

Request for Proposals (RFP)

For the Provision of Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Brokerage Services to the CSIR for a period of 12 months

RFP No. 3509/21/02/2022

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SECTION A – TECHNICAL INFORMATION

1 INTRODUCTION

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

Province	CSIR Site Name/Location
Western Cape	10 Jan Cilliers Street, Stellenbosch
	15 Lower Hope Rd, Rosebank, Cape Town
Eastern Cape	Gommery Ave, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth
Kwazulu Natal	Corner King George Street and 5 th Avenue, Durban
Gauteng	Meiring-Naude Road, Brummeria, Pretoria
	Paardefontein
	Kloppersbos, Gauteng
	Auckland Park– Carlow Road
	Auckland Park – Cottesloe

The CSIR sites are located as follows:

2 BACKGROUND

The CSIR is seeking the services of a qualified service provider experienced in the provision of risk management and short-term insurance services for an organisation like the CSIR.

3 INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals are hereby invited for the Provision of Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Brokerage Services to the CSIR for a period of 12 months. This will include services such as providing advice and consultation on short term insurance, claims handling, risk surveys on an annual basis at Broker's cost and representing the CSIR at insurers and re-insurers.

4. SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of the assignment is unpacked below.

4.1 Current sums insured and limits of indemnity – APPENDIX 1

The following CSIR information is deemed necessary to furnish the CSIR with a proposal and is to be considered provisional. It will be updated during the following months and the actual figures will be submitted to the successful Broker. This information is provided as it may be deemed necessary to assist in determining the Broker's fee.

The CSIR will furnish all brokers with a five-year claim history and existing cover. No further information will be supplied as we deem this information as sufficient to determine a broking fee. The brokerage fee shall include VAT and be provided for the full duration of the contract (12 months).

4.2 Membership

Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Broking Service companies must be a member of the South African Financial Intermediaries Association (FIA).

Proof of membership must be attached to the completed proposal form.

4.3 Cover

Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Broking Service companies must have a minimum insurance cover of not less than:

Professional Indemnity	R500 000 000.00
Fidelity Guarantee	R250 000 000.00

- Please submit proof of cover and indicate excesses applicable.
- Please submit proof of FSP licence.

4.4 Appointment of investigators, loss adjusters and assessors

Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Broking Service companies must have a mandate to appoint an assessor immediately and must submit proof of such.

4.5 Office visits

The CSIR reserves the right to visit the offices of the Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Broking Service companies' offices at any time.

4.6 Presentation

Any or all Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Broking Service companies can be requested to present the short term insurance programme to the CSIR.

4.7 Claims handling

Claims handling will be done by the successful Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Broking Service Company in-house and shall not be outsourced.

4.8 Other conditions and proposal requirements

The below conditions form part of this RFP:

- Full tender price including estimate premiums and broker earnings to be included in the proposal
- No underwriting survey reports including EML/MFL calculations are available quote per insurance summary
- Prospective suppliers may approach all Insurers complying with the relevant statutory solvency and other requirements.
- Prospective supplier's proposals should include all classes of insurance listed in the tender.
 Quotations to be based on existing insurance programme structure and deductibles no cover, limits or extensions reflected may be amended or deleted
- Prospective suppliers can include alternative placement structure quotations if they want but a firm quotation must be provided per the insurance summary and claims experience provided.

- Annual 100% Premiums VAT inclusive must be shown net of any insurer/broker and reinsurance commissions per policy class as per insurance summary provided. Should a deposit premium apply, it must be shown, and a full explanation must be given as to how the deposit premium will operate. Nevertheless, only the 100% or maximum premiums must be shown in the summary page of insurance cost per policy class. If the policy premium is subject to declaration adjustments, please advise how it would affect the premium.
- The Broker's monthly service fee or commission earnings inclusive of VAT to be provided as well as any applicable price escalations/inflation for the tender period.
- Support for the prospective supplier's proposals should be evidenced by a signed participation confirmation letter from Insurers/Reinsurers per policy class who will support the recommended structure at the terms, conditions and exceptions proposed by the prospective supplier.
- The appointed Short Term Insurance Broker will not be allowed to increase the insurance premiums for the tender period with more than the CPI, unless substantiating proof from the quotations received from the insurers reflected a hardening insurance market or which is based on an adverse/increase on claims incidents/values. In the event of organic growth of the portfolio including but not limited to inflationary increase of the sums insured and inclusion of additional cover and services, the afore going rule limiting the premium growth to CPI shall not apply.
- Premium quotations to be valid from 01 April 2022 until 31 March 2023
- Compulsory Briefing Session to be attended by interested brokers
- CSIR to schedule services to be rendered by broker and these to be included in the broker annual service fee/commission earnings quoted

