

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: ATNS/RFP02/06/2026/27/UAS_FLIGHT_INSPECTION					
Appointment of a service provider to assist in establishing the feasibility of using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for the inspection of radio navigation aids					
Number	Question/Clarity Date	Name of the Company	Paragraph No. Bid Document	Questions	Response
1	17 July 2026	Tamifield (Pty) Ltd	Paragraph 21 - Intellectual Property, Inventions and Copyright	This clause is too wide. How will ATNS deal with this clause if a bidder(Tamifield) already has capabilities, innovation, inventions, copy right and current OEM agreements relating to the envisaged drone intellectual property ("Drone IP") and production thereof. We therefore require urgent clarification in respect of our current "IP/Drone IP" commitments.	Please note that we currently do not understand the bidder's comments as Volume 1B does not have "Paragraph 21", as alleged by the bidder. Instead, Volume 1B has clause 2.6.5 which deals with Intellectual Property Right. If the bidder intended to refer to clause 2.6.5 of Volume 1B, then such clause may be negotiated with the bidder depending on the prevailing facts if the bidder is recommended to be a preferred bidder and is allowed to enter contract negotiations with ATNS.
2	17-Jul-26	HENSOLDT South Africa	Letter	HENSOLDT South Africa (Pty) Ltd hereby wish to request an extension of the submission date of the abovementioned tender to 21 August 2026 The reasons for this request: • To allow sufficient time to review current requirement, prepare and to ensure efficient, cost effective and a compliant proposal. • Limited personnel available due to European summer holidays. •	Closing date extended to 21 August 2026 at 14h00 CAT
3	21 July 2026	Intersoft Electronics Services Italia S.r.l. - Via L. da Vinci 45, 00015 Monterotondo(RM) - Italy	Section C paragraph 32	I applied to the CSD portal, and I can access the e-tendering portal from there. But I cannot identify the CSD supplier number. I did not get any OTP to activate the account and I cannot enter any additional information about contact, bank, commodities (Complete supplier identification information) also the report generated is empty. I will try to ask for help to one of the help e-mail addresses, like centralsupplier.database@capetown.gov.za.	The requirement under Clause 32.1 is that bidders must submit proof of their registration on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) or proof that they have applied for registration on the CSD. Accordingly, bidders are expected to provide either: Proof of an active CSD registration; or Proof that an application for CSD registration has been submitted. As stated in the bid document, bids submitted without either of the above proofs will be deemed non-responsive. The submission of proof of registration or proof of application is therefore a mandatory requirement for responsiveness.
4	21 July 2026	Intersoft Electronics Services Italia S.r.l. - Via L. da Vinci 45, 00015 Monterotondo(RM) - Italy	Section D Paragraph 34	Applying as foreign company I have some doubts about specific South Africa documentation. Is that required? I refer to: • B BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit (for EMEs/QSEs) • Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) Documents	Foreign-based suppliers are required to complete all relevant sections of SBD 1 applicable to foreign entities and provide the necessary supporting information as prescribed in the bid documentation. Furthermore, the submission of a B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit (for EMEs and QSEs) is not a mandatory disqualification requirement. However, bidders wishing to claim preference points in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA) and the applicable regulations must submit the required B-BBEE documentation. Failure to do so will not render a bid non-responsive, but the bidder will not qualify for the allocation of B-BBEE preference points during the evaluation process. Accordingly, foreign-based suppliers may submit bids without a B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit; however, preference points will be allocated in accordance with the provisions of the PPPFA and the applicable regulations.

5	24 July 2026	Intersoft Electronics Services Italia S.r.l. - Via L. da Vinci 45, 00015 Monterotondo(RM) - Italy	Volume 1A	We applied to the CSD portal, providing the required information, and we can access the e-tendering portal from there. But we cannot identify any CSD supplier number associated with our company. We understand that Expectation is that "bidders must submit proof of their registration or proof that they have applied for registration on the Central Supplier Database" and we have the related reports. But without a CSD supplier number assigned to our company, we cannot submit the proposal through eTenders portal. We can only submit it online, but a CSD supplier number is mandato How shall we submit our proposal?	Please refer to Section 6 of Volume 1A: Procedures for Submitting Bids, which provides detailed instructions regarding bid submission methods and requirements. The bid closing date and time is 31 July 2026 at 11h00 CAT. Bidders may submit their bids either electronically via the e-Submission (e-Tender) system or by hard copy. For hard copy submissions, bidders are required to submit: One (1) original copy; One (1) duplicate copy; and One (1) PDF version on a USB device. Hard copy submissions must be delivered to: ATNS Company Limited Eastgate Office Park, Block C South Boulevard Road Bruma, 2298 South Africa Bidders are advised to ensure that submissions comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 6 of Volume 1A.
