

TERTIARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK OF SOUTH AFRICA (NPC)



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To: Principals and Chief Executive Officers of Public TVET Colleges

Dear Principal

GENERAL ADVISORY ON REQUESTS FOR SUPPLIER APPLICATION INFORMATION

TENET (Tertiary Education and Research Network of South Africa NPC) is a Non-Profit Company, originally created by the public universities of South Africa to serve as the organisational home for collaborative internetworking by universities, science councils and associated support institutions. TENET was established in August 2000 and took over the responsibilities previously discharged by the Uninet Project, which had rendered similar services since 1987. TENET is owned by those public universities and statutory science councils which use its services and which also elect to take formal membership. Currently 23 universities and four research councils are members. The member institutions, through their member representatives, appoint the company's Board of Directors.

Since 2008 TENET has worked closely with the CSIR in the deployment of SANREN (the South African National Research and Education Network), which it operates under the terms of a collaboration agreement with the CSIR. There are many such National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) around the world. Such networks are generally in the position of sole suppliers of national research and education networking services to their beneficiary organisations. Multiple NRENs almost never exist simultaneously in a country context for a variety of technical and organisational reasons.

TENET does not bid for the supply of services to qualifying entities. However, any entity that is able to demonstrate that it qualifies to join the SANREN network and receive services delivered across it will, on application, and on signature of the relevant REN (Research and Education Network) Service Agreement, be served by TENET.

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TENET is recognized by the South African Revenue Service as a public benefit organisation exempt from taxes and duties. As a requirement of this recognition, TENET does not supply services to entities that are not themselves recognised by SARS as exempt from the payment of income tax.

To be eligible to receive a service from TENET an organisation must also be one of the following:

- A Higher Education Institution or Further Education and Training Institution declared or registered as such under South African legislation in force from time to time;
- A Scientific, Research, and associated Support institution;
- A similar Public Higher Education Institution, and Scientific, Research and Support Institution in a neighbouring Southern African country, as TENET may at its discretion determine, with due regard to the constraints imposed in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act; and/or
- A consortium comprising two or more such institutions as are mentioned above, formed for the purpose of providing shared or common services to such collaborating institutions.

In 2014 TENET launched the South African Broadband Education Networks (SABEN) Project to formally extend a specific set of Internet and data connectivity related services to public TVET institutions.

As a Non-Profit Company TENET does not charge for its services in amounts exceeding what is required to recover the costs of delivering services.

Yours sincerely

DUNCAN GREAVES

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER