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National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS)

Student Accommodation

Online Student Accommodation Platform
Student Accommodation Accreditation
Student Accommodation Off-Take Agreements

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BACKGROUND

1. In September 2015 the Minister of Higher Education and Training published the Policy on the Minimum Norms and Standards for Student Housing at Public Universities.¹
2. The Report on the Ministerial Committee for the Review of the Provision of Student Housing at South African Universities, September 2011, established that the accommodation of students is broader than the mere provisioning of beds; it is about establishing living, learning and social communities. The Policy on the Minimum Norms and Standards for Student Housing at Public Universities has been developed in response to the findings of the report.
3. The report established that there were varying standards for housing of university students across the public higher education sector. A significant portion of the accommodation was found to be sub-standard. The report also showed that there was a severe shortage of accommodation for students with disabilities.
4. The aim of the Policy on the Minimum Norms and Standards for Student Housing at Public Universities is to regulate the provision of on- and off-campus student housing at South Africa's public universities. The norms and standards must be applied at all public universities and university-accredited student housing providers across the sector.
5. The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) is a statutory body providing financial aid to eligible students who wish to study at public universities and Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges. NSFAS is mandated to manage and distribute funds in accordance with the provisions of the NSFAS Act (Act 56 of 1999). Part of financial aid provided by NSFAS is the payment of accommodation for students who qualify for financial support.

¹ Government Gazette, 29 September 2015 No: 39238

6. Currently, NSFAS is paying the funds for student accommodation to the tertiary institution where the students are registered. The university or TVET colleges would then pay the private accommodation providers that were accredited by the institution.
7. Early in 2023 the Minister of Higher Education and Training announced that the funding of private student accommodation would be capped at R45 000 per academic year. It was also announced by NSFAS that student accommodation will be paid directly to accommodation providers by NSFAS from 2024.
8. On 23 November 2022 NSFAS appeared in Parliament before the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education, Science and Innovation to present NSFAS' readiness for the 2023 academic year. NSFAS *inter alia* presented new initiatives to the portfolio committee which included the following topics:
 - Administration of student accommodation
 - Increasing student accommodation capacity
 - Developmental approach on informal housing
9. To succeed with the new initiatives, NSFAS made the following value propositions regarding the administration of student accommodation:

NSFAS VALUE PROPOSITION - ADMINISTRATION



Assign students to available accommodation Organizing private accommodation providers, working with SETAs and training the small to medium providers on managing student accommodation and on applicable norms and standards.

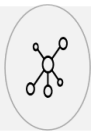
Accreditation of accommodation: There is a clear policy directive on how NSFAS funds and accredits student accommodation for both institutional residences and private accommodation



Costing accommodation Paying PAPs directly to ensure that the providers can be held accountable by NSFAS and to allow institutions and students to focus on studies and to ensure that they are accommodated in conducive accommodation.



Grading of accommodation Implementing credible reconciliation and verification systems and processes to ensure that the allowances paid match expenditure, and that the expenditure is indeed on student accommodation



Student Accommodation Portal: Put in place a system that has both electronic and process elements to manage student accommodation – this will be a system that will identify, accredit and grade beds for student accommodation.

10. NSFAS made the following value propositions on how to increase student accommodation capacity:

NSFAS VALUE PROPOSITION – INCREASING CAPACITY



Public Private Partnership: working closely with National Treasury and DBSA



Off take agreements: This supported by a legal opinion that NSFAS sought. Allows NSFAS to issue off take agreements to developers and/or institutions. The application process is open and closes on 10 November. Allocations will be based on demand and points per the defined criteria

11. NSFAS also reported on the status of readiness of the new initiatives:

PROJECT STATUS



- The portal to go live by 25 November 2022
- Procurement processes are being finalized for accreditation providers
- NSFAS advertised for off take agreements. The initial closing date was 10 November 2022 and it was extended to 02 December 2022.
- Engagements are taking place with Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA) to assist informal applicants

12. In order to accomplish these initiatives and to ensure that student accommodation comply with the minimum norms and standards as required by the Department of Higher Education and Training, NSFAS had to advertise two tenders, namely:

- A. SCMN023/2021 - Provision of an online student accommodation solution for NSFAS students.
- B. SCMN003/2022 - Panel of service providers to accredit student accommodation for a period of five (5) years, renewable.

C. NSFAS also placed an advertisement for the granting of off-take agreements.

A SCMN023/2021 - ONLINE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION PORTAL

13. On 11 February 2022 NSFAS advertised a bid for the provision of an online student accommodation solution for NSFAS students. The closing date for the bid was 15 March 2022.

14. The purpose of the bid was to procure the services of a suitable service provider to supply the customisation, configuration, implementation, support and maintenance of an online platform that would manage student accommodation for NSFAS funded students studying at institutions of higher learning across South Africa. The core capabilities of this system include the ability for students to apply for accommodation with an accredited accommodation provider; the processing and placements of students and an accurate record of all transactions between NSFAS, the student and accommodation providers.



Bid No: SCMN023/2021

1 Purpose

To procure the services of a suitable service provider for the supply, customisation, configuration, implementation, support, and maintenance of an **online platform for the management of student accommodation** for the NSFAS funded students studying at institutions of higher learning across South Africa. The core capabilities of these system include: **Enabling students to apply for accommodation with an accredited accommodation provider; processing and placements of students and keep an accurate record of all transactions between NSFAS, the student, and accommodation providers.**

15. In the Request for Proposals (RFP), NSFAS confirmed that student accommodation in both private accommodation and institution owned accommodation remains a challenge. The challenges were listed as follows:

15.1 There are insufficient beds to accommodate students and some institutions do not have their own accommodation.

- 15.2 There are examples in both private and institution owned accommodation, where the state of the accommodation is not conducive for student accommodation and learning.
- 15.3 There is no uniformity in the cost structure of university owned accommodation.
- 15.4 NSFAS pays private accommodation based on the highest cost of accommodation for institutions.
- 15.5 NSFAS pays students a cash allowance for private accommodation. Some students will sign contracts with more expensive private accommodation providers to maximise the cash allowance. Once the allowance is paid, they will move out of the more expensive accommodation. In some instances the students just do not pay providers at all.
- 15.6 The accreditation process of private accommodation providers is normally done by institutions themselves unless the institution does not have the capacity to do so. The accreditation processes followed are however fraught with inconsistencies and susceptible to fraud and corruption.
- 15.7 There are inconsistencies between the private accommodation allowance given to university students and private accommodation allowance given to the TVET college students. The private accommodation providers do not distinguish between university students and TVET college students.
16. The RFP informed bidders that for NSFAS to mitigate the abovementioned challenges and to enable NSFAS to take a proactive role in the management of student accommodation, it required NSFAS to implement an online platform with both electronic and processing elements in order to manage the students' accommodation properly.
17. It was further required the platform to identify, accredit and grade beds for student accommodation.

18. The platform must also assign accommodation to students and track financial transactions, incidents and audit trails between all the parties involved. The platform has to include private accommodation providers and institution owned accommodation.
19. According to the RFP, the successful service provider has to provide the solution at no cost to NSFAS. Once the platform is utilised by the different parties (private accommodation providers, institutions who own accommodation, students), the service provider's costs will be covered by payments received from the different users. It is further stated in the RFP that any additional fee split might be arranged between NSFAS and the service provider.
20. The RFP provided statistics regarding the total number of students who were funded by NSFAS and the amounts claimed by accommodation providers.

The table below shows relevant student statistics that are important for this RFP.

	Number of Students	Amount Claimed
TVET		
Institution Owned Accommodation	11 306	R1,7 Billion
Private Accommodation	118 620	R217 Million
University		
Institution Owned Accommodation	98 495	R3,9 Billion
Private Accommodation	163 427	R5,6 Billion

21. According to the statistics published, NSFAS paid R11,417bn towards accommodation costs for 391 848 students. It is an average of R29 136 per student per annum. With the RFP published in 2022, it is assumed that these figures were based on 2021 statistics.
22. According to the opening register of Bid No SCMNO23/2021, there were 20 companies who submitted bids for evaluation.

TENDER OPENING REGISTER

SCMN023/2021

Tender Opening Register – Provision of an online accommodation solution for NSFAS students.

The tender opening was held at NSFAS offices on the 15th March 2022.

The tender opening was held on the 15th March 2022 at 11:05am, herewith is the list of bidders which responded on time for the tender for the Provision of an online accommodation solution for NSFAS students.

No.	Name of Bidder
1.	Xiquel Group (Pty) Ltd
2.	IT Monkey (Pty) Ltd
3.	Fundi Capital (Pty) Ltd
4.	Luphahla Holdings (Pty) Ltd
5.	New Dawn Technologies (Pty) Ltd
6.	Boxfusion (Pty) Ltd
7.	Adapt IT (Pty) Ltd
8.	Training Young Minds
9.	Eclipse Holdings (Pty) Ltd
10.	SF Consortium (Pty) Ltd
11.	Tirisan Tech Solutions
12.	Dido Digital Document (Pty) Ltd
13.	Ntiyiso – Capital Software (Pty) Ltd
14.	National Student Housing Development Partnership (Pty) Ltd
15.	ITCognify (Pty) Ltd
16.	JumpCO Consulting (Pty) Ltd
17.	Profecia IT (Pty) Ltd
18.	The Good People Data Company (Pty) Ltd
19.	Indserve CC.
20.	Eiffel Corp (Pty) Ltd

23. The Bid Evaluation Committee (“BEC”) invited 14 bidders² to present their proposed solution to the committee. The number however changed when a re-evaluation of Training Young Minds (“TYM”) was done by the Chairperson of the BEC. TYM was subsequently also invited to present their solution to the BEC.
24. The BEC was chaired by the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) Mr Masile Ramorwesi. Mr Ramorwesi also chaired the BEC when the evaluations were done on the direct payment of allowances tender.

² Its bidders who passed phase 1 and phase 2 of the evaluations


25. Recordings of the BEC meetings that are in OUTA’s possession, revealed that when the bidders were invited to demonstrate their proposed solutions, the CEO at the time, Mr Andile Nongogo, was present and commented on the presentations.
26. In August 2023 NSFAS appointed Werksmans Attorneys to investigate allegations against Mr Andile Nongogo that were related to Bid No SCMN022/2021 (Direct payments of allowances).
27. Werksmans found that Mr Nongogo was present when the bidders did their presentations to the BEC and that he did in fact participate in evaluating the bidders. In the Werksman’s report it is stated that *“The CEO seemingly decided to involve himself in the entire process of considering the tender process, from evaluation to award, with no regard to procedures”*.
28. Werksmans also found that *“It was inappropriate for the CFO, as head of the SCM Unit, to be part of the BEC in that his oversight functions are necessary at the BAC phase of the process. In fact, National Treasury has given guidance on the CFP’s involvement in the procurement process”*.
29. During the evaluation of this tender the same irregularities occurred, namely the participation of the CEO in the evaluation of bids and the CFO being appointed to chair the BEC.
30. According to the NSFAS website, the tender was awarded to 4 service providers.

SCMN023/2021	Provision of an online student accommodation solution for NSFAS students.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Xiquel Group (Pty) Ltd 2. Training Young Minds 3. New Dawn Technologies (Pty) Ltd 4. Profecia IT (Pty) Ltd
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31. It is unclear why NSFAS appointed 4 service providers to develop and manage an online platform to be utilised nationally. During the BEC process there were different opinions; should one or more than one service provider be appointed.

32. The BEC meeting recordings revealed that functionality, price and the time it will take to deliver the solution were the key factors taken into consideration when a recommendation was made on the appointment of a service provider.
33. Finally, it was resolved by the BEC that 2 service providers would be recommended for appointment. The Xiquel Group's bid was ranked first after evaluation. Its price of R5,1m was the cheapest and according to their bid, the solution could be ready in 4 months. The Training Young Minds (who were initially disqualified) was also recommended based on their ability to have a solution ready within 1 month after appointment.
34. Although the BEC recommended the appointment of just 2 service providers, the NSFAS board approved the appointment of 4 service providers.
35. In order to learn more about the service providers, the information captured in the tables below was sourced.

