



REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES

Reference No.	RFQ-DUT-50/26
Item Description	Provision of South African Sign Language (SASL) Interpretation Services
Closing Date & Time No Late, Hand Delivered submissions will be accepted	03 July 2026 by 11am NB: Bids should be emailed no later than 10 minutes prior to the closing date and time. Any bids received after 11 h 00 am will NOT be considered.
Bid submission email	roq@dut.ac.za
Procurement & General Enquiries	govendp@dut.ac.za
Compulsory site visit / briefing session (if applicable)	Add N/A if not required

1. INTRODUCTION

Durban University of Technology invites suitably qualified and compliant service providers to submit quotations for suitably qualified and experienced service providers to submit quotations for the provision of South African Sign Language (SASL) interpretation services to support accessibility and inclusivity for Deaf and hard of hearing participants during the Spring Graduation ceremonies. This procurement is undertaken in accordance with the approved DUT Procurement Policy.

2 SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 Purpose of the Scope

The purpose of this Scope of Work is to clearly define the goods required by the Durban University of Technology (DUT), the expected outputs, performance standards, and delivery requirements.

2.2. Scope of Services

The appointed service provider will be required to render professional SASL interpretation services for live, and hybrid autumn graduation ceremonies.

Interpretation services must be provided for the full duration of the graduation ceremonies including any preparatory briefings as required.

12. Submission Details

Service providers are requested to submit:

- A signed quotation
- Proof of accreditation/registration
- Company profile and relevant experience

2.2 Scope Description

The appointed service provider/supplier shall be responsible for the full provision of the following:

The service provider shall:

1. Supply brand-new, unused goods that comply fully with the technical specifications detailed in Section 3.
2. The successful bidder shall provide the following deliverables:
 - Goods delivered in full and in brand new condition.
 - Signed delivery note and handover documentation.

NB: Failure to meet deliverables may result in non-payment or remedial action.

2.3 Timeframes

The service provider shall:

- Deliver said goods within the stipulated timeframes and to notify DUT of any changes

Durban	:	16 and 17 September 2026, (Venue to be Advised)
Sessions	:	9am, 2pm and 6pm daily

2.4 Variations

No variation to this Scope of Work shall be permitted without:

- Written approval by the relevant delegated authority;

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES

3.1 Type and Level of Interpretation

- Interpretation must be provided simultaneously.
- For events exceeding two (2) hours, team interpreting may be required to ensure quality and continuity.

3.2 Duration and Frequency

- Services may be required on a once-off basis, depending on institutional needs.
- Event durations ranges for a full day duration.
- Interpreters must be available for pre-event setup and coordination.

3.3. Compliance and Standards

The service provider must:

- Comply with applicable accessibility legislation and best practices
- Adhere to South African Sign Language (SASL) standards
- Align with the Institution's policies on inclusivity and disability support

3.4. Confidentiality and Professional Conduct

Interpreters are required to maintain strict confidentiality, professionalism, impartiality, and ethical conduct. Information accessed during assignments may not be disclosed without prior written consent from the Institution.

3.5. Technical and Logistical Requirements

- The supplier will be responsible for their own transport and meals.
- The Institution will provide event details, access links, and briefing material in advance.

3.6. Deliverables

The service provider must ensure:

- Professional SASL interpretation for the full duration of the event

- Punctual attendance and readiness prior to event commencement
- Compliance with the approved programme and event requirements

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

4.1 COMPULSORY DOCUMENTS (Phase I)

Failure to submit compulsory documentation and compliance with specification will result in disqualification.

Suppliers **must** submit:

1. Valid Tax Compliance Status PIN (TCS PIN)
2. Signed Form of Offer (Section 5 – page 6 to 8)
3. Signed Declaration of Interest (see Annexure A to D – page 10 to 15)
4. Company Registration documents
5. Accreditation or registration with a recognised professional interpreting body as per SASL standards
6. A minimum of three (3) years' professional experience in SASL interpretation (proof to be submitted – company profile / Portfolio of evidence)
7. Proven experience in academic, government, or formal institutional environments for sign language (minimum 2 references to be provided / PO notes / contracts).
8. Supporting documentation must be submitted with the quotation.
9. Compliance with scope of work in #3 above.
10. Locality – not more than 10km from DUT Steve Biko campuses – Provide utility bill under the name of the bidder or lease agreement.

