



THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS (SACSSP)

A CALL TO SERVICE PROVIDERS

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO DEVELOP THE SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS POLICY ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE SACCSP.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the advert is to call for proposals to develop a policy for the social service professions on behalf of the National Department of Social Development and the SACSSP.

2. BACKGROUND

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is a statutory body responsible for the setting of minimum standards for education and training, the maintenance of professional conduct and the registration of for social service professionals and for the protection of society.

In order to perform high quality services, it was necessary to review legislation to ensure that it is in line with the new dispensation . Based on many challenges that were identified, with the current Act, a decision was taken by the National Department of Social Development to review the Social Service Professions Act; in order for it to be synergized with other legislation , including the Constitution of South Africa.

The National Department of Social Development and the SACSSP seeks to appoint a service provider to develop the Social Services Policy based on the current Social Service Professions Act, 110 of 1978, as amended and the new proposed Social Service Professions Bill.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

3.1 Review the following:

- The current Social Service Professions Act, 110 of 1978, as amended, and identify areas that require policy changes.
- Documents that guided the process of the review of the Act and make a summary thereof.
- The Social Service Professions Bill to ensure that identified challenges/shortcomings are covered.

3.2 Develop a Policy on the Social Service Professions and ensure that its provisions are responsive to the needs of all social service professionals and practitioners.

3.3 Interview/ Consult relevant stakeholders in ensuring that all aspects of the social services policy are included.

3.4 Participate in National consultative workshops arranged by National Department of Social Development and the SACSSP

3.5 Provide feedback to the National Department of Social Development and the SACSSP, responsible for the process after every deliverable.

4. COMPETENCIES / EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

4.1 In order to adequately fulfill the above mandate, the following should be submitted to the SACSSP and the National Department of Social Development:

- Curriculum vitae of the service provider and or supporting personnel that will be working on the project.
- A quotation and proposal on how the service provider envisages to manage the project based on the scope of work as listed above.

- 4.2 The National Department of Social Development and the SACSSP reserve the right to:
- Contact previous employers and/or institutions to obtain references regarding the expertise and general standard of the work of the service provider.
 - Conduct interviews with the service provider before agreeing to the use of their services.
- 4.3 The National Department of Social Development and the SACSSP are not compelled to accept the personnel provided by the service provider.
- 4.4 Personnel assisting the service provider shall conform to the following minimum specifications:
- Three years practical experience as a service provider preferably in policy development and the design of legislation.
 - Experience and knowledge of the developmental social welfare services field.
 - Excellent and concise writing , good communication and editing skills.

5. CONTRACT PERIOD

The successful service provider should commence with work within one week after the receipt of the acceptance letter and signing of a contract. The project is to be completed by **31 March 2010**.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 6.1 The National Department of Social Development and the South African Council for Social Service Professions reserve the right not to accept the lowest quotation and are also not bound to select any of the organizations or individuals submitting a proposal.
- 6.2 Prospective service providers are required to declare their equity ownership (as per historical disadvantaged individuals)

7. CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

The closing date for this call for a service provide for the development of a social service professions policy is **31 January 2010**

8. ENQUIRIES

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