6	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1A, clause 33.1	The heading of clause 33 refers to registration certificates and accreditation with “OEMs or professional bodies”, while clause 33.1 refers only to registration with professional bodies. Kindly confirm: (a) what specific registration or accreditation, and with which OEM or professional body, satisfies clause 33.1; (b) whether OEM accreditation and professional body registration are alternatives or are both required; and (c) what form of proof is acceptable.	The statement is generic and might not be applicable to the project except in the case of certification from a regulatory body (i.e., SACAA) for operations or pilot licensing and these are addressed appropriately under relevant sections of the tender.
7	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1A, SBD 1, clause 2.5; Questionnaire to Bidding Foreign Suppliers	Where a South African bidder submits a bid as prime contractor and a foreign original equipment manufacturer supplies the system, is the foreign OEM regarded as a sub-contractor for the purposes of SBD 1 clause 2.5, such that it must submit its own Tax Compliance Status certificate or PIN and CSD number? If so, does completion of the Questionnaire to Bidding Foreign Suppliers discharge the SARS Tax Compliance Status requirement, or is registration on the Central Supplier Database nonetheless required in respect of a foreign entity?	The OEM does not have to submit their own Tax compliance status certificate
8	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1B, clause 2.2.4	Does the purchase and resale of a foreign original equipment manufacturer’s system by a South African prime contractor constitute subcontracting for the purposes of clause 2.2.4? If so, kindly indicate how a foreign OEM that holds no South African B-BBEE status is accommodated within the limitation on subcontracting more than 25 per cent of the project.	Depedents on the nature of the services that the OEM is providing which will constitute to subcontracting.
9	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 2, clause 4.4.2; Volume 1B, clause 2.6.5.3	Volume 2 clause 4.4.2 requires that all software, hardware, data and associated licences become the property of ATNS. Volume 1B clause 2.6.5.3 provides that ATNS is granted an irrevocable, rent-free licence to the contractor’s intellectual property for operational purposes only. Kindly confirm which provision governs in respect of proprietary OEM software and licences supplied with the system.	If ATNS is unable to own any part of the project (e.g., software) due to Intellectual Property law, then ATNS requires access to the part or the license thereof for the duration of the contract free of charge. alternatively, the price of renewal must be priced in the mainteance and support contract of the project.
10	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1B, clause 2.9.1.4.2; Form of Contract	Kindly confirm whether a maximum aggregate limit applies to liquidated damages levied under clause 2.9.1.4.2 read with the Form of Contract, and if so, what that limit is.	The limit is the contract price.
11	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1B, Form of Contract; Volume 4, clause 10.3.1	The Form of Contract records the Warranty Period as “Nil”, while Volume 4 clause 10.3.1 requires a minimum warranty period of one year. Kindly confirm the warranty period required by ATNS.	1 year.
12	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1B, clauses 2.6.4, 2.6.5 and 2.7.2.3	Kindly confirm whether the limitation of liability to the Contract Price in clause 2.7.2.3 applies to the contractor’s indemnity obligations under clauses 2.6.4 and 2.6.5, or whether those indemnity obligations are excluded from that limitation.	Confirmed, those indemnity obligations are not excluded from that limitation.
13	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1A, SBD 6.1; Volume 1A, clause 10	In respect of a bid submitted by an unincorporated consortium or joint venture, kindly confirm how the specific goals (black ownership) status is assessed and evidenced: whether it is determined at consortium level by reference to the joint venture agreement together with the members’ CIPC, CSD and shareholding records, and what documentary set ATNS requires in order to award the points for a 51 per cent black-owned supplier.	For an unincorporated consortium or joint venture, the claimed 51% black ownership must be supported by sufficient documentary evidence. ATNS will assess the claim based on the consortium/JV structure and ownership information provided. To substantiate the claim, bidders must submit: Joint Venture/Consortium Agreement (where applicable); CSD Report; CIPC registration documents; Shareholding records/share certificates; and Valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit (where applicable). ATNS reserves the right to verify the submitted information and will award points only where the claimed black ownership is adequately supported by the required documentation.

