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<td>Kindly provide clarity regarding Mandatory Requirements: 5.1.1 IRBA Registration</td>
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<td>The IDC’s Mandatory requirement as specified in the tender which includes IRBA registration as the IDC’s tender requirement covers both CIP (which requires IRBA registered auditors) and PIP (which requires relevant technical skills). This mandatory requirement CANNOT be removed. Yes, bidder may partner through JVs or any other means i.e. subcontracting, consortium etc. for purposes of meeting the IDC’s tender requirements however it is important for bidders to adhere to the tender requirement as per clause 2 [Response Format (returnable schedules)] applicable to all parties of the JV, consortium etc.</td>
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<td>I just want to find out when the closing date is for the following proposal as there seems to be a mistake: T06/02/20</td>
<td>Commercial</td>
<td>Please note that this tender closes on THURSDAY 5 March 2020 @ 12h00 noon. Reference to Tuesday on the tender document is an error.</td>
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| 3   | With reference to the Request for Proposal for the Appointment of Service Providers for the Provision of Auditing Services on both the Competitiveness Improvement Programme (CIP) and Production Incentive Programme (PIP).       | Commercial and Technical | Responses to your questions are:  
(a) The 34 hours (in total) is an all inclusive timeline per CIP audit cluster. If you require to do additional work i.e. planning of feedback as referred to in your question, then this should be included in the 34 hours provided. Similarly on the PIP the hours are limited to 26 hrs per individual company.  
(b) No time has been allocated for developing and agreeing on the SLA which becomes the key performance management mechanism to measure and monitor the service delivery and performance of the service provider. Can these costs be shown separately in the proposal as the costing model does not allow for any other costs except time and disbursements?  
(c) The development of SLA’s is to be created as engagement with approved panelists will be managed in terms of performance and deliverables at the time when work is allocated which will be mutually agreed to by the parties at the appointed time.  
(d) The opinion provided must be an audit opinion. |
### 5. Mandatory Technical Evaluation Criteria

#### 5.2.3 Qualifications and Skills of Key Personnel

You have indicated that your requirement membership with RICS, ASA, ECSA, SACPVP etc.  
**Question:** Are Chartered Accountants registered with SAICA and Registered Auditors registered with IRBA not relevant for this project?

#### 5.2.1 Bidder's Experience

You have indicated that you require specific reference to auditing of manufacturing concern within the clothing, textile, footwear and leather industries.  
**Question:** Will external audit experience for the agricultural industry and other external audit work be acceptable if a firm has less than 3 specific reference to auditing of manufacturing concern within the clothing, textile, footwear and leather industries?

We were keen to bid since we have assisted IDC with similar service before, but the requirements listed above seem to be steep.

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**Technical**

It is mandatory for the bidding entity to be IRBA registered which without the registration thereof, bidders will be disqualified, however under the Other Technical requirements i.e. Qualifications and Skills of key personnel and Bidder's experience, this section will be evaluated and scored according to the bidder's experience and skills.

The IDC's tender requirements are as per the published tender and amendments thereto cannot be considered at this stage of the tender process. We encourage all bidders to participate in this tender and to submit all relevant experience in line with the IDC issued tender requirements.