5. PRICING SCHEDULE

Please provide a one-year fee proposal (This fee should include all related short-term insurance brokerage services, i.e. placement, maintenance & administration of the insurance portfolio):

Bidders must price as per the below pricing schedule for the purposes of evaluation:

No.	Deliverable / Item Description	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Rate (Excl. VAT)	Total Price (Excl. VAT)
1	Broker Fee	p.a	1		
2	Estimated Insurance Premiums	p.a	1		
			Sub-total		
			VAT		
			Total		

Notes to Pricing:

Bidders are to note that if the price offered by the highest scoring bidder is not market-related, CSIR may not award the contract to that bidder. CSIR may:

- negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the highest points or cancel the RFP;
- if that bidder does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the bidder scoring the second highest points or cancel the RFP;
- if the bidder scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the bidder scoring the third highest points or cancel the RFP.
- If a market-related price is not agreed with the bidder scoring the third highest points, CSIR may cancel the RFP.

NB: The above cost must be inclusive of all costs required to render the required services as per above scope of work and deliverables.

6. PROPOSAL SPECIFICATION

All proposals are to be submitted in a format specified in this enquiry.

Bidders are to submit responses in the following format prescribed below.

6.1 Technical Proposal

The following must be submitted as part of the **technical** proposal:

- Covering letter.
- A company profile must be submitted indicating salient factors such as:

- Date business started
- > Shareholders and directors, registered and committed
- > Trade references for similar assignments (min five references)
- The key contact people (plus detailed CV in terms of FAIS, fit and proper standing) that would be allocated to this assignment.
- Proof of membership with the South African Financial Intermediaries Association (FIA). Company profile clearly stipulating the number of years rendering similar services.
- Proof of Financial Service Provider (FSP) licence.
- Proposed service team credentials, experience and qualifications including proof FSCA (*Financial Sector Conduct Authority*) of Regulatory Examination (FAIS) Certificate of the team members that will be involved in the day-to-day servicing of the CSIR portfolio.
- Proof of Professional Indemnity of up to R 500 000 000.00 or more.
- Proof of Fidelity Guarantee of up to R 250 000 000.00 or more.
- Copy of bidders Standard Terms of Engagement (TOE) to be provided
- Existing client reference contact details/letter confirming prospective suppliers involvement in 5 clients similar to the size of CSIR
- Sample of the 5 largest claims handled by the prospective suppliers until final settlement by insurers in the past 3 years.
- Provide information related to Broker Office / Service Branches network in South Africa.
- Provide a comprehensive Broker servicing strategy and annual plan envisaged for the CSR.

6.2 **Pricing Proposal:**

The following must be submitted as part of the **pricing** proposal:

- Cover letter
- Proposed pricing offer on official company letterhead.
- The pricing must be firm and inclusive of all costs and disbursements required to render the required services to the CSIR for the contract duration.

- A detailed cost breakdown of the proposed price in line with scope of work and deliverables.
- Completed Pricing schedule.
- Provide a valid original copy of a B-BBEE certificate or valid sworn affidavit confirming B-BBEE status level. The B-BBEE certificate must be SANAS accredited. (Only applicable to RSA companies).

7. FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of the functional / technical detail of the proposal will be based on the following criteria:

No.	Criteria	Weight
1	 Project proposal, approach, and methodology to meet service requirements Overall proposal Technical approach Insurance and risk management programme structure 	30%
2	 Experience and track record of service provider Service provider client and industry experience Existing written client reference letters confirming involvement in clients similar to the size of CSIR Sample of the largest claims handled by the prospective suppliers till final settlement by insurers in the past 3 years. Include contact details of the insureds. 	30%
3	 Experience of key personnel and team competency Qualifications and experience of the Account Executive and support team 	20%
4	 Proposed innovations to reduce cost of risk Case studies with contact details where innovative insurance and risk management solutions have been provided 	
	TOTAL	100%

- 7.1 Proposals with functionality / technical points of less than the pre-determined minimum overall percentage of 70 % and less than 70 % on any of the individual criteria will be eliminated from further evaluation.
- 7.2 Refer to Annexure A for the scoring sheet that will be used to evaluate functionality.

