

FRANCES BAARD DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



NOTICE 4/20 REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO APPOINTMENT CONSULTANTS FOR SOURCING OF ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FOR ICT DEVELOPMENT IN THE FRANCES BAARD DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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All responses to this EOI are compiled and submitted at the Prospective Respondent's sole risk and cost and the FBDM is not liable to compensate any person for any costs or losses incurred in connection therewith.

By its participation in the EOI Process, the Prospective Respondent is deemed to acknowledge and consent to the terms and conditions of this EOI, including the contents of this Important Notice.

1. Introduction

Frances Baard District Municipality hereby invites the Professional Service Providers to be included into the Panel of Service Providers that will provide the Formulation of Capital Projects, Strategic Business Plans and Sourcing of Funding (excluding loans and guarantees) on risk basis. The appointed Professional Service Providers will prepare proposals at risk, which means there will be no payment that will be made to the appointed Service Providers till the funding is secured. The appointed service providers shall undertake the entire responsibility from design through completion and commissioning on the solicit funding (turnkey approach). The service providers are responsible to submit a full proposal on the mechanism for the implementation of the project and the scope of what they can deliver. (The idea of a risk based appointment is that the service provider needs to work on these projects without compensation with the view that if they are successful in funding as per category in **point 5**, a Service Level Agreement will be signed based on a **commission percentage basis on agreement with all stakeholders.**)

2. Background

The **District Development Model** has been approved by government structures, including Cabinet to integrate service delivery that will be more practical, achievable, implementable, measurable and clearly aligned to the key priorities of the government.

Frances Baard District Municipality is an organ of state fulfilling the constitutional developmental mandate of "structure and manage its administration, budgeting and planning processes to give priority to the basic needs for service delivery in the respective communities, and to promote the social coercion and economic development of the district.

Frances Baard District Municipality is currently allocating capital funding to its local municipalities to co-fund a number of capital projects to fulfil its mandate. However, due to limited financial resources the municipality is unable to effectively make an impact on addressing the backlogs and providing accelerated service delivery in the district

According to the Project Management Institutes (*PMI's*) 2011 Pulse of the Profession Survey, organizations that have moved towards a standardized and centralised project fund and management approach, through a Strategic Transactional Advisory Services and implementation capability, are reaping the benefits mentioned hereunder and as such, significantly more projects are funded timeously, on budget and meeting intended goals.

It is against this background, that **Frances Baard District Municipality** intends to procure experienced services providers in sourcing of alternative funding for service delivery, i.e. transactional advisory service providers.

Upon appointment that successful service provider is expected to seek funding from different potential donors. It is for this express purpose that Frances Baard District Municipality anticipate different possible proposals for funding from potential donors.

3. Scope of Work

Frances Baard District Municipality intends to procure a suitably qualified service providers to render a Strategic Transactional Advisory capability, with the required resources and expertise, to manage and implement a portfolio of projects as well as define, ensuring projects are completed in accordance with the defined scope, time, budget and quality requirements.

The scope of work will entail the following:

- Project feasibility study;
- Project evaluations;
- Project negotiations;
- Preparation of business plans, funding proposals, and funding applications;
- Project design;
- Project management and supervision;
- Project quality management; and
- Project delivery.

4. Methodology

The service providers will be required to demonstrate in their proposed methodology their understanding of the brief with overview of the following but not limited to:

4.1 Governance and Structures of the projects:

- Outline legal and policy framework for the projects.
- Outline a comprehensive plan to achieve the objectives of the intended mandate.

4.2 All information pertaining to financial structure:

- Formulation of the funding, financial instruments and structure appropriate for the projects.
- Identify and consider sources of funding and use the appropriate financing instruments.

4.3 Financial forecasts and performance:

- Arrange the funding sources from potential donors to grant financing facilities on behalf of the district municipality.
- Assist the municipality in concluding an acceptable financing package.

4.4 Technical and legal advice:

- Provide technical and ICT advisory.
- Provide technical assistance and assessments.
- Technical designs, plans and implementation of the capital projects.
- Administration and monitoring of implementation of capital projects.
- Closing and commissioning of transactions or capital projects.
- Review and provide input into the legal agreements.

4.5 Operating history:

- Assist the district municipality in preparing and managing the result management system (monitoring and evaluation) for design, plan and implementation of the projects.

5. Key Deliverables (Categories)

The appointed service providers will have to identify catalytic infrastructure, economic development and service delivery on identified mega projects to be funded and make certain that local small medium & micro enterprises to benefited from the value chain of such capital projects. It is key that such capital projects be implemented through social responsibility.

The expected key deliverables in the following categories, taking the above into consideration, are as follows:

- The development of a possible municipal fully functional ICT infrastructure.

- The development of projects identified in the IDP of the district.
- The development of ICT plans for the district.
- Revenue injection to Frances Baard District Municipality as part of revenue enhancement.

6. Reporting

The appointed service providers (panel) will directly report to the district Municipal Manager on developments and provide regular updates of progress to the district executive management team on a monthly basis.

