negotiate reduced registration fees with event hosts and organisers.
- Liaise with Thulamela Local Municipality to secure group discounts and early-bird rates.
- Provide confirmation of bookings and invoices.

**3.6 Bus Fares and Shuttle Services (Individual Travel)**

The service provider shall:

**a) Planning and Booking**

- Plan, arrange, book, amend, and cancel bus tickets and shuttle services for officials travelling individually.
- Utilise reputable local and intercity bus operators.

**b) Negotiation of Discounts**

- Negotiate preferential tariffs with:
  - Local bus operators
  - Intercity bus services
- Secure corporate discounts for frequent travel routes.

**3.7 Bus and Combi Bookings (Group Travel)**

The service provider shall:

**a) Group Travel Coordination**

- Plan, arrange, book, amend, and cancel:
  - Buses
  - Combis
  - Minibusesfor group travel requirements.

**b) Negotiation of Group Discounts**

- Negotiate bulk and group travel discounts with service providers.
- Ensure vehicles comply with:
  - Road safety standards
  - Passenger insurance requirements
  - Valid operating licences

### **3.8 Additional Services**

The service provider shall also provide:

- Emergency travel assistance (24/7 support)
- Visa facilitation (where required)
- Travel insurance facilitation
- Lost ticket replacement
- After-hours booking support
- Crisis management and contingency planning
- Any other travel-related services reasonably required by the Municipality

### **DELIVERABLES**

The appointed service provider shall submit:

- Monthly travel expenditure reports
- Quarterly cost-saving analysis
- Supplier performance reports
- SLA compliance reports
- Ad hoc management reports as requested

## **4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

The appointed Travel Management Company (TMC) shall comply with the following general requirements throughout the contract period:

### **a) Management Reports**

- The service provider shall submit detailed monthly management reports on all travel-related expenditure.
- Reports must be submitted no later than the 5th working day of the following month.
- Reports shall include, but not be limited to:

- Breakdown of expenses per service category:
  - Accommodation
  - Air travel
  - Car rental
  - Shuttle services
  - Bus travel
  - Conferences and workshops
- Savings achieved through negotiated discounts
- Comparison between standard tariffs and negotiated rates
- Trends and recommendations for cost optimisation

**b) Tariff and Discount Adjustments**

- The service provider shall:
  - Provide written notification (email acceptable) of any imminent tariff increases or adjustments, particularly for air travel.
  - Continuously engage in negotiations with suppliers to secure:
    - Lower tariffs
    - Higher discount percentages
    - Corporate preferential rates
- All quotations:
  - Must be inclusive of VAT
  - Must be quoted in South African Rand (ZAR)

**c) Delivery of Travel Documentation**

- The service provider shall ensure the timely delivery of all travel documentation, including but not limited to:
  - Air tickets
  - Accommodation vouchers
  - Visa documentation
  - Car rental vouchers
- Documentation shall be delivered to:
  - The relevant municipal official, or
  - A nominated representative, or

- Electronically (email), or
- As mutually agreed between the parties

**d) Collection of Travel Documentation**

- Due to financial and security implications:
  - Collection of documentation at:
    - Airports
    - Passenger service counters
    - Car rental companies
  - shall only be allowed in exceptional circumstances.
- Such arrangements must:
  - Be mutually agreed between the service provider and the requesting official(s)/councillor(s)
  - Be supported by written confirmation
- All vouchers and tickets must:
  - Be sent electronically to officials via email
  - Be properly recorded for audit purposes

**e) Financial Capacity (30-Day Account Facility)**

- Bidders must demonstrate the ability to:
  - Carry a 30-day account
  - With a minimum estimated exposure of R3 million
- This facility must cover:
  - Accommodation
  - Flights
  - Car rental
  - Shuttle services
  - Bus travel
  - Conference and workshop venues
- Proof of financial capacity may be requested, including:
  - Bank confirmation letters
  - Credit facility confirmations

### **f) Availability and Support**

- The service provider must:
  - Provide 24-hour service availability
  - Seven (7) days a week
  - Including public holidays
- This shall include:
  - Emergency travel support
  - After-hours bookings
  - Dedicated account manager or helpdesk

## **5. AMENDMENTS TO AIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

In the event of changes to confirmed travel arrangements, the following procedures shall apply:

- The municipal official(s)/councillor(s) who made the original booking shall:
  - Liaise directly with the service provider
  - Complete an amendment or cancellation memo
  - Obtain necessary internal approvals