8 ELIMINATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be eliminated under the following conditions:

- Submission after the deadline;
- Proposals submitted at incorrect location (Bids must be submitted electronically at tender@csir.co.za);
- No proof of insurance industry membership and FSP licence;
- No proof of membership of South African Financial Intermediaries Association (FIA);
- No proof **of cover with excesses applicable for** Professional Indemnity and Fidelity Guarantee; and
- No proof of FSCA Regulatory Examination (FAIS) Certificate of the team members

9 NATIONAL TREASURY CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE REGISTRATION

Before any negotiations will start with the winning bidder it will be required from the winning bidder to:

- be registered on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD). Registrations can be completed online at: <u>www.csd.gov.za</u>;
- provide the CSIR with their CSD registration number; and
- provide the CSIR with a valid copy of their B-BBEE certificate or sworn affidavit. If no certificate can be provided, no points will be scored during the evaluation process. (RSA suppliers only)

SECTION B – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

10 PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- 10.1 All proposals must be submitted electronically to <u>tender@csir.co.za</u>.
- 10.2 Respondents must use the RFP number as the subject reference number when submitting their bids.
- 10.3 The e-mail and file sizes should not exceed a total of 25MB per e-mail.
- 10.4 The naming/labeling syntax of files or documents must be short and simple (e.g., Product Catalogues).
- 10.5 All documents submitted electronically via e-mail must be clear and visible.
- 10.6 All proposals, documents, and late submissions after the due date will not be evaluated.
- 10.7 Documents submitted via cloud (i.e., dropbox, WeTransfer, Google Drive) will not be considered.

NB: NO HARD COPIES OR PHYSICAL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

11 TENDER PROGRAMME

The tender program, as currently envisaged, incorporates the following key dates:

•	Issue of tender documents:	04 February 2022
•	Virtual Briefing Session:	11 February 2022
•	Closing / submission Date:	21 February 2022

12 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- 12.1 All proposals are to be submitted electronically to <u>tender@csir.co.za</u>. No late proposals will be accepted.
- 12.2 Responses submitted by companies must be signed by a person or persons duly authorised.
- 12.3 All e-mailed proposal submissions are to be clearly subject-referenced with the RFP number. Proposals must consist of two parts, each of which must be sent in two separate e-mails with the following subject:

PART 1: Technical Proposal RFP No.: 3509/21/02/2022

PART 2: Pricing Proposal RFP No.: 3509/21/02/2022

- 12.4 The CSIR will award the contract to qualified tenderer(s)' whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the CSIR, taking into consideration the technical (functional) solution, price, and B-BBEE.
- 12.5 Proposals submitted must be in the following file formats:
 - PDF

13 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Proposals shall be submitted at the e-mail address mentioned above no later than the closing date of *Monday, 21 February 2022,* during CSIR's business hours. The CSIR business hours are between 08h00 and 16h30.

Where a proposal is not received by the CSIR by the due date and stipulated e-mail address, it will be regarded as a late submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

14 AWARDING OF TENDERS

14.1 Awarding of tenders will be published on the National Treasury e-tender portal or the CSIR's tender website. No regret letters will be sent out.

15 EVALUATION PROCESS

15.1 Evaluation of proposals

An evaluation team will evaluate all proposals for functionality, price, and B-BBEE. Based on the results of the evaluation process and upon successful negotiations, the CSIR will approve the awarding of the contract to successful tenderer/s.

A two-phase evaluation process will be followed:

- 15.1.1 The first phase includes the evaluation of elimination and functionality criteria.
- 15.1.2 The second phase includes the evaluation of price and B-BBEE status.

Pricing Proposals will only be considered after the functionality phase has been adjudicated and accepted. Only proposals that achieved the specified minimum qualification scores for functionality will be evaluated further using the preference points system.

15.2 Preference points system

The 80/20 preference point system will be used where 80 points will be dedicated to pricing and 20 points to B-BBEE status. If all tenders received are more than R50m, the proposal will be cancelled and re-issued.