14	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1A, SBD 6.1 clause 1.3; Volume 1A, clause 9	SBD 6.1 clause 1.3 records the applicable preference point system as 90/10, while clause 9 and the stipulated Rand value indicate that the 80/20 system applies, with 20 points allocated to specific goals. Kindly confirm that the 80/20 preference point system applies.	ATNS confirms that the 80/20 preference point system is applicable to this bid. Accordingly, 80 points will be allocated for price and 20 points for specific goals, as stipulated in the bid document. The reference to the 90/10 preference point system in Clause 1.3 of SBD 6.1 is an administrative error and should be read in conjunction with Clause 9 and the stipulated bid value threshold, which correctly reflects the applicable 80/20 preference point system.
15	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1A, clause 9.4; Volume 1C (SUMMARY)	The SUMMARY sheet of the Volume 1C pricing schedule computes both a “Total Excluding Options” (schedules G1, G2 and G3) and a “Grand Total” (including schedule G4 Options). Kindly confirm which of these constitutes the “price of tender under consideration” for the purposes of the price scoring formula at clause 9.4.	The "Total Excluding Options" constitute the tender price.
16	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 2, clauses 4.5.2 and 4.5.5; Volume 4, clause 10.3.2	Volume 2 clause 4.5.2 requires the inspection of the identified facilities, Volume 2 clause 4.5.5 requires multiple inspections, and Volume 4 clause 10.3.2 provides for a minimum twelve-month beneficial-use period. Kindly confirm whether the inspection service under clause 4.5.2 is limited to commissioning and acceptance activities, including the repetitions required to validate the system, or whether inspections must also be performed on a recurring basis during the beneficial-use period. If recurring inspections are required, please state their required frequency and duration.	Confirmed: the inspection service under clause 4.5.2 refers to commissioning and acceptance activities, including the repetitions required to validate the system. There will not be any recurring inspections required during the period of beneficial use, which is outside what is stated in the tender documentation.
17	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1A, clause 2.1.1; Volume 2, clauses 4.4.2 and 4.5	Kindly confirm which party will be responsible for operating the system during: (a) commissioning and performance of the inspection service; (b) the minimum twelve-month beneficial-use period; and (c) the period following Final Acceptance. Where operation by the contractor is required, please state the required duration and the expected level of operational support.	(a) During the commissioning and performance of the inspection service - the Bidder (b) During the twelve-month beneficial-use period - ATNS (c) the period following final acceptance - ATNS
18	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 2, clauses 4.3.1, 4.5.12 and 4.5.13; Volume 2, clauses 7.2.5 and 7.2.6; Volume 3, clause 9.3.3; Volume 1C, item G3.8	Kindly confirm the allocation of responsibility and cost between ATNS and the contractor for obtaining and maintaining all regulatory and operational approvals required for the inspection service and the beneficial-use period, including SACAA Part 101 operational approvals, operator certification and remote-pilot qualifications, UAS registration and authorisation, airport and site-access permits, CAMU and ATC coordination, and any required NOTAM or airspace approvals. Kindly further confirm whether the requirements at Volume 2 clauses 4.3.1 and 4.5.13 are satisfied where the tendering entity performs the operation in accordance with Part 101 of the SACAA Civil Aviation Regulations under the operating certificate of an authorised South African operator, and whether approvals held by a member of a bidding consortium satisfy the requirement in respect of the consortium.	All other regulatory and operational approvals will be managed by the Bidder at their own cost. The Volume 2 clauses 4.3.1. and 4.5.13 requires that both the entity and personnel/specialists be duly approved and/or certified to conduct the service inspection. This shall apply whether the tendering entity performs the operation under the operating certificate of an authorised South African operator or in respect of a consortium when either all or one of the members of a consortium satisfies is certified/approved.
19	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 2, clause 4.5.5	Clause 4.5.5 requires multiple inspections and, where possible, comparison against manned aircraft results for the same inspection exercise. Kindly confirm: (a) the minimum number of inspection repetitions required per facility; (b) whether ATNS will provide existing or contemporaneous manned flight-inspection data and bear any associated manned-flight cost; and (c) whether the requirement will be considered compliant where no suitable manned-flight inspection data is available.	It is difficult to confirm the exact number of repetitions for inspections especially during commissioning, however, (a) a minimum of two (2) inspections could be budgetted per site/facility for the sake of pricing, (b) yes, ATNS will provide existing or manned aircraft inspection data for comparison purposes, (c) if ATNS for whatever reason cannot provide the manned aircraft inspection data, yes the Bidder will be considered compliant with the requirement.