NB: The University will only consider service providers with proven relevant experience, capacity, and technical expertise in the required goods/services; general dealers or intermediaries without demonstrable capability and direct knowledge of the transaction will not be considered.

4.2 PRICE / PREFERENCE - 80/20 System:

Bidders must submit a valid B-BBEE Certificate or Sworn Affidavit non-submission will result in 0 points being awarded for B-BBEE

Criteria	Points
Price	80
DUT Specific Goals / B-BBEE	20

DUT specific goals for B-BBEE points

Specific Goal	80/20
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		Sub-points	Total Points
	Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) or Qualifying Small Enterprise (QSE)	3	3
Black-owned Enterprises	100% Black owned enterprise	3	3
	Minimum 51% black-owned enterprise	2	
	Minimum 25% black-owned enterprise	1	
Black Women owned Enterprise	100% Black Women owned enterprise	5	5
	Minimum 51% black women-owned enterprise	4	
	Minimum 25% black women-owned enterprise	3	
	Less than 25% of black women-owned enterprises but not less than 10%	2	
Enterprise owned by Youth	100% Black Youth owned enterprise	5	5
	Minimum 51% black Youth owned enterprise	4	
	Minimum 25% black Youth owned enterprise	3	
	Below 25% black youth owned enterprises but not less than 10%	2	
Enterprises owned by people with disabilities	Minimum of 51% owned by people with disabilities	2	2
	Minimum of 10% owned by people with disabilities	1	
Additional Specific goals	An entity which is at least 51% owned by black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships	1	1
	A cooperative which is at least 51% owned by black people	1	1
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5. FORM OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

PART A – OFFER

5.1. OFFER

The Bidder, identified in the signature block below, hereby offers to supply and deliver the goods and/or render the services described in section 2 and 3 above:

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to the **Durban University of Technology (DUT)** in accordance with:

- The RFQ document;
- The Scope of Work and Technical Specifications;

5.2. OFFERED CONTRACT PRICE

PRICE SCHEDULE (to be completed in by the bidder)

No.	Item Description	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
I	Provision of South African Sign Language (SASL) Interpretation Services for 16 and 17 September 2026 all-inclusive costs Sessions : 9am, 2pm and 6pm daily	I		
Total Excl. VAT				
VAT (15%)				
Total Incl. VAT				

Total amount in words (Incl. VAT):

The offered price includes all supply and delivery, packaging, insurance, duties, installation, incidental costs and is fixed for the duration of the validity period. Remains valid for **60 days** from RFQ closing date.

5.3.1 COMPLIANCE DECLARATION

The Bidder certifies that:

- The information provided is true and correct.
- The Bidder is not listed on the National Treasury Restricted Supplier Database or has not previously been blacklisted or failed to supply DUT on a previous contract.
- The Bidder has not engaged in collusive practices.
- The Bidder accepts the General Conditions of Contract.
- No contract exists until an official DUT Purchase Order is issued.

The Bidder acknowledges that:

- This RFQ constitutes a single consolidated procurement requirement.
- Splitting of procurement to avoid threshold controls is prohibited.
- DUT reserves the right to cancel the RFQ if threshold irregularities are detected.

The Bidder confirms that DUT is authorised to verify:

- I. Supplier registration status prior to award and prior to payment.
 - II. Banking details
 - III. Tax compliance status
 - IV. Restriction status
- The Bidder acknowledges that an inactive or non-compliant status may result in disqualification.

In accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) the Bidder confirms that:

- All personal information submitted is lawfully obtained.
- Appropriate consent has been secured.
- The Bidder shall:
 - I. Safeguard personal data received from DUT;
 - II. Implement reasonable technical and organisational measures;
 - III. Notify DUT of any data breach.

The Bidder indemnifies DUT against loss arising from unlawful data processing attributable to the Bidder.