16 PRICING PROPOSAL

- 16.1 Pricing proposal must be cross-referenced to the sections in the Technical Proposal. Any options offered must be clearly labelled. Separate pricing must be provided for each option offered to ensure that pricing comparisons are clear and unambiguous.
- 16.2 Price needs to be provided in South African Rand (excl. VAT), with details on price elements that are subject to escalation and exchange rate fluctuations indicated.
- 16.3 Price should include additional cost elements such as freight, insurance until acceptance, duty where applicable.
- 16.4 Only firm prices* will be accepted during the tender validity period. Non–firm prices** (including prices subject to rates of exchange variations) will not be considered.
- 16.5 Bidders must quote as per the pricing schedule.
- 16.6 Payment will be according to the CSIR Payment Terms and Conditions.

*Firm price is the price that is only subject to adjustments in accordance with the actual increase or decrease resulting from the change, imposition, or abolition of customs or excise duty and any other duty, levy, or tax which, in terms of a law or regulation is binding on the

contractor and demonstrably has an influence on the price of any supplies, or the rendering costs of any service, for the execution of the contract. **Non-firm price is all prices other than "firm" prices.

17 VALIDITY PERIOD OF PROPOSAL

Each **proposal** shall be valid for a minimum period of three (3) months calculated from the closing date.

18 APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDER

- 18.1 The contract will be awarded to the tenderer who scores the highest total number of points during the evaluation process, except where the law permits otherwise.
- 18.2 Appointment as a successful service provider shall be subject to the parties agreeing to mutually acceptable contractual terms and conditions. In the event of the parties failing to reach such agreement, CSIR reserves the right to appoint an alternative supplier.
- 18.3 Awarding of contracts will be announced on the National Treasury website, and no regret letters will be sent to unsuccessful bidders.

19 ENQUIRIES AND CONTACT WITH THE CSIR

Any enquiry regarding this RFP shall be submitted in writing to CSIR at tender@csir.co.za with *RFP No: 3509/21/02/2022 – "The Provision of Risk Management and Short-Term Insurance Brokerage Services to the CSIR for a period of 12 months*" subject.

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

20 MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION

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

21 COST OF PROPOSAL

Tenderers are expected to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions, requirements, and specifications of this RFP before submitting proposals. Each bidder assumes all risks for resource commitment and expenses, direct or indirect, of proposal preparation and participation throughout the RFP process. The CSIR is not responsible directly or indirectly for any costs incurred by tenderers.

22 CORRECTNESS OF RESPONSES

- 22.1 The tenderer must confirm satisfaction regarding the correctness and validity of their proposal and that all prices and rates quoted cover all the work/items specified in the RFP. The prices and rates quoted must cover all obligations under any resulting contract.
- 22.2 The tenderer accepts that any mistakes regarding prices and calculations will be at their own risk.

23 VERIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

- 23.1 Tenderers should check the numbers of the pages to satisfy themselves that none are missing or duplicated. The CSIR will accept no liability concerning anything arising from the fact that pages are missing or duplicated.
- 23.2 Only one electronic copy of the proposal (Technical and Financial) must be submitted via email to <u>tender@csir.co.za</u>. If the bidder sends more than one proposal, the first submission shall take precedence should it not have been recalled/withdrawn in writing by the bidder.

Pricing schedule and B-BBEE credentials should be submitted with the proposal, but as a separate e-mail and no such information should be available in the technical proposal.

24 SUB-CONTRACTING

24.1 A tenderer will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the tender documents that such a tenderer intends sub-contracting more than **25%** of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a tenderer qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an exempted micro enterprise that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

24.2 A tenderer awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than **25%** of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an exempted micro enterprise that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

25 ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 25.1 A tenderer 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.
- 25.2 Copies of any affiliations, memberships and/or accreditations that support your submission must be included in the tender.
- 25.3 In case of proposal from a joint venture, the following must be submitted together with the proposal:
 - Joint venture Agreement including split of work signed by both parties;
 - The original or certified copy of the B-BBEE certificate of the joint venture;
- 25.4 An omission to disclose material information, a factual inaccuracy, and/or a misrepresentation of fact may result in the disqualification of a tender, or cancellation of any subsequent contract.
- 25.5 Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions as set out in this document will invalidate the proposal.

26 CSIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO

- 26.1 Extend the closing date;
- 26.2 Verify any information contained in a proposal;
- 26.3 Request documentary proof regarding any tendering issue;
- 26.4 Give preference to locally manufactured goods;
- 26.5 Appoint one or more service providers, separately or jointly (whether or not they submitted a joint proposal);
- 26.6 Award this RFP as a whole or in part;
- 26.7 Cancel or withdraw this RFP as a whole or in part.

