

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE DIGITIZATION OF THE NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM COLLECTIONS AND SETUP OF ARCHIVAL DIGITAL REPOSITORY FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS.

# NMM-2022-01 [RE-ADVERTISEMENT]

# **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

## 1. BACKGROUND

The Nelson Mandela Museum (NMM) is a not for profit institution established by the government of South Africa as an agency of the National Department of Sports, Arts and Culture. It was established as part of a portfolio of legacy projects that seek to transform the heritage landscape from our apartheid past. At the same time, it is a resource for promoting economic development through tourism in an impoverished region of the country. The Museum primarily houses collections of gifts to the nation given by Nelson Mandela to the Museum to share his legacy with the nation.

The mandate of the Nelson Mandela Museum is to preserve and promote the legacy of Nelson Mandela, and one of its main strategic goals is to improve the Museum's public profile and access. This mandate is executed through the Museum's two main facilities, the Qunu Youth and Heritage Centre and the Bhunga Building in Mthatha CBD. The Bhunga Building doubles as the administrative office of the Museum.

#### 2. PURPOSE

Nelson Mandela Museum (NMM) invites proposals from suitable, qualified service providers, demonstrating successful experience in the digitization of the Museum's collections, to facilitate the NMM's goal of ensuring that its collection is properly preserved, accessible and researchable, as well as setting up of archival digital repository for the Nelson Mandela Museum at Bhunga Building in Mthatha.

# 3. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Nelson Mandela Museum wants to digitize its collections to preserve the digitized collection for the long-term and make the collection available to the public at large through an online digital repository system.

The Nelson Mandela Museum collection includes but is not limited to musical instruments, garden tools, utensils, ornaments, clothing items, decorative artefacts, medallions-coins, struggle memorabilia, national orders, sculptures, art, sporting artefacts, photographs, certificates and awards.

The Nelson Mandela Museum currently houses a collection comprising of 4000 pieces. The digitization of these pieces and the set up of the digital archival repository of the project must be completed by the end of the project.

The collection comprises of wristwatches, medals, national orders, books, letters, sports kits, cufflinks, drums, paintings, portraits, postcards, greetings cards, t-shirts, flags, plagues, skin items, certificates, clothing items (e.g. academic gowns, trousers, caps, shits), games, sculptures, awards jewellery, utensils, wall maps, maps, cassettes and LP's, photographs, pottery items, leather bags and ornaments, shoes, photo albums, gardening tool, a replica of Robben Island cell pens, baskets, artworks, musical instruments, furniture, feathers, blankets and rugs.

#### 4. SCOPE OF THE SERVICE REQUIRED

Nelson Mandela Museum is looking at appointing a service provider that will be responsible for the digitization of its museum collections and the set-up of an archival digital repository for the NMM as per the requirements below:

- In collaboration with Museum staff, carry out an on-site digitization project of the collections in line with project management best practices.
- In collaboration with Museum staff, set up a workflow for the digitization project
  that ensures the artefacts are handled with the care appropriate for a historical
  collection. The service provider should have a proven track record of dealing
  with such rare and fragile materials, including a range of items.
- Provide the necessary digitising equipment or devices, associated IT resources, and human resources for the digitising of the collection on-site at the Museum or area provided for the project. Undertake the capturing of the collection in line with internationally accepted standards for file quality and colour fidelity, including capturing material on capture devices that can produce 16-bits per colour channel and, where necessary capturing at multiple focus points and focus stacking the processed file to produce digitized facsimiles that are fully in focus from the front of the object to the back. The service provider must have a demonstrable track record of capturing at the Metamorphize Strict standard for flat objects and must provide independent verification that the files are being captured in conformance with this standard. They must also have demonstrable experience in capturing 3D objects and a means of verification for quality and colour balance.
- Carry out the conversion, file naming, file processing, cataloguing and associated metadata descriptions of the digitised files utilizing open metadata standards appropriate for the collection to be digitized.

- Facilitate and manage the storage of raw and processed digital files on appropriate media and provide cloud-based storage for such files. Archive processed and enhanced or enriched Master Files into a Digital Repository. Provide Access Files for all archived files within the Digital Repository. The service provider is expected to deliver archival-quality files with embedded metadata using open metadata standards on hard drives to the Nelson Mandela Museum so that the Museum has a complete copy of the material.
- Set up an archival digital repository system for long-term digital preservation of the digitized material. The system must conform closely to international standards for long-term archiving of digital media (OAIS). It must also be able to provide access to the digital files by the public in a secure manner, including the management of user rights to the material.
- The service provider is also expected to train staff at the Nelson Mandela Museum in the use of the system such that they can manage users and the needs of the users while safeguarding the integrity of the archive.
- The appointed service provider will be required to render all the services that
  they provide to the NMM from the NMM's physical location. Bhunga Building
  will become the digitization base, and no museum object shall be allowed to be
  removed physically from the premises of the NMM as this is an on-site service.
- The appointed service provider should ensure that it completes the digitization of the Nelson Mandela Museum collection and set up of the digital archival repository project as per the requirements of the Nelson Mandela Museum as detailed in the scope of work above, while it adheres to the time frames agreed upon before commensing the project.