35.1 **XIQUEL GROUP (PTY) LTD**

Registration No	2013/005238/07
Date of registration	16 January 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Kgopotso Riba – 16 January 2013
Registered Address	Block A, Ground Floor, Hertford Office Park, 90 Bekker Road, Vorna Valley, Midrand
Business Address	Block A, Ground Floor, Hertford Office Park, 90 Bekker Road, Vorna Valley, Midrand
Contact number	0104471542
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://xiquelgroup.com/
Logo	

Business activities	Not Restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>According to the company's website the Xiquel Group is an IT consulting company and Microsoft business partner, specialising in software development and implementation of IT business solutions. It claims that it has over 10 years of experience and has delivered services to both the Public and Private sector and organisations worldwide. It is a 100% black-owned entity.</p>	

35.2 **TRAINING YOUNG MINDS (PTY) LTD**

Registration No	2017/492611/07
Date of registration	3 November 2017
Director(s) & appointment date	Nthabiseng Tshegofatso Mosena – 3 Nov 2017
Registered Address	30 Douglas Street, Songloed, Klerksdorp
Business Address	30 Douglas Street, Songloed, Klerksdorp
Contact number	0180040060
Province	North West Province
Website	https://www.trainingyoungminds.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Not Restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>According to the company's website Training Young Minds (TYM) is an accredited skills development provider whose sole mandate is to create economically active graduates. The company specialise in software development, skills development, training and development and project management.</p> <p>The company claims to be in business for more than 10 years. However it was only registered in 2017. TYM is a black woman owned business.</p>	

35.3 NEW DAWN TECHNOLOGIES (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2003/012053/07
Date of registration	28 May 2003
Director(s) & appointment date	Elijah July Mahlangu – 28 May 2003 Todani Moyo – 2 August 2022 (Non-Executive Director) Collin Maletlalekgoma Maaroganye – 2 August 2022 (Non-Executive Director) Nakedi Jeremiah Masekoameng – 2 August 2022 (Non-Executive Director)
Registered Address	6 Tuscon Gardens Office Park, 14 th Road, Noordwyk, Midrand
Business Address	Tuscan Gardens Office Park, Suite 6, 14th Avenue, Midrand
Contact number	0102211341
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://ndt.co.za/index.html
Logo	
Business activities	Other Business Activities
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>According to the company’s website, New Dawn Technologies (NDT) is a South African ICT company that provides Systems Integration and Business Consulting solutions to customers across various industries, including the public sector, financial services, information, entertainment and communication, manufacturing and retail, energy, mining and utilities, hospitality, leisure and tourism, education and health.</p>	

On the website it is also stated that NDT was founded in 1999 and became the first 100% black owned and managed ICT company in South Africa. However the company was only registered in 2003.

The company appointed 3 non-executive directors after the bid was awarded.

35.4 **PROFICIA IT (PTY) LTD**

Registration No	2012/082844/07
Date of registration	10 May 2012
Director(s) & appointment date	Kwasi Asare-Baah - 10 May 2012 Ebenezer Kwamena Smith - 10 May 2012
Registered Address	Waterfront Business Park, 9 Pommern Humeral Street, Port Elizabeth
Business Address	Unit 2, Building 4, Waterfront Business Park, 9 Pommern Street, Humeral, Port Elizabeth
Contact number	0415824582
Province	Eastern Cape
Website	https://www.profeciait.co.za/#
Logo	
Business activities	Not restricted
<u>Notes</u>	
According to the company's website it's a software development and telecommunication company. It provides the following services: Cloud Services, Enterprise Application Solutions, Custom Application Development, Outsourced Services, Interactive Design Solutions and Network Management & Solutions.	

36. One of the directors of Profecia IT (Pty) Ltd, Mr Ebenezer Kwamena Smith, is also a director of two other companies, Adam Fae (Pty) Ltd and Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd. The other director, Mr Kwasi Asare-Baah, is also a director of Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd. Adam

Fae (Pty) Ltd was also appointed as a NSFAS accommodation accreditation agent and Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd is an accredited NSFAS accommodation provider.

37. Adam Fae (Pty) Ltd was registered on 8 February 2017 with Mr Ebenezer Smith as the sole director. The company conducts its business from 10 Hallack Road, Essexvale, in Gqeberha. Adam Fae (Pty) Ltd was appointed by NSFAS as one of the service providers on the student accommodation accreditation panel. The accommodation accreditation tender will be discussed in detail later in this report.
38. Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd was registered on 13 January 2016 with Mr Ebenezer Smith and Mr Kwasi Asare-Baah as the founding directors. They are also co-directors of Profecia IT as shown above. The company's registered address is 2nd Floor, University Chambers, 26 Bird Street in Gqeberha.
39. On 7 September 2021 Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd purchased a property from Ms Lynnda Slater for R3 500 000.00. The property's legal description according to the 2022 general valuation roll of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, is Erf 2408 Summerstrand. The property's street address is 53 Gomery Avenue, Summerstrand, Gqeberha. The property information and details correlate with information retrieved from the King Williams Town deeds office where Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd was registered as the new owner.
40. The property is also listed on the "NSFAS Students Housing App". It forms part of the online student accommodation platform that was developed by Provicia IT. Provicia IT and Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd have the same directors, Smith and Asare-Baah.



Accommodation Profile

53 GOMERY AVE



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📍 53 Gomery Avenue, Summerstrand, Gqeberha, South Africa

📍 Eastern Cape

🏠 Property Type (House)

♿ Disability Friendly - **Yes**

🍽️ Meals Included - **Yes**

Beautiful, fully kitted student accommodation close to campus. Super high speed internet, swimming pool and built-in braai.

41. In this instance, the same persons who were appointed to develop an online student accommodation platform where accommodation providers list their properties, were also appointed as student accommodation accreditation agents. The student accommodation accreditation agents who inspect properties listed on the online platform, have a property which is accredited and is advertised on the online platform they developed themselves.

42. NSFAS definitely favoured this service and accommodation provider. Mr Smith for example chaired the accommodation providers' meetings and facilitated the workshops between NSFAS and the private accommodation providers. These workshops were held across the country to introduce the newly developed student accommodation portal to accommodation providers.



43. Mr Smith is also related to a director of another accommodation accreditation agent, Mr Godwyn Gura Ahumah Jnr Smith of GG&G Consulting Engineers. The involvement of Mr Smith as the developer of the online platform for the management of student accommodation, facilitator and chairperson of meetings between NSFAS and accommodation providers, an active accommodation accreditation agent and a student accommodation provider, raises a red flag and was overlooked or intentionally ignored by NSFAS.
44. The student accommodation portal was developed to enable accommodation providers to upload accommodation information and pictures which include accommodation at tertiary institutions and accommodation provided by the private sector. When accommodation providers upload the information, they must pay a once-off fee to NSFAS. The fee is determined by the number of beds that are registered on the portal.
45. After the registration of the accommodation is verified by NSFAS and the accommodation provider has paid the fee per bed, an accommodation accreditation agent will get in touch with the accommodation provider to schedule an inspection of the property. The inspection is held to establish whether the property complies with the Department of Higher Education and Training's norms and standards or not. When the inspection of the property was done and the accommodation complies with the norms and standards, the accommodation will be graded by NSFAS, and an accreditation certificate will be issued to the accommodation provider. Only after

the whole process as described above is completed, will the property's details become visible on the platform for NSFAS funded students. This will enable students to apply for the accommodation of their choice within the vicinity of the institution where he/ she is registered as a student.

46. The process to be followed and the fees to be paid by the accommodation providers is described on the student accommodation platform and can be found on the NSFAS website.

Accommodation Providers Students

1. Sign Up

1.1 - Register on the platform

1.2 - Verify your account via email sent to your mailbox

1.3 - Submit your personal and/or company details

1.4 - Upload property information and pictures

1.5 - Pay once-off fee calculated based on the number of beds you have per property

#	TIER	FEE (PER BED PER PROPERTY)
1	1 to 20 beds	R 200.00
2	21 to 50 beds	R 150.00
3	51 to 100 beds	R 125.00
4	100+ beds	R 100.00

1.6 - NSFAS will verify your submission and advise accordingly

1.7 - An NSFAS Accreditation Agent will be in touch to schedule an inspection of your property to determine if it meets the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) accreditation criteria Norms and Standards

1.8 - Once accredited, your property will be visible to all NSFAS-funded students on the platform

47. Accommodation providers will pay between R100 and R200 to register their accommodation on the portal, to get it accredited and then visible for students. An institution like the University of Johannesburg that has 7494 beds available in its residencies, will pay about R750 000 to get its beds on the portal. A tier 2 accommodation provider with 40 beds will pay R6 000 to display its beds on the portal. A bigger private accommodation provider with 3000 beds will have to pay R300 000 to register its beds on the portal.

48. If the 397 000 beds that are needed as stated in the RFP of Bid SCMNO03/2022 are registered on the NSFAS student accommodation portal, it will constitute a collective payment by accommodation providers of more than R40m.

49. On the student accommodation platform, the accommodation providers are also informed that they will be charged for a “licence fee” to use the platform. This fee will be 5% of the rent paid by NSFAS to student accommodation providers and will be deducted automatically from the monthly rental paid by NSFAS.

2.7 - NSFAS will charge you 5% of your monthly revenue as a license fee for the platform. This fee will be deducted from your pay out automatically before your funds are disbursed to you.

50. On 24 June 2022 in a prepared speech on NSFAS funding, the minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation said the following about payments for accommodation: *“In the last two years (2020, 2021) NSFAS spent an average R11,9 billion per annum on student accommodation funding. At least 420,000 students each year are in university and TVET accommodation. Out of this, approximately 43% was for institutional residences and 57% was for private accommodation”*.

51. If NSFAS will be deducting 5% from the rent that it pays for accommodation as stated on the accommodation portal and the minister’s figures are used to calculate the amount that will be charged by NSFAS for the use of the online portal, accommodation providers will collectively pay approximately R600m per annum. This astronomical amount of money will have to be forked out by tertiary institutions and private accommodation providers because it will be compulsory for all student accommodation providers to use the NSFAS online student accommodation portal when they make their accommodation available for students from poor and working class households.

52. It is not clear if this money will be revenue for NSFAS or for the service providers who manage and operate the online portal or for the service providers who facilitate the payment of allowances for NSFAS.

53. An anonymous accommodation provider shared his concerns with the payment process for beds on the portal with OUTA. The accommodation provider described the process as follows: The accommodation provider registered a number of beds on the online portal by uploading requested information onto the portal. The last step

in the procedure was to pay for the number of beds. The accommodation provider paid the requested amount and immediately after payment the accommodation provider was notified by Payfast that the payment was made to “Student Connect”. The online portal makes provision for several different methods to make a payment. Payfast was the option the accommodation provider used to affect the payment. (Some information in the copied documents below is redacted to protect the identity of the accommodation provider).

54. According to Payfast, the recipient of the payment was “Student Connect” and for any further queries the accommodation provider is instructed to contact “Student Connect”. The accommodation provider firmly believed that a payment was made to NSFAS and that the beds that were registered, could now be inspected for accreditation purposes.
55. Immediately after the proof of payment was received from Payfast, the accommodation provider received an email with a document attached to it. The sender of the email (NSFAS Student Housing no-reply-prof@nsfas.org.za) thanked the accommodation provider for payment of the accreditation fee and attached an “invoice” to the mail.

You successfully paid R [REDACTED] Student Connect for the following transaction:

Recipient:	Student Connect
Item Name:	Accreditation Fee
Reference Number:	[REDACTED]
Amount	R [REDACTED]

This transaction is viewable on your [Transactions](#) page of your [account](#) on the Payfast website.

Have an opinion? Rate your Payfast experience by completing this [short survey](#).

For any product, order or delivery queries you will need to get in touch with [Student Connect](#) directly.

Thank you for using Payfast!

