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Background and introduction

In September 2005, the Housing MinMec approved the Policy Framework and Guidelines for the accreditation of municipalities to administer national housing programmes. The municipal accreditation programme is a progressive process that entails delegation and ultimate assignment of housing functions to municipalities. In order to be accredited, municipalities must demonstrate sufficient capacity to plan, implement and maintain projects and programmes that are integrated within municipal IDPs.

Following the approval of the municipal accreditation policy framework, Housing MinMec has had several deliberations on the implementation of the municipal accreditation programme. The joint meeting of the Housing and Local Government MinMec held on 16 January 2008 recommended a differentiated approach to accreditation of municipalities with a view to fast-tracking the accreditation of metropolitan municipalities to level two not later than June 2010.

This required that the necessary expertise be assembled to assist provinces undertake the capacity and compliance audit of the accreditation priority municipalities before functions are delegated. In order to improve the credibility of the municipal accreditation programme and to maintain the standards and accuracy of the municipal accreditation capacity and compliance audits.

In June 2009, the National Department of Human Settlements established the municipal accreditation capacity and compliance assessment panel (CCAP) to assess the existing capacity of priority municipalities to perform the housing function in terms of the municipal accreditation framework;

The CCAP concluded assessments in all the six (6) metropolitan municipalities, Buffalo City Municipality and two Northern Cape District Municipalities namely Frances Baard, Pixley Ka Seme and Sol Plaatje local municipality. The mandate of the current CCAP terminates on 30 June 2010.

Rationale

Out of 18 prioritised municipalities, eight are still to be assessed in this financial year (2010/2011). Furthermore, in terms of the Presidency Outcome 8, 27 municipalities must be prioritized for accreditation. This has increased the scope of accreditation programme and would require addition of nine municipalities to the priority accreditation list and increase number of municipalities to be assessed. In order to be accredited, municipalities must comply with the requirements of the approved Municipal Accreditation Framework. It is envisaged that the CCAP be established to conduct the assessments of the municipalities prioritized for accreditation

1. KEY OUTPUT - capacity and compliance assessments in prioritised municipalities to determine state of readiness to assume level one and two accreditation functions.

Key Performance Area

- 1.1 Assess the existing capacity of priority municipalities to perform the housing function in terms of the municipal accreditation framework;
- 1.2 Undertake a capacity needs assessment for all priority municipalities to determine their state of readiness to assume functions for level two accreditation;
- 1.3 Identify the housing delivery challenges/gaps and capacity in relation to these challenges and make recommendations on the support required;
- 1.4 Apply and maintain principles of auditing to ensure the credibility of the assessment process; and
- 1.5 Provide overall recommendations to the national Minister and provincial MECs as to the viability and readiness of the municipalities to be accredited at the level applied for and issue the required Compliance Certificate.

On accreditation of municipalities by the MEC, the provinces and municipalities must have the implementation protocol to promote good conduct, integration, participation, co-operation and co-ordination between spheres of government as functions are delegated to municipalities. This is a process that requires parties to agree on critical matters such as funding allocation, determining operational funding to municipalities, roles and responsibilities, shifting of resources, etc. It is further envisaged that the CCAP would facilitate and manage the transitional process where the accreditation is granted by ensuring that functions are delegated to municipalities and promote good cooperative governance.

2. KEY OUTPUT - facilitate and manage the post accreditation transitional process.

Key Performance Areas

- 2.1 assist provinces and municipalities to enter into implementation protocol or memorandum of agreement on delegated housing function
- 2.2 assists provinces and accredited municipalities to agree and implement section 15 DORA 2010 on funding allocation to accredited municipalities
- 2.3 assist the provinces to implement the recommendations of the CCAP (Action Plan)



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- 2.4 assist provinces to develop and implement monitoring and evaluation mechanism of accredited municipalities
- 2.5 facilitate intergovernmental engagement or dialogue on matters related to human settlements and the “new” role accredited municipality
- 2.6 manage potential intergovernmental disputes

Information required

Individuals who would like to be part of the CCAP should provide the following information:

- Individual: Personal profile, Comprehensive CV and a proposal

Results competencies and expertise required

To undertake this task, service providers must have extensive experience, knowledge and understanding:

- Government’s housing policies and programmes.
- South African Public Service
- Provincial and Local government
- Housing Project and Programme Management
- Legislation: Housing Act, PFMA, MFMA and DORA
- Municipal Accreditation Policy
- Government Planning cycle
- Governance, Intergovernmental Relations and Coordination
- Negotiation and management of MOU’s, SLA’s
- High level interaction and communication
- Political interaction at various spheres of government

The following skills are critical

- Report writing
- High level communication (verbal and written)

Functioning of the approved service providers

The panel will constitute of fifteen (15) members,

Qualifications

- Bachelor’s degree (Built Environment, Social, Economic, Public Administration or other Sciences)
- Post Graduate qualification(s) in the field of Build Environment

Duration of the contract

The municipal accreditation capacity and compliance assessment panel members will be appointed on a two year contract

Remuneration

In accordance with the DPSA consultancy fee guidelines

Evaluation criteria

Criteria	Weight
1. Level of experience, expertise and qualification(s)	50
2. Proposal: Understanding of the TOR	50
TOTAL	100

Submission of Application

Applications must be submitted to the Department of Human Settlements on or before 19 November 2010 by posting to:

The Department of Human Settlements,
Private Bag X644, Pretoria, 0001
OR by delivering at: The Department of Human Settlements
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