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PROVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SCREENING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED

TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER

Bloem Water is a Water Board, with the mandate to provide water services to the Southern and Central areas of the Free State Province. Bloem Water, formerly known as the Bloem Area Water Board, was established in 1991 in terms of Section 108(2) of the Water Act, 1956. The primary reason for establishing the Water Board was to operate the Caledon/Bloemfontein Government Water Scheme, constructed to supply purified water to the Municipal areas of Bloemfontein, Bainsvlei, Bloemspruit, Botshabelo and Dewetsdorp. The name was officially changed from "Bloem Area Water Board" to "Bloem Water" in 1994.

During 1995 the Service Area of Bloem Water was extended to include the southern Free State, adding towns such as Bethulie and Phillippolis. In 1996 the Minister further extended the area of supply to include the Thaba Nchu district, which added the responsibility to supply water directly to the inhabitants of rural areas, in addition to the formal urban areas. This was a new field of operation for Bloem Water, which prior to that was purely a supplier of bulk purified water. This added responsibility included not only activities in rural areas, but also required the provision of the full range of activities necessary for the delivery of retail water services to the end consumer. More recently the service area has been extended to include parts of the eastern Free State up to the town of Ladybrand. Today Bloem Water supplies water to a population in excess of 1.2 million people in the areas referred to above.

Bloem Water derives its primary mandate from the Water Services Act, Act 108 of 1997 and is, in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Act 1 of 1999, Schedule 3B, a National Government business entity, which reports to the Executive Authority, represented by the Minister of Water and Sanitation through the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). Bloem Water is a Water Board with the mandate to provide water services to the Southern and Central areas of the Free State Province and the Northern Cape respectively to include the entire jurisdictional area that was previously services by Sedibeng Water as gazetted on 26 July 2022 by the minister of Water of Water and Sanitation.

Suitably qualified service providers are invited to submit proposals for Provision of occupational medical screening services for a period of 36 months, as and When Required.

Scope of Works

Regulations for Hazardous Biological Agent Section 8 (1) (a) stipulates the employer shall ensure that an employee is under medical surveillance if the results of the Risk Assessment indicate that an employee might be exposed to HBA.

The employer shall after extensive counselling and education offer the employee the opportunity to have;

- (i) Initial evaluation of the employee's medical and occupational history
- (ii) Physical examination
- (iii) And any biological test or other appropriate medical test

The Occupational Medical Practitioner(s) registered with Health Professions Council of South Africa are required to render the following services to Bloem Water:

- Glucose Test;
- Audiometric Screening (Registration of staff onto the register of Audiometry's as required by the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Act 85 of 1993 with SASOHN (South African Society of Occupational Health Nurses);
- Lung Function Screening;
- Chest X-rays where applicable;
- Visual Screening;
- A physical Examination;
- Hypertension (Blood Pressure);
- Medical History i.e. chronic medication, current medication, illness etc.;
- Multi drug and alcohol testing followed by confirmation test if not negative;
- Conduct any assessment as required by applicable legislation/s; and
- Pregnancy examination for safety critical grades.
- An evaluation of the individual's history of general health and previous occupational health;
- A general health WH and the completion of a questionnaire to be signed by the prospective employee concerned;

2. Acceptance and treatment of injuries and illnesses arising out of duty.
3. Ensure complete rehabilitation of injured or ill employees and advice on appropriate placement.
4. Conduct medical surveillance at all Bloem Water workstations.
5. Advice and administer appropriate vaccinations to respective employees.
6. Issue Medical Certificate of Fitness.
7. Issue Medical Certificate of Fitness to employees working at heights.
8. Issue Medical Certificate of Fitness to employees working in confined spaces.

Occupational Medical Practitioner shall then furnish the employer with a Certificate saying the employee is "Fit for Work or Not Fit for Work" at Bloem Water.

Pre- Qualification Specific Tender Condition:

The pre-qualifying criteria objective is to advance certain designated groups that meets the specific tendering condition

(a) a tenderer having a stipulated minimum **B-BBEE status level 4** of contributor.

(b) an EME, QSE or Generic Enterprises are eligible to tender;

“Designated group” means

- i. Black people
- ii. Black Designated group
- iii. Women
- iv. People with disabilities; or
- v. Small enterprise, as defined in the National Small Enterprise Act, 1996 (Act No. 102 of 1996)

Preference will be given to Service Providers who have demonstrated previous expertise in the relevant field, capabilities, and have the required qualified human resources.

A tender that fails to meet the pre-qualifying criteria stipulated in the tender documents is an unacceptable tender as stipulated in the PPPF Act 2017, (Act No.5 of 2000): Government Gazette No.40553.

Where bid documents can be obtained:

Website: www.etenders.gov.za - National Treasury Website – eTender Publication

Website: www.bloemwater.co.za – Bloem Water Website

The tender document will be available from National Treasury e-tenders and Bloem Water portal from **18 October 2022**.

No Briefing sessions will be held.

Completed proposals must be addressed as below and deposited before **12:00 on 03 November 2022** at the Tender Box situated at the Bloem Water.

Area for Attention:

Supply Chain Management

Bloem Water
2 Mzuzu Street
Pellissier
Bloemfontein
9322

Each proposal must be submitted in an envelope clearly marked **“PROVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SCREENING SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS, AS AND WHEN REQUIRED”** with the bidder’s name and address. The name of the firm submitting the tender shall be clearly shown on all correspondence. An appointment will be made in terms of the approved Supply Chain Management Policy of the Board of Bloem Water.

The invitation for proposal does not amount to an invitation for offers and Bloem Water reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or part thereof. Bloem Water reserves the right to withdraw or cancel the tender without notice or not appoint any of the tenderers.

Tenders may only be submitted on the tender documentation that has been issued. A two-envelope system will **not** be followed.

Proposals which are incomplete, filled incorrectly, or telegraphic, telephonic, telex, facsimile, e-mail and late tenders will not be accepted.

Should you not receive any feedback from Bloem Water after 90 days of submission, consider your tender unsuccessful.

Tender Administrative Queries can be directed to:

Mr T Khaeane or Mr L Moeketsi

Supply Chain Management

Tel: 051 - 403 0800

Fax: 051 - 422 5333

Email: thatok@bloemwater.co.za or leratom@bloemwater.co.za

NB: *Service Providers to all departments, constitutional institutions and public entities listed in schedule 2 and 3 of the PFMA are required to self-register on the Central Supplier Database.*