Regards
The Payfast Team
<https://www.payfast.io>

56. Attached to this email was the “invoice” as referred to in the email.



Billed To

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Date of issue: [Redacted]
Invoice No: 2023-[Redacted]

Item	Quantity	Total
Accreditation Fee		R [Redacted]
Total Due Now		R [Redacted]

Student Housing

1 University Way
Summerstrand
Gqeberrha
South Africa

57. This document is not an invoice. It appears to be a billing document that was created to bill the accommodation provider for the accreditation fee.
58. The address that appears on the document, *1 University Way, Summerstrand, Gqeberrha, South Africa* is the physical address of the Nelson Mandela University in Gqeberha. (Note the incorrect spelling “Gqeberrha” on the document). This address cannot be linked to NSFAS.
59. The accommodation provider then also received an “official” tax invoice on the online portal.

Invoice Details
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Tax Invoice

National Student Financial Aid Scheme

Vat No:
The Halyard
4 Christiaan Barnard St
Cape Town City Centre
Cape Town
8001

Billed To
[REDACTED]

Vat Number: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]



Invoice No:
INVPAP
Date of issue:
[REDACTED]

Item	Description	Quantity	Total
Accreditation Fee	Student Housing Residence Accreditation Fee [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
		Total Exclusive	[REDACTED]
		Total Vat	0
		Total Due	[REDACTED]

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NSFAS is a registered credit provider in terms of the National Credit Act 34 of 2005 (NCRP 2655)

60. On the document the correct address of NSFAS appears together with the correct details of the accommodation provider and the property that has been paid for. The correct number of beds and the amount that was paid to register the beds also appear on the invoice.

61. The invoice number on the document is however not unique. The same invoice number "INVPAP" appears on all the other invoices received by the accommodation provider.

62. It is interesting that although NSFAS is registered as a VAT vendor, the accommodation provider is not charged any VAT. It is unclear if the fees payable to register student accommodation on a portal for accreditation and renting purposes are exempt from VAT.

63. Although the accommodation provider firmly believes that the payments were made to NSFAS, from an investigation point of view, it might be that payments were made to the service provider. This concern warrants a thorough audit of NSFAS financial records and scrutiny of the service level agreement between NSFAS and the service providers.

64. It was stated in the RFP that the service provider will make the online platform available to NSFAS at no cost and that the fees of the service provider will be paid from income generated by the portal and therefore the necessity for an audit to determine where the funds ultimately end up.
65. The payment for beds to be accredited as discussed above, is for an accommodation provider who made use of the “profprod” online portal that was developed and is managed by Profecia IT (Pty) Ltd. The 4 service providers each designed and developed its own online portal. Although the basic information is similar on all 4 portals, each portal has its own unique look and functionality.
66. The 4 different NSFAS online student accommodation portals can be found at the following links:
- <https://profprod.nsfas.org.za/register?id=provider>
 - <https://tymprod.nsfas.org.za/signup>
 - <https://xgprod.nsfas.org.za/entry-type>
 - <https://ap.ndtprod-nsfas.org.za/register>
67. To provide accommodation for any NSFAS funded student it is compulsory for institutions like universities and TVET colleges and private accommodation providers to register their accommodation on the online portal. There is no alternative method to make accommodation available to NSFAS funded students.
68. It is very concerning that NSFAS developed payment methods which force students and accommodation providers to use a specific product with exorbitant high costs for the user. The direct payment solution left students with no option but to use NSFAS bank card if they want to receive their allowances. The high costs incurred by students is well documented in OUTA’s report on the payment solution. Similarly, accommodation providers have no other option but to use the online student accommodation platform to make their beds available to students at a very high cost

to the accommodation provider. The same *modus operandi* was used by NSFAS in both the solutions with detrimental effects for its beneficiaries and stakeholders.

69. While investigating this tender, OUTA came across information about the unsuccessful bidder, Fundi Capital (Pty) Ltd. The company was registered in 1996. The 5-member board is chaired by Ms Fatima Habib who resides in London. The company has 7 executives and is led by the CEO, Mr Mala Suria.
70. It is interesting that most of the solutions that NSFAS is looking for, have already been developed and rolled out by Fundi. Fundi was also an unsuccessful bidder on the direct payment scheme and was disqualified because of an undated bank letter.
71. Fundi present the solutions below as part of its business activities.

OUR SOLUTIONS



Educational Loans

Fundi offers the finance you need for your educational journey, and provides funding for the following.

[Know More](#)



Cashless FundiCard

Our innovative, smart card technology is trusted by leading education institutions and over 2 570 retail outlets.

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72. According to the company's website, the accommodation solution provides for an accommodation platform which was designed to simplify the student accommodation journey. It was built as a digital platform to guide and serve the accommodation journey of students, institutions and accommodation providers.

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73. On 26 February 2020, Fundi hosted an event where it launched Fundi's digitised student accommodation platform where students, merchants and institutions can manage the accommodation process online. A live demonstration of the online platform was presented, and it seems very similar to what was described in the NSFAS RFP.
74. The event took place at the Rand Club in February 2020 and can be watched at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmgXwKTOKZw&t=12027s> . There is also a link on the Fundi website.
75. OUTA is not lobbying for support for any company or bidder, but this is to show that NSFAS is constantly re-inventing the wheel with various student related services when solutions are already available in the private sector. In the process NSFAS is wasting millions of rands of taxpayers' money.

B SCMN003/2022 - ACCREDITATION OF STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

76. To ensure that student accommodation comply with the minimum norms and standards as required by the Department of Higher Education, NSFAS advertised Bid No SCMN003/2022 where service providers were invited to submit their bids to be evaluated for a panel of service providers to accredit student accommodation for a period of 5 years.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this request for proposal (RFP) is to request bid submissions from prospective service providers to perform accreditation of student accommodation for a period of five (5) years, renewable. This would include both institution owned accommodation and private owned accommodation.


NSFAS intends to appoint a panel of service providers for this RFP.

77. In the Request for Proposals (RFP), NSFAS confirmed that student accommodation in both private accommodation and institution owned accommodation remains a challenge. The challenges listed were identical to those published in the Online Student Accommodation Platform tender. For easy reference, the student accommodation challenges identified by NSFAS, are repeated below:
- 77.1 There are insufficient beds to accommodate students and some institutions do not have their own accommodation.
- 77.2 There are instances where the state of both private and institution owned accommodation are not conducive for student accommodation and learning.
- 77.3 There is no uniformity in the cost structure of university owned accommodation.
- 77.4 NSFAS pays private accommodation based on the highest cost of accommodation for institutions.
- 77.5 NSFAS pays students a cash allowance for private accommodation, students then typically sign contracts with more expensive private accommodation providers and in turn move out when allowances are paid to maximise on the cash. There are times where students do not pay providers.
- 77.6 The private accommodation providers accreditation process is done by institutions. This is fraught with inconsistencies, it is susceptible to fraud and corruption, while other institutions do not have the capacity for this accreditation process.

- 77.7 There are inconsistencies in the private accommodation allowance provided to university students compared to the TVET college students, while private accommodation providers do not distinguish where the students study, etc.
78. To mitigate these identified challenges, it was stated in the RFP that NSFAS will onboard reliable and experienced service providers to perform the accreditation of both private owned and institution owned accommodation.
79. Bid No SCMN003/2022 was advertised on 5 July 2022 with a closing date for bidders to submit their bids of 5 August 2022. The accreditation would include both institution owned accommodation and private owned accommodation.
80. It was noted in the RFP that students are spread across all 9 provinces with the number of NSFAS funded students acquiring accommodation at different institutions shown in the table below.

Institution Type	Accommodation Type	Number of students
TVET College	Institution Owned Accommodation	12,000
	Private Owned Accommodation	120,000
University	Institution Owned Accommodation	100,000
	Private Owned Accommodation	165,000

81. There were 77 service providers who submitted their bids. After the evaluation process, 39 service providers were appointed for the accreditation of accommodation for an estimated 397,000 students across the country.
82. A desktop analysis was done on all the service providers to get a better understanding of their principal business activities, directors, appointment date of directors, business relationships, skills, experience and location. The purpose for this analysis was to establish if the service providers complied with the strict requirements of the RFP and if they will be able to execute the services as required.

83. A preliminary investigation showed that there are serious concerns regarding the ability of certain service providers to perform adequately.
84. The information obtained to do an analysis on the service providers was retrieved from open sources which are publicly available. It is important to make use of open-source information when a bid is evaluated and when service providers are vetted. It is however doubtful that NSFAS went through such an exercise as the results of OUTA’s analyses based on open-source information points out some serious concerns.
85. The general information on every service provider is tabled below. Certain service providers are marked with a red flag () which indicates that OUTA believes there are serious concerns.

85.1 690 SIGNATURE GROUP (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2013/221032/07
Date of registration	26 November 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Melusi Hopewell Madiba – 26 November 2013
Registered Address	9 Lucca Complex, 471 Smuts Drive, Halfway Gardens, Midrand
Business Address	23 Taaibos Street, Noordwyk, Midrand
Contact number	011-0711667
Province	Gauteng KwaZulu Natal
Website	http://www.690signaturegroup.co.za
Logo	

Business activities	Architecture, Engineering, Property Development
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>According to the company's webpage 690 Signature Group is a young, dynamic and innovative consulting company based in Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal but can execute projects all over Southern Africa.</p> <p>Based on the company's profile, their skills and experience, it is possible that this service provider could be able to execute the services as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.2 DUNMARSH INVESTMENTS CC

	
Registration No	2006/198971/23
Date of registration	9 November 2006
Director(s) & appointment date	Wendy Violet Shabangu – 6 July 2021
Registered Address	333 Strelitzia Street, Emerald Way Boulevard, Greenstone Hills
Business Address	60 Van Riebeeck Avenue, Eden Centre, Edenvale
Contact number	011 568 7584 076 839 7537
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://dunmarsh.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Debt collection

Notes

On its website Dunmarsh is described as a black woman-owned debt collection company, established in 2006 and in operation from 2010. The company's services include debt recovery, debtor tracing, debt management, litigation, call centre operations and blacklisting. The company's vision is to be the debt collector of choice through effective strategies and techniques.

No evidence was obtained to indicate that the company is able to do evaluation and grading of accommodation or have any qualified and skilled personnel as required in the RFP. The evaluation by NSFAS for this service provider should be scrutinised to establish what convinced NSFAS to make the award to this company.

85.3 **KHETHAKANYE TRADING AND PROJECTS 110 CC**

	
Registration No	2010/136597/23
Date of registration	9 November 2006
Director(s) & appointment date	Winnie Musa Ndlovu – 13 April 2023 Lutendo Arthur Ndou – 17 March 2023
Registered Address	546 Block V, Soshanguve, Gauteng
Business Address	546 Block V, Soshanguve, Gauteng
Contact number	0722455935
Province	Gauteng
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Trading in all aspects
<u>Notes</u>	
The Close Corporation was registered in 2010 and had several different members from the date of registration until 21 February 2022 when Winnie Musa Ndlovu was appointed for the first time as a member of Khethakanye Trading and Projects CC.	

Ndlovu was the sole member of the CC when the bid was submitted, but shortly after the submission of the bid, she resigned and Phasha Winers Mothemane was added as a member. She resigned on 24 February 2023 and Gift Thokozani Ndlovu was appointed. On 17 March 2023 the current member Lutendo Arthur Ndou was added as a member and on 13 April 2023 Gift Thokozani Ndlovu resigned. On the same day Winnie Musa Ndlovu was appointed.

The member changes in 2023 took place after the tender was awarded. The reason is unknown, but what is important is that Winnie Musa Ndlovu who was the sole member when the tender was submitted, was after the award appointed again as a member of the service provider.


It is equally important to note that in June 2023 Ndlovu took over the directorship of another Close Corporation called Monument Trading and Projects CC from Tshogofatso Ntuma, a director of Coinvest who was awarded the controversial direct payment of allowances tender by NSFAS. There seems to be a definite connection between Ndlovu and Ntumba. This is not the only instance where a relationship was identified between Ntumba, a Coinvest director, and a service provider for the accommodation accreditation tender.

