

RFI Description	Request for Information for an ICT Service Desk Solution for POLMED
RFI Reference	RFI001/2021/SERVICEDESK
Name of institution	South African Police Service Medical Scheme ('POLMED')
Date of advertisement	2021-11-24
Opening date for	2021-11-24
submissions	All prospective bidders are to submit their documents together with the completed forms electronically via email to procurement@polmed.co.za
Briefing Session	Briefing Session: 01 December 2021
Information	Time: 12h00 - 13h00
	Venue: Team's Meeting
Bid submission deadline	2021-12-09
	Submissions will be closed to prospective bidders on 09 December 2021 at 12h00. All submissions submitted past this deadline will be disregarded. RFI submissions are to be submitted electronically via email to procurement@polmed.co.za OR through the tender box situated at POLMED House in Lynwood.
Obtaining bid	RFI documents can be obtained from the POLMED
documents	website under "Procurement" at www.polmed.co.za,
	alternatively these documents may be requested from procurement@polmed.co.za
Important information	It is the prospective bidder's responsibility to obtain documents in time so as to ensure responses reach POLMED timeously. POLMED will not be held responsible for any delays in submissions. No extensions will be granted.



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RFI002/2021/ICTSERVICEDESK – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR AN ICT SERVICE DESK SOLUTION FOR POLMED

RFI Number	RFI002/2021/ICTSERVICEDESK
Non-Compulsory Briefing Session	01 December 2021
Closing Date to Confirm Attendance of Briefing Session	29 November 2021
Venue of Briefing Session	Microsoft Teams
Time of Briefing Session	12h00 – 13h00
Closing Date of the RFI	09 December 2021
Closing Time	12h00
Response Address	procurement@polmed.co.za

1. INTRODUCTION

- The South African Police Service Medical Scheme (POLMED), is a closed medical scheme registered under the Medical Schemes Act (Act 131 of 1998).
- II. The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees are regulated by the Rules of the Scheme and the Medical Schemes Act, 131 of 1998, as amended. The Board of Trustees is entrusted with ensuring the optimal operation of the Scheme to the benefit of the members.
- III. Please refer to www.POLMED.co.za and the annual report of the Council for Medical Schemes for further detail on the size and composition of the Scheme.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE RFI

2.1. Invitation to Service Providers

- 2.1.1. POLMED invites all interested parties to submit a written response to this Request for Information (RFI). This RFI is being sought strictly for the purpose of gaining knowledge of services and supplies available with an estimate of their corresponding costs and should not be construed as intent, commitment, or promise to acquire services or solutions offered. Information submitted in response to this RFI will become the property of POLMED. POLMED is not obliged to contract, pay for any information herein requested nor is it liable for any costs incurred by any supplier.
- 2.1.2. Service providers can submit information to all components contained in section 3 of this document or a specific component in which they have expertise.

2.2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

2.2.1. Implementation of a Customer Relationship Management/ Service Desk solution that will allow for the management of clients and client-interactions in business units of POLMED. The CRM solution should be able to address multiplicity of clients needs, from HR to Security incident/event logging and management aligned to best practices.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

- 3.1. The scope of this project is to develop and implement an ICT Service Desk Solution for implementation within POLMED.
- 3.2. The solutions should address and have functionality (including reporting) on the following items:
 - Multiple service request logging mediums (i.e., email, call)
 - Tracking and reporting on logged items
 - Escalations
 - Workflow
 - Knowledge repository
 - ITIL Processes:
 - · Logging of RFS
 - ICT project management process
 - Scalable to allow for additional modules to be deployed in the other business units

4. PROCESS OF MARKET ENGAGEMENT

The process will be two-folds as follows:

> Stage 1: Industry Engagement to obtain Information (RFI)

This document represents the first stage which involves obtaining information from the market. Potential suppliers are requested to submit information in line with the scope of work contained in this document, along with the estimated pricings.

> Stage 2: Request for Proposals (RFP)

The second stage would involve developing terms of reference/specifications with input from stage 1. The RFP would cover more detail requirements involving solution options, pricing, B-BBEE requirements and negotiations.

The RFP process will ultimately lead to the appointment of a suitable service provider.

5. NO BINDING AGREEMENT

- 5.1. It must be clearly understood that no business will be awarded to any service provider out of this Request for Information.
- 5.2. Prices submitted with the request for information are for information only and no service provider will be held to any price submitted.
- 5.3. POLMED further reserves the right to contact individual service providers to obtain further information should this be deemed necessary. Responses from this RFI may be used to pre-screen potential bidders for the RFP process.

6. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- 6.1. Service Providers must note that POLMED reserves the right at its sole discretion to:
- 6.2. Reject all service provider's that do not respond to critical aspects of the requirements set out in this RFI.
- 6.3. Not to proceed with the RFP process post the RFI process.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

7.1. All enquiries related to this Request for Information must be sent through in writing to the central e-mail, i.e. procurement@polmed.co.za using the RFI reference number in the e-mail subject.

- 7.2. Service providers must refrain from contacting any of the POLMED personnel regarding this RFI unless such contact is made through email to the designated persons.
- 7.3. POLMED will respond to service providers request for clarification and or additional information by no later than close of business on the date specified on the cover page.

8. BRIEFING SESSION

- 8.1. Service providers are required to attend the compulsory briefing session.
- 8.2. Interested service providers who wish to attend the briefing session must ensure they submit their emails to the above e-mail address two working days before the date of the briefing session in order to be invited to the to the briefing session through Microsoft teams.

9. SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

9.1. All requests for information close on the date and time indicated in the document.

10.LATE RESPONSES

10.1. Request for Information are late if they are received after the closing date and time as indicted on the cover page and will not be accepted.

11.PRICING

Service providers must note the following regarding pricing:

- All costs must be included in the pricing.
- Please provide pricing Inclusive and Exclusive of VAT.
- Lead time.
- Any other conditions.

12. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following information must be submitted together with the RFI:

- Valid BBBEE Certificate
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate
 Company Registration documents/Company profile