### **(a) Cancellation of Travel**

- Upon cancellation:
  - The official(s)/Councillor(s) shall return:
    - Air tickets
    - Travel vouchersto the service provider.
- The service provider shall:
  - Process the cancellation with the airline or service provider
  - Issue a credit note to the Municipality where payment has already been made
  - Invoice the Municipality for:
    - Applicable cancellation fees
    - Penalties charged by suppliers (if any)
- All cancellation transactions must:
  - Be clearly reflected in monthly management reports

- Include supporting documentation

**(b) Amendment to Travel Arrangements**

- The official(s)/councillor(s) shall:
  - Notify the service provider timeously of required changes
  - Submit an amendment memo with proper authorisation
- The service provider shall:
  - Process the amendments
  - Provide revised itineraries and cost implications
  - Ensure minimal financial impact to the Municipality
- Any amendment fees:
  - Must be clearly disclosed
  - Included in monthly reporting

**6. COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES**

In order to promote prudent financial management, transparency, and value for money, the appointed Travel Management Company (TMC) shall strictly adhere to the following cost containment measures throughout the contract period:

**a) Compliance with National Treasury Prescribed Rates**

- The appointed service provider shall:
  - Comply with all Cost Containment Measures issued by:
    - National Treasury
    - Provincial Treasury
    - Any other competent authority from time to time.
- These rates shall apply to:
  - Accommodation
  - Air travel
  - Vehicle rental
  - Shuttle services
  - Conferences and related services
- The service provider shall:

- Apply the maximum allowable Treasury rates or
- Utilise lower negotiated rates where available.
- Any deviation from Treasury rates:
  - Must receive prior written approval from the Accounting Officer or delegated authority.
  - Must be supported by a written motivation.

#### **b) Invoicing and Mark-Up Control**

- The successful bidder shall:
  - Furnish original supplier invoices as proof of cost for every transaction.
  - Clearly indicate:
    - Base supplier cost
    - Discount obtained
    - Final billed amount
- The service provider shall:
  - Apply only the approved management fee percentage as quoted in the Pricing Schedule.
  - Not charge:
    - Additional administration fees
    - Hidden costs
    - Unapproved commissions
- All invoices must:
  - Be fully itemised
  - Reflect:
    - Supplier cost
    - Management fee
    - VAT separately
  - Be supported by:
    - Booking confirmations
    - Approval documentation

#### **7. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

All bids will be evaluated in accordance with:

- Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA)
- Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022
- National Treasury SCM Guidelines
- Thulamela Local Municipality Supply Chain Management Policy

The evaluation process shall be conducted in three (3) sequential stages:

***STAGE 1: ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE***

Bidders must submit all compulsory documents. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

***STAGE 2: FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION (100 POINTS)***

Minimum qualifying score: 70 out of 100

***STAGE 3: PRICE & PREFERENCE POINTS (80/20 SYSTEM)***

Only bidders who pass functionality will proceed to this stage.

**FUNCTIONALITY EVALUATION MATRIX**

Item	Evaluation Criteria	Evidence Required	Scoring Guide	Max Points
1	Company Experience	Signed appointment letters and reference letters for contracts executed within the past 10 years	2 x 3-year term contracts = 30 pts 2 x 2-year term contracts = 20 pts 2 x 1-year term contracts = 10 pts No evidence	30

			= 0 pts	
2	Company ASATA Registration	Certified and valid copy of ASATA certificate (proof of registration)	Certified and Valid registration certificate = 40 pts No registration, invalid or uncertified copy = 0 pts	40
3	Bank Rating	Bank rating / confirmation letter from registered financial institution	Rating A = 30 pts Rating B = 20 pts Rating C = 10 pts No rating = 0 pts	30
<b>TOTAL FUNCTIONALITY SCORE:</b>				<b>100</b>

NB: Bidders scoring below 70 points shall be disqualified.

#### **PRICING SCHEDULE**

Bidders are required to indicate their fixed management fee percentage applicable to all transactions for the duration of the contract period. The percentage must be inclusive of all costs, administration, profit, and applicable statutory charges.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
1	Fixed management fee percentage applicable to all travel transactions (air tickets, accommodation bookings, car hire, and related services) ie all transactions for the full contract period.	_____ %

NB: The quoted percentage shall remain fixed for the entire contract period. No escalation will be permitted unless approved in writing by the Accounting Officer.

Failure to complete this schedule may result in disqualification.

**The following is a statement of similar work carried out by the company/ies in the last ten (10) years:**

Employer, Contact person and telephone number	Description of contract	Value of work inclusive of VAT (Rand) if applicable	Date Completed