A connection between Ntumba and accommodation accreditation service providers is suspicious because Ntumba is also connected to other service providers of NSFAS appointed on other tenders. She and her husband were also directors of companies who had tenders at Services SETA when the NSFAS CEO Mr Andile Nongogo was the CEO of Services SETA. This is not the only instance where a service provider, who was awarded a tender at Services SETA in the tenure of Mr Nongogo, are now awarded a tender at NSFAS.

The other director, Lutendo Ndou is also the owner of an aluminium doors business.

There is no indication that the company has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.

85.4 SIYAQHOBBA BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2013/052791/07
Date of registration	27 March 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Papi Simon Nkabinde – 10 December 2018
Registered Address	201 Buffel Street & 207 Louis Botha Avenue, Orange Grove, Gauteng
Business Address	201 Buffel Street & 207 Louis Botha Avenue, Orange Grove, Gauteng
Contact number	0793453713 / 0815738929
Province	Gauteng
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Unknown
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The director of Siyaqhoba Business Enterprise, Mr Papi Simon Nkabinde was a director of Futgenx who was awarded a tender by NSFAS to develop a student calculation tool. This tender was prematurely cancelled by NSFAS. Futgenx also provided PPE to the Gauteng Department of Health during the Covid lockdown period in 2020.</p> <p>Futgenx's director when the tender was awarded by NSFAS, was also a co-director of the Coinvest Foundation together with Ms Tshegofatso Ntumba, a director of Coinvest Africa who was awarded the direct payments of allowances tender by NSFAS.</p> <p>Nkabinde is also a co-director together with several other family members of Tshegofatso Ntumba on other companies. There is a clear indication that Mr Nkabinde is a business associate of the Ntumba family.</p> <p>There is no indication that this service provider has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.5 WABANE HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD


Registration No	2019/275069/07
Date of registration	5 June 2019
Director(s) & appointment date	Lungisa Justice Ngejane – 5 June 2019
Registered Address	Amadiba AA, Msizazwe, Bizana, Eastern Cape
Business Address	Amadiba AA, Msizazwe, Bizana, Eastern Cape
Contact number	0716304836
Province	Eastern Cape
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Not Restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Very little information could be obtained about this service provider. The director is 30 years old, and his occupation is listed as an Uber driver.</p> <p>There is no indication that the company has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.6 RNMM PROPERTY GROUP (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2016/351503/07
Date of registration	16 August 2016
Director(s) & appointment date	Rhulani Khensi Nxumalo – 16 August 2016 Mixo Penwell Mishiya – 16 August 2016
Registered Address	36 Villa Cosmos View Estate, 6829 Waterberg, Kosmosdal Drive, Centurion
Business Address	36 Villa Cosmos View Estate, 6829 Waterberg, Kosmosdal Drive, Centurion
Contact number	0734692372
Province	Gauteng
Website	No

Logo	No
Business activities	Not Restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Both directors are qualified and involved in the property development, construction and engineering sector. One of the company's employees was found on open source and she is a qualified Quantity Surveyor (Rishongile Ndleve). The company have submitted similar bids (valuation and inspection of properties) at several other government institutions.</p> <p>Based on the information obtained it is possible that the company will be able to execute the services as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.7 MUOFHE PROPERTIES (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2013/058440/07
Date of registration	9 April 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Khuliso Muthivhi - 12 June 2023 Eyethu Inathi Bikitsha – 10 May 2022 – 12 June 2023
Registered Address	36 Unit D, Thohoyandou, Limpopo
Business Address	36 Unit D, Thohoyandou, Limpopo
Contact number	0710714542
Province	Limpopo
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Unknown
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Eyethu Inathi Bikitsha was the sole director of the company when the bid was submitted. Khuliso Muthivhi was appointed as a director in June 2023, almost a year after the bid was awarded. One of the reasons why he was only appointed</p>	

after the bid was awarded, is that he is a Government Employee who should not do business with government institutions and could possibly have been identified during the evaluation process.

Muthivhi is a Chief Director in the E-Government department of Gauteng. Bikitsha was only a “stand in” director when the bid was submitted.


There is no indication that the company has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.

85.8 TALIN PROJECT (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2016/367382/07
Date of registration	24 August 2016
Director(s) & appointment date	Jacob Tau Masawi – 24 August 2016
Registered Address	05 Marloth Street, Mbombela, Mpumalanga
Business Address	Office UTS, 43 Marloth Street, Pauls Place, Mbombela, Mpumalanga
Contact number	0138801624
Province	Mpumalanga
Website	https://talinprojects.co.za/contact/
Logo	
Business activities	Civil and Plant Construction
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company specialises in construction and plant hire in Mpumalanga. The director Jacob Tau Masawi is part of the ANC Youth League leadership in Mpumalanga and can be a political exposed person to whom a government tender was awarded.</p>	

There is no evidence that it has the necessary skills, expertise or personnel to perform as required by the RFP.

85.9 INNATE-SAFIRI PROPERTY & ASSET MANAGEMENT (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2018/244245/07
Date of registration	11 April 2018
Director(s) & appointment date	Vuyokazi Mpondo – 11 April 2018 Bongisizwe Mpondo – 11 April 2018 Sibusisiwe Lynette Ntuli – 11 April 2018
Registered Address	1 Melrose Boulevard, Melrose Arch, Sandton, Gauteng
Business Address	1 Melrose Boulevard, Melrose Arch, Sandton, Gauteng
Contact number	0823344383
Province	Gauteng
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Not restricted
<p>Notes</p> <p>Directors Voyokazi Mpondo and Bongisizwe Mpondo are husband and wife. Mr Bongisizwe Mpondo was appointed as the PRASA administrator by Min Fikile Mbalula in December 2019. This appointment was set aside by the High Court and Mpondo was paid R3m a day before the court ruling in August 2020. He is also a former board member of SAA.</p> <p>Lynette Ntuli is the Chairperson of Finance and Accounting Services Sector Education and Training Authority (FASSET). Ms Ntuli is also the founder and CEO of Innate Investment Solutions, a professional services firm that provides property, asset and infrastructure development and management solutions.</p>	

Innate-Safiri submitted several tenders to various government departments and municipalities before, mainly for property related services.

The directors of Innate are high profile individuals.

It is concerning when the company of a chairperson of a Higher Education institution is appointed as a service provider for another Higher Education institution and it constitutes a conflict of interest and/or favouritism.

The company is involved with a wide variety of property services and it is possible that it would be able to execute the services as required in the RFP.

85.10 SYNERGETIC CONSULTING (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2015/162072/07
Date of registration	22 May 2015
Director(s) & appointment date	Ruqayya Dawood – 26 June 2019
Registered Address	79 Cherry Drive, Randpark, Johannesburg, Gauteng
Business Address	2nd Floor, Orion House, 137 Greenway, Greenside, Randburg
Contact number	0839922290
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://www.synconsulting.co.za/about/
Logo	
Business activities	Consulting Services
<u>Notes</u>	

According to the company's profile it is a niche advisory firm focusing on, inter alia, business project management, business optimisation, project implementation and execution, business development and social responsibility.

The director, Ms Dawood, is also a director of several other companies like Resolution Studio and Falahmetrix Solutions which together with Synergetic Consulting have been awarded several contracts by public institutions, mainly by entities resorting under the Department of Higher Education.

Several tenders were awarded to companies of Ms Dawood by Services Seta at the time when Mr Andile Nongogo was the CEO.

Although the company has an impressive website with several services listed in its business profile, there is no evidence that it has the necessary skills, expertise or personnel to deliver the services as required in the RFP. No proof could be found that the company offers any property inspection services.

85.11 DURAPI CONSULTING (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2013/058657/07
Date of registration	9 April 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Thavendran Naidoo – 8 September 2015 Laljith Rakesh Maharaj – 9 April 2013
Registered Address	Homestead Office Park, 37 Homestead Road, Rivonia, Johannesburg
Business Address	37 Homestead Rd, Edenburg, Sandton
Contact number	0113128599
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://durapi.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Quantity Surveying, Cost Engineering, Project Management, Infrastructure Advisory

	Services, Civil/Structural/Mechanical/Electrical Engineering, Safety Health Environment and Quality Assurance.
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>According to its website the company is experienced in the construction and development fields. Several of their clients are government institutions.</p> <p>The services the company specialises in are in line with the RFP requirements and it seems that this services provider can deliver on the required services.</p>	

85.12 GLE INTERIORS (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2013/149778/07
Date of registration	23 August 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Levy Sipho Phiri – 23 August 2013 Galeboe Roseline Phiri – 1 March 2023
Registered Address	1775 Masilo Street, Tlhabane, Rustenburg, North West
Business Address	377 Rivonia Boulevard, Rivonia, Johannesburg
Contact number	0115932513
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://www.gleinteriors.com/
Logo	
Business activities	Interior Architecture, Space planning, Project Management, Turnkey Solutions
<p><u>Notes</u></p>	

Levy Siphon Phiri was the founding director of the company together with Tebogo Brian van Wyk. They are currently facing criminal prosecution on charges of fraud, money laundering, corruption and contravention of the PFMA related to tender irregularities at SA Express for the amount of R183m. They are both out on bail and the trial will start in May 2024. It is concerning that NSFAS awards a tender to a company where the director faces criminal charges for tender fraud.

According to the company’s website it is possible that they can execute the services as required in the RFP, but it is questionable if they have the necessary qualified personnel and expertise.


85.13 STUDENT HOUSING ADVISORY PANEL (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2022/500783/07
Date of registration	24 May 2022
Director(s) & appointment date	Sikhukele Sithole – 24 May 2022 Sameera Suliman Moosa – 24 May 2022 Shuping Petrus Mpuru – 24 May 2022
Registered Address	1 Cape Road, Kruisrivier, Kariega, Eastern Cape
Business Address	1 Cape Road, Kruisrivier, Kariega, Eastern Cape
Contact number	0833269429
Province	Eastern Cape
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Not Restricted
<u>Notes</u>	
The company was registered shortly before the publication date of the bid and it is possible that it was formed for this tender and that the directors had knowledge that a bid would be advertised for service providers to accredit student accommodation.	

Dr Shuping Mpuru, one of the founding directors, is/was the Director: Student Housing at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and constitutes a possible conflict of interest. With his knowledge and connections in the student accommodation circles, it is possible that Dr Mpuru had pre-knowledge about the bid. Dr Mpuru was also a director of Ukhozi Student Accommodation (Pty) Ltd until 14 July 2021 together with another employee of Nelson Mandela Metro Municipality – Thomas Johannes Sysaar.


Sikhokele Sitole is a 29-year-old female employed at Nedbank. The other director Sameera Suliman Moosa is also a director of a company called Students at the Bay (Reg 2022/564013/07) registered around the same time as the service provider. There is no proof that the company has the necessary skills, personnel and experience to execute the requirements as stated in the RFP, other than a director that was involved with student accommodation at a university.

