

## UMALUSI (22-23) T0001-APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO PROVIDE ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SOLUTION TO UMALUSI VIRTUAL COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION QUESTION AND ANSWER HELD ON 06 DECEMBER 2022

NUMBER	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	The bidders needed confirmation that the organisation is not looking to	The organisation is not looking into replacing sage 300,
	replace Sage 300. Can the bidder include an alternate proposal to	but if the bidder has another alternative that they know
	replace the Sage 300 with an alternative product, which it can also be	of and want to propose to the organization they are
	looked at in addition to the main proposal?	welcome to do that.
2.	The bidders needed a clarity on scope requirement on point 5 which is	Management Information System (MIS) is used for all
	more human capital management because the organization is not	contractors, they'll be onboarded on this legacy system
	looking to replace the sage 300.	and when we need to pay them, we must export the
		data from MIS and then imported into Sage 300 people
		for payment. Information was included for statical
		purposes only. The number users require is provided.
3.	In terms of the solution and the product road map moving forward. So, in	The decision has been made already regarding the
	the RFP documentation, it does seem like the decisions has been made	technology that the organisation want like you'll be
	from a technology point of view that it needs to be Microsoft Dynamics.	aware that in the terms of reference clearly stipulates

	But in the briefing session, that seems like that if the bidder has an	that the organisation is looking for a Microsoft Dynamics
	alternative technology, they can propose them.	or equivalent solutions.
	The bidder also wanted to get a view on the long-term technology road map is the intent to eventually replace Sage with Dynamics? Or is that still a discussion that needs to happen?	Umalusi uses the Microsoft Dynamics as a benchmark to any type of a solution. Not that the organisation is limiting bidders to come up with other alternatives as the terms of reference allows for such an alternative.  But we'll use that part Microsoft Dynamics as a benchmark to have that checklist or that checklist to
		ensure that it covers all the functions that we require as per that benchmark that we have set for organisation.  On the long-term technology road map, the organizational is not looking to replace sage but rather integrate with sage 300.
4.	Is there a specific preferred cloud a provider that the organisation has, or the bidders are open to also suggesting a cloud platform that they can	There is not specific preferred cloud provider that the organization is considering, however it is important to
	use in providing the solution or Umalusi is probably hosting themselves?	inform bidders that the organization is currently implementing Microsoft Azure cloud. Therefore, the ERP solution should also be a cloud-based solution moving away from on premise infrastructure.

		Bidders are welcome to propose any cloud but should
		be a Software as a Service.
5.	The bidder question is on the technology which has already been decided	The organisation cannot prescribe which solution the
	to be Microsoft Dynamics and in the Dynamics space, there are two ERP	bidder can propose; however, bidders can propose a
	products, one of them being finance and operation, which used to be	suitable product looking at scope of work and the
	called X and the other one is Dynamics business central; it was rebranded	number of users. Bidders must propose a suitable ERP
	to super vision. there's a reason why that too because that target markets	solution based on the size of the organisation and the
	are different	scope of work.
	Finance and Operation competes with SAP & Oracle with the other one is	
	meant for, medium size organization. The bidder wants to get a clarity in	
	terms of which product exactly has the organization benchmarked	
	themselves against?	
6.	How many years of historic data is required is it 5 to 10 years? So that it can	MIS data goes as far back as 2004 but the bidder is
	assist bidders when it comes to estimating the effort required for the	expected to migrate three years historic data from the
	implementation, so that the bidders provide something that is more	current system.
	accurate?	
7.	The system requires 140 user and how many will be the light users (reviewing	Users' licenses breakdown;
	reports and approving) and how many will be processing transactions,	61 users processing transactions.

	those who will be reviewing report and approving will need a different license to those who will be doing transaction processing. The license for a light user is cheaper than the person who will be doing processing transactions.	<ul> <li>14 Executives and senior managers (light users).</li> <li>56 Assistant Managers and managers (light users).</li> <li>9 System administrators.</li> </ul>
8.	When does the organisation want the project to start?	Umalusi plans to tentatively start the project in April 2023 depending on the awarding and contracting completion dates.
9.	How many legal entities would you need setup?	<ol> <li>One legal entity with the following cost centers;</li> <li>Governance and Office of the CEO.</li> <li>Strategy and Governance.</li> <li>Public Relations and Communications.</li> <li>Finance and Supply Chain Management.</li> <li>Information and Communication Technology.</li> <li>Human Capital Management.</li> <li>Facilities.</li> <li>Evaluation and Accreditation.</li> <li>Quality Assurance of Assessments, Post Schools.</li> <li>Quality Assurance of Assessments, Schools.</li> <li>Qualifications, Curriculum and Certification Unit.</li> <li>Statistical information and Research.</li> </ol>

10.	Number of licensed ERP users with applicable functions?	Users licenses breakdown;
		<ul> <li>61 users processing transactions.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>14 Executives and senior managers (light users).</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>56 Assistant Managers and managers (light users).</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>9 System administrators.</li> </ul>
11.	Number of procurement users?	Number of procurement users shall be;
		• (5) Five SCM users
		Suppliers must also review answers provided for licensing
		the solution total licenses required.
12.	How many assets do you have per legal entity?	Asset management is not required under this
		procurement.
13.	Current shortcomings in financial solution?	The following are shortcomings of the current financial
		solutions;
		<ul> <li>Inconsistent workflows, incomplete workflows.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Reversal of transactions results in data errors.</li> </ul>
		Lack security around Tarif management
		<ul> <li>Unsupported system,</li> </ul>
		Duplication work between MIS, Sage 300 People
		and Pastel partner.