# 5. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

 All costs and expenses incurred by the potential service providers relating to their project proposal will be borne by each respective service provider. NMM is not liable to pay such costs and expenses or to reimburse or compensate service providers in the process under any circumstances, including the rejection of any proposal or the cancellation of this project.

- NMM reserves the right to request new or additional information regarding each bidder and any individual or other persons associated with its proposal.
- NMM may require responsive bidders to present and discuss their proposals in person.
- NMM reserves the right not to make any appointment from the proposals submitted.
- Bidders shall not issue any press release or other public announcement pertaining to details of their project proposal without the prior written approval of NMM.
- Bidders are required to declare any conflict of interest they may have in the transaction for which the bid is submitted or any potential conflict of interest. It is important that bidders declare their conflict of interest through the completion of relevant attached forms.
- NMM reserves the right not to consider further any bid where such a conflict of interest exists or where such a potential conflict of interest may arise.
- Any and all project proposals shall become the property of NMM and shall not be returned.
- The bid offers and proposals should be valid and open for acceptance by NMM for a period of 120 days from the date of submission.

- NMM reserves the right not to award the bid to the bidder that scores the highest points. Disputes that may arise between NMM and a bidder must be settled by means of mutual consultation, mediation (with or without legal representation) or, when unsuccessful, in a South African court of law.
- In addition to adherence to the specific terms and conditions of proposals provided in this document, the bidder shall be bound by the provisions of the General Conditions of Contract, an original signed copy of which must be submitted together with all other bid documentation.
- All returnable bid documents must be completed in full and submitted together with the bidder's proposal. Should the returnable documents not be completed, the bid will not be considered any further.
- The successful bidder will be subject to the supplier clearance process as prescribed by the National Treasury. This process includes verification of the supplier and its shareholders/directors/members' status on the list of defaulters and restricted suppliers.
- After the successful service provider has received the appointment letter, they
  must be able to deliver in full compliance with South African approved
  standards and in compliance with the specifications provided.

# 6. ACCOUNTABILITY

The service provider will be accountable to and under the direction of the CEO of the NMM in the performance of the assigned duties.

# 7. PRICING INSTRUCTION

 The appointment of a service provider for the digitization of the Nelson Mandela Museum collections and set up of archival digital repository must be rendered as per the requirements of the NMM, and it must be invoiced on completion;

- The bid and the total price for digitization of the Nelson Mandela Museum collections and set up of archival digital repository may not be exceeded;
- Amounts due to the Service Provider shall be paid by the NMM within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice.
- The NMM reserves the right by giving written notice to the service provider to stop the works' progress at any time. Should the client exercise this right, the NMM will pay the service provider for work done and expenses incurred only up to the time that the notice was given.

# 8. RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

Service providers are required to submit all the returnable documents together with their proposal. Failure to provide all the Compulsory Returnable Documents at the closing date and time of this RFP will result in a respondent's disqualification. Respondents are therefore urged to ensure that all these Documents are returned with their Proposals. Failure to submit the Supporting documents for functionality scoring will result in a scoring of zero.

#### 5.1 Compulsory Returnable Documents

- Duly signed & completed SBD 1: Invitation to Bid
- Duly signed & completed SBD 3.3 Pricing Schedule Firm Prices
- Duly signed & completed SBD 4 Bidder's Disclosure
- Duly signed & completed SBD 6.1 Preference Points Claims
- Duly signed & completed SBD 7.2 Rendering of Service
- Proof
  - Proof of CSD registration

# **5.2 Supporting Returnable Documents (for functionality scoring)**

Company Experience

- Proof of Project Team Experience
- Proof of Team Leader Experience
- Project management approach and methodology
- Proof of company locality

# **5.3 Essential Supporting Documents**

Specific goals verification documents on or before the closing date and time (failure to submit on or before the closing date will result in an automatic score of zero for preference

# 9. VALIDITY PERIOD

• Bid submissions **must** be valid for a period of 120 days.