85.14 NPS MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2018/492165/07
Date of registration	12 September 2018
Director(s) & appointment date	Ndivhuwo Stanley Netshiya – 12 September 2018
Registered Address	860 Thornfield Estate, 5 Puerto Street, Monavoni, Centurion, Gauteng
Business Address	860 Thornfield Estate, 5 Puerto Street, Monavoni, Centurion, Gauteng
Contact number	0823283849
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://www.npsmanagementsolutions.co.za/

Logo	
Business activities	Facility Management, Inspections, Tenders Process Assistance, Supply Chain Management services, Training and Development.
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>According to the company's website it specialises in consulting services across a wide spectrum like maritime, banking, manufacturing etc.</p> <p>Mr Netshiya and his wife are the owners of accommodation in Pretoria which is registered on the NSFAS student accommodation webpage, 117 Mica Street, Proclamation Hill, Pretoria. This could constitute a conflict of interest being an accommodation provider and an accreditor.</p> <p>Mr Netshiya is also a co-director of a company (Voliu Enterprise) with another service provider on the accommodation accreditation panel, Mr Rammaano of TKR Students Accreditation (Pty) Ltd.</p> <p>The company is a consulting firm presenting workshops on different matters. It is doubtful if it has the necessary skills and expertise as required by the RFP.</p>	

85.15 TKR STUDENTS ACCREDITATION (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2022/316108/07
Date of registration	23 February 2022
Director(s) & appointment date	Thifhelimbilu Kenneth Ramaano – 23 February 2022
Registered Address	37 Maggs Street, West Park, Pretoria, Gauteng
Business Address	37 Maggs Street, West Park, Pretoria, Gauteng
Contact number	0814472745

Province	Gauteng
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Not Restricted
<u>Notes</u> <p>Mr Romaano is a relatively well known “spotrunner” who is employed by Armscor. As an employee of an SOE, Mr Romaano is prohibited to do business with a government entity without the necessary authorisation. He is also a co-director on another company with the director of NPS Management Solutions who is also on the accommodation accreditation panel of NSFAS. It is possible that Mr Stanley Netshiya approached him to submit a tender and that the NSFAS business is conducted through NPS Management Solutions.</p> <p>The company is a newly registered entity and no proof could be obtained that it has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel as required by the RFP.</p>	

85.16 AVEX SA 481 CC

Registration No	2002/029742/23
Date of registration	22 April 2002
Director(s) & appointment date	Charles Noel Menzokuhle Makhanya – 17 May 2002
Registered Address	BB 659 Umlazi Township, Umlazi, KZN
Business Address	BB 659 Umlazi Township, Umlazi, KZN
Contact number	0843712741
Province	KZN
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Import, Export, Community Development, Construction, Security, Cleaning, Property Consultant, General Trading
<u>Notes</u>	

Very little information available except that the sole member is also involved with poultry farming in KZN.

No evidence could be obtained to show that the service provider has the expertise, skills and personnel as required in the RFP.

85.17 KENDISA TRADING CC

	
Registration No	2008/220663/23
Date of registration	16 October 2008
Director(s) & appointment date	Sizwe Lloyd Msibi – 2 April 2018
Registered Address	11 Abelia, 12 Protea Road, Bedfordview, Johannesburg, Gauteng
Business Address	117 Norton Heights, Jacoba Road, Germiston, Johannesburg, Gauteng
Contact number	0117866628 / 0721886196
Province	Gauteng
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Trading in all aspects
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The director Sizwe Msibi is a qualified Metallurgic Engineer previously employed at Anglo Operations.</p> <p>Kendisa has submitted several tenders to different institutions for cleaning materials. A tender was also submitted to Eskom – unknown services.</p> <p>The company submitted tenders for a variety of services and it is doubtful if it has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to deliver the services as stated in the RFP.</p>	

85.18 **SIYAKHA-ISIZWE TRADING ENTERPRISE 84 CC**


Registration No	2011/005280/23
Date of registration	17 January 2011
Director(s) & appointment date	Gundo Kevin Mulaudzi – 17 January 2011
Registered Address	11 Aanblom Street, Visagiepark, Nigel, Gauteng
Business Address	11 Aanblom Street, Visagiepark, Nigel, Gauteng
Contact number	0118141243
Province	Gauteng
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Cultural Activities, General Construction, General Trading and Horticultural Services
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>No other information could be retrieved other than the director's LinkedIn profile which states that he is a strategy consultant at Quard Auto Care.</p> <p>With no information available it is unknown if the service provider would be able to deliver services as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.19 **PEPTHA PROJECTS (PTY) LTD**

Registration No	2013/017909/07
Date of registration	5 February 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Thomas Lucky Mohale – 23 March 2023 Ntokozo Lindokuhle Msimango – 5 February 2013 Alicia Thulisile Mtshweni – 1 February 2019 – 2 December 2021.
Registered Address	1 Villa St Louis, Valley View Estate, 501 Rooihuiskraal Road, Kosmosdal, Ceturion, Gauteng

Business Address	Unit 9 Barbeque Corner, Dytchley Road, Barbeque Downs, Kyalami, Johannesburg
Contact number	0114666808
Province	Gauteng & KZN
Website	https://peptha.co.za/index.html
Logo	
Business activities	Health, Safety, Quality and Environmental Consultants
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Thomas Lucky Mohale was appointed as a director after the bid was awarded. A previous director, Alicia Thulisile Mtshweni resigned in December 2021 after she was sequestered.</p> <p>According to the company's website their focus is on health and safety matters, waste management and to assist clients with legislation compliance in the petroleum and energy sectors.</p> <p>Although the company offers a wide variety of services, no proof could be found that the company has experience in property inspection as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.20 ONGOTI RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES (PTY) LTD


	
Registration No	2015/012580/07
Date of registration	13 February 2015
Director(s) & appointment date	Bhekithemba Vivian Lovemore Khumalo – 13 February 2015
Registered Address	7 Holiday Road, Merrivale, Howick, KZN

Business Address	Suite G, The Mews, 22 Montrose Park,, Boulevard, Victoria Country Club Estate, Pietermaritzburg
Contact number	0333470296 / 0832807741
Province	KZN
Website	https://www.ongotigroup.co.za/
Logo	 <p>The logo for ONGOTI Risk Management Services features a stylized orange eagle with spread wings above the word 'ONGOTI' in white. Below this, 'RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES' is written in smaller white text, and 'Your experts in risk alleviation' is written in even smaller white text at the bottom. The entire logo is set against a dark blue square background.</p>
Business activities	Risk management, investigation services, security consulting.
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company and its director, Mr Lovemore Khumalo are registered with the Institute of Risk Management, South Africa.</p> <p>According to the UKZN website, Mr Lovemore is employed at the University of KZN. This is a potential conflict of interest. If Mr Lovemore is indeed employed at UKZN, it should have been stated in the company's bid documents.</p> <p>Several Higher Education institutions are listed as clients of the company. According to its website, the company's services include fraud and risk management; security consulting; investigations; occupational health and safety; corporate governance; and innovative solutions for educational institutions.</p> <p>Although the company specialises in a wide variety of services, property inspections and evaluations are not in their field of expertise, and it is unknown if they will be able to execute the services as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.21 ELANDIVECT (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2016/411742/07
Date of registration	21 September 2016
Director(s) & appointment date	Hlengiwe Nonsikelelo Lubuzo – 6 June 2022 Majalefa Michael Khakhathiba – 6 June 2022
Registered Address	21 Amalinda Street, Sandton, Johannesburg
Business Address	21 Amalinda Street, Sandton, Johannesburg
Contact number	0736536013 / 0822143894
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://elandivect.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Mechanical, Construction, Tenant Installation, Maintenance and Operations Management
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Elandivect was a shelf company until 2022 when the directors bought it from Shelf Company Warehouse. They were appointed directors of the company just 2 weeks before the tender was advertised. The company website was also developed in 2022.</p> <p>Although Hlengiwe Nonsikelelo Lubuzo is one of the directors, her husband is the CEO of the company.</p> <p>Majalefa Michael Khakhathiba, the other director of the company and the Operations Director of Elandivect, is employed at SASSETA and a former employee of the AGSA.</p> <p>It is doubtful if the company have the necessary experience, skills and personnel as required in the RFP, if the directors were only appointed weeks before the tender was advertised.</p>	

85.22 MASHA DESIGNS ARCHITECTS (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2019/293991/07
Date of registration	13 June 2019
Director(s) & appointment date	Sithembele Maselwa – 13 June 2019
Registered Address	136 Goodall Road, Amalinda, East London, Eastern Cape
Business Address	3 Millar Road, Stamford Hill, Durban, KZN
Contact number	0723545426 / 0725739905 / 0313037040
Province	KZN
Website	https://www.mashadesigns.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Architecture, Urban Design & Master planning, Interior Design, Research & Building Audit, Project Management
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>According to the website, the company specialises in architecture.</p> <p>It is possible that this service provider should be able to execute the services as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.23 LAPHUMI LANGA PROJECTS (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2022/626235/07
Date of registration	27 July 2022
Director(s) & appointment date	Manelisi Kilani – 5 September 2023 Zuziwe Precious Ndzingi – 27 July 2022 Bonga Ncwina – 27 July 2023
Registered Address	Mbombela

Business Address	Mbombela
Contact number	0822975488
Province	Mpumalanga
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Not restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company was registered after the tender was advertised and only two weeks before the closing date.</p> <p>Ndzingi is a registered nurse and Ncwina is employed at the Beverage company as a National Account Manager. Kilani was appointed as a director on 5 September 2023 and is employed at the University of Mpumalanga as an Admin-Assistant of the Director for Student Housing. Mr Kilani’s involvement with the University of Mpumalanga is concerning and could be a possible conflict of interest.</p> <p>The company was registered after the tender was advertised and no proof could be obtained that it has the necessary skills, experience and personnel to deliver the required services.</p>	

85.24 RELIANT CONSULTING (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2019/028773/07
Date of registration	21 January 2019
Director(s) & appointment date	Victor Mushava – 21 January 2019
Registered Address	09 La Toscana, 55 Grobler Street, Polokwane
Business Address	09 La Toscana, 55 Grobler Street, Polokwane
Contact number	Unknown
Province	Limpopo
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Not restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p>	

According to Mr Mushava’s LinkedIn account he is an Electrical Engineer who qualified at the University of Zimbabwe. He has experience in medium voltage networks, building services and substations.

No other details could be obtained regarding Mr Mushava or the company other than a few tenders submitted by Reliant Consulting.

No identification number could be obtained for Mr Mushava, which is concerning.

No proof could be obtained that the company has any skills, experience or personnel to perform the services as required in the RFP, except that Mr Mushava is an electrical engineer.

85.25 ENSIKA – TOCOLITE JV


JV Partner 1	Entsika Consulting Services (Pty) Ltd
Registration No	2009/006546/07
Date of registration	1 April 2009
Director(s) & appointment date	Zakhele Sydney Mkhize – 31 July 2009 Lucky Lesiba Mabokela – 26 June 2014 Ansia Daneel – 26 June 2014 (Resigned 1 May 2023) Pule Joseph Mothibe 1 February 2023
Registered Address	490B Smuts Drive and Oracle, Waterfall, Midrand, Gauteng
Business Address	490B Smuts Drive and Oracle, Waterfall, Midrand, Gauteng
Contact number	012 348 2307
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://entsika.co.za/ (Currently unavailable)
Logo	
Business activities	Auditing and Engineering Consultants


<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>After the bid was awarded, Ms Daniel Resigned from the company and Mr Mothibe was appointed as a director and CEO of the company. Mr Mkhize and Mr Mothibe are former directors of PWC.</p> <p>It is likely that the company together with its JV partner would be able to perform the duties as required in the RFP if they have the necessary skilled personnel.</p>	
JV Partner 2	Tocolite (Pty) Ltd
Registration No	2019/282307/07
Date of registration	7 June 2019
Director(s) & appointment date	Nondumiso Nkabinde – 13 November 2019
Registered Address	Plot 144, Sterkfontein Country Estate, Krugersdorp, Gauteng
Business Address	Plot 144, Sterkfontein Country Estate, Oaktree, Krugersdorp, Gauteng
Contact number	0762451310
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://tocolite.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Consulting company, operating in the Infrastructure Management, Supply Chain, Enterprise Development and Skills Development sectors.
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company is a 100% black female owned company which according to its website has an affluence of Public Sector experience, knowledge, and expertise across a variety of disciplines.</p> <p>It is likely that the company together with its JV partner would be able to perform the duties as required in the RFP if they have the necessary skilled personnel.</p>	

85.26 LTM BUILDING SOLUTIONS (PTY) LTD


Registration No	2011/139208/07
Date of registration	30 November 2011
Director(s) & appointment date	Mahlomola Letsie – 30 November 2011 Thakanyane Eliza Letsie – 30 November 2011
Registered Address	284 President Paul Kruger Avenue, Universitas, Bloemfontein
Business Address	27 John Knox Street, Park West, Bloemfontein
Contact number	0515221217
Province	Free State
Website	https://ltmbuilding.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Civil engineering, project management, road construction, development of skills courses.
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company is accredited by CETA to provide training. It specialises in building, project management, road construction, development of skills courses.</p> <p>The company offers specialised services in the civil engineering space and it is likely that they will be able to perform the duties as required in the RFP if they employ the necessary skilled personnel.</p>	

