



**MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
POLICY**

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1. **DEFINITIONS**

In this policy, unless the context otherwise indicates, a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has the same meaning as in the Act, and –

“Competitive bidding process” means a competitive bidding process referred to in paragraph 20.1 of this policy;

“Competitive bid” means a bid in terms of a competitive bidding process;

“CIDB” means Construction Industry Development Board Act, Act 38 of 2000;

“Final award”, in relation to bids or quotations submitted for a contract, means the final decision on which bid or quote to accept;

“Formal written price quotation” means quotations referred to in paragraph 17.1 of this policy;

“In the service of the state” means to be –

- (a) a member of –
 - (i) any municipal council;
 - (ii) any provincial legislature; or
 - (iii) the National Assembly or the National Council of Provinces;
- (b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
- (c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
- (d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act no. 1 of 1999);
- (e) a member of the accounting authority or any national or provincial public entity; or
- (f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature;

“Long term contract” means a contract with a duration period exceeding one year;

“List of accredited prospective providers” means the list of accredited prospective providers which a Municipality must keep in terms of Section 14 of this policy;

“Database of restricted bidders” means the database of bidders restricted from doing business with a Municipality as set out in paragraph 14.1 of this policy as defined in Circulars 43, 46, 52 and 56 of National Treasury.

“Other applicable legislation” means any other legislation applicable to the municipal Supply Chain Management, including but not limited to –

- (a) the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000), the PPPFA regulations and all amendments;
- (b) The Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003), the regulations and all amendments; and
- (c) The Construction Industry Development Board Act, 2000 (Act No. 38 of 2000), the regulations and all amendments.
- (d) The Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 (Act No. 12 of 2003), the regulations and all amendments.
- (e) The Competition Act, 1998 (Act 89 of 1998), the regulations and all amendments.

“Petty Cash”, means a small amount of cash kept on hand for incidental purchases of low value goods and services (i.e. postage, office supplies, reimbursement out-of-pocket expenditures), which cannot be accommodated through other purchasing procedures. Petty cash may not be used for payroll payments, inventory, capital goods, entertainment expense, travel expenses and other personal obligations.

“Single source”: refers to when the competition exist in the market, but from a selected few suppliers due to technical capabilities and abilities comply with the requirements of the municipality.

“Sole Supplier” refers in instances where there is no competition and only one service provider exist in the market, with sole distribution rights and/or patent rights or manufacturer.

“Strip & quote” When the repairs and maintenance on our machines, vehicles are done by one supplier and/or strip-and-quote, for example a municipal vehicle enters the workshop that needs repairs, however to do the repairs, the vehicle has to be sent to a supplier that determines what repairs should be done.

“Treasury guidelines” means any guidelines on supply chain management issued by the Minister in terms of section 168 of the Act;

“The Act” means the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003);

“The Regulations” means the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003, Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations published by Government Gazette no. 27636, 30 May 2005 and all amendments;

“Written or verbal quotations” means quotations referred to in paragraph 16.1 of this policy.

“The Council” means the Midvaal Local Municipality abbreviated to MLM.

CHAPTER 1

IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY

2. SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY

- 2.1 All officials and other role players in the supply chain management system of the Midvaal Local Municipality must implement this Policy in a way that –
- (a) gives effect to –
 - section 217 of the Constitution; and
 - Part 1 of Chapter 11 and other applicable provisions of the Act;
 - (b) is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective;
 - (c) complies with –
 - the Regulations; and
 - any minimum norms and standards that may be prescribed in terms of section 168 of the Act;
 - (d) is consistent with other applicable legislation;
 - (e) does not undermine the objective for uniformity in supply chain management systems between organs of state in all spheres; and
 - (f) is consistent with national economic policy concerning the promotion of investments and doing business with the public sector.
- 2.2 This Policy applies when the Midvaal Local Municipality –
- (a) procures goods or services;
 - (b) disposes goods no longer needed;
 - (c) selects contractors to provide assistance in the provision of municipal services otherwise than in circumstances where Chapter 8 of the Municipal Systems Act applies; or
 - (d) selects external mechanisms referred to in section 80 (1) (b) of the Municipal Systems Act for the provision of municipal services in circumstances contemplated in section 83 of that Act.
- 2.3 This Policy, except where provided otherwise, does not apply in respect of the procurement of goods and services contemplated in section 110(2) of the Act, including:
- (a) water from the Department of Water Affairs or a public entity, another municipality or a municipal entity; and
 - (b) electricity from Eskom or another public entity, another municipality or a municipal entity.

3. AMENDMENT OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POLICY

3.1 The accounting officer must –

- (a) at least annually review the implementation of this Policy; and
- (b) when the accounting officer considers it necessary, submit proposals for the amendment of this Policy to the **council**

3.2 If the accounting officer submits proposed amendments to the **council** that differ from the model policy issued by the National Treasury, the accounting officer must –

- (a) ensure that such proposed amendments comply with the Regulations; and
- (b) report any deviation from the model policy to the National Treasury and the relevant provincial treasury.

3.3 When amending this supply chain management policy the need for uniformity in supply chain practices, procedures and forms between organs of state in all spheres, particularly to promote accessibility of supply chain management systems for small businesses must be taken into account.

4. DELEGATION OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT POWERS AND DUTIES

4.1 The **council** hereby delegates all powers and duties to the accounting officer which are necessary to enable the accounting officer –

- (a) to discharge the supply chain management responsibilities conferred on accounting officers in terms of –
 - Chapter 8 or 10 of the Act; and
 - this Policy;
- (b) to maximise administrative and operational efficiency in the implementation of this Policy;
- (c) to enforce reasonable cost-effective measures for the prevention of fraud, corruption, favouritism and unfair and irregular practices in the implementation of this Policy; and
- (d) to comply with his or her responsibilities in terms of section 115 and other applicable provisions of the Act.

4.2 Sections 79 and 106 of the Act apply to the sub-delegation of powers and duties delegated to an accounting officer in terms of subparagraph (4.1).

4.3 The council or the accounting officer may not sub-delegate any supply chain management powers or duties to a person who is not an official of the Midvaal Local

Municipality or to a committee which is not exclusively composed of officials of the Midvaal Local Municipality;

- 4.4 This paragraph may not be read as permitting an official to whom the power to make final awards has been delegated, to make a final award in a competitive bidding process otherwise than through the committee system provided for in paragraph 26 of this Policy.