20	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1C, item G3.7; Volume 2, clause 4.5.2	Kindly identify the exact airport site(s) and radio-navigation aids within Gauteng to be included under clause 4.5.2, including the facility type and designation where available. Please also confirm the pricing quantities applicable to item G3.7, including: (a) the number of inspections or repetitions required for each facility; (b) the expected number of mobilisations or site visits; and (c) whether bidders should provide separate prices by site and facility type.	The following sites and facilities can be used as reference, for the sites within Gauteng: OR Tambo International Airport (ILS, DVOR, DME) and Lanseria International Airport (ILS, DVOR, DME). Please note that these sites may be changed at the time of implementation and the successful Bidder will be informed accordingly. (a) Please refer to the answer to question 18; (b) One (1) site visit per site/facility (c) Yes

21	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1C (schedule G2); Volume 4, clause 10.6.1; Volume 2, clause 4.4.3; Volume 1B, Chapter 3 (Form of Contract)	Volume 1C requests annual maintenance prices for Years 1 to 5, while Volume 4 clause 10.6.1 states that a support and maintenance contract will be negotiated and provided following successful negotiations. Volume 2 clause 4.4.3 requires a minimum system life span of five years. The Form of Contract at Chapter 3 of Volume 1B describes the contract as being for a period recorded as “XXXXX (XXX) YEARS”. Kindly confirm: (a) the intended initial contract term; (b) whether the annual maintenance prices for all five years must be included in the evaluated tender price; (c) whether those annual prices must remain fixed or may be adjusted; and (d) whether support and maintenance will form part of the initial contract award or of a separate subsequent agreement.	(a) Initial contract term is 5 years; (b) Yes, however, will be considered under the maintenance and support contract with the successful Bidder, (c) Annual prices must remain fixed; (d) It will be part of the initial contract upon successful negotiations with the potential Bidder
22	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 1A, clauses 4.1.3 and 6.1; Volume 1C, items G3.7 and G3.8	Clause 4.1.3 requires all written queries and requests for clarification to be submitted by 24 July 2026 at 17h00 CAT, while clause 6.1 records the closing date as 31 July 2026 at 11h00 CAT. The bid documents do not state the date by which ATNS will issue responses to clarification requests, nor whether such responses will be issued by way of a formal addendum forming part of the bid documents. Kindly confirm: (a) the date by which responses to clarification requests will be issued to bidders; (b) whether those responses will be issued as a formal addendum forming part of the bid documents; and (c) whether the closing date will be adjusted in the event that responses which materially affect the completion of the pricing schedule, including the quantities and locations applicable to items G3.7 and G3.8, are issued within five working days of the closing date.	(a) As and when, questions are answered or comments are clarified, however the last day of clarification or answers publication will be the 14 August 2026 in line with the tender extension period as responded to under question two(2) above, (b) The answers will be published on the website and yes will form part of the bid documents (c) ATNS may consider an djustment of the closing date should this be the case
23	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Volume 3, clauses 9.3.1 and 9.3.2	Clause 9.3.1 requires a list of all personnel, including roles and responsibilities, involved during the execution of the project. Clause 9.3.2 requires all proposed personnel to have a minimum of three years of experience with UAS, with the inspection of radio navigation aids, and with the use of UAS for the inspection of radio navigation aids. Noting that the subject matter of this bid is the establishment of the feasibility of using unmanned aircraft systems for the inspection of radio navigation aids, kindly confirm: (a) whether clause 9.3.2 applies to every person listed under clause 9.3.1, or only to those personnel directly performing the inspection activities; (b) whether the three requirements are cumulative in respect of each individual, or whether experience in each may be held by different members of the proposed team; and (c) whether the required experience may be demonstrated collectively across the proposed project team.	(a) 9.3.2 primarily refers to those personnel that will be directly performing the inspection activities. (b) Experience in each may be held by different members of the proposed team. (c) the required experience may be demonstrated collectively/accumulatively across the proposed project team.