85.27 GG&G CONSULTING ENGINEERS (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2002/027619/07
Date of registration	4 November 2002

Director(s) & appointment date	Godwyn Gura Ahumah Jnr Smith – 15 June 2005 Ignatius Johannes Gerhardus van Zyl – 1 March 2021 (Non-Executive director)
Registered Address	5 Poseidon Crescent, Bluewater Bay, Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape
Business Address	120 Villier Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth
Contact number	0415823835
Province	Eastern Cape
Website	http://ggandg.co.za/index.htm
Logo	
Business activities	Consulting Engineers on infrastructure, roads construction, airports, railway and building.
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The director of the company is related to another service provider’s director who also developed the NSFAS platform for registration as a private accommodation provider.</p> <p>Although the company specialises in engineering and construction of infrastructure, it is likely that it will have the necessary skills and expertise to perform the duties as required by the RFP.</p>	


85.28 ADAM FAE (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2017/048898/07


Date of registration	8 February 2017
Director(s) & appointment date	Peter Kefa Opolot – 26 November 2019 Ebenezer Kwamena Smith – 8 February 2017
Registered Address	10 Hallack Road, Essexvale, Gqeberha, Eastern Cape
Business Address	10 Hallack Road, Essexvale, Gqeberha, Eastern Cape
Contact number	0145824582 / 0729444752
Province	Eastern Cape
Website	https://adamfae.co.za/About/index.html
Logo	No
Business activities	Not restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company is a multidisciplinary built environment firm which employs project managers, architects and quantity surveyors.</p> <p>Director Ebenezer Kwamena Smith is also the CEO of Profecia IT, a software development company that was awarded a tender by NSFAS to develop an online accommodation solution for NSFAS students. Mr Smith is also instrumental in leading NSFAS private accommodation providers workshops.</p> <p>Mr Smith is a director of a company who is also an accredited accommodation provider, Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd.</p> <p>Mr Smit is related to a director of another accommodation accreditor, Mr Godwyn Gura Ahumah Jnr Smith of GG&G Consulting Engineers.</p> <p>The company operates in the property development sector and could have the necessary skills and expertise to execute the duties as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.29 VUV'AMU (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2013/054657/07
Date of registration	3 April 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Bhekumuzi Hlengwa – 31 May 2019
Registered Address	B578 Umlazi Township, Umlazi, KZN

Business Address	62 Old Main Road, Kloof, KZN
Contact number	0310034270
Province	KZN
Website	https://vuvamu.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Project Management & Engineering Consultants
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company is very active in the civil engineering sector and does a lot of work for government departments, municipalities and universities in KZN.</p> <p>It is possible that the company has the required skills and expertise to execute the duties as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.30 AKAU PROPERTY CONSULTANTS (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2015/374613/07
Date of registration	22 October 2015
Director(s) & appointment date	Siyavuya Papu – 22 October 2015
Registered Address	351 Hartbees Street, Waterkloof Ridge, Pretoria
Business Address	351 Hartbees Street, Waterkloof Ridge, Pretoria
Contact number	0726483245
Province	Gauteng
Website	No
Logo	No

Business activities	Not Restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Siyavuya Papu is also a director of Adowa, a company that specialises in the development of student housing. It is concerning that an accreditation agent is also part of a group of companies that develops student housing and this constitutes a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Although the director is a partner in a student housing development company, there is no evidence that this service provider has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the services as required in the RFP.</p>	


85.31 DIVINE INSPIRATION TRADING (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2009/003445/07
Date of registration	23 February 2009
Director(s) & appointment date	Soobramoney Leonard Balakisten – 18 May 2009
Registered Address	209 Umhlanga Rocks Drive, Durban North, KZN
Business Address	209 Umhlanga Rocks Drive, Durban North, KZN
Contact number	0836250378
Province	KZN
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	General Trading in all aspects
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Very little information available on the service provider. It seems that the sole director is active in the property development sector.</p> <p>No evidence could be obtained that proof that the service provider has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the services as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.32 CHANDLA CONSULTING (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2018/204038/07
Date of registration	14 March 2018
Director(s) & appointment date	Lerato Mpho Mkandla (Letlala) – 14 March 2018
Registered Address	33 The Willows Estate, Cabernet Street, Willowbrook, Ext 18, Gauteng
Business Address	33 The Willows Estate, Cabernet Street, Willowbrook, Ext 18, Gauteng
Contact number	0842080884
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://ondex.co.za/chandla-properties.html
Logo	ONDEx Holdings
Business activities	CIPC services, Accounting services, Business processes
Notes	<p>The service provider is part of Ondex Holdings (Pty) Ltd. Except for the services above, the company is also involved with commercial property rentals.</p> <p>No evidence was obtained to proof that the service provider has the necessary skill, expertise and personnel to execute the required services as described in the RFP.</p>

85.33 LOMAHAYIHAYI ENTERPRISE (PTY) LTD

	
Registration No	2016/145467/07
Date of registration	12 April 2016
Director(s) & appointment date	Asanda Nomagugu Themba – 1 June 2021

Registered Address	27 Turtle Street, Kamagugu, Mbombela
Business Address	27 Turtle Street, Kamagugu, Mbombela
Contact number	0818659187
Province	Mpumalanga
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Not restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The director of the company is 20 years old. Her father is the provincial spokesperson of the ANC in Mpumalanga and possibly a Political Exposed Person. Very little info available on this service provider.</p> <p>No evidence was obtained to suggest that the service provider has the required skills, expertise or personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP. The young age of the director further suggests that she don't have the required experience.</p>	

85.34 FIDMART (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2015/159042/07
Date of registration	19 May 2015
Director(s) & appointment date	Welile Cynthia Hadebe – 14 July 2020. Resigned 17 May 2023. Appointed 25 May 2023 Amahle Sidubedube – 11 May 2023 – 25 May 2023
Registered Address	30 Seventh Avenue, Morningside, Durban, KZN
Business Address	30 Seventh Avenue, Morningside, Durban, KZN
Contact number	0769364081
Province	KZN
Website	No

Logo	No
Business activities	Not restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The director, Welile Cynthia Hadebe was appointed as a director on 14 July 2020. She then resigned 17 May 2023 but was again appointed 25 May 2023. It is unknown why she resigned for a week just to be re-appointed, but it is clear that she was the director of the company when the bid was submitted and awarded. The company was also appointed by the KZN Department of Health and Legal Aid South Africa to provide accommodation services.</p> <p>No proof was obtained that the service provider has the necessary skills, expertise or personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.35 MASSTON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2012/052722/07
Date of registration	13 March 2012
Director(s) & appointment date	Thivhilaheli Antonious Masala – 13 March 2012
Registered Address	7 Clair Road, Lynwood Glen, Pretoria
Business Address	7 Clair Road, Lynwood Glen, Pretoria
Contact number	0128090701
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://masston.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Construction
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The director Mr Masala is a qualified Quantity Surveyor and the company has over the years submitted several tenders to various public entities. The company specialises in construction.</p>	

Based on the experience of the company it is likely that they have the necessary skills and expertise to execute the services as required in the RFP.

85.36 IQHAYIYA DESIGN WORKSHOP (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2013/195259/07
Date of registration	18 October 2013
Director(s) & appointment date	Kayaletu Dalubuhle Qwalela – 18 October 2013 Mfundo Archibald Maphumulo – 18 October 2013
Registered Address	7 Hawkins Avenue, Eppindust, Goodwood
Business Address	88 Marine Drive, Margate, KZN
Contact number	0393120403 0737257297
Province	KZN
Website	https://www.iqhayiyadw.co.za/index.php
Logo	
Business activities	Architecture
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The directors of the company are professional architects practising for more than a decade. They completed projects at HLM Municipal Offices, Eastern Cape Social Development Offices at Matatiele, uMzimkhulu Traffic Department, Police Station, Low-cost human settlements, various Community halls, Agro-processing incubation hub, and a bus maintenance depot. Some of our large current projects include the UIF Head Office in Sunnyside, Pretoria, Mbizana Civic Centre, uMzimkhulu Memorial Hall, several municipal sports & recreational facilities and a township SMME incubation hub with eThekweni’s City Architects Department.</p>	


Although the service provider specialises in the architecture sector, it seems that they have the necessary skills and expertise to fulfil the requirements as stated in the RFP.

85.37 KHUMZI INVESTMENTS (PTY) LTD

Registration No	2012/043504/07
Date of registration	2 March 2012
Director(s) & appointment date	Sakie Sakhumzi Magele – 2 March 2012
Registered Address	Office 7C, 123 Western Avenue, Vincent, East London
Business Address	Office 7C, 123 Western Avenue, Vincent, East London
Contact number	0434220304 0826952207
Province	Eastern Cape
Website	https://khumzi.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Communication services, Hydraulics, Construction, Plant Hire, Property Development, Project Management, Waste Management, Petroleum, Travel.
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company offers a wide variety of services and according to its website it employs Accountants, Water Engineers, Project Managers, Process Controllers, Maintenance Managers, Artisans and water Technicians. They provide services for government departments and municipalities.</p>	

With the wide variety of services the company offers, it is likely that they have the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.

85.38 **CLASSY TRADE AND INVEST 1222 CC**

	
Registration No	2006/213930/23
Date of registration	30 November 2006
Director(s) & appointment date	Mageshpren Moodley – 7 February 2007
Registered Address	197 Flanders Drive, Mount Edgecombe, Phoenix, KZN
Business Address	197 Flanders Drive, Mount Edgecombe, Phoenix, KZN
Contact number	0837078696 0312689800
Province	KZN
Website	No
Logo	No
Business activities	Trading and Investment
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The sole member of the close corporation, Mr Mageshpren Moodley is also the sole director of Royal Security and son of Roy Moodley who is a Political Exposed Person for the assistance to former Pres Jacob Zuma. He allegedly paid former president Zuma a salary when he was the Deputy President. Unconfirmed information is that Mr Roy Moodley and a business partner is buying condemned properties in Durban and convert them into student housing.</p> <p>No evidence was obtained that shows proof that the service provider has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.</p>	

85.39 3T LA – SERETLO JV

JV Partner 1	La-Nkanyezi Investments and Projects
Registration No	2016/352155/07
Date of registration	18 August 2016
Director(s) & appointment date	Mfanufikile Nicholas Mfayela – 18 August 2016
Registered Address	9 Eternity, Rivonia, 10 th Avenue, Rivonia, Johannesburg
Business Address	9 Eternity, Rivonia, 10th Avenue, Rivonia, Johannesburg
Contact number	0834361227
Province	Gauteng
Website	No
Logo	
Business activities	Not restricted
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>Mr Mfanu Mfayela is a director of several companies inter alia the CEO of SACCOM, the association responsible for the development of the Business Process outsourcing (BPO) industry in South Africa.</p> <p>Although Mr Mfayela is a seasoned businessman, no evidence could be obtained that the company (JV) has the necessary skills, personnel and skills to execute the services as requested in the RFP.</p>	
JV Partner 2	TL Seretlo Busines Consulting (Pty) Ltd
Registration No	2012/113752/07
Date of registration	2 July 2012
Director(s) & appointment date	Teboho Lineo Seretlo – 2 July 2012
Registered Address	1799 Waterstone Park, 17A Black Rock Street, Greenside Hill, Edenvale

Business Address	No.1 Casino Road, Founders Hill, Modderfontein Estate, Johannesburg
Contact number	0728502681 / 0823269024
Province	Gauteng
Website	https://seretlo.co.za/
Logo	
Business activities	Business mentoring, Business model canvas, Business plans, Virtual office assistance, Business processes
<p><u>Notes</u></p> <p>The company is a 100% black female owned company which according to its website deliver a range of business related services. No evidence could be obtained to proof that the company has the necessary skills and expertise to execute the services as required in the RFP.</p>	

CONCERNS ABOUT FLAGGED SERVICE PROVIDERS

- 86. When the service providers were analysed and more detailed investigations were done into the companies, its directors, business relationships and their ability to execute the services as required in the RFP, several red flags were identified.
- 87. There are also concerns about the evaluation process of NSFAS and how often they re-evaluate their service providers to establish if there were any changes in ownership, shareholding and directors subsequent to the appointment of the service providers.
- 88. Not all the service providers with no proof of experience and qualified personnel, were flagged. The lack of information in the public domain makes it difficult to evaluate the ability of the service providers to successfully execute the services as required by NSFAS.