5. **SUB-DELEGATIONS**

- 5.1 The accounting officer may in terms of section 79 or 106 of the Act sub-delegate any supply chain management powers and duties, including those delegated to the accounting officer in terms of this policy, but any such sub-delegation must be consistent with subparagraph (5.2) of this paragraph, and paragraph 4 of this Policy as well as the Systems of Delegations.

- 5.2 The Municipal Manager hereby sub-delegates the following and gives power to make a final award -

5.2.1 above R10 million (VAT included) may not be sub-delegated and is thus to be awarded by the Accounting Officer only;

5.2.2 above R200 000.00 (VAT included), but not exceeding R10 million (VAT included), is hereby sub-delegated to –

- (a) The bid adjudication committee consisting of the following Executive Directors or persons acting in their stead:

- Deputy Municipal Manager
- Executive Director: Financial Services (**Chairperson**)
- Executive Director: Community Services
- Executive Director: Protection Services
- Executive Director: Engineering Services
- Executive Director: Development & Planning

5.2.3 not exceeding R200 000.00 (VAT inclusive) is hereby sub-delegated as follows –

- (a) The Chief Financial Officer to approve acquisitions between R30 000 and R200 000 vat inclusive;

- (b) The following is sub-delegated by the CFO to a manager directly accountable to the Chief Financial Officer:

- (i) The Deputy Chief Financial Officer to approve acquisitions between R2 000 and R30 000 (vat inclusive);
- (ii) The Director: Expenditure and the Assistant Director: Expenditure to approve acquisitions between R0 and R2 000 (vat inclusive);

- 5.3 An official or the bid adjudication committee to which the power to make final awards has been sub-delegated in accordance with subparagraph (5.2.2 and 5.2.3) must within five (5) days of the end of each month submit to the official referred to in subparagraph (5.4) a written report containing particulars of each final award made by such committee during that month, including:
- the amount of the award;
 - the name of the person to whom the award was made; and
 - the reason why the award was made to that person.
- 5.4 A written report referred to in subparagraph 5.3 must be submitted –
- (a) to the accounting officer, in the case of an award by –
a bid adjudication committee; or
- (b) to the chief financial officer, in the case of an award by –
a manager referred to in subparagraph (5.2.3)(a)(b)
- 5.5 Subparagraphs (5.3) and (5.4) of this policy do not apply to procurements out of petty cash.
- 5.6 This paragraph may not be interpreted as permitting an official to whom the power to make final awards has been sub-delegated, to make a final award in a competitive bidding process otherwise than through the committee system provided for in paragraph 26 of this Policy.
- 5.7 No supply chain management decision-making powers may be delegated to an advisor or consultant. Advisors and Consultants, who were either involved with drafting of specifications or technical evaluation of bids under their supervision as per their appointment, may attend bid specifications and bid evaluation committees in their professional capacity. Both Bid Specifications and Bid Evaluation Committees **do not** have decision-making or award powers only recommendation powers.

6. OVERSIGHT ROLE OF COUNCIL

- 6.1 The council reserves its right to maintain oversight over the implementation of this Policy.
- 6.2 For the purposes of such oversight the accounting officer of MLM must:
- 6.2.1 Within 30 days of the end of each financial year, submit a report on the implementation of this Policy and the supply chain management policy of any municipal entity under the sole or shared control of MLM, to the council of the Midvaal Local Municipality; and

6.2.2 whenever there are serious and material problems in the implementation of this Policy, immediately submit a report **to the council**.

6.3 The accounting officer must, within 10 days of the end of each quarter, submit a report on the implementation of the supply chain management policy to the **mayor**.

6.4 The reports must be made public in accordance with section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act.

7. SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT UNIT

7.1 A supply chain management unit is hereby established to implement this Policy.

7.2 The supply chain management unit operates under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer or an official to whom this duty has been delegated in terms of section 82 of the Act.

8. TRAINING OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS

The training of officials involved in implementing this Policy should be in accordance with national Treasury: Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act: Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency Levels dated 15/06/2007 and any other Treasury guidelines on supply chain management training.

CHAPTER 2

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

9. **FORMAT OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

This Policy provides systems for –

- (i) demand management;
- (ii) acquisition management;
- (ii) logistics management;
- (iv) disposal management;
- (v) risk management; and
- (vi) performance management.

PART 1: DEMAND MANAGEMENT

10. **SYSTEM OF DEMAND MANAGEMENT**

The accounting officer must establish and implement an appropriate demand management system in order to ensure that the resources required by the **Midvaal Local Municipality** support its operational commitments and its strategic goals outlined in the Integrated Development Plan. The procurement plan must be linked to the IDP and SDBIP.

The accounting officer must submit the annual procurement plan and bi-annual report on implementation of the procurement plan to Gauteng Provincial Treasury in terms of Section 4.1 of the Municipal SCM Framework.

10.1 The demand management system must –

- (a) include timely planning and management processes to ensure that all goods and services required by the **Midvaal Local Municipality** are quantified, budgeted for and timely and effectively delivered at the right locations and at the critical delivery dates, and are of the appropriate quality and quantity at a fair cost;
- (b) take into account any benefits of economies of scale that may be derived in the case of acquisitions of a repetitive nature (such as long term contracts); and
- (c) provide for the compilation of the required specifications to ensure that its needs are met;
- (d) take into account past spending analysis;

- (e) undertake appropriate industry analysis and research to ensure that innovations and technological benefits are maximised to the extent appropriate and within the available resources.

PART 2: ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT

11. SYSTEM OF ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT

11.1 The accounting officer must implement the system of acquisition management in order to ensure –

- (a) that goods and services are procured by the **Midvaal Local Municipality** in accordance with authorised processes only;
- (b) that expenditure on goods and services is incurred in terms of an approved budget in terms of section 15 of the Act;
- (c) that the threshold values for the different procurement processes are complied with;
- (d) that bid documentation, evaluation and adjudication criteria, and general conditions of a contract, are in accordance with any applicable legislation; and
- (e) that any Treasury guidelines (as per the circulars issued) on acquisition management are properly taken into account.

11.2 When procuring goods or services contemplated in section 110(2) of the Act, the accounting officer must make public on the website the fact that such goods or services are procured otherwise than through the **Midvaal Local Municipality's** supply chain management system, including –

- (a) the kind of goods or services; and
- (b) the name of the supplier.

12. RANGE OF PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

12.1 Goods and services may only be procured by way of –

- (a) Petty cash purchases, up to a transaction value of R2 000.00 (vat inclusive). A valid tax invoice or cash slip must be handed in within 2 (two) days.
- (b) 3 written quotations for procurement of a transaction value over R2 000.01 up to R30 000.00 (vat inclusive);
- (c) Formal written price quotations process for procurement of a transaction value over R30 000.01 up to R200 000.00 (vat inclusive); and

- (d) a formal competitive bidding process for –
 - (i) procurement above a transaction value of R200 000.01 (VAT included); and
 - (ii) the procurement of long term contracts.

