

environment, forestry & fisheries

Department: Environment, Forestry and Fisheries REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## APPOINTMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE RELATED SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES ("THE DEPARTMENT") FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2020/21 FISHING RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS ("FRAP2020/21").

In response to Cabinet's decision of Wednesday, 4 September 2019, to extend the timeframe to 31 December 2021 to deal with the fishing rights in twelve commercial fishing sectors, which will expire on 31 December 2020, the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries ("the Department") has identified the need to appoint independent external service providers to provide related support in the implementation of FRAP2020/21 as follows:

- Managing and facilitating the process of the allocation of long term fishing rights, FRAP2020/21, by the delegated authorities and/or on appeal, to ensure that all the necessary administrative procedures are co-ordinated and implemented, taking into account all supporting functions.
- Assessment and evaluation of information contained in applications for fishing rights in a manner that enables the delegated authorities to make informed decisions when awarding fishing rights and that all allocation decisions meet all administrative requirements and can stand the scrutiny of the Court.
- 3. Verification of the information submitted by the applicants to ensure that the Department is not misled by applicants when awarding fishing rights. It is envisaged that the verification will be carried out prior and post to the allocation of fishing rights.
- Development of secure information technology solution where the functionality must include, but not limited, to capturing, processing, verification and assessment of application forms and appeals.
- 5. Independent process observing and auditing to ensure that no prospective applicant is given preferential treatment over another applicant and to ensure that the officials of the Department, including those of the Service Provider charged with responsibility to assist prospective

applicants, conduct themselves in a professional, unbiased, objective, transparent and ethical manner.

- 6. The management of an anonymous 24-hour and 7 days tip-off line for the reporting of unlawful, irregular, and/or suspicious or corrupt activities related to FRAP2020/21 for the full duration of the allocation of fishing allocation process, including the appeals process.
- 7. Legal Support to the delegated authorities and the Department on FRAP 2020/21 to ensure compliance with administrative law and legal sound decision-making

Importantly, the Department will soon convene a Virtual Supplier's Workshop through Microsoft Teams prior to the above-mentioned Bids are advertised. All prospective Service Providers are hereby requested to express interest by Submitting their company names and contact details of authorized representative to: FRAPenq\_2020@daff.gov.za.

The relevant tenders will be published and/or advertised through Government Tender Bulletin, Departmental Website and e-Tender Portal including various newspapers.

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For all FRAP Enquiries contact the Call Centre number on 021 402 3727 (FRAP) or via E-mail: FRAPenq\_2020@daff.gov.za

For anonymous tip-offs for fraudulent and unethical practices, a tip-off line will be provided in due course.

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