89. As seen with the flagged service providers, there are a range of concerns, *inter alia* service providers who are connected with other NSFAS service providers who are currently under investigation (Coinvest), service providers who are connected to officials of the governing party, service providers who are also accommodation providers, service providers who are accreditation agents and who were involved in developing the student accommodation online platform and directors of companies who are in the employ of state institutions and universities.
90. On 22 March 2023 Mr Andile Nongogo informed the Portfolio Committee of Higher Education, Science and Innovation in parliament that the accreditation agents are service providers who specialise in accreditations and the 38 referred to in the presentation are spread out across the nine provinces of the country. Having independent accreditors would ensure that the process is independent.
91. This statement of Mr Nongogo was not a 100% true and correct. As seen above in the analysis done on the service providers, it is clear that some service providers do not specialise in property inspections and accreditations. Furthermore, with some accreditation agents who are also accommodation providers, the process can surely not be independent.
92. It is also strange that with its presentation to the portfolio committee, NSFAS referred to only 38 service providers. This number of service providers was verbally conveyed by Mr Nongogo to the portfolio committee and the same number appears on the slides of the presentation. This could surely not have been an oversight and it creates the impression that one service provider was added afterwards.

SERIOUS CONCERNS WITH THE SLOW PROGRESS OF ACCOMMODATION ACCREDITATION

93. In February 2022 NSFAS advertised a tender for the provision of an online student accommodation solution. The closing date for submissions was 15 March 2022.

Statistics published in the RFP showed that NSFAS paid R11,417bn towards accommodation costs for 391 848 students. (see par 20 – 21 supra)

94. In July 2022, when the student accommodation accreditation tender was advertised, NSFAS estimated that 397 000 students will require accommodation.

Below are some key statistics that are relevant to the prospective bidder, noting that the students are spread across all nine (9) provinces.

Institution type	Accommodation type	Estimated number of Students
TVET College	Institution Owned Accommodation	12,000
	Private Accommodation	120,000
University	Institution Owned Accommodation	100,000
	Private Accommodation	165,000

95. On 22 March 2023 NSFAS reported to the Higher Education Portfolio Committee that a total of 393 227 beds have been registered by 20 751 accommodation providers across the country. This presentation to the portfolio committee confirmed that 99% of the beds needed for students (as published in the RFP) were available in the market. The origin of the data on the number of beds and accommodation providers is unknown. The only explanation is that it was copied out of the research NSFAS did when the student accommodation portal tender was prepared.
96. NSFAS also reported that there were 3 027 beds already accredited which indicates that the accreditation agents have indeed started with the accreditation of accommodation.

NSFAS INTERVENTION WITH INSTITUTIONS AFFECTED BY THE CAP



- ❑ NSFAS started engagements with the affected institutions in trying to find solutions for funded students that could not be placed because of the accommodation cap.
- ❑ NSFAS is fast tracking the accreditation of accommodation providers and beds that have been registered on the portal in order to place students.
- ❑ As at 20 March 2023, there is a total of **393 227 beds that have been registered** by 20751 accommodation providers across the country.
- ❑ NSFAS appointed 38 accreditors who have been trained and workshopped in the last month.
- ❑ **3027 beds have been accredited** between 13 and 17 March. By the end of this week there should be another 3 000 beds and more that are accredited.

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97. Keeping in mind that the accreditation agents were only appointed and trained in the beginning of 2023, it is understandable that only 3 027 beds were accredited by that time.
98. On 6 September 2023 NSFAS appeared before the Higher Education Portfolio Committee again and presented an update on student accommodation.
99. NSFAS reported that a total of 93 424 beds have been registered on the student accommodation platform. No explanation was provided for the decrease in numbers of registered beds. NSFAS reported that 58 444 beds have been paid for by accommodation providers. This would have generated a minimum income for NSFAS or the service providers of R5,844,400 if all accommodation providers paid for R100 per bed. This amount can be higher if accommodation providers paid for less than 100 beds.
100. It was further presented by NSFAS that 21 903 (37,4%) of the beds that were paid for, have been inspected and accredited by the accreditation agents.

UPDATE ON STUDENT ACCOMMODATION



- ❑ A total of 93 424 beds have been registered on the accommodation platform.
- ❑ 58 444 beds have been paid for on the platform.
- ❑ A total of 21 903 have been accredited.
- ❑ 4 TVET Colleges are participating in the test pilot and agreement on students that still require accommodation is in progress with the said institutions.
- ❑ At one institution, the pilot is advanced where students have even applied on the platform for the accredited accommodation.
- ❑ Fully pilot the programme in TVET Colleges in 2024

101. A month later, on 4 October 2023, NSFAS appeared before the Higher Education portfolio committee again and presented an update on the student accommodation accreditation process.
102. NSFAS reported that a total of 247 835 beds have been registered on the student accommodation platform. This is an increase of 154 411 (62%) of registered beds from the previous update.
103. The number of accommodation providers who paid for their beds to be inspected showed an increase of only 11 146 (16%). The total beds paid for and ready to be inspected were 69 590 on 4 October 2023. This also meant an additional income of R1,114,600 for NSFAS or the service providers in one month.
104. The number of beds that were accredited in this period increased with 3900 accreditations to 25 803. Although the number of registered and paid beds increased, the accreditations done was still at 37%.

UPDATE ON STUDENT ACCOMMODATION ACCREDITATION

- ❑ The total number of beds applied for on the portal is 247 835.
- ❑ The total number of beds that have been paid for is 69 590.
- ❑ The total number of accredited beds is 25 803.
- ❑ The accreditation of beds has been slow because it was a manual process. NSFAS stopped the manual process and had to ingest the accreditation reports that were already done manually into the system whilst developing an accreditation tool on the system.
- ❑ The accreditors are being allocated work for them to start with the accreditation on Monday 09 October 2023.

105. The 4 October 2023 NSFAS presentation shows that only 28% of registered beds were paid for by accommodation providers to be accredited. This means that less than 30% of the beds that are available in the market is illegible for inspection and can be loaded on the student accommodation portal as accredited and available accommodation for students in 2024.
106. This presentation confirms OUTA's concerns regarding the ability of the accreditation agents to execute their duties as set out in the RFP. The figures presented indicate that the 39 appointed service providers inspected and graded an average of approximately 661 beds per service provider from their appointment in January 2023 until 4 October 2023. That is about an average of 74 beds per accreditation agent per month. The poor performance of the service providers is also a confirmation of a lack of oversight and contract management from NSFAS.
107. Even if the full total of registered beds as presented on 4 October 2023 were to be paid for by accommodation providers and the inspection rate stays at 37%, only 91 699 beds will be accredited and graded and available for students in 2024 and will not meet the demand as set out by NSFAS in their tender document.

108. OUTA has been informed by an accommodation provider that although payment for registration of beds was made months ago, to date nothing further happened and no contact was made by any accreditation agent.
109. OUTA was also informed that some of the bigger student accommodation providers decided not to register their accommodation on the NSFAS platform for various reasons *inter alia* the high cost for registration and the capped accommodation allowance.
110. With the start of the 2023 academic year, it was widely reported in the media that NSFAS funded students could not obtain any accommodation. It was attributed to the R45,000 cap that was introduced by NSFAS without consulting with or participation by the private accommodation providers. Many students slept on sidewalks, classrooms and hallways. There were protests at universities across the country and students clashed with the police. In some instances the protests resulted in arrests of students. At the University of Cape Town (UCT) the university had to approach the Western Cape High Court for an interim interdict to restore order on campus.
111. The start of the 2024 academic year is just a few months away and NSFAS has only been able to accredit around 26 000 beds to date. With the 4 October 2023 presentation to parliament, NSFAS acknowledged that the accreditation of beds has been slow because it was a manual process. NSFAS informed the portfolio committee that the manual process has been stopped and that the accreditation reports were uploaded to the student accommodation portal. NSFAS suggested that accreditations is to be done with an accreditation tool on the student accommodation portal to speed up the accreditation process.
112. The understanding is that the physical inspections of accommodation by an accreditation agent will be stopped and that accreditation will be done on the student accommodation by the accreditation agents using information that was submitted by the accommodation providers. The documents accommodation

providers must upload onto the portal are building plans, electrical certificate of compliance, fire compliance certificate, proof of ownership and a zoning certificate.

113. If the accreditation process will now be a process of perusing the uploaded documents and do a virtual accreditation, it will definitely defeat the purpose for which the 39 accreditation agents have been appointed – to do a physical inspection of accommodation and to be satisfied that the accommodation is 100% fit for purpose as set out in the Policy on the Minimum Norms and Standard for Student Housing at Public Universities published by the Department of Higher Education. The question will then be if there is still a need for the accreditation agents and the accompanied high costs for the project.

C OFF-TAKE AGREEMENTS

114. In the NSFAS presentation to the Higher Education Portfolio Committee on 23 November 2022 it was reported that the value proposition by NSFAS to increase accommodation capacity by off-take agreements was supported with a legal opinion. This would allow NSFAS to issue off-take agreements to developers and/or institutions.
115. With off-take agreements between NSFAS and accommodation providers, NSFAS will aim to eliminate the accommodation availability concerns. An off-take agreement is an arrangement where NSFAS will agree to rent 80% or more beds from an accommodation provider for an extended period of time.
116. NSFAS advertised the tender for the granting of off-take agreements on 13 October 2022 with a closing date of 10 November 2022, which was extended to 2 December 2022.

117. This application process to sign off-take agreements is for underdeveloped and yet-to-be-developed accommodation facilities. It does not apply to accommodation providers who are currently providing accommodation to NSFAS beneficiaries.

118. Below is the advertisement that was published by NSFAS.

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) invites institutions of higher learning, accommodation providers, developers, investors and all relevant individuals or groups who seek to apply for off-take agreements in the provision of student accommodation for NSFAS beneficiaries. Please note that this process is not applicable to accommodation providers who are currently providing accommodation to NSFAS beneficiaries. It is for underdeveloped and yet-to-be-developed accommodation facilities.

- ***The granting of the off-take agreements will be subject to:***
- *National Treasury approval*
- *Sound business cases*
- *Meeting the minimum requirements and points*
- *Demand for accommodation in the proposed area.*

NB: NSFAS reserves the right to partially provide off-take agreements for lesser spaces and/or beds than what is applied for.

- ***Mandatory requirements:***
- *Over 80% of the proposed beds should be catering to NSFAS beneficiaries*
- *The proposed cost per bed should not exceed R45 000 per annum*
- *An undertaking that the envisaged accommodation will meet the*
- *minimum norms and standards.*

Please visit www.nsfas.org.za to apply and ensure you upload all required supporting documents.

Upon completion of the online application form

All requests will be evaluated by NSFAS against a combination of pre-defined mandatory criteria and a point-scoring system, following which the outcome thereof shall be communicated to the successful parties.

NSFAS shall then engage the successful parties to draft, negotiate, complete and sign the relevant take-off agreement.

Applications will close on 10 November 2022. All applicants must submit all the required supporting documents including business cases where applicable. The process to accredit existing accommodation is a separate one and its commencement will be announced in due course.