12.2 The accounting officer may, in writing-

- (a) Lower, but not increase, the different threshold values specified in subparagraph (12.1); or
- (b) Direct that –
 - (i) written or verbal quotations be obtained for any specific procurement of a transaction value lower than R2 000;
 - (ii) formal written price quotations be obtained for any specific procurement of a transaction value lower than R30 000; or
 - (iii) a competitive bidding process be followed for any specific procurement of a transaction value lower than R200 000.

12.3 Splitting of works/services

NB! Goods or services may not deliberately be split into parts or items of a lesser value merely to avoid complying with the requirements of the policy. When determining transaction values, a requirement for goods or services consisting of different parts or items must, as far as possible, be treated and dealt with as a single transaction.

13. GENERAL PRECONDITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN QUOTATIONS OR BIDS

A written quotation or bid may not be considered unless the provider who submitted the quotation or bid –

13.1 has furnished the provider's –

- (a) full name;
- (b) identification number or company or other registration number; and
- (c) tax reference number and VAT registration number, if any;

13.2 has authorised the Midvaal Local Municipality to confirm with the South African Revenue Services that the provider's tax matters are in order, should a valid original tax clearance not be available; and

13.3 has indicated –

- (a) whether he or she is in the service of the state, or has been in the service of the state in the previous twelve months;
- (b) if the provider is not a natural person, whether any of its directors, managers, principal shareholders or stakeholder is in the service of the state, or has been in the service of the state in the previous twelve months;
- (c) whether a spouse, child or parent of the provider or of a director, manager, shareholder or stakeholder referred to in subparagraph (ii) is in the service of the state, or has been in the service of the state in the previous twelve months; and

14. LISTS OF ACCREDITED PROSPECTIVE PROVIDERS

14.1 The accounting officer must –

- (a) keep a list of accredited prospective providers of goods and services that must be used for the procurement requirements through written or verbal quotations and formal written price quotations; and
- (b) at least once a year through newspapers commonly circulating locally, the website and any other appropriate ways, invite prospective providers of goods or services to apply for evaluation and listing as accredited prospective providers;
- (c) specify the listing criteria for accredited prospective providers;
- (d) disallow the listing of any prospective provider whose name appears on the National Treasury's database as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
- (e) The Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulation 38(1)(c) requires a supply chain management policy to provide measures for combating abuse of the supply chain management system, and must enable the accounting officer to check the National Treasury's database prior to awarding any contract.

This is to ensure that no contract is entered into with a bidder, or any of its directors, listed as a company or person prohibited from doing business with the public sector. This list is also known as the *Database of Restricted Suppliers*.

To this end, a central *Database of Restricted Suppliers* has been established containing details of companies or persons that have been restricted from doing business with the public sector if the company or person obtained preferences fraudulently or failed to perform on a contract.

14.2 All vendors registered on the municipal supplier database must also be registered on the National Treasury central supplier database. Vendors not registered on the National Treasury central supplier database will be barred from transacting with Midvaal.

- 14.3 The vendor list must be updated at least quarterly to include any additional prospective providers and any new commodities or types of services. Prospective providers must be allowed to submit applications for listing at any time.
- 14.4 When a municipality intends to establish a list of pre-qualified bidders it must furnish Gauteng Provincial Treasury with detailed reasons for establishing such a list. Gauteng Provincial Treasury will consider the submission and advise accordingly within 14 days.

15. PETTY CASH PURCHASES (R0.01 TO R2 000.00)

- 15.1 The conditions for the procurement of goods by means of petty cash purchases referred to in paragraph 12 (1) (a) of this Policy, are as follows –
- (a) The Accounting Officer hereby delegates the responsibility to the Executive Director: Financial Services to issue petty cash to the various departments.
 - (b) Petty cash requests not exceeding R2 000.00 vat included, per transaction may be issued by the approved officials.
 - (c) Petty cash purchases are restricted to emergency cases where the necessity is required within 1 day to a maximum of R2 000.00 vat inclusive that could not have been foreseen.
 - (d) A monthly reconciliation must be prepared.

16. WRITTEN QUOTATIONS (R2 000.01 TO R10 000 INCLUDING VAT)

- 16.1 The conditions for the procurement of goods or services through written quotations are as follows:
- (a) R2 000.01 – R10 000: Written quotations must be obtained preferably from, but not limited to, providers whose names appear on the list of accredited prospective providers of the Midvaal Local Municipality provided that if quotations are obtained from providers who are not listed, such providers must meet the listing criteria set provided for in regulation 14(1)(c) and (d); and
 - (b) That if it is not possible to obtain at least three quotations, the reasons must be recorded and reported monthly to the accounting officer or another official designated by the accounting officer.

17. WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATIONS (R10 000.01 TO R30 000 INCLUDING VAT)

- 17.1 The conditions for the procurement of goods or services through formal written price quotations are as follows:

- (a) quotations must be obtained in writing from at least three different providers whose names appear on the list of accredited prospective providers of the **National Treasury Central Supplier Database**;
- (b) quotations may be obtained providers who are not listed, provided that such providers meet the listing criteria in the supply chain management policy required by MFMA SCM regulation 14(1)(c) and (d);
- (c) if it is not possible to obtain at least three quotations, the reasons must be recorded and approved by the accounting officer or an official designated by the accounting officer; and
- (d) the accounting officer must record the names of the potential providers requested to provide such quotations with their quoted prices.

17.2 A designated official referred to in subparagraph (17.1) (c) must within three days of the end of each month report to the accounting officer on any approvals given during that month by that official in terms of that subparagraph.

18. PROCEDURES FOR PROCURING GOODS OR SERVICES THROUGH FORMAL WRITTEN PRICE QUOTATIONS (R30 000.01 TO R200 000.00)

- 18.1 The procedure for the procurement of goods or services through formal written price quotations is as follows:
- (a) All requirements in excess of R30 000.01 (VAT included) that are to be procured by means of by means of formal written price quotations must, in addition to the requirements of paragraph 17, be advertised for at least seven days on the website and an official notice board of the Midvaal Local Municipality;
 - (b) When using the list of accredited prospective providers the accounting officer must promote on-going competition amongst providers by inviting providers to submit quotations on a rotation basis;
 - (c) The accounting officer must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the procurement of goods and services through written or verbal quotations or formal written price quotations is not abused;
 - (d) The accounting officer or chief financial officer must on a monthly basis be notified in writing of all written or verbal quotations and formal written price quotations accepted by an official acting in terms of a sub-delegation;
 - (e) Offers must be awarded based on compliance to specifications, ability and capability to deliver the goods and services as well as lowest price;

- (f) Evaluation of offers are subject to the preference point system in terms of section 5.1 of the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011 and awarded to the bidder who scored the highest points;
- (g) Record of approved specifications, minutes of the evaluation and approval memos must be kept on file for audit purposes.