24	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Section 4 of the letter	We further note that the bid documents stipulate a closing date of 31 July 2026 at 11h00 CAT and a deadline for clarification requests of 24 July 2026 at 17h00 CAT, but do not stipulate the date by which responses to clarification requests will be issued, nor whether such responses will be issued by way of a formal addendum forming part of the bid documents. The interval between the two stipulated dates comprises five working days.	ATNS confirms that requests for clarification submitted by the stipulated deadline will be responded to in writing. Where a clarification materially impacts the interpretation of the bid requirements, the response will be communicated to all prospective bidders through a formal addendum issued as part of the bid documents. Bidders are advised to monitor the designated procurement platform and communications issued by ATNS for any clarification responses and/or addenda issued before the bid closing date. Any addendum issued will form part of the bid documentation and must be taken into account when preparing submissions. Please refer to the answer of question 22 above
25	24 July 2026	NTE Consulting (Pty) Ltd t/a NTEC Aviation Lighting & Airside Solutions	Section 5 of the letter	In the circumstances, and in order that all bidders may prepare and price their offers upon a common and properly informed basis, we respectfully request that ATNS consider adjusting the closing date so that it falls not less than ten (10) working days after the date upon which responses to clarification requests are issued to bidders. Should ATNS prefer to stipulate a fixed date, we would respectfully suggest 21 August 2026 at 11h00 CAT.	Closing date extended to 21 August 2026 at 14h00 CAT

26	24-Jul-26	Colibrex GmbH	e-mail	Dear ATNS Tender Committee, we acknowledge receipt of the Request for Proposal ATNS/RFP02/06/2026/27/UAS_FLIGHT_INSPECTION and would like to express our strong interest in participating in this tender. As the leading company in the field of drone-based flight inspection and navigation aid measurement, we are committed to submitting the highest-quality technical and commercial proposal. To achieve this, we are currently finalizing the most suitable partnership structure and ensuring the best possible alignment with our selected local partners. We therefore kindly request that the submission deadline of 31 July 2026 be extended. The additional time would enable us to further refine our proposal and ensure that we present ATNS with the strongest possible solution, both technically and commercially. We would greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your positive response.	Closing date extended to 21 August 2026 at 14h00 CAT
27	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Does the three-year experience apply to each individual across all three areas cumulatively, or to the proposed team as a whole?	Please refer to answer on line item 23 above
28	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Can ATNS confirm the specific Gauteng sites for the inspection service, or the airports under consideration, so that travel and access costs can be priced accurately?	Please refer to answer on line item 20 above
29	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Will ATNS make available existing manned flight inspection results for the identified facilities to support the comparative analysis?	Please refer to answer on line item 19 above
30	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	What contractual delivery period does ATNS envisage, and is the delivery period negotiable at contracting to accommodate OEM manufacture, shipping and regulatory approval?	All Bidders should stipulate their proposed schedule for the project as required under Volume 2 - 4 section 9.2. The schedule should present all planned project activities including manufacturing, shipping/transportation as well as any regulatory approval.
31	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	For a joint venture, does ATNS require a consolidated B-BBEE verification certificate for the JV, or will it accept the certificates of the individual members together with the JV agreement?	Where the Joint Venture is an incorporated JV (separate legal entity), the JV must submit its own valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate or Sworn Affidavit (where applicable) issued in the name of the incorporated JV entity. For an unincorporated joint venture, ATNS will accept the B-BBEE certificates or sworn affidavits of the individual JV members together with the Joint Venture Agreement
32	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Is DME inspection capability required to be demonstrated at the bid stage, or may it be delivered through a defined development or integration activity during the project?	The DME inspection capability is required to be disclosed at the bidding stage.
33	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Were any clarifications issued at or following the 8 July briefing session, and can these be provided to bidders who did not attend?	Bidders were requested to submit all clarification requests formally to ANTS, including those raised during the briefing session, as such, all requests for clarifications are covered in this document.
34	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Does ATNS intend to operate the system independently after handover, and if so, should remote pilot licensing for ATNS personnel be included in the training scope?	Yes ATNS intend to operate the system independently after the handover, however, remote pilot licensing for ATNS personnel is not part of the scope of this project.
35	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Can ATNS confirm the required value and form of the performance guarantee, and the milestone payment schedule structure?	Please refer to Volume 1B clause 2.14.8.1.3 states that performance guarantee/retention of ten percent (10%) of the Supply and Deliver and Installation and SAT. Also refer to Clause 2.14.8.1.4 which states that where the Company so decides in its absolute discretion prior to the contracting, ten per cent (10%) of the value of the Contract.
36	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	ITO, software IP, Does ATNS want ownership or a long-term licence of the software with source code in escrow; what options do suppliers have?	Please refer to answer on line item 9 above
37	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Please confirm the exact bid closing date and time. The working tender package refers to 30 July 2026 in the Annexure, while Volume 1A refers to 31 July 2026 at 11:00 CAT. Please also confirm whether submission through the National Treasury e-Tender system is mandatory, whether a hard-copy submission is also accepted or required, and which method prevails in the event of any inconsistency.	Revised closing date and time is 21 August 2026 at 14h00 CAT
38	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Given the number of mandatory documents, the need to coordinate a South African lead bidder with a foreign technology partner, and the possible requirement for translation, certification and legalisation of foreign documents, would ATNS consider extending the bid submission deadline?	Revised closing date and time is 21 August 2026 at 14h00 CAT

39	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Please confirm the formal requirements applicable to documents issued outside South Africa. a. Which foreign corporate, financial, experience and personnel documents must be translated into English? b. Must translations be sworn, certified or completed by a translator recognised in South Africa? c. Which documents, if any, must be notarised, apostilled or consularly legalised? d. Are scanned certified copies acceptable at bid submission, with originals to follow only upon request or award?	Translated documents must be translated by a translator who is internationally legally recognized. All translated documents must be in English and notarised.
