STELLENBOSCH LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

For the appointment of Independent Power Producers to supply

Energy Output generated from one or more Solar PV Facilities

and/or

stored Energy Output delivered by one or more Battery Energy Storage Systems

TENDER NUMBER: B/SM 89/25

STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY INDEPENDENT POWER

PRODUCER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME

Briefing Note No: 1

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Briefing Note 1 is issued in terms of clause 7.6 of the Request for Proposal issued by the Stellenbosch Municipality in respect of the Stellenbosch Municipality Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (Tender number: B/SM 89/25) ("**STMIPPPP RFP**" or **"RFP"**), dated 29 March 2025.

1.2 Unless otherwise expressly stated, or the context otherwise requires, words and expressions defined in the STMIPPPP RFP shall bear the same meaning in this Briefing Note as those ascribed to them in the STMIPPPP RFP.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS BRIEFING NOTE

2.1 The purpose of this Briefing Note is to:

2.1.1 provide Bidders with responses to clarification requests received by Stellenbosch Municipality between the period 29 March 2025 to 9 April 2025.

2.1.2 amend the Bid Submission Date.

3. LIST OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED TOGETHER WITH THIS BRIEFING NOTE / AMENDMENTS TO THE STMIPPPP RFP

3.1 No additional documents are issued with this Briefing Note.

3.2 Please note the following amendment to clause 7.2.8 of the STMIPPPP RFP:

7.2.8	Bid Submission Date	30 September 2025

4. RESPONSES TO CLARIFICATION REQUESTS RECEIVED BY STELLENBOSCH MUNICIPALITY

No	**Date Received**	**Category**	**RFP Reference**	**Query**	**Response**
1.	31-Mar-25	General – Bid Submission Date	RFP Clause 7.2.8	Bid Submission Date in clause 7.2.8 of the RFP is shown as 22 September 2025. However, the advertisement refers to 30 September 2025. Please advise which one of these is the correct Date to plan for.	Please note that the Bid Submission Date has been extended to 30 September 2025.
2.	31-Mar-25	Legal – Bid Guarantee	RFP Clause 8.1	Please educate me if the above tender requires a bid deposit / bid guarantee	Refer to clause 8.1 of the RFP which details the requirements of the Bid Guarantee
3.	31-Mar-25	Technical - Wheeling	RFP Clause 4.2.3.12	Does the tender involve wheeling and trading of energy	No - wheeling is not allowed. Refer to clause 4.2.3.12 of the RFP which specifies where the Facility is allowed to connect.
4.	31-Mar-25	Technical – Wheeling	RFP Clause 4.2.3.12	I just want to clarify that the RFP does include projects that are not located within the municipality?	It is not a requirement for projects to be located within the Municipal boundary, however projects may only connect to the Municipal Electrical Networks (i.e. be embedded within the Municipal Electrical Networks). Refer to clause 4.2.3.12 of the RFP which specifies where the Facility is allowed to connect. For the avoidance of doubt, wheeling is not allowed.
5.	31-Mar-25	Legal	RFP Appendix 18 and Appendix 19	Kindly note that Appendices 18 & 19 are missing from the website.	Appendix 18 - Distribution Agreement and Appendix 19 - Connection Direct Agreement will be made available to prospective bidders

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					prior to the Bid Submission Date, by means of a Briefing Note.
6.	31-Mar-25	Technical	RFP clause 4.2.3.13 and clause 4.2.3.15	I want to clarify the correct MWs required for the RFP. In the Afrikaans Version of the Advert, it states 50 MW Solar, In the English Version, of the advert it states 41.9 MW Solar, as well as the Main RFP	Please note a Solar PV Project must have a Contracted Capacity within the range specified in clause 4.2.3.13 of the RFP, and a BESS Project must have a Contracted Capacity as specified in clause 4.2.3.15 of the RFP.
7.	31-Mar-25	Technical	RFP clause 4.2.4.12	Are facilities to be within the Stellenbosch municipality.	It is not a requirement for projects to be located within the Municipal boundary, however projects may only connect to the Municipal Electrical Networks (i.e. be embedded within the Municipal Electrical Networks). Refer to clause 4.2.3.12 of the RFP which specifies where the Facility is allowed to connect. For the avoidance of doubt, wheeling is not allowed.
8.	31-Mar-25	Technical	Land	Has the municipality identified any land to be used? Or are the IPPs supposed to find their own land for the PV.	Bidders are required to identify and secure rights to a suitable Project Site.
9.	31-Mar-25	Technical	RFP clause 4.2.4.12	Would the municipality be open to a PV wheeling project outside the Western Cape that has all the permitting and at CEL stage with Eskom and can reach commercial operations much sooner.	It is not a requirement for projects to be located within the Municipal boundary, however projects may only connect to the Municipal Electrical Networks (i.e. be embedded within the Municipal Electrical Networks). Refer to clause 4.2.3.12 of the RFP which specifies where the Facility is allowed to connect.

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					For the avoidance of doubt, wheeling is not allowed.
10.	31-Mar-25	General	Feasibility Study	Would you be able to share the feasibility that was approved 2024?	All relevant information is included in the RFP. If a Bidder requires any additional information or clarification, please submit a specific request.

5. Schedule of Briefing Notes

Briefing Note No.	Issue Date	Details of Briefing Notes
1	11 April 2025	This Briefing Note addresses Bidders' queries and clarification requests received between 29 March 2025 and 9 April 2025.