19. COMPETITIVE BIDS (ABOVE R200 000.01)

- 19.1 Goods or services above a transaction value of R200 000.01 (VAT included) and long term contracts may only be procured through a competitive bidding process, subject to paragraph 11(2) of this policy.
- 19.2 No requirement for goods or services above an estimated transaction value of R200 000.01 (VAT included), may deliberately be split into parts or items of lesser value merely for the sake of procuring the goods or services otherwise than through a competitive bidding process.

20. PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING

- 20.1 The procedures for the following stages of a competitive bidding process are as follows:
 - (a) Compilation of bidding documentation;
 - (b) Public invitation of bids;
 - (c) Site meetings or briefing sessions, if applicable;
 - (d) Handling of bids submitted in response to public invitation;
 - (e) Evaluation of bids;
 - (f) Awarding of contracts;
 - (g) Administration of contracts
 - (h) Proper record keeping

21. BID DOCUMENTATION FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS

- 21.1 The criteria to which bid documentation for a competitive bidding process must comply, must:
 - (a) take into account –
 - (i) the general conditions of contract;

- (ii) any Treasury guidelines on bid documentation; and
 - (iii) the requirements of the Construction Industry Development Board, in the case of a bid relating to construction, upgrading or refurbishment of buildings or infrastructure;
- (b) include the BEE levels as contemplated in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Regulations and evaluation and adjudication criteria, including any criteria required by other applicable legislation;
 - (c) compel bidders to declare any conflict of interest they may have in the transaction for which the bid is submitted;
 - (d) if the value of the transaction is expected to exceed R10 million (VAT included), require bidders to furnish–
 - (i) if the bidder is required by law to prepare annual financial statements for auditing, their audited annual financial statements –
 - for the past three years; or
 - since their establishment if established during the past three years;
 - (ii) a certificate signed by the bidder certifying that the bidder has no undisputed commitments for municipal services towards a municipality or other service provider in respect of which payment is overdue for more than 30 days;
 - (iii) particulars of any contracts awarded to the bidder by an organ of state during the past five years, including particulars of any material non-compliance or dispute concerning the execution of such contract;
 - (iv) a statement indicating whether any portion of the goods or services are expected to be sourced from outside the Republic, and, if so, what portion and whether any portion of payment from the municipality or municipal entity is expected to be transferred out of the Republic; and
 - (e) stipulate that disputes must be settled by means of mutual consultation, mediation (with or without legal representation), or, when unsuccessful, in a South African court of law.

22. PUBLIC INVITATION FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS

22.1 The procedure for the invitation of competitive bids, is as follows:

- (a) Any invitation to prospective providers to submit bids must be by means of a public advertisement in newspapers commonly circulating locally, the website of the municipality or any other appropriate ways (which may include an advertisement in the government Tender bulletin): and

- (b) the information contained in a public advertisement, must include –
 - (i) the closure date for the submission of bids, which may not be less than 30 days in the case of transactions over R10 million (VAT included), or which are of a long term nature, or 14 days in any other case, from the date on which the advertisement is placed in a newspaper, subject to sub paragraph (22.2);
 - (ii) a statement that bids may only be submitted on the bid documentation provided by the Midvaal Local Municipality. Bid documents may not be re-typed and no bids where correction fluid is used in critical areas of the bid document, such as the pricing schedule and /or regulatory compliance documents will be accepted. Any corrections are to be crossed out and initialled. Non-initialled corrections will render the bid invalid; and
 - (iii) date, time and venue of any proposed site meetings or briefing sessions are applicable. Where applicable, briefing / site meetings are compulsory in MLM to ensure clarity and that all bidders are treated fair and equal. As these are compulsory site inspections, no bids will be accepted if the contractor (who is considered to be a technical representative) has not attended this session and documents will only be accepted from contractors whose names appear on the attendance register.

22.2 The accounting officer may determine a closure date for the submission of bids which is less than the 30 or 14 days requirement, any shorter period may only be approved if it can be justified on the grounds of urgency or emergency or any exceptional case where it is impractical or impossible to follow the official procurement process.

22.3 Bids submitted must be sealed and should be marked clearly with the bid number and description.

22.4 Where bids are requested in electronic format, such bids must be supplemented by sealed hard copies.

23. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING, OPENING AND RECORDING OF BIDS

The procedures for the handling, opening and recording of bids, are as follows:

23.1 Bids–

- (a) must be opened in public by a two representatives in the presence of the bidders whereof one must be a SCM official;
- (b) must be opened at the same time and as soon as possible after the period for the submission of bids has expired; and
- (c) received after the closing time, will not be considered and returned unopened immediately.

- 23.2 Any bidder or member of the public has the right to request that the names of the bidders who submitted bids in time must be read out and, if practical, also each bidder's total bidding price;
- 23.3 No information, except the provisions in **subparagraph 23.2**, relating to the bid should be disclosed to bidders or other persons until the successful bidder is notified of the award; and
- 23.4 The accounting officer must –
- (a) record in a register all bids received in time;
 - (b) make the register available for public inspection; and
 - (c) publish the entries in the register and the bid results on the website.

24. NEGOTIATIONS WITH PREFERRED BIDDERS

- 24.1 The accounting officer may negotiate the final terms of a contract with bidders identified through a competitive bidding process as preferred bidders, provided that such negotiation –
- (a) does not allow any preferred bidder a second or unfair opportunity;
 - (b) is not to the detriment of any other bidder; and
 - (c) does not lead to a higher price than the bid as submitted.
- 24.2 Minutes of such negotiations must be kept for record purposes.
- 24.3 Such negotiation meetings are attended by the relevant HOD / designated employee, a SCM representative and the bidder.

25. TWO STAGE BIDDING PROCESS

25.1 Two Stage bidding process:

A two-stage bidding process is allowed for –

- (a) large or complex projects;
- (b) projects where it may be undesirable/impractical to prepare complete detailed technical specifications; or
- (c) long term projects with a duration period exceeding three years

25.2 Process of two stages:

- (a) In the first stage technical proposals on conceptual design or performance specifications are invited, subject to technical as well as commercial clarifications and adjustments.
- (b) In the second stage final technical proposals and priced bids are invited from only the bidders who submitted proposals.

