

METROPOLITAN TRADING COMPANY

INVITATION TO TENDER: SUPPLY OF CORE SWITCHES AND MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING NETWORK FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS

CLOSING DATE & TIME: 13 DECEMBER 2016 AT 11H00

Metropolitan Trading Company (Pty) Ltd (also referred to as "MTC") is a newly established municipal entity that is fully owned by the City of Johannesburg (also referred to as "CoJ"). MTC aims to create better lives for the citizens of Johannesburg and realise the City's vision of Johannesburg being "a world class African city" by achieving the following four strategic objectives:

1. Enable the City to improve service delivery.
2. Reduce costs for the City.
3. Increase competition and entrepreneurship in the technology sector.
4. Bridge the digital divide.

MTC aims to achieve these objectives through three key focus areas:

- **Network services** –The entity owns and operates approximately 1 150 km existing fibre optic network, an extensive foot print of active network equipment and international bandwidth connectivity. Wholesale dark- and lit fibre services are provided to CoJ and the several external customers in the open market.
- **ICT services** – Exclusively provide CoJ and the MOE's with communication services with the aim of reducing costs of the City. An ICT transition plan is being developed for implementation in the short-/medium term.
- **Enablement of smart city initiatives** – Create a platform for free connectivity to be provided to residents with a socio-economic objective of bridging the digital divide.

Metropolitan Trading Company (MTC) hereby invites service providers to submit tenders **SUPPLY OF CORE SWITCHES AND MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING NETWORK FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS** to the specification required by MTC. This procurement is intended to be implemented in 2016/2017 Financial Year for a period of three years. The service providers will be expected to have the necessary stature and extensive experience for **SUPPLY OF CORE SWITCHES AND MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING NETWORK FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS**.

Only tenderers who have Service Expertise as contained in the Tender Data are eligible to submit tenders.

The physical address for collection and submission of tender documents is **308 Kent Avenue, Randburg**. Documents may be collected during working hours from **10H00 to 16H00** from **15 November 2016**.

A non-refundable tender deposit of **R1 105 per document** is payable on the MTC bank account. Proof of payment is required on collection of the Tender document. MTC banking details are:

Standard Bank

Account Name: CoJ- Metro Trading Company (MTC)

Account Number: 00 041 796 3

Branch Code: 00 0205

Reference No: Tender A10-2016/2017

All Technical and Administrative queries may be directed in writing to the Supply Chain Department e-mail: procurement@metrotradingcompany.joburg. Please state the Tender number: **A10-2016/2017** in the subject matter of the email.

A **compulsory** clarification meeting with representatives of the company will take place on the Ground Floor, 308 Kent Avenue, Randburg on 01 December 2016 starting at 11H00. Submissions of tenderers that did not attend the **compulsory** briefing session will be **disqualified**.

The closing time for receipt of tenders is **11H00** hrs on **13 December 2016**. Telegraphic, telephonic, telex, facsimile, e-mail and late tenders will not be accepted. Also, please note that no Tender Documents will be given to couriers or third parties unless they have in their possession an official letter, confirming on behalf of the company the full details of the specific Tender/ Tenders to be collected, as well as the payment of the full amount payable for Tenders required.

Note that any tender received after the closing date and time for submission, will not be considered.

Tenders may only be submitted on the original tender documentation that is issued. The re-typing of the Tender document is not permitted.

All Tenders will be Evaluated in accordance with the Supply Chain policy of the Metropolitan Trading Company, Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), PPPFA 90/10 points system and other related legislations. All submitted proposals shall remain valid for 90 days.

Requirements for sealing, addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of tenders are stated in the Tender Data.