27 DISCLAIMER

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

DECLARATIONBY TENDERER

Only tenderers who completed the declaration below will be considered for evaluation.

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I hereby undertake to render services described in the attached tendering documents to CSIR in accordance with the requirements and task directives / proposal specifications stipulated in **RFP No. 3509/21/02/2022** at the price/s quoted. My offer/s remains binding upon me and open for acceptance by the CSIR during the validity period indicated and calculated from the closing date of the proposal.

I confirm that I am satisfied with regards to the correctness and validity of my proposal; that the price(s) and rate(s) quoted cover all the services specified in the proposal documents; that the price(s) and rate(s) cover all my obligations and I accept that any mistakes regarding price(s) and rate(s) and calculations will be at my own risk.

I accept full responsibility for the proper execution and fulfilment of all obligations and conditions devolving on me under this proposal as the principal liable for the due fulfilment of this proposal.

I declare that I have no participation in any collusive practices with any tenderer or any other person regarding this or any other proposal.

I accept that the CSIR may take appropriate actions, deemed necessary, should there be a conflict of interest or if this declaration proves to be false.

I confirm that I am duly authorised to sign this proposal.

NAME (PRINT)
CAPACITY
SIGNATURE
NAME OF FIRM
DATE

WITNESSES
1
2
DATE:

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29 SCHEDULE OF BIDDER'S REFERENCE INFORMATION (NB- To be submitted with technical proposal)

The bidder must provide details of the bidder's current experience in providing similar services.

Contact Person and		Nature Of Work	Value of	Contract duration	
Company Name	contact details (email and telephone number)	(Description of service performed and extent of Bidder's responsibilities)		(Start and End Dates)	

No.	Criteria	Proof required	Points allocation	Weigh t
1	 Project proposal, approach, and methodology to meet service requirements Insurance and risk management programme structure Clearly demonstrate how the contract will be managed Give a detailed process to be followed for claims and payments including waiting periods for claims to be processed 	Methodology	 Non-submission – 0 points Approach is generic and will not meet projects requirements. The project plan does not meet requirements – 3 points Approach is specifically tailored to suit the requirements and will meet the needs. The project plan does not meet requirements The project plan is specifically tailored to meet CSIR requirements – 7 points The approach is innovative, the timeframes and project plan are suited to the project needs – 10 points 	30%
2	Experience and track record of service provider • Service provider client and industry experience	Company profile	Years in insurance industry < 3 years = 0 4-6 years = 3 7-10 years = 7 > 10 years = 10	15%
	Existing written client reference letter confirming involvement in clients similar to the size of CSIR CSIR will liaise with the contacts on the reference letters to determine the experience and expertise of the service team.	Client reference letters OR completed schedule of reference information per section 29 of RFP	Verified client references < 2	7.5%
	Sample of the largest claims handled by the prospective suppliers till final settlement by insurers in the past 3 years. Include contact details of the insureds. CSIR will liaise with the contacts on the reference letters to determine the experience and expertise of the service team.	Largest claims handled, including the client's name and details of the claims.	Verified client experience $< 2 = 0$ $3-4 = 3$ $4-6 = 5$ $7-8 = 7$ $>9 = 10$	7.5%

30 ANNEXURE A: FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION CRITERIA SCORING SHEET

			Account Executive – Non-Marine	
3	Experience of key personnel and team competency • Qualifications and experience of the Account Executive and support team	Detailed CVs	< 3 years = 0 3-5 years = 3 6-10 years = 7 > 10 years = 10	7.5%
			Account Executive – Marine < 3 years = 0 3-5 years = 3 6-10 years = 7 > 10 years = 10	5%
			Internal Broker – Non Marine < 3 years = 0 3-5 years = 3 6-10 years = 7 > 10 years = 10	5%
			Internal Broker – Marine < 3 years = 0 3-5 years = 3 6-10 years = 7 > 10 years = 10	2.5%
4	 Proposed innovations to reduce cost of risk Case studies with contact details where innovative insurance and risk management solutions have been provided 	Case studies	Case studies verified No case study submitted = 0 1 case study = 3 2 case studies = 7 3 case studies = 10	20%
	TOTAL			100%