# 10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Phase one:** Compliance to the terms of reference and conditions of the tender. Failure to submit the stipulated compulsory returnable documents of the tender will automatically disqualify your tender on this phase.
- Phase two: The bid will be evaluated and adjudicated using the 80/20 system (80 for Price and 20 for Specific Goals). Functionality will be scored at a maximum of 100 points whereby the bidder must obtain a minimum 80 points to qualify for the financial evaluation according to the criteria captured in the table below:

CRITERIA FOR FUNCTIONALITY	BREAKDOWN OF POINTS	WEIGHT
1. Company Experience in	Proven experience in digitization	40

CRITERIA FOR	BREAKDOWN OF	WEIGHT
FUNCTIONALITY	POINTS	
implementing	(20 POINTS)	
similar projects.		
Bidders are required to	5 or more signed	
submit signed reference	reference letters =20	
letters on the	points	
recommending	4 ciamed reference	
company's letterhead, the	4 signed reference	
scope of work, and	letters=15 points	
contactable references.	3 signed reference	
	points = 10 points	
No signed purchase	1-2 reference letters= 5	
orders and appointment	points	
letters will be accepted.	No reference letter	
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	Proven experience in	
	setting up of digital	
	archival repository.	
	(20 POINTS)	
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	5 or more signed	
	reference letters =20	
	points	
	4 signed reference	
	letters=15 points	
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	3 signed reference	
	points = 10 points	

CRITERIA FOR	BREAKDOWN OF	WEIGHT
FUNCTIONALITY	POINTS	
	1-2 reference letters= 5	
	points	
	No reference letter	
	submitted=0 points	
1. Project Team	Team members with 10	15
Experience	or more years'= 15	
(A minimum of four	6 -9 years'	
personnel)	experience=10 points	
Bidders must submit CVs	3-5 years' experience =8	
of designated team	points	
members with experience	1- 2 years' experience=	
in digitization and setting	5 points	
up of archival repository,	o points	
as well as the number of	Less than a years'	
projects completed.	experience=0 points	
	No proof of project team	
	experience submitted=0	
	points.	
2. Project leader		
experience	Project leader with 10 or	15
Bidders must provide a	more years'= 15 points	
detailed CV of the team		
leader indicating	6 -9 years'	
experience in digitization	experience=10 points	
and setting up of digital	3-5 years' experience =8	
archival repository, as	points	

CRITERIA FOR	BREAKDOWN OF	WEIGHT
FUNCTIONALITY	POINTS	
well as projects	1- 2 years' experience=	
completed.	5 points	
completed.	o points	
	Less than a years'	
	experience=0 points	
	No proof of project team	
	leader experience	
	submitted=0 points	
3. Project	Excellent project	20
management	management approach	
approach and	and methodology=20	
methodology	points	
Bidders must submit a	Good project	
detailed project	management approach	
methodology approach	and methodology=15	
outlining the project	points	
management	Average project	
methodology and project	management approach	
plan with implementation	and methodology=10	
timelines with project	points	
completion.	•	
	Poor project	
	management approach	
	and methodology=5	
	points	
	No project management	
	and methodology	
	submitted=0	

CRITERIA FOR FUNCTIONALITY	BREAKDOWN OF POINTS	WEIGHT
4. Locality  Bidders must furnish the Nelson Mandela Museum with proof of their company location.	Within OR Tambo region= 10 points  Within the Eastern Cape= 8 points  Within South Africa= 6 points  Outside South Africa=0 points  No proof of company location submitted=0 points	10
TOTAL	100	

# 11. COMPULSORY SITE INSPECTION

Bidders are required to attend a compulsory site inspection meeting, scheduled as follows:

Date: 13 August 2024

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: Nelson Mandela Museum (Bhunga Building, Mthatha)

# 12. SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

The bid submissions must be returned to the Nelson Mandela Museum, Bhunga Building, Corner Nelson Mandela Drive & Owen Street, Mthatha.

- Service providers are requested to furnish the NMM with two copies of their submissions (an original and a copy).
- Submissions are to be deposited in the allocated Tender Box clearly marked with reference and this bid's title.
- NMM will not be responsible for any submissions placed in an incorrect box and submissions left with the security officers or any employee of the NMM, which may lead to the submission not deposited into the tender box by the closing date.
- NO LATE, FAXED OR EMAILED QUOTATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED.
- CLOSING DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS

20 August 2024@ 12:00

#### 13. DISCLAIMERS

The NMM is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this bid document and/or its receipt of a bid in response to it. Please note that the NMM 0reserves the right to:

- modify the bid document's service(s) and request Respondents to re-quote on any changes;
- reject any bid submission which does not conform to instructions and specifications which are detailed herein;
- disqualify bids submitted after the stated submission deadline;
- not necessarily accept the lowest priced bid;
- · cancel the tender

#### 14. ENQUIRIES

All communications and enquiries/requests for clarification relating to this proposal should be directed to the contact person:

FOR BID ADMINISTRATION & SERVICE PROVIDER SPECIFICATIONS
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Acting Senior Manager Heritage and Conservation

All enquiries must be forwarded to the relevant NMM personnel by no later than 15 August 2024 @ 16:30.

Dr Vuyani Booi

**Chief Executive Officer**