

**INVITATION TO TENDER:**

1. The tenders should in all respects, comply with the conditions as set out below and as specified in the tender documents.
2. Tenderers (bidders or Construction Companies) should note that a B-BBEE rating of 1-4 is the most preferred for the acceptance of a submitted tender document. With effect from 1 October 2011, B-BBEE status level certificates issued by the following are valid and will be considered by Universities of the Free State:
  - Verification Agencies accredited by the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS), or:
  - Registered Auditors approved by the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors (IRBA) in accordance with the approval granted by the Department of Trade and Industry.
  - Proof of exemption letter issued from an Auditor still applies for the determining eligibility of an Exempted Micro Enterprise.
3. Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked and must be placed in the tender box at Provisioning, by not later than 11:00 on same as the closing date.
4. Late tenders, telegraphic tenders or tenders sent by fax or e-mail will not be considered.
5. The University of the Free State reserves the right to accept any tender in its entirety or partially. The lowest and only tender will not necessarily be accepted. No reasons will be given for the non-acceptance of tenders, nor will any correspondence be entered into in connection therewith.
6. The University of the Free State reserves the right to verify and validate any statements and documents submitted with the tender.
7. When compulsory site briefings are held, please take note that an attendance register will be kept. Non-attendance will effect an automatic disqualification
8. Tenderers should be aware that this tender may not be sub-contracted as a whole and that the Tenderer will be held liable for all main contractual duties as specified in the tender document.
9. Tenderers should take note that a minimum required CIDB rating as indicated per tender is compulsory for the acceptance of a submitted tender document.

**Tenderers (or bidders or Construction Companies) are invited to tender for the construction of the following:**