40	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	For a bid submitted by a South African lead bidder together with a foreign technology partner, please confirm the permitted and required legal structure. a. May the parties bid as a contractual joint venture, consortium or lead bidder with subcontractor, without incorporating a separate special-purpose vehicle? b. If a separate SPV is required, must it exist at bid submission or only before contract signature? c. Which mandatory documents - including SARS Tax Compliance PIN, CSD registration, CIPC documents and B-BBEE evidence - are required from each party and which are required from the JV or lead bidder only? d. Must a fully executed JV / teaming agreement accompany the bid, or will a signed letter of intent or joint-bid undertaking be sufficient? e. Must a foreign partner with no South African residence, branch or permanent establishment register on the CSD or obtain a SARS Tax Compliance PIN? f. Where the South African bidder offers equipment and software produced by the foreign OEM, is an OEM authorisation letter mandatory?	a. Yes. Bidders may submit as an Individual Bidder, Joint Venture (JV), Consortium, or with Sub-contractors. The RFP does not require the establishment of a separate Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). b. As no SPV is required by the RFP, there is no requirement for an SPV to be established either at bid submission stage or prior to contract award. c. For JVs, consortia, or arrangements involving subcontractors: Each participating entity must submit its own Tax Compliance PIN/TCS and/or CSD details. Ownership and B-BBEE supporting documents must be submitted by the entity on whose credentials a specific goal claim is based. These include the CSD report, CIPC documents, shareholder certificates, shareholder ID copies, and a valid B-BBEE certificate or sworn affidavit, where applicable. d. Bidders should submit a signed JV/Consortium Agreement, or a similar agreement clearly setting out the roles, responsibilities and commitment of each party to the bid. e. A foreign partner that has no South African residence, branch, permanent establishment, or taxable presence in South Africa is not required to obtain a SARS Tax Compliance PIN. f. Yes. Where a bidder is offering equipment or software from a foreign OEM as an authorised distributor/reseller, a valid OEM Authorisation Letter must be submitted with the bid.
41	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	SBD 6.1 clause 1.3 refers to the 90/10 system, while clause 1.4 and Section B refer to Price 80 / Specific Goals 20. Please confirm which preference point system applies to this RFP and the estimated contract-value band used to determine the applicable system.	ATNS acknowledges that the reference to the 90/10 preference point system in Clause 1.3 of SBD 6.1 is an administrative error arising from the standard template and is not applicable to this RFP. The applicable preference point system for this RFP is the 80/20 preference point system, comprising 80 points for Price and 20 points for Specific Goals, as stipulated under Section B: Stage 3 - Price and Preference Points for Specific Goals. Accordingly, this RFP will be evaluated on the basis that the estimated contract value falls within the threshold for the application of the 80/20 preference point system, being contracts with an estimated value not exceeding R50 million (inclusive of all applicable taxes)
42	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	For a bid submitted by a joint venture or consortium comprising a South African lead entity and a foreign technology partner, please clarify how the Specific Goals / B-BBEE preference points will be assessed - on the JV as a whole, on the South African lead entity, pro rata to participation, or by another method. Please also state the B-BBEE documentation required from each party.	For Joint Ventures (JVs) or Consortia, Specific Goal preference points will be assessed based on the ownership profile and supporting documentation of the bidding entity/JV as submitted. All JV/Consortium members must be disclosed, and a signed JV/Consortium Agreement must be provided.
43	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Section 16.5 allows ATNS to award one contract for all functions or separate contracts for different functions. Please confirm whether the system supply and the inspection services may be awarded separately, whether a bidder may submit an offer for only one component, and how such a partial offer would be evaluated.	ATNS will appoint one Bidder to manage and deliver on the complete scope of the project.
44	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Please confirm whether OEM specification sheets, manuals, technical reports and reference letters in English are acceptable as proof supporting C / PC / NC responses. Please also confirm whether page limits, file-size limits or restrictions on supporting annexures apply, and whether evidence must be repeated in each compliance cell or may be cross-referenced to a clearly indexed annexure.	Yes ORM specificaitons, data sheets, manuals, technical reports and reference letter in English are acceptable as proof supporting reponses to the stated requirements. There is no limit on supporting annexures. Evidence may be cross-referenced to clearly indexed annexures.