26. **COMMITTEE SYSTEM FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS**

26.1 A committee system for competitive bids is hereby established, consisting of the following committees for all procurement or cluster of procurements as the accounting officer will determine:

- (a) a bid specification committee;
- (b) a bid evaluation committee; and
- (c) a bid adjudication committee;

26.2 The Accounting Officer hereby delegates the authority to appoint different members for each bid spec and bid evaluation committee relevant to the expertise/knowledge required, to the Chairpersons of the Bid Specification / Evaluation Committee, taking into account section 117 of the Act which excludes Councillors from serving on any SCM committee; and

26.3 A neutral or independent observer (Legal/auditor), appointed by the accounting officer, may attend or oversee a committee when this is appropriate for ensuring fairness and promoting transparency.

26.4 The committee system must be consistent with –

- (a) Paragraph 27, 28 and 29 of this Policy; and
- (b) Any other applicable legislation.

26.5 The accounting officer may apply the committee system to formal written price quotations.

27. **BID SPECIFICATION COMMITTEES**

27.1 A bid specification committee must compile the specifications for each procurement of goods or services by the Midvaal Local Municipality.

27.2 Specifications –

- (a) must be drafted in an unbiased manner to allow all potential suppliers to offer their goods or services;
- (b) must take account of any accepted standards such as those issued by Standards South Africa, the International Standards Organisation, or an authority accredited or recognised by the South African National Accreditation System with which the equipment or material or workmanship should comply;
- (c) where possible, be described in terms of performance required rather than in terms of descriptive characteristics for design;
- (d) may not create trade barriers in contract requirements in the forms of specifications, plans, drawings, designs, testing and test methods, packaging, marking or labelling of conformity certification;
- (e) may not make reference to any particular trade mark, name, patent, design, type, specific origin or producer unless there is no other sufficiently precise or intelligible way of describing the characteristics of the work, in which case such reference must be accompanied by the word “equivalent” unless this is impractical; or the municipality has taken a decision to standardise on a specific type of commodity for cost efficiencies;
- (f) must indicate each specific goal for which points may be awarded in terms of point system set out in the Preferential Procurement Regulations 2011;
- (g) must be approved by the accounting officer prior to publication of the invitation for the bids in terms of paragraph 22.

27.3 A bid specification committee must be composed of one or more officials of the Midvaal Local Municipality including the manager / delegate responsible for the function involved, a SCM representative, officials from other departments within MLM who may have valid input/experience relating to the specifications or end result, and may when appropriate, include internal/external specialist advisors.

Officials from the engineering services, Project management unit and development and planning departments must form part of the specifications committee where any construction, alterations, extensions, amendments relating to building works are involved.

27.4 A signed-off checklist must accompany the request for supply chain process and specifications.

27.5 No person, advisor or corporate entity involved with the bid specification committee, or director of such a corporate entity, may bid for any resulting contracts.

28. BID EVALUATION COMMITTEES

28.1 A bid evaluation committee must –

- (a) evaluate bids in accordance with –
 - (i) the specifications for the specific procurement;
 - (ii) the point system as prescribed in terms of paragraph 27.2 (f) and as prescribed in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act;
- (b) Evaluate each bidder’s ability to execute the contract;
- (c) Check in respect of the recommended bidder whether municipal rates and taxes and municipal service charges are not in arrears; and
- (d) Verify if the recommended bidder is not in the employ of the state by submitting a request for verification with the details of shortlisted or recommended vendor’s shareholders / directors / members before the adjudication of the bid to Gauteng Provincial Treasury for verification. The request must be signed by the Head of Supply Chain Management unit/delegate and sent to GPT on the following e-mail address: SCM.Verifications@gauteng.gov.za or fax number: 086 658 2613.
- (e) submit to the bid adjudication committee a report and recommendations regarding the award of the bid or any other related matter.

28.2 A bid evaluation committee must as far as possible be composed of-

- (a) the officials from the department requiring goods and services; and
- (b) at least one supply chain management practitioner of the Midvaal Local Municipality.

29. BID ADJUDICATION COMMITTEES

29.1 A bid adjudication committee must –

- (a) Study and consider the report and recommendations of the bid evaluation committee; and
- (b) either –
 - (i) depending on its delegations, make a final award or a recommendation to the accounting officer to make the final award; or
 - (ii) make another recommendation to the accounting officer how to proceed with the relevant procurement.

29.2 A bid adjudication committee must consist of at least four senior managers of the Midvaal Local Municipality which must include –

- (a) the chief financial officer or, if the chief financial officer is not available, another manager in the budget and treasury office reporting directly to the chief financial officer and designated by the chief financial officer; and
- (b) at least one senior supply chain management practitioner who is an official of the Midvaal Local Municipality; and
- (c) a technical expert in the relevant field who is an official or an external service provider / expert for clarity reasons may be invited to clarify any queries raised by the Bid Adjudication Committee members, if such an expert exists and have been involved in the specifications and or evaluation process.

Should the bid committee member have been involved in the item under consideration, they must recuse themselves from the decision making process and be recorded / minuted as such.

- 29.3 The accounting officer must appoint the chairperson of the committee. If the chairperson is absent from a meeting, the members of the committee who are present must elect one of them to preside at the meeting.
- 29.4 Neither a member of a bid evaluation committee, nor an advisor or person assisting the evaluation committee, may be a member of a bid adjudication committee.
- 29.5 If the bid adjudication committee decides to award a bid other than the one recommended by the bid evaluation committee, the bid adjudication committee must prior to awarding the bid –
 - (a) check in respect of the preferred bidder whether that bidder’s municipal rates and taxes and municipal service charges are not in arrears, and
 - (b) notify the accounting officer.
- 29.6 The accounting officer may –
 - (a) after due consideration of the reasons for the deviation, ratify or reject the decision of the bid adjudication committee referred to in paragraph 29.5; and
 - (b) if the decision of the bid adjudication committee is rejected, refer the decision of the adjudication committee back to that committee for reconsideration.
- 29.7 The accounting officer may at any stage of a bidding process, refer any recommendation made by the evaluation committee or the adjudication committee back to that committee for reconsideration of the recommendation.
- 29.8 The accounting officer must comply with section 114 of the Act within 10 working days.

