

Request for Information (RFI)

Physical Training (PT) Dress for Test and Evaluation (T&E) by the SA Army

RFI No. 7028.1/15/06/2022

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Compulsory briefing session	No briefing session	
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Place	Online only submission at tender@csir.co.za If the size of the documents exceed 25 MB, send multiple emails. Use the RFI number and description as the subject on the email.	
Enquiries	Strategic Procurement Unit	E-mail: tender@csir.co.za
CSIR business hours	08h00 – 16h30	
Category	Textiles	

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Glossary

Abbreviation	Term	Description
B-BBEE	Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment	A term describing South African Government Policy regarding the economic upliftment of persons previously excluded from involvement in the economy of South Africa
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	A statutory body established in terms of Scientific Research Council Act 46 of 1988, as amended
DSI	Department of Science & Innovation	

List of Acronyms

Acronym	Site Name
COTS	Commercial-off-the-Shelf
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
DOCX	Document format used for open Microsoft Word documents
DSC	Defence & Security Cluster
MB	Megabyte
PT	Physical Training
R&D	Research and Development
RFI	Request for Information
T&E	Test and Evaluation
TBD	To be determined
XLSX	Document format used for open Microsoft Excel spreadsheets

SECTION A – TECHNICAL INFORMATION

1 INTRODUCTION

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is a leading scientific research and technology development organisation in Africa. In partnership with national and international partners, CSIR undertakes directed and multidisciplinary research and technology innovation that contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of South Africans and the world at large. The CSIR's main site is in Pretoria while it is represented in other provinces of South Africa through regional offices.

The Defence & Security Cluster (DSC) of the CSIR conducts multi-disciplinary research and development (R&D) on various defence and security topics for the benefit of various organs of state and industry. The Cluster has extensive, capital-intensive test and evaluation facilities as well as a deep skills base in various fields of science and technology including but not limited to Aeronautics Systems, Command & Control, Information & Cyber Security, Landward Sciences, Optronic Sensor Systems as well as Radar & Electronic Warfare. The Cluster undertakes various activities that cover basic research, applied research, test and evaluation, technology development, technology localisation, technology commercialisation and custom solution development for a variety of applications.

The Landward Sciences Impact Area has been requested by the SA Army to investigate and identify PT dress samples for test and evaluation (T&E) purposes. This project will include the investigation and identification of PT dress suppliers that can provide locally manufactured commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) items to meet the requirements of the SA Army to address the current constraints.

The request for information details the background and main requirements to allow prospective suppliers to provide CSIR with a brief on their respective products.

2 BACKGROUND

The CSIR is currently assisting the SA Army with the research, investigation and support to improve the physical training (PT) dress. The SA Army physical training dress is an integral part of the SA Army's Combat Dress Uniform System. The PT dress is used during training to ensure that soldiers can maintain an acceptable level of fitness as required. The current PT kits do not provide the support and performance required by the modern SA Army, hence the need for an upgrade.

3 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Interested parties should provide details of the following PT dress garments suitable for the modern SA Army soldier:

- Tracksuit jackets
- Tracksuit pants
- Short sleeve t-shirts
- Men's running shorts
- Men's swimming shorts
- Men's tights
- Women's running shorts
- Women's one-piece swimsuit
- Women's tights
- Women's sport bra
- Socks
- Training shoes
- Men's vests

4 RFI SPECIFICATIONS

The PT dress garments shall provide the following as a minimum:

- Adherence to current climatic conditions
- Breathability and flexibility
- Conformance to current physique of the modern soldier
- Swimwear shall conform to current swimming requirements
- Conform to modern size grading
- Use lighter materials to streamline soldier performance
- Shoes shall have modern soles to eliminate regular feet and shin problems for wearers during PT sessions
- Shoes shall provide thermal regulation and sweat-absorbing functionalities
- Shoes shall have long shelf life for storage purposes

SECTION B – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5 VENUE FOR SUBMISSIONS

All submissions must be submitted to: tender@csir.co.za

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the CSIR requires that all RFI submissions be submitted electronically to tender@csir.co.za. Should the submission file size exceed 25 MB, respondents can submit in multiple emails. Use the RFI 7028.1/15/06/2022 and description of the RFI as the subject on your email.

6 RFI PROGRAMME

The RFI programme, as currently envisaged, incorporates the following key dates:

Table 2: RFI Programme

● Issue of RFI documents:	01/06/2022
● Briefing session:	No briefing session
● Closing / submission Date:	15/06/2022
● Estimated contract duration	Not applicable

7 SUBMISSION OF RFI RESPONSE

Respondents are to submit the following (3) documents as part of their response:

- 7.1 Detailed technical description of the respondent's PT dress. Response to be submitted in DOCX or PDF format.
- 7.2 Pricing plan breakdown for the respondent's PT dress in XLSX format.
- 7.3 List of client references that utilises the PT dress.

Additional supporting documentation may be submitted as needed. (e.g. BBBEE Certificate for South African respondents)

RFI submissions must be submitted at: tender@csir.co.za

All RFI submissions are to be clearly marked with the RFI number in the subject line of the email submission.

8 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

RFI submissions shall be submitted to tender@csir.co.za no later than the closing date of **15 June 2022** during the CSIR's business hours. The CSIR business hours are between 08h00 and 16h30.