45	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	SBD 3.2 is titled “Non-Firm Prices”, while the working documents also indicate that the Acquisition Phase price is fixed in South African Rand and that exchange-rate risk may rest with the Contractor. Please confirm whether a Contract Price Adjustment and/or foreign-exchange adjustment mechanism is permitted for the foreign-currency portion of the Acquisition Phase. a. If adjustment is permitted, please provide the applicable formula, indices, base date, adjustment dates and documentary evidence required. b. If no adjustment is permitted, please confirm that the bidder must carry the full currency and inflation risk for the stated validity and contract periods. c. Please confirm whether the ROE entered in Volume 1C is fixed at bid date or may be adjusted at invoice or payment date.	The Acquisition price is fixed in Rands.The supplier carries the forex exposure on acquisition.

46	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Please clarify the intended use of the ROE field and the conversion methodology. The current workbook structure appears to calculate the foreign cost in Rand by dividing the foreign-currency total by the entered ROE. a. Should the ROE be expressed as the number of foreign-currency units per ZAR 1? b. Is the field to be completed by the bidder or by ATNS? c. What exchange-rate source and date must be used? d. Is only one foreign currency permitted? e. If several foreign currencies are permitted, how must separate rates be entered when the workbook provides one common ROE field? f. Is the exchange rate used only for bid evaluation, or also for contractual invoicing and payment? g. Will the foreign portion be paid in the quoted foreign currency or converted and paid in South African Rand?	The foreign component and local component prices should be escalated using the index.
47	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	The pricing schedule is headed “Including Value Added Tax”, while the Summary contains a separate “VAT implication” line. Please confirm the required method of completion so that VAT is neither omitted nor counted twice. a. Should all foreign and local unit prices already include VAT? b. Should VAT instead be entered only in the “VAT implication” line? c. What VAT rate is to be applied? d. Will bids be evaluated inclusive or exclusive of VAT? e. How should a foreign bidder that is not registered for South African VAT complete the schedule? f. Where must import VAT, customs duties and other import charges be included? g. Must any withholding tax applicable to payments to a foreign contractor be included in the bid price?	a. No, unit prices should not already include VAT, b. VAT should be entered only in the "VAT implication" line, c. , d. Bids will be evaluated inclusive of VAT, e. f. g.
48	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Please provide the formal definition of “Overseas Items” and “Local Items” for completion and evaluation of Volume 1C. Please confirm whether classification is based on country of manufacture, supplier residence, invoicing entity, place of performance, payment currency or local-content rules. Please also confirm whether any minimum local-content percentage or mandatory local scope applies.	The local component refers to the components and services sourced locally.The foreign component refers to services sourced from overseas.The overseas component is then converted to Rands to get the total acquisition price in rands.
49	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Where the bid is submitted by a local and foreign consortium or joint venture, please confirm: a. whether one consolidated Volume 1C must be submitted under the Lead Member’s name; b. whether separate price schedules are required from each member; c. whether the foreign and local members may invoice their respective portions directly; d. whether ATNS may make split payments to the foreign and local members; e. which entity must be VAT registered; and f. which entity is expected to act as Importer of Record.	a. Yes. One consolidated Volume 1C must be submitted on behalf of the bidding entity/JV/Consortium, reflecting the complete solution and total contract price. b. Separate price schedules from each member are not required. However, bidders may submit supporting breakdowns where necessary to explain the allocation of costs between consortium/JV members. c. The RFP contemplates a single contracting entity ("Contractor/Service Provider") that is responsible for the delivery of the full scope of work. Accordingly, separate invoicing by individual consortium/JV members is not contemplated under the RFP. d. ATNS will contract with and make payment to the successful contracting entity in accordance with the agreed contract and milestone payment schedule. The RFP does not expressly provide for split payments as a result ATNS reserves the right to make the split payments. e. The contracting entity must comply with all applicable South African tax and statutory requirements, including VAT registration where required by law. f. The RFP places responsibility for the importation, customs clearance, duties, taxes, transport and delivery of imported goods on the Contractor. Accordingly, the successful bidder should assume responsibility for acting as, or appointing, the Importer of Record and managing all related importation obligations
50	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Please confirm whether bid security is required and, for the resulting contract, state the required performance guarantee amount as a percentage of the contract price, the required professional indemnity and public-liability insurance limits, the retention percentage, and the release conditions and periods for each security or retention amount.	Refer to answer under 35 above for performance gaurantee. The professional indemnity and public-liability insurance limits shall be limited to teh contract price.