119. There is very little additional information available on the progress of the NSFAS initiative to sign off-take agreements with service providers, other than what was presented in Parliament in November 2022.
120. In an interview with City Press Mr Andile Nongogo said that he was placed under immense pressure to ensure that certain companies received the off-take agreements. The list was allegedly handed to him by the NSFAS chairperson and a ministerial adviser. Mr Nongogo added that days after his suspension he became aware that his electronic signature was used without his permission to issue 12 student accommodation off-take agreement letters to potential service providers.

FINDINGS

121. NSFAS appointed 4 service providers to develop and maintain an online platform for student accommodation when the BEC recommended the appointment of 2 service providers.
122. The CFO, Mr Masile Ramorwesi was the BEC chairperson when Bid SCMN023/2021 was evaluated. It is inappropriate for the CFO, as head of the SCM Unit, to be part of the BEC.
123. The former CEO of NSFAS Mr Andile Nongogo was present when the bidders presented their solutions to the BEC and that he participated in process. It is highly irregular for the CEO to get involved with the evaluation of tenders.
124. During the evaluation, one bidder Training Young Minds, was disqualified but the BEC Chairperson allowed a re-evaluation which led to Training Young Minds further participation in the evaluation process. Eventually Training Young Minds was appointed as a service provider.
125. One of the directors of Profecia IT, Mr Ebenhezer Smith who was appointed as a service provider for the development of an online student accommodation portal, is

also a director of Adam Fae (Pty) Ltd, a company which was appointed as an accommodation accreditation agent. Mr Smith is also a director of Fort Brook (Pty) Ltd, an accredited accommodation provider. The appointments constitute a conflict of interests.

126. Mr Ebenezer Smith was then also the chairperson of accommodation provider workshops presented by NSFAS.
127. Mr Ebenezer Smit is also related to Mr Godwyn Smith, the director of GG&G Consulting Engineers (Pty) Ltd which was appointed as an accommodation accreditation agent.
128. Accommodation providers must pay between R100 and R200 to register their beds on the online portal for accreditation. NSFAS will deduct 5% from the rent that is paid to an accommodation provider as a licence fee to enable accommodation providers to make use of the online student accommodation portal.
129. The destination of the funds collected from accommodation providers is unknown.
130. Documents issued to accommodation providers after payment was made, appears suspicious and the fact that there are no unique invoice numbers, will make tracking of documents and payments difficult.
131. The 4 service providers developed their own online platforms. The costs for the development are unknown but must have doubled with the appointment of 4 service providers instead of 2 as suggested by the BEC.
132. As with the direct payment of allowances, accommodation providers have no choice but to use the online student accommodation platform if they want to rent their accommodation to NSFAS beneficiaries.
133. One bidder, Fundi Capital has already developed and rolled out many of the solutions which NSFAS advertised tenders for and is operating in the education field from 1996. Fundi has been overseen in all bids they submitted.

134. The purpose of Bid No SCMN003/2022 was to appoint reliable and experienced service providers to perform accreditation of private and institution owned accommodation. Analysis of the service providers showed that most of the service providers who were appointed do not have the necessary experience, skills and expertise as required in the RFP.
135. Dunmarsh Investments CC is a debt collection company. No evidence was obtained to indicate that the company can do evaluation and grading of accommodation or have any qualified and skilled personnel as required in the RFP.
136. No information could be obtained to show that Khethakanye Trading and Projects 110 CC has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP. It was also found that the service provider has links with a director of the controversial Coinvest Africa who was appointed as a service provider for the direct distribution of allowances.
137. The director of Siyaqhoba Business Enterprise (Pty) Ltd, Mr Papi Nkabinde, was found to be a co-director of several companies that can be linked with the director and family members of the director of Coinvest Africa who was appointed as a service provider for the direct distribution of allowances.
138. The sole director of Muofhe Properties (Pty) Ltd, Mr Khuliso Muthivhi is a Chief Director in the E-Government department of Gauteng. He became a director of the company after the bid was awarded. The previous director of the company performed the role of a “stand in” director when the bid was submitted. As a government employee, Mr Muthivhi ought to be prohibited to do business with government institutions. There is no indication that the company has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.
139. One of the directors of Innate-Safiri Property & Asset Management (Pty) Ltd is Ms Lynette Ntuli who is also the Chairperson of Finance and Accounting Services Sector Education and Training Authority (FASSET). When the company of a chairperson of a

Higher Education institution is appointed as a service provider for another Higher Education institution, it constitutes a conflict of interest and/ or favouritism.

140. The director of Synergetic Consulting (Pty) Ltd, Ms Ruqayya Dawood, is the director of several other companies like Resolution Studio and Falahmetrix Solutions. Several tenders were awarded to the companies of Ms Dawood by Services Seta during a time when Mr Andile Nongogo was the CEO and there is a possibility of a historic relationship between Ms Dawood and Mr Nongogo. No evidence could be obtained to show that the service provider has the necessary skills, expertise or personnel to deliver the services as required in the RFP.
141. The director of GLE Interiors (Pty) Ltd is currently facing criminal prosecution on charges of fraud, money laundering, corruption and contravention of the PFMA which is related to tender irregularities at SA Express in the amount of R183m. He is out on bail and the trial will start in May 2024.
142. Student Housing Advisory Panel (Pty) Ltd was registered shortly before the publication date of the bid and it is likely that it was formed for this tender and that the directors had knowledge that a bid would be advertised for service providers to accredit student accommodation. Dr Shuping Mpuru, one of the founding directors, is/ was the Director: Student Housing at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. No proof could be obtained that the company has the necessary skills, personnel and experience to execute the requirements as stated in the RFP.
143. The director of NPS Management Solutions (Pty) Ltd and his wife are the owners of accommodation in Pretoria which is registered on the NSFAS student accommodation webpage. (117 Mica Street, Proclamation Hill, Pretoria). This could constitute a conflict of interest being an accommodation provider and an accreditor. No information could be obtained that the service provider has the necessary skills and expertise as required by the RFP.
144. The director of TKR Students Accreditation (Pty) Ltd, Mr Thifhelimbilu Kenneth Ramaano, is an employee of Armscor. An employee of government ought to be

prohibited to do business with another government entity without the necessary authorisation. No proof could be obtained that the service provider has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel as required by the RFP.

145. Elandivect (Pty) Ltd was a shelf company until June 2022 when it was obtained by the directors Hlengiwe Nonsikelelo Lubuzo and Majalefa Michael Khakhathiba. The directors were appointed just 2 weeks before the tender was advertised and therefore it is highly doubtful that the company has the necessary experience, skills and personnel as required in the RFP.
146. Laphumi Langa Projects (Pty) Ltd was registered after the tender was advertised and only two weeks before the closing date. One of the directors, Manelisi Kilani, was appointed on 5 September 2023 and is employed at the University of Mpumalanga as an Admin-Assistant of the Director for Student Housing and this is an indication of a conflict of interest. The company was registered after the tender was advertised and no proof could be obtained that it has the necessary skills, experience and personnel to deliver the required services.
147. The director of Akau Property Consultants (Pty) Ltd is also a director of a student accommodation developer Adowa (Pty) Ltd. It is a conflict of interest when an accommodation accreditation agent is also part of a group of companies that develops student housing.
148. The director of Lomahayihayi Enterprise (Pty) Ltd is only 20 years old and the child of the provincial spokesperson of the ANC in Mpumalanga. No evidence was obtained to suggest that the service provider has the required skills, expertise or personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP. The young age of the director further suggests that she don't have the required experience.
149. The director of Classy Trade and Invest 1222 CC, Mr Mageshpren Moodley, is also the sole director of Royal Security and son of Roy Moodley who is a Political Exposed Person for the assistance to former Pres Jacob Zuma by allegedly paying him a salary when he was the Deputy President. No evidence was obtained that shows proof that

- the service provider has the necessary skills, expertise and personnel to execute the duties as required in the RFP.
150. NSFAS did not do in depth vetting, background checks or sufficient due diligence prior or during the evaluation of bid SCMN003/2022.
 151. In March 2023 it was said in parliament that 38 service providers were appointed. The NSFAS website shows 39 service providers. One service provider was added to the panel at a later stage.
 152. In March 2023 Mr Nongogo presented to the Higher Education Portfolio Committee that the accreditors were service providers who specialise in accreditations. OUTA's analysis shows that this was a false statement made by the former CEO.
 153. The number of registered beds reported by NSFAS to the Higher Education Portfolio Committee decreased from 393 227 in March 2023 to 247 835 in October 2023. The number of paid beds for accreditation in October 2023 was 69 590. The number of accredited beds in October was 25 803.
 154. In October 2023 the accredited beds were only 6,5% of the estimated 397 000 beds needed as stipulated in the RFP.
 155. From date of appointment until 4 October 2023 every accreditation agent inspected on average a total of 661 beds or approximately 74 beds per month.
 156. NSFAS failed in its duty to make sure that the accreditation agents reach their targets and inspect enough beds to make sure that there is not a shortage of accredited accommodation for the 2024 academic year.
 157. On 4 October 2023 NSFAS or the service providers received a minimum payment of R6 959 000 from accommodation owners who paid to get their accommodation inspected and accredited.

158. NSFAS informed the Higher Education Portfolio Committee that because of the slow rate of accreditations completed, an online accreditation process will be introduced. This approach will make the manual process and the need for service providers moot and the accreditation then can be done by NSFAS internally.
159. At the start of the 2023 academic year the cap placed on student accommodation allowances created an emergency that led to unrest and protests by students. The shortage of accredited accommodation will lead to an even bigger crisis in 2024.
160. The shortage of accredited accommodation is a self-created emergency by NSFAS and is an indication that NSFAS does not take their duty and mandate serious. It is also a sign of its lack of respect and commitment for their beneficiaries, stakeholders, accommodation providers and the South African taxpayers.
161. The decision to advertise off-take agreements was based on the shortage of student accommodation. This strategy was planned in advance with the creation of an emergency which will allow NSFAS to introduce off-take agreements easier and bypass strict Treasury regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

162. OUTA to submit this report to the SIU and request that the SIU investigates all matters related to student accommodation under Proclamation R88 of 2022 issued on 26 August 2022 by the President. In the event that that investigations into NSFAS' student accommodation do not fall within the scope of the said proclamation, SIU should request an extension of the scope of the investigation.
163. OUTA to submit this report to the NSFAS board for their perusal, comments and action plan specifically including but not limited to the investigation of the conduct of BEC and BAC members involved in the evaluation and award of NSFAS Bid No SCMN023/2021 and SCMN003/2022.

164. OUTA to submit this report to the Department of Higher Education, Innovation and Training for their perusal, comments and action plan.
165. OUTA to submit this report to the Higher Education Portfolio Committee in parliament to advocate for the effective oversight over student accommodation and related matters specifically NSFAS' award of student accommodation related bids, the management and oversight of the bids, the state of readiness for the 2024 academic year insofar student accommodation availability and compliance with norms and standards.
166. OUTA to submit this report to the Auditor General of South Africa for their perusal and to enable the AGSA to focus on audits related to student accommodation tenders, to determine if irregular and wasteful expenditure occurred when 4 service providers were appointed to develop an online student accommodation platform when only 2 service providers were recommended by the BEC, to determine the destination and allocation of the income generated from accommodation providers' payments for registration on the online student accommodation platform.
167. OUTA to submit this report to Universities South Africa (USAf) for their perusal and comments.
168. OUTA to submit this report to private student accommodation provider associations for their perusal and comments.
169. OUTA to submit this report to the Vice Chancellors of all Universities in the country for their perusal and comments, specifically those universities where individuals are directors of companies who are involved with NSFAS Bid No SCMN0023/2021.
170. OUTA to submit this report to all TVET Colleges' boards in South Africa for their perusal and comments.
171. OUTA to submit this report to the MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, e-Government, Research and Development in the Gauteng Provincial

government and HOD of the Gauteng Department: e-Government to do an investigation into the conduct of Chief Director Khuliso Muthivhi and his involvement with NSFAS Bid No SCMN023/2021.

172. OUTA to submit this report to the Presidency to take note of student accommodation affairs managed by NSFAS and the Department of Higher Education.