30. PROCUREMENT OF BANKING SERVICES

- 30.1 A contract for banking services –
- (a) must be procured through competitive bids;
 - (b) must be consistent with section 7 or 85 of the Act; and
 - (c) may not be for a period of more than five years at a time.
- 30.2 The process for procuring a contract for banking services must commence at least nine months before the end of an existing contract.
- 30.3 The closure date for the submission of bids may not be less than 60 days from the date on which the advertisement is placed in a newspaper in terms of paragraph 22(1). Bids must be restricted to banks registered in terms of the Banks Act, 1990 (Act No. 94 of 1990).

31. PROCUREMENT OF IT RELATED GOODS OR SERVICES

- 31.1 The accounting officer may request the State Information Technology Agency (SITA) to assist with the acquisition of IT related goods or services through a competitive bidding process.
- 31.2 The parties must enter into a written agreement to regulate the services rendered by, and the payments to be made to, SITA.
- 31.3 The accounting officer must notify SITA together with a motivation of the IT needs if –
- (a) the transaction value of IT related goods or services required in any financial year will exceed R50 million (VAT included); or
 - (b) the transaction value of a contract to be procured whether for one or more years exceeds R50 million (VAT included).
- 31.4 Should SITA comment on the submission and the Midvaal Local Municipality disagrees with such comments, the comments and the reasons for rejecting or not following such comments must be submitted to the council, the National Treasury, the relevant provincial treasury and the Auditor General.

32. PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES UNDER CONTRACTS SECURED BY OTHER ORGANS OF STATE

- 32.1 The accounting officer may procure goods or services under a contract secured by another organ of state, but only if –

- (a) the contract has been secured by that other organ of state by means of a competitive bidding process applicable to that organ of state;
- (b) there is no reason to believe that such contract was not validly procured;
- (c) there are demonstrable discounts or benefits to do so; and
- (d) that other organ of state and the provider have consented to such procurement in writing.

32.2 Subparagraphs (32.1)(c) and (d) do not apply if –

- (a) a municipal entity procures goods or services through a contract secured by its parent municipality; or
- (b) a municipality procures goods or services through a contract secured by a municipal entity of which it is the parent municipality.

33. PROCUREMENT OF GOODS NECESSITATING SPECIAL SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

33.1 The acquisition and storage of goods in bulk (other than water), which necessitate special safety arrangements, including gasses and fuel, should be avoided where ever possible.

33.2 Where the storage of goods in bulk is justified, such justification must be based on sound reasons, including the total cost of ownership, cost advantages and environmental impact and must be approved by the accounting officer.

34. PROUDLY SA CAMPAIGN

The Midvaal Local Municipality supports the Proudly SA Campaign to the extent that preference is given to procuring local goods and services from:

- (a) Firstly – suppliers and businesses within the Midvaal Local Municipality or district;
- (b) Secondly – suppliers and businesses within the province;
- (c) Thirdly – suppliers and businesses within the Republic of South Africa.
- (d) This section must be read in conjunction with the Commodity Based Procurement Policy.

35. APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS

35.1 The accounting officer may procure consulting services provided that any Treasury guidelines in respect of consulting services are taken into account when such procurements are made.

35.2 Consultancy services must be procured through competitive bids if:

- (a) the value of the contract exceeds R200 000 (VAT included); or
- (b) the duration period of the contract exceeds one year.

35.3 In addition to any requirements prescribed by this policy for competitive bids, bidders must furnish particulars of –

- (a) all consultancy services provided to an organ of state in the last five years; and
- (b) any similar consultancy services provided to an organ of state in the last five years.

35.4 The accounting officer must ensure that copyright in any document produced, and the patent rights or ownership in any plant, machinery, thing, system or process designed or devised, by a consultant in the course of the consultancy service is vested in the Midvaal Local Municipality.

36. DEVIATION FROM, AND RATIFICATION OF MINOR BREACHES OF, PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

36.1 The accounting officer may –

- (a) dispense with the official procurement processes established by this Policy and to procure any required goods or services through any convenient process, which may include direct negotiations, but only –
 - (i) in an emergency (breakages after hours, situations that may lead to health, safety hazards or death, serious hampering of official service delivery to the community);
 - (ii) if such goods or services are produced or available from a single source or sole provider only (e.g. agents / manufacturer / patent holder or items under guarantee);
 - (iii) for the acquisition of special works of art or historical objects where specifications are difficult to compile;
 - (iv) acquisition of animals for zoos and/or nature and game reserves; or
 - (v) in any other exceptional case or case of urgency where it is impractical or impossible to follow the official procurement processes (such as strip and quote on rotation basis, appointment of specialised service providers);

- (b) ratify any minor breaches of the procurement processes by an official or committee acting in terms of delegated powers or duties which are purely of a technical nature.
- 36.2 The accounting officer must record the reasons for any deviations in terms of subparagraphs 36.1(a) and (b) of this policy and report them to the next meeting of the council and include as a note to the annual financial statements.
- 36.3 Subparagraph 36.2 does not apply to the procurement of goods and services contemplated in paragraph 11(2) of this policy.

37. UNSOLICITED BIDS

- 37.1 In accordance with section 113 of the Act there is no obligation to consider unsolicited bids received outside a normal bidding process.
- 37.2 The accounting officer may decide in terms of section 113(2) of the Act to consider an unsolicited bid, only if –
- (a) the product or service offered in terms of the bid is a demonstrably or proven unique innovative concept;
 - (b) the product or service will be exceptionally beneficial to, or have exceptional cost advantages;
 - (c) the person who made the bid is the sole provider of the product or service; and
 - (d) the reasons for not going through the normal bidding processes are found to be sound by the accounting officer.
- 37.3 If the accounting officer decides to consider an unsolicited bid that complies with subparagraph 37.2 of this policy, the decision must be made public in accordance with section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act, together with –
- (a) reasons as to why the bid should not be open to other competitors;
 - (b) an explanation of the potential benefits if the unsolicited bid were accepted; and
 - (c) an invitation to the public or other potential suppliers to submit their comments within 30 days of the notice.
- 37.4 The accounting officer must submit all written comments received pursuant to subparagraph 37.3, including any responses from the unsolicited bidder, to the National Treasury and the relevant provincial treasury for comment.
- 37.5 The adjudication committee must consider the unsolicited bid and may award the bid or make a recommendation to the accounting officer, depending on its delegations.
- 37.6 A meeting of the adjudication committee to consider an unsolicited bid must be open to the public.

