

## environment, forestry & fisheries

Department: Environment, Forestry and Fisheries REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

This Public Notice must be read in conjunction with the Department's Public Notice dated 5 June 2020 issued to give effect 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 expire on 31 December 2020. In that notice, the Department identified the need to appoint independent external service providers to provide support related to the implementation of FRAP2020/21, which included the following:

- 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.
- Assessing and evaluating 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 are substantively and procedurally fair.
- Verifying information submitted by 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 to, and after the allocation of fishing rights.
- Developing a 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.
- The management of an anonymous 24-hour and 7-day-a-week 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 FRAP2020/21, including the appeals process.

 Legal Support to the delegated authorities and the Department for FRAP 2020/21 to ensure that all decisions and processes comply with administrative law principles and are legally sound.

The Department intends to convene a Virtual Supplier's Workshop through Microsoft Teams prior to the above-mentioned BIDS being advertised. All prospective service providers are hereby requested to express interest by submitting their company names and contact details of authorised representatives to: FRAPenq\_2020@daff.gov.za by no later than Friday, 17 July 2020. Prospective service providers who have already submitted their expressions of interest need NOT re-submit it.

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

SUE MIDDLETON DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (ACTING) DATE: Z 6 66 2020

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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