5.3.2 SIGNATURE OF BIDDER FOR COMPLIANCE TO SPECIFICATION, DECLARATIONS AND OFFER

Name of Bidder	
Email address	
Contact numbers:	
Company Registration Number	
VAT Number (If applicable)	
Authorised Representative Name	
Capacity	
Central Supplier Database Reg No (If Applicable)	MAAA..... CSD UNIQUE NUMBER (36 digits)
Authorised signatory	
Date	

5.4 PART B – ACCEPTANCE (To be completed by DUT only if form of offer and bid is accepted)

By signing this Form of Acceptance, DUT accepts the Bidder's Offer subject to:

- Budget confirmation;
- Verification of compliance documents;
- Issuance of an official Purchase Order.

Acceptance is conditional upon:

- No material deviation;
- Confirmation of tax compliance;
- Compliance with DUT governance frameworks.

Accepted on behalf of:

Durban University of Technology

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

RFQ No: _____

Purchase Order No (to be issued): _____

ANNEXURES- DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

PURPOSE OF THIS ANNEXURE PACK

This Governance Annexure forms an integral part of all DUT RFQs issued.

The purpose is to:

- Strengthen procurement integrity
- Ensure compliance with DUT policy and DHET governance framework
- Protect the institution from unauthorised commitments
- Support UIFW prevention
- Enhance transparency and ethical procurement conduct

These Annexures is mandatory and non-negotiable.

ANNEXURE A - CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION

The Bidder certifies that:

1. The quotation has been independently determined.
2. No agreement exists with any competitor regarding:
 - Price
 - Market allocation
 - Submission or non-submission of quotation
3. The Bidder has not engaged in collusive or anti-competitive conduct.
4. The Bidder complies with the Competition Act 89 of 1998.

The Bidder acknowledges that false declaration may result in:

- Disqualification
- Contract termination
- Restriction from future procurement participation

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ANNEXURE B - UIFW (UNAUTHORISED, IRREGULAR, FRUITLESS & WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Bidder acknowledges DUT's internal financial governance framework aimed at preventing:

- Unauthorised expenditure
- Irregular expenditure
- Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

The Bidder confirms:

1. No work shall commence without a valid DUT Purchase Order.
2. No variation shall be implemented without written approval aligned to Delegation of Authority.
3. Services rendered without authorisation may not be paid.
4. The Bidder shall not rely on verbal instructions.

DUT shall not be liable for commitments made outside approved procurement processes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ANNEXURE C _ PROCUREMENT ETHICS AND CONDUCT DECLARATION

The Bidder confirms that:

- Neither the entity nor its directors are listed on any restricted supplier database.
- No director has been convicted of fraud or corruption related to procurement.
- The entity complies with ethical procurement practices.
- No attempt has been made to improperly influence DUT officials.

The Bidder acknowledges that DUT reserves the right to conduct due diligence screening.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ANNEXURE D _ DUT CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

RFQ No: _____

1. PURPOSE

To ensure transparency and compliance with Section 217 of the Constitution and DUT's governance frameworks, all bidders must declare any relationship or conflict of interest.

2. BIDDER DETAILS

Full Name of Bidder / Company: _____

Company Registration Number: _____

VAT Registration Number: _____

CSD Number: _____

Physical Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

3. EMPLOYMENT BY THE DUT OR THE STATE

Are you or any person connected with the bidder:

3.1 Employed by the State?

☐ YES ☐ NO

3.2 Employed by DUT?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, provide details:

4. RELATIONSHIP WITH DUT EMPLOYEES OR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Do you or any director/shareholder/member have:

- Any family relationship with DUT employee?
☐ YES ☐ NO
- Any relationship with a person involved in evaluation of this process?
☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, provide details:

5. PRIOR BUSINESS WITH DUT

Have you or your directors conducted business with DUT in the past 12 months?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, provide details:

6. DIRECTORS / SHAREHOLDERS DETAILS

Full Name	ID Number	Tax Number	Employee Number (if applicable)

(Attach additional page if necessary)

7. DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that:

- The information furnished above is true and correct.
- I understand that failure to disclose conflicts may result in:
 - Disqualification;
 - Contract cancellation;
 - Recovery of damages;
 - Reporting to National Treasury.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____