- 37.7 When considering the matter, the adjudication committee must take into account –
- (a) any comments submitted by the public; and
 - (b) any written comments and recommendations of the National Treasury or the relevant provincial treasury.
- 37.8 If any recommendations of the National Treasury or provincial treasury are rejected or not followed, the accounting officer must submit to the Auditor General, the relevant provincial treasury and the National Treasury the reasons for rejecting or not following those recommendations.
- 37.9 Such submission must be made within seven days after the decision on the award of the unsolicited bid is taken, but no contract committing the Midvaal Local Municipality to the bid may be entered into or signed within 30 days of the submission.

38. COMBATING OF ABUSE OF SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- 38.1 The accounting officer must–
- (a) take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system;
 - (b) investigate any allegations against an official or other role player of fraud, corruption, favouritism, unfair or irregular practices or failure to comply with this Policy, and when justified –
 - (i) take appropriate steps against such official or other role player; or
 - (ii) report any alleged criminal conduct to the South African Police Service;
 - (c) check the National Treasury’s database prior to awarding any contract to ensure that no recommended bidder, or any of its directors, is listed as a person prohibited or restricted from doing business with the public sector;
 - (d) reject any bid from a bidder–
 - (i) if any municipal rates and taxes or municipal service charges owed by that bidder or any of its directors to the **Midvaal Local Municipality**, or to any other municipality or municipal entity, are in arrears for more than three months; or
 - (ii) who during the last five years has failed to perform satisfactorily on a previous contract with the **Midvaal Local Municipality** or any other organ of state after written notice was given to that bidder that performance was unsatisfactory
 - (e) reject a recommendation for the award of a contract if the recommended bidder, or any of its directors, has committed a corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for the particular contract;

- (f) cancel a contract awarded to a person if –
 - (i) the person committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract; or
 - (ii) an official or other role player committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of the contract that benefited that person; and

- (g) reject the bid of any bidder if that bidder or any of its directors –
 - (i) has abused the supply chain management system of the **Midvaal Local Municipality** or has committed any improper conduct in relation to such system;
 - (ii) has been convicted for fraud or corruption during the past five years;
 - (iii) has wilfully neglected, reneged on or failed to comply with any government, municipal or other public sector contract during the past five years; or
 - (iv) has been listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters in terms of section 29 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (No 12 of 2004) or Data base of restricted suppliers.

38.2 The accounting officer must inform the National Treasury and relevant provincial treasury in writing of any actions taken in terms of sub paragraph 38.1(b)(ii), (e) or (f) of this policy.

PART 3: LOGISTICS, DISPOSAL, RISK AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

39. Logistics management

The accounting officer must, *where applicable*, establish and implement an effective system of logistics management, which must include –

- (a) the monitoring of spending patterns on types or classes of goods and services incorporating, where practical, the coding of items to ensure that each item has a unique number;
- (b) the setting of inventory levels that includes minimum and maximum levels and lead times wherever goods are placed in stock;
- (c) the placing of manual or electronic orders for all acquisitions other than those from petty cash;

- (d) before payment is approved, certification by the responsible officer that the goods and services are received or rendered on time and is in accordance with the order, the general conditions of contract and specifications where applicable and that the price charged is as quoted in terms of a contract;
- (e) appropriate standards of internal control and warehouse management to ensure that goods placed in stores are secure and only used for the purpose for which they were purchased;
- (f) regular checking to ensure that all assets including official vehicles are properly managed, appropriately maintained and only used for official purposes; and
- (g) monitoring and review of the supply vendor performance to ensure compliance with specifications and contract conditions for particular goods or services.

40. Disposal management

- 40.1 The criteria for the disposal or letting of assets, including unserviceable, redundant or obsolete assets, subject to sections 14 and 90 of the Act, will be determined for each situation.
- 40.2 Assets may be disposed of by –
- (a) transferring the asset to another organ of state in terms of a provision of the Act enabling the transfer of assets;
 - (b) transferring the asset to another organ of state at market related value or, when appropriate, free of charge;
 - (c) selling the asset; or
 - (d) destroying the asset.
- 40.3 The accounting officer must ensure that –
- (a) immovable property is sold only at market related prices except when the public interest or the plight of the poor demands otherwise and in collaboration with the Local Government MFMA – Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations (Gazette No 3146 dated 22/08/2008);

Sale of land on formal tender processes

All applicable fees (estimated) / processes (e.g. rezoning, consolidation, bulk contributions, valuation fees, registration and all other related fees) must be mentioned in the specs of the bid documents. All affected departments to give comments on the proposed sale of land in writing and must so be noted on the item to Council for approval.

Only council resolved items will be accepted by the SCM unit for the tender/auction process. These resolutions and valuations should not be older than **12 months**. The copy of the valuation certificate, zoning certificate and

council resolution and all other documents pertaining to the sale of land must accompany the request for the sale of the mentioned land / property.

The bid is awarded to the bidder who submitted the highest offer and who accepted all the conditions of the bid.

- (b) movable assets are sold once council has declared the items redundant, either by way of written price quotations, a competitive bidding process, auction or at market related prices, whichever is the most advantageous and sold to the bidder who submitted the highest price.
- (c) firearms are not sold or donated to any person or institution within or outside the Republic unless approved by the National Conventional Arms Control Committee;
- (d) immovable property is let at market related rates except when the public interest or the plight of the poor demands otherwise;
- (e) all fees, charges, rates, tariffs, scales of fees or other charges relating to the letting of immovable property are annually reviewed;
- (f) where assets are traded in for other assets, the highest possible trade-in price is negotiated; and
- (g) in the case of the free disposal of computer equipment, the provincial department of education is first approached to indicate within 30 days whether any of the local schools are interested in the equipment.

41. RISK MANAGEMENT

41.1 The criteria for the identification, consideration and avoidance of potential risks in the supply chain management system, will be determined for each situation.

41.2 Risk management must include –

- (a) the identification of risks on a case-by-case basis;
- (b) the allocation of risks to the party best suited to manage such risks;
- (c) acceptance of the cost of the risk where the cost of transferring the risk is greater than that of retaining it;
- (d) the management of risks in a pro-active manner and the provision of adequate cover for residual risks; and
- (e) the assignment of relative risks to the contracting parties through clear and unambiguous contract documentation.

42. Performance management

The accounting officer must establish and implement an internal monitoring system in order to determine, on the basis of a retrospective analysis, whether the authorised supply chain management processes were followed and whether the objectives of this Policy were achieved.

