



## ELUNDINI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

### NOTICE OF A DECISION TO CONSIDER AN UNSOLICITED BID FOR TO OBTAIN FUNDING AND IMPLEMENT VARIOUS PROJECTS AT NO COST TO ELUNDINI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PROJECT NAME	CONTRACT NUMBER	CLOSING DATE	TECHNICAL CONTACTS	QUERIES
Unsolicited bid to obtain funding and implementation of various projects within the Elundini Local Municipality.	ELM-3/048/2017-2018	Wednesday , 20 June 2018	Ms. H Mdzulwana 045 932 8103 Email <a href="mailto:hlubikazi@elundini.gov.za">hlubikazi@elundini.gov.za</a>	:

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 37(2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 that the Accounting Officer has decided to consider an unsolicited bid received from Blackell Enterprises (Pty) Ltd for the sourcing of funding and implementation of the following projects:

- 1) Funding and implementation of refurbishment and replacement of aging electrical distribution infrastructure.
- 2) Smart Grid initiatives and related broadband technologies enabling the municipality to transition towards a smart city.
- 3) Off grid and all other renewable energy projects including alternative heating and cooking technologies.
- 4) Skills development and learnerships programmes for artisans, technicians and engineering students.

**The following are reasons why the bid should not be open to other competitors:**

- a) This bid is at no cost to the municipality, this means that, the service provider will at its own cost do the necessary audits and business proposals to the potential funders. Remuneration for the service provider will be provided for by the funding proposal thus no financial obligation rests with the municipality.
- b) The municipality has unsuccessfully previously applied for grant funding. This service provider has recently at its own cost successfully applied for and received grant funding for the municipality.
- c) The successful implementation of some or all of these projects will service as catalytic development to enhance socio-economic opportunities and attract prospective investors.
- d) This service provider has provided innovative solutions to a large number of areas that the municipality currently does not have the required skills and funding to implement on its own.
- e) If implemented the municipality will be the first integrated smart city within South Africa.

**Potential Benefits:**

- a) The project is at no cost to the municipality.
- b) The aging municipal electrical infrastructure will be refurbished and will provide a more reliable and safe electrical network to the communities of the municipality at zero cost to the current and future capital budgets of the municipality.
- c) The most disadvantage members of the communities who currently mainly use wood as a fuel source for cooking and heating will have access to a free safe alternative energy.
- d) The receipt of these grants will enable the municipality to redirect internal funding that has been earmarked for some of the projects to much needed other projects.

- e) The smart grid will allow for real time communication with all municipal infrastructure and it is envisaged that the excess capacity on the broadband will allow for Wi- Fi coverage to schools and other public facilities in the municipality.

**SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS:**

An invitation is hereby extended to any member of the public or potential bidder to submit their written comments or representations to this unsolicited bid to the Accounting Officer within 30 days from date of this publication during ordinary office hours. Public comments must be forwarded to Ms. Hlubikazi Mduzulwana, P O Box 1, Maclear or No 1 Seller Street, Maclear, 5480 alternatively send us an email to [hlubikazi@elundini.gov.za](mailto:hlubikazi@elundini.gov.za) .

Any person who wishes to submit written comments or representations but cannot write may come during ordinary office hours to the abovementioned address for assistance to transcribe his/her comments or representations.

Hand delivered comments may be placed in a sealed envelope endorsed with **“UNSOLICITED BID , ELM-3/048/2017-2018”** and must be delivered to the **ELUNDINI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY** offices, at No. 1 Seller Street, Maclear and placed in the Tender Box situated at the cashier’s reception area, Finance Department not later than **12H00 on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 .**

**NB: All posted comments must reach the municipality before the closing date.**

**Submission process enquiries should be directed to:** SCM Manager, Ms. H. Mduzulwana, and Email: [hlubikazi@elundini.gov.za](mailto:hlubikazi@elundini.gov.za)



**K. GASHI  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
ELUNDINI MUNICIPALITY**