9 REVIEW PROCESS

Review of RFI submissions

All submissions will be reviewed by a review team.

Respondents are also encouraged to provide their B-BBEE status and certification. (Only applicable to South African suppliers)

10 BUDGETARY PRICING PROPOSAL

Respondents are requested to provide budgetary pricing by completing the Pricing plan breakdown (Annexure 1 in a XLSX format) for the procurement of the offered PT Dress.

11 LOCAL CONTENT

- 11.1** Only locally manufactured designated goods and/or services from local raw material or input will be considered.
- 11.2** If the raw material or input to be used for a specific item is not available locally, bidders should obtain written authorisation from the dtic should there be a need to import such raw material or input and;
- 11.3** A copy of the authorisation letter must be submitted together with the bid document at the closing date and time of the EOI. For further information, bidders may contact the dtic at telephone 012 394 3717/1390.
- 11.4** The guidelines and declarations that should be used by tenderers when preparing a tender are available on the dtic website. Guidance on the calculation of local content and manufacturing can be assessed on the dtic's official website:
thedtic.gov.za/sectors-and-services-2/industrial-development/industrial-procurement/
- 11.5** Tenderers must complete Declarations D and E, and consolidate the information on Declaration C. Annexures C must be submitted with the tender by the closing date and time.
- 11.6** The Declaration Certificate for Local Production and Content (SBD 6.2) in addition to the above declarations must also be completed, duly signed and submitted by the bidder at the closing date and time of the tender; and

- 11.7** The rates of exchange quoted by the bidder in paragraph 6.8 below of the declaration certificate will be verified for accuracy.
- 11.8** The exchange rate to be used for the calculation of local production and content must be the exchange rate published by the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) AT 12:00 on the date of advertisement of bid.
- 11.9** Only the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) approved technical specification number SATS 1286:2011 must be used to calculate local content.
- 11.10** Bidders must clearly indicate in their bids, the quantities of products to be supplied, and the level of local content for each product.
- 11.11** Applicable local production and content minimum thresholds for this tender are as per the table below:

Sector	Local Content	Minimum Local Content Threshold
Textile, clothing, leather and footwear. Instruction Note:	Applicable	100%

See attached **Annexure B**: Guidance Document for the Calculation of Local Content

11.12 How to apply for exemption:

The exemption request must be on your signed company's letter-head and cover the following:

- The procuring entity/government department/state owned company,
- Tender/bid number,
- Closing date,
- Item(s) for which the exemption is being requested for,
- Description of the goods, services or works for which the requested exemption item will be used for and the local content that can be met,
- Reason(s) for the request,
- Attach specification issued by the procuring entity, and
- Supporting letters from local manufacturers/sub-suppliers (if applicable).

Attention to:

Dr. Tebogo Makube
 Chief Director: Industrial Procurement Unit
 The Department of Trade and Industry
 Private Bag X84,
 Pretoria,
 Gauteng, 0001

12 ENQUIRIES AND CONTACT WITH THE CSIR

Any enquiry regarding this RFI shall be submitted in writing to CSIR at tender@csir.co.za with “7028.1/15/06/2022” as the subject.

Any other contact with CSIR personnel involved in this RFI is not permitted during the RFI process other than as required through existing service arrangements or as requested by the CSIR as part of the RFI process.

13 MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION

All documentation submitted in response to this RFI must be in English.

14 COST OF SUBMISSION

Respondents are expected to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions, requirements and specifications of this RFI before submitting proposals. Each respondent assumes all risks for resource commitment and expenses, direct or indirect, of their submission preparation and participation throughout the RFI process. **The CSIR is not responsible directly or indirectly for any costs incurred by respondents.**

15 CORRECTNESS OF RESPONSES

- 15.1** The respondents must confirm satisfaction regarding the correctness and validity of their submission and that all prices and rates quoted cover all the work/items specified in the RFI.
- 15.2** The respondents accepts that any mistakes regarding the solution and budgetary pricing and calculations will be at their own risk.

16 VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

Respondents should check the numbers of the pages to satisfy themselves that none are missing or duplicated. No liability will be accepted by the CSIR in regard to anything arising from the fact that pages are missing or duplicated.

17 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 17.1** A respondent shall not assume that information and/or documents supplied to CSIR, at any time prior to this request, are still available to CSIR, and shall consequently not make any reference to such information document in its response to this request.
- 17.2** Copies of any affiliations, memberships and/or accreditations that support your submission can be included at the respondent's discretion.

18 CSIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO

- 18.1** Extend the closing date;
- 18.2** Verify any information contained in a submission;
- 18.3** Engage with specific respondents to clarify the technical specifications/performance of respondent's PT Dress either through electronic communication or through site/facility visits to verify respondent's capabilities, infrastructure, processes, etc.

19 DISCLAIMER

This RFI is a request for information only and not an offer document. Submissions to this RFI must not be construed as an acceptance of an offer or imply the existence of a contract between the parties. By submission of its information, respondents shall be deemed to have satisfied themselves with and to have accepted all Terms & Conditions of this RFI. The CSIR makes no representation, warranty, assurance, guarantee or endorsements to respondents concerning the RFI, whether with regard to its accuracy, completeness or otherwise and the CSIR shall have no liability towards the respondent or any other party in connection therewith.