7. Competencies Required

The following competencies are required:

- Experience in resource mobilisation and fundraising.
- Experience in financial analysis and project finance.
- Experience in procurement and structuring.
- Experience in legal aspects pertaining to drafting and negotiating agreements.
- Experience in technical due diligence and advice on structuring and contracts.
- Experience in project management, contract management and stakeholder management.
- Experience in conceptual planning, design and construction administration and monitoring of capital projects.
- Relevant years' experience in raising funds for ICT Development, social and economic development.

- Proven successful track record in fundraising for agencies or non-governmental organisations.
- Good understanding of infrastructure, social and economic development.
- Excellent professional business writing skills.
- Good understanding of both South Africa and non-South Africa Funders, bilateral and multi-lateral donors, funds and foundations in relation to social and economic development.
- Excellent inter-personal working skills.

8. Bidder Requirements

In terms of the above project, service providers (individual firms/consultants) encompassing the combination of recent involvement in the field of resource mobilisation and fundraising, and user-friendly analysis methods will be considered.

Service providers would be selected primarily on the basis of skills/service they can provide, overall cost competitiveness of their proposal, merit in terms of previous track record. responsive bidders may be contacted for power point presentation at the municipality office at own cost. Appointed service providers shall be invited for an inception report meeting with Frances Baard District Municipality.

9. Documentation and Confidentiality

Ownership of all documentation, material and data produced within the context of this brief: whether in hard or digital format shall remain the property of Frances Baard District Municipality.

Information, which is generated in the context of the project, may not be made available to any third party without prior permission of the Frances Baard District Municipality. Project material shall be presented in the Microsoft Word in both hard copy and electronic format.

10. Technical Rider/Disclaimer

These terms of reference must be considered as guide for the service providers. service providers are expected to use their knowledge and expertise to produce a realistic and comprehensive proposal for infrastructure, socio-economic development resource mobilisation & fundraising.

11. Functionality Criteria

Bidders must provide succession certificates, clients reference and appointment letters on the client's contactable references. Demonstration experience with respect to transactional advisory, fund raising in the public and private ICT Development, technical design and project and construction management.

For functionality, the following criteria will be applicable, and the maximum value of each criterion is indicated as below. The district is requiring the service of the highly qualified and experienced, skilled service providers ("Technical Advisory") to provide the requisite professional service.

The service providers will be required to demonstrate the skills and experience in the following areas and will be evaluated as individuals who should poses the following:

Criteria to be used for functionality (see attached functionality evaluation criteria checklist).

| CRITERIA | MAX POINTS (%) |
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| <p>A. Qualification</p> <p>Qualifications in Business Administration / Law / Finance / Technology / Economics / Architecture / Quantity Surveying / Engineering / Project and Construction management / or equivalent NQF Levels</p> | 15 |
| <p>B. The Experience</p> <p>15 + years' experience in the provision of Strategic Technical advisory, Financial Preparation and Legal Instruments, Economic Management, and Built and Engineering Environments</p> | 30 |
| <p>C. Knowledge</p> <p>Demonstrate in depth technical knowledge and legal experience about Strategic Project Finance within the Public and Private enterprise's environments.</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of Public Infrastructure, Strategic sectors, Technology and Cyber Security and Investments pertaining to the relevant industries and sectors</p> <p>Reference letters on successfully implemented projects should be provided.</p> | 40 |
| <p>D. Approach and Methodology</p> <p>Demonstrate the understanding of the technical and legal advisory roles and responsibilities by submitting a detailed proposal on Strategic Project Finance.</p> | 15 |
| TOTAL | 100 |

NB: Bidders that score less than 60 points for functionality will be deemed non-compliant with the bid specification.

Mandatory Information

- The bidders will be required to submit a detailed demonstration of experience indicating clearly the **relevant required experience as indicated above.**
- The certified copies of the CV's and qualifications as requested above.
- The approach and methodology paper prepare to address the requirements as listed for the scope.

12. Disqualification factors

- **All proposals that do not submit a valid tax clearance certificate / master registration number or tax compliance status PIN.**
- **All proposals that do not submit a methodology and detailed work plan. (functionality)**
- **All proposals that are faxed, e-mailed or telegraphed.**
- **All proposals that are received late.**

Frances Baard District Municipality reserves the right to accept a portion of a proposals, and the lowest and/or any proposals will not necessarily have to be accepted.

13. REMUNERATIONS

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The closing date for submissions is 17 August 2020 Proposals should be clearly marked: **NOTICE 4/20 REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO APPOINTMENT CONSULTANTS FOR SOURCING OF ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FOR ICT DEVELOPMENT IN THE FRANCES BAARD DISTRICT** and submitted to **The Municipal Manager (Ms. M. Bogatsu), Frances Baard District Municipality, Private Bag X6088 Kimberly, 8300,** or hand delivered to the Frances Baard District Offices, 51 Drakensberg Avenue, Carters Glen, Kimberley. Enquiries on technicality may be directed to **The Municipal Manager,** tel. (053) 838 0998 and for supply chain matters to **Mr. P.Souden** at tel. (053) 838 0948 during office hours.