PART 4: OTHER MATTERS

43. PROHIBITION ON AWARDS TO PERSONS WHOSE TAX MATTERS ARE NOT IN ORDER

- 43.1 No award above R30 000 may be made in terms of this Policy to a person whose tax matters have not been declared by the South African Revenue Service to be in order.
- 43.2 Before making an award to a person the accounting officer must first check with SARS whether that person's tax matters are in order.
- 43.3 If SARS does not respond within 7 days such person's tax matters may for purposes of subparagraph 43.1 be presumed to be in order.

44. Prohibition on awards to persons in the service of the state

Irrespective of the procurement process followed, no award may be made to a person in terms of this Policy –

- (a) who is in the service of the state;
- (b) if that person is not a natural person, of which any director, manager, principal shareholder or stakeholder is a person in the service of the state; or
- (c) a person who is an advisor or consultant contracted with the **Midvaal Local Municipality**.

45. AWARDS TO CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS OF PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE

The accounting officer must ensure that the notes to the annual financial statements disclose particulars of any award of more than R2 000.00 to a person who is a spouse, child or parent of a person in the service of the state, or has been in the service of the state in the previous twelve months, including –

- (a) the name of that person;
- (b) the capacity in which that person is in the service of the state; and
- (c) the amount of the award.

46. ETHICAL STANDARDS

46.1 A code of ethical standards as set out in **sub regulation (2) of the “National Treasury’s code of conduct for supply chain management practitioners and other role players involved in supply chain management”** is hereby established for officials and other role players in the supply chain management system of the **Midvaal Local Municipality** in order to promote –

- (a) mutual trust and respect; and
- (b) an environment where business can be conducted with integrity and in a fair and reasonable manner.

46.2 A breach of the code of ethics must be dealt with as follows –

- (a) in the case of an employee, in terms of the disciplinary procedures of the Midvaal Local Municipality envisaged in section 67(1)(h) of the Municipal Systems Act;
- (b) in the case a role player who is not an employee, through other appropriate means in recognition of the severity of the breach.
- (c) in all cases, financial misconduct must be dealt with in terms of chapter 15 of the Act.
- (d) A municipal official or other role player involved in the implementation of this Policy –
 - (i) must treat all providers and potential providers equitably;
 - (ii) may not use his or her position for private gain or to improperly benefit another person;
- (e) must declare to the accounting officer details of any private or business interest which that person, or any close family member, partner or associate, may have in any proposed procurement or disposal process of, or in any award of a contract by, the Midvaal Local Municipality.
- (f) must immediately withdraw from participating in any manner whatsoever in a procurement or disposal process or in the award of a contract in which that person, or any close family member, partner or associate, has any private or business interest;
- (g) must be scrupulous in his or her use of property belonging to **Midvaal Local Municipality**,
- (h) must assist the accounting officer in combating fraud, corruption, favouritism and unfair and irregular practices in the supply chain management system; and

- (i) must report to the accounting officer any alleged irregular conduct in the supply chain management system which that person may become aware of, including –
 - (i) any alleged fraud, corruption, favouritism or unfair conduct;
 - (ii) any alleged contravention of paragraph 47(1) of this Policy; or
 - (iii) any alleged breach of this code of ethical standards.

46.3 Midvaal Local Municipality adopts National Treasury’s code of conduct for supply chain management practitioners and other role players involved in supply chain management”.

46.4 A breach of the code of ethics must be dealt with in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Municipal Systems Act

NOTE: The “POLICY OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS, GIFTS, DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS” is applicable to sections 46, 47 and 48 of this policy and must be adhered to at all times.

47. INDUCEMENTS, REWARDS, GIFTS AND FAVOURS TO MUNICIPALITIES, OFFICIALS AND OTHER ROLE PLAYERS

47.1 No person who is a provider or prospective provider of goods or services, or a recipient or prospective recipient of goods disposed or to be disposed of may either directly or through a representative or intermediary promise, offer or grant –

- (a) any inducement or reward to the or in connection with the award of a contract; or
- (b) any reward, gift, favour or hospitality to –
 - (i) any official; or
 - (ii) any other role player involved in the implementation of this Policy.

47.2 The accounting officer must promptly report any alleged contravention of subparagraph (1) to the National Treasury for considering whether the offending person, and any representative or intermediary through which such person is alleged to have acted, should be listed in the National Treasury’s database of persons prohibited from doing business with the public sector.

47.3 Section 47(1) does not apply to gifts less than R350 per annum.

48. SPONSORSHIPS

The accounting officer must promptly disclose to the National Treasury and the relevant provincial treasury any sponsorship promised, offered or granted, whether directly or through a representative or intermediary, by any person who is –

- (a) a provider or prospective provider of goods or services; or
- (b) a recipient or prospective recipient of goods disposed or to be disposed.

49. OBJECTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Persons aggrieved by decisions or actions taken in the implementation of this supply chain management system, may lodge within 14 days of the decision or action, a written objection or complaint against the decision or action.

50. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES, OBJECTIONS, COMPLAINTS AND QUERIES

- 50.1 The accounting officer must appoint an independent and impartial person, not directly involved in the supply chain management processes –
- (a) to assist in the resolution of disputes between the **Midvaal Local Municipality** and other persons regarding –
 - (i) any decisions or actions taken in the implementation of the supply chain management system; or
 - (ii) any matter arising from a contract awarded in the course of the supply chain management system; or
 - (b) to deal with objections, complaints or queries regarding any such decisions or actions or any matters arising from such contract.
- 50.2 The accounting officer, or another official designated by the accounting officer, is responsible for assisting the appointed person to perform his or her functions effectively.
- 50.3 The person appointed must –
- (a) strive to resolve promptly all disputes, objections, complaints or queries received; and
 - (b) submit monthly reports to the accounting officer on all disputes, objections, complaints or queries received, attended to or resolved.
- 50.4 A dispute, objection, complaint or query may be referred to the relevant provincial treasury if –
- (a) the dispute, objection, complaint or query is not resolved within 60 days; or
 - (b) no response is forthcoming within 60 days.

- 50.5 If the provincial treasury does not or cannot resolve the matter, the dispute, objection, complaint or query may be referred to the National Treasury for resolution.
- 50.6 This paragraph must not be read as affecting a person's rights to approach a court at any time.

51. CONTRACTS PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION BASED ON TURNOVER

If a service provider acts on behalf of a Midvaal Local Municipality to provide any service or act as a collector of fees, service charges or taxes and the compensation payable to the service provider is fixed as an agreed percentage of turnover for the service or the amount collected, the contract between the service provider and the Midvaal Local Municipality must stipulate –

- (a) A cap on the compensation payable to the service provider; and
- (b) that such compensation must be performance based.

52. COMMENCEMENT

This Policy takes effect on 1 July 2016.