		<ul> <li>No security, transactions paid are easily reversable.</li> <li>No scalability for new types of transactions.</li> <li>Processing of transactions is performed manually; transactions are exported manual no integration with Sage for payment.</li> <li>Unsupported platform, no local support for the system,</li> <li>ICT support requests are mainly for the MIS system and processing transactions, fixing workflows.</li> <li>Poor business validations, data cleanup is performed in the database regularly.</li> <li>Reports are developed outside the system using Microsoft SSRS. Queries are outdated and can no longer be relied upon for management reporting.</li> </ul>
14.	Data take on requirements. Will the following suffice:	
	I. G/L Detailed Transactions for 3 years (36 months)	Yes, required accounting data on the system must cater for 3 previous financial years.
	II. A/P Open documents from Aged Trial Balance	Yes, this will improve efficiency with respect to payments.
	III. A/R Open documents from Aged Trial Balance	Yes, this will improve efficiency with respect to payments.

	IV. C/B Bank statement with reconciling items	Yes (optional), consideratio	n must be made, Pastel is
		utilised for bank reconciliation	ns, this feature, module must
		therefore not duplicate work	that is performed on Pastel
		unless the feature has depen	dencies with other modules
		and other modules cannot	operate or be configured
		C/B.	
15.	Open PO?	The following are purchase o	rders processed on average
		in a given month (estimated	figures);
		Month	Total
		January	30
		February	28
		March	25
		April	26
		May	29
		June	25
		July	29
		August	29
		September	25
		October	25

		November 26
		December (current open PO's) 25
16.	How many legal entities would you need setup?	One legal entity with the following cost centers;
		1. Governance and Office of the CEO.
		2. Strategy and Governance.
		3. Public Relations and Communications.
		4. Finance and Supply Chain Management.
		5. Information and Communication Technology.
		6. Human Capital Management.
		7. Facilities.
		8. Evaluation and Accreditation.
		9. Quality Assurance of Assessments, Post Schools.
		10. Quality Assurance of Assessments, Schools.
		11. Qualifications, Curriculum and Certification Unit.
		12. Statistical information and Research.
		Any setup or configuration shall be based on the above
		listed units as business cost centers.
17.	Number of licensed 4Flow users	Licensed users breakdown;
		<ul> <li>61 users processing transactions.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>14 Executives and senior managers (light users).</li> </ul>

		<ul><li>56 Assistant N</li><li>9 System adı</li></ul>	Managers and managers (li ministrators	ght users).
18.	Number of Procurement including supplier Maintenance users?	responsible for supp	shall cater for (5) five Soly chain processes. This is a management processes nent.	applicable
19.	Number of Expense claims and S&T users?	The following are S& year (estimated fig	&T processed on average ir ures);	n a given
		Month	Total	
		January	88	
		February	44	
		March	43	
		April	210	
		May	182	
		June	44	
		July	117	
		August	184	
		September	123	
		October	185	
		November	371	
		December	93	

		Expense claims processed on MIS are for external contractors/consultants. Expense claims for internal staff are captured and processed on Sage 300 People.
20.	Number of Contract management users?	Five users shall be responsible for contract management.
21.	Number of HR & payroll users for onboarding/terminations?	Five users shall be responsible for HR related functions (onboarding/terminations) these users are also the same users who perform similar duties on Sage 300 people.
22.	Which reports would be required per module?	The solution must include basic reports and over and over the following must be included;  Open contract (SCM)  Claims (open, paid, reversed)  Purchase order (open, list per costs center)  Purchase requisition (open, utilisation based on the budget)  Ageing number of days for all transactional types  Proposed ERP Solution must include standard report templates over and above reports listed above.

23.	Must the 4Flow system be on-prem or cloud solution?	The proposed EF	RP solution should	d be a cloud-based
		solution.		
24.	How many transactions is estimated to be done in a month's period?	Average number	of transactions p	er month is as follows
		(estimated figures);		
		Month	Total	
		January	90	
		February	74	
		March	103	
		April	146	
		May	76	
		June	85	
		July	124	
		August	201	
		September	245	
		October	278	
		November	251	
		December	88	
25.	How far back will be the data intake from the existing systems?	Three years transc	actional data.	



26.	Do all the systems have existing APIs?	No existing API. Systems developed query the database directly.
27.	Are you already licensed for any of the following systems:	Licensed solutions, applicable to this procurement;
	o Microsoft Dynamics 365	<ul> <li>Not licensed for Microsoft Dynamics.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>SharePoint Online</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Microsoft Office 365 (E2 and E3 licenses),</li> </ul>
	o Microsoft 365	SharePoint online licenses included.