51	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Clause 4.4.2 states that supplied software and associated licences shall be the property of ATNS, while Volume 1B addresses intellectual property and source-code escrow. Please confirm whether ATNS requires transfer of ownership of the software and source code, or whether the requirement is satisfied by a perpetual, non-exclusive licence to use the software on the delivered systems, with source code deposited in independent escrow and released only upon defined trigger events such as supplier insolvency or permanent cessation of support. a. If escrow is required, please identify the required escrow arrangement or acceptable escrow agent. b. Please define the materials to be deposited, the update frequency and any verification or build-testing requirements. c. Please confirm the release triggers and the rights granted to ATNS following release. d. Please confirm whether proprietary core calibration algorithms and other background technology may remain excluded, provided that the deposited materials are sufficient to maintain operation of the delivered system.	Please refer to answer on line item 9 above
52	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Please confirm whether the base procurement is a pilot / feasibility phase or a full operational deployment, and state the number of complete UAS flight-inspection systems required under the base scope. Please also confirm the minimum quantities and configuration for G3.1 to G3.6. a. Minimum number of operational and spare unmanned aircraft. b. Required number of ground-control stations and operator positions. c. Whether redundant communication and measurement modules are required. d. Whether batteries, chargers, transport cases, antennas, cables, computing equipment and other accessories must be included. e. Required numbers of software users, workstations, aircraft, sites and concurrent sessions. f. Whether software licences must be perpetual or subscription-based. g. Alternatively, whether quantities and architecture may be proposed by the bidder, provided all performance requirements are met	Confirmed, the base procurement is a pilot / feasibility phase. One (1) UAS flight-inspection system is required for the base scope. The full complement of hardware and software to support the operation of the UAS-flight inspection system shall be provided. Moreover, the system needs to have sufficient spares to be operationally capable in line with the contract term. Software licenses have been addressed under the answer to question 9 above. The Bidder may propose quantities and architecture provided all performance requirements are met.
53	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	The G3.7 description refers to inspections of VOR, DME, ILS and “etc.” Please provide a complete and exhaustive list of facilities and equipment to be covered, including confirmation of King Phalo Airport (FAEL), the specific Gauteng facilities and whether any facilities are located off-airport. a. Number and location of airports and sites. b. Number of facilities of each type. c. Required inspection type for each facility: commissioning, periodic, special, surveillance, demonstration or another type. d. Number and frequency of inspections to be priced. e. Whether PAPI or any other visual aids are included. f. Whether G3.7 is a one-time acceptance / demonstration service or an ongoing operational inspection service. g. Required pricing unit: per facility, per airport, per inspection or lump sum. h. Whether mobilisation, travel, accommodation, permits and reporting must be included in each inspection price.	(a. and b.) Refer to the answer to question 20 c. surveillance inspection d. Refer to the answer to question 19 above e. No PAPI or other visual aids are included f. One time acceptance / demonstration service - with a budget of one repetition per site/facility. g. Per facility, per airport and per inspection (detailed pricing is required) h. Yes
54	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Sheet G4 does not define option headings, descriptions or quantities. Please provide the full list, technical scope and quantities of all options to be priced. a. Is pricing every option mandatory for bid responsiveness? b. May options be marked “not offered”? c. Will the bid be evaluated using “Total Excluding Options” or “Grand Total” including all options? d. Will only selected options be included in the evaluated price? e. May ATNS award individual options separately? f. For how long must option prices remain valid?	a. No b. Whatever the Bidders deems satisfactory/necessary c. The tender will be evaluated using "Total Excluding Options" d. No e. No f. As long as the validity period of the tender
55	24-Jul-26	K and S Consultancy and Drone Ops	-	Clause 4.5.5 requires comparison of UAS inspection results against manned-aircraft flight-inspection results. Please confirm whether ATNS will provide the required manned-aircraft reference data, including its date, format and traceability, or whether the bidder must arrange and price a parallel manned flight inspection. If the bidder must arrange it, please specify the required scope, sites, timing and acceptance criteria.	Refer to the answer to question 19
56	03-Aug-26	HENSOLDT SA (Pty) Ltd	Technical Tender Specification (Volume 2,3 &\$), Section 6, Sub Section 6.5.6	The tender required that the following requirement needs to be addressed: “The RF sensory module shall survive the operational weather conditions as specified herein under 4.2.2 and Error! Reference source not found.. The Tenderer shall provide the system specifications or operations manual or documentation highlighting/supporting this requirement.” Can you please provide the reference that is not included?	4.2.2 and 4.2.3