AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

INVITATION TO TENDER

Tenderers who are interested in responding to the below request for the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) are hereby invited to submit proposals.

Tender Number	Tender Description	Non-Compulsory Online (MS Teams) Information Session	Closing date and time for electronic submission of tender documents
PU8116/049 **ARC/12/10/2026**	**Request For Information (RFI) Hosted and Managed Private Infrastructure-As-A-Service**	**Date: 09 November 2026** **Time: 11:00am – 13:00pm** **Briefing session link: Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3821239257565388?p=GBuNOJ5FkISdf5rqWP** **Meeting ID**: 382 123 925 756 538 8 **Passcode**: RZ9Ui9Wn	**Date: 27 November 2026** **Time:11h00** https://purcosa.co.za/online-tender-submissions-guide

All potential tenderers are required to register to attend the Non-Compulsory Online Information Session. Register on the http://www.purcosa.co.za/tenders no later than Friday, the **06th November 2026 at 14h00.**

PURCHASE OF TENDER DOCUMENTS:

Tender documents can be purchased at a non-refundable fee of R 1,150.00 (VAT included) on the PURCO SA website from **the 02nd of November 2026.**

The steps below should be followed for LOGIN OR REGISTER on the PURCO SA website:

1. Navigate to https://purcosa.co.za
2. Click on the 'Login or Register' button and select the appropriate option
3. Not registered on the website?
   - Click 'Register here'
   - Complete the form and click 'Create new account'
   - Wait for the Account details email from PURCO SA. Check your spam filter if necessary.
   - Click on the link in the email to login to the PURCO SA website and add a password.

The steps below should be followed to purchase the tender document on the PURCO SA website:

1. Under the Supplier Hub menu click on 'Open Tenders'
2. Select the tender and click on 'View'
3. Click on the 'Buy now' button
   - You will be redirected to our payment gateway (Payfast) to make payment.
   - If you encounter problems on the Payfast pages go to www.payfast.co.za/contact for help.
   - When your payment has been processed you will be automatically redirected back the PURCO SA Checkout page where you will find your purchased tender document/s

Contact person for the purchase of tender documents only: Ms Fisokuhle Dlamini; PURCO SA; e-mail: Fisokuhle.Dlamini@purcosa.co.za and copy Ms Nobubele Mlindi, e-mail: MlindiN@arc.agric.za .

Agricultural Research Council (ARC) reserves the right not to accept the lowest tender or any tender in part or in whole. ARC reserves the right to award this tender to an empowerment company or may award this tender on condition that a joint venture with an empowerment company is formed. This will be added to the criteria when evaluating the tenders. ARC reserves the right to award this tender as a whole or in part without furnishing reasons.The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) is committed to broad-based black economic empowerment. We strive to comply with the provisions of all relevant legislation. Details are included in the bid. **ARC reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any tender.**