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1. Scope

This policy establishes the Blue Crane Route Municipality's policy for infrastructure procurement and delivery management in accordance with the provisions of the regulatory frameworks for procurement and supply chain management. It includes the procurement of goods and services necessary for a new facility to be occupied and used as a functional entity but excludes:

- a) the storage of goods and equipment following their delivery to Blue Crane Route Municipality which are stored and issued to contractors or to employees;
- b) the disposal or letting of land;
- c) the conclusion of any form of land availability agreement;
- d) the leasing or rental of moveable assets; and
- e) public private partnerships.

2. Terms, definitions and abbreviations

2.1. Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions and terms given in the standard and the following apply:

agent: person or organization that is not an employee of Blue Crane Route Municipality that acts on the Blue Crane Route Municipality's behalf in the application of this document

authorised person: the municipal manager or chief executive or the appropriately delegated authority to award, cancel, amend, extend or transfer a contract or order

conflict of interest: any situation in which:

- a) someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests which make it difficult for him to fulfil his duties impartially,
- b) an individual or organization is in a position to exploit a professional or official capacity in some way for his personal or for corporate benefit, or
- c) incompatibility or contradictory interests exist between an employee and the organization which employs that employee

contract manager: person responsible for administering a package on behalf of the employer and performing duties relating to the overall management of such contract from the implementer's point of view

family member: a person's spouse, whether in a marriage or in a customary union according to indigenous law, domestic partner in a civil union, or child, parent, brother, sister, whether such a relationship results from birth, marriage or adoption

framework agreement: an agreement between an organ of state and one or more contractors, the purpose of which is to establish the terms governing orders to be awarded during a given period, in particular with regard to price and, where appropriate, the quantity envisaged

gate: a control point at the end of a process where a decision is required before proceeding to the next process or activity

gateway review: an independent review of the available information at a gate upon which a decision to proceed or not to the next process is based

gratification: an inducement to perform an improper act

infrastructure delivery: the combination of all planning, technical, administrative and managerial actions associated with the construction, supply, renovation, rehabilitation, alteration, maintenance, operation or disposal of infrastructure

infrastructure procurement: the procurement of goods or services including any combination thereof associated with the acquisition, renovation, rehabilitation, alteration, maintenance, operation or disposal of infrastructure

maintenance: the combination of all technical and associated administrative actions during an item's service life to retain it in a state in which it can satisfactorily perform its required function

operation: combination of all technical, administrative and managerial actions, other than maintenance actions, that results in the item being in use

order: an instruction to provide goods, services or any combination thereof under a framework agreement

organ of state: an organ of state as defined in section 239 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa

procurement document: documentation used to initiate or conclude (or both) a contract or the issuing of an order

principal: a natural person who is a partner in a partnership, a sole proprietor, a director a company established in terms of the Companies Act of 2008 (Act No. 71 of 2008) or a member of a close corporation registered in terms of the Close Corporation Act, 1984, (Act No. 69 of 1984)

standard: the latest edition of the Standard for Infrastructure Procurement and Delivery Management as published by National Treasury

working day: any day of a week on which is not a Sunday, Saturday or public holiday

2.2. Abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply

CIDB: Construction Industry Development Board

SARS: South African Revenue Services

3. General requirements¹

3.1. Delegations

3.1.1. The council of Blue Crane Route Municipality hereby delegates all powers and duties to the municipal manager which are necessary to enable the municipal manager to:

- a) discharge the supply chain management responsibilities conferred on accounting officers in terms of Chapter 8 or 10 of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act of 2003 and this document;
- b) maximise administrative and operational efficiency in the implementation of this document;
- c) enforce reasonable cost-effective measures for the prevention of fraud, corruption, favouritism and unfair and irregular practices in the implementation of this document; and
- d) comply with his or her responsibilities in terms of section 115 and other applicable provisions of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act of 2003 Act.

3.1.2. No departure shall be made from the provisions of this policy without the approval of the municipal manager of Blue Crane Route Municipality²

3.2. Approval of Deviations

3.2.1. The municipal manager shall for oversight purposes:

- a) within 30 days of the end of each financial year, submit a report on the implementation of this the policy and the equivalent policy of any municipal entity under the sole or shared control of the Blue Crane Route Municipality, to the council of the Blue Crane Route Municipality;

3.2.2. Allocation of responsibility and Service Standard

- a) whenever there are serious and material problems in the implementation of this policy, immediately submit a report to the council;
- b) within 10 days of the end of each quarter, submit a report on the implementation of the policy to the mayor; and
- c) make the reports public in accordance with section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act of 2000.

4. Implementation of the Standard for Infrastructure Procurement and Delivery Management

- 4.1. Infrastructure procurement and delivery management shall be undertaken in accordance with the all applicable legislation and the relevant requirements of the latest edition of the National Treasury Standard for Infrastructure Procurement and Delivery Management.⁵
 - 4.1.1. Pre-feasibility and feasibility reports are required on Stage 3 and Stage 4⁶
 - 4.1.2. Stage 3 to 7 are required for provision of new infrastructure or the rehabilitation, refurbishment or alteration of existing infrastructure⁷

5. Supervision of the infrastructure delivery management unit⁸

The Infrastructure Delivery Management Unit shall be directly supervised by the chief financial officer / person delegated in terms of section 82 of the MFMA.

6. Objections and complaints⁹

Persons aggrieved by decisions or actions taken in the implementation of this policy, may lodge within 14 days of the decision or action, a written objection or complaint against the decision or action.

6.1. Resolution of disputes, objections, complaints and queries¹⁰

- 6.1.1. The municipal manager shall appoint an independent and impartial person, not directly involved in the infrastructure delivery management processes to assist in the resolution of disputes between the municipality and other persons regarding:
 - a) any decisions or actions taken in the implementation of the supply chain management system;
 - b) any matter arising from a contract awarded within the Blue Crane Route Municipality's infrastructure delivery management system; or

- c) to deal with objections, complaints or queries regarding any such decisions or actions or any matters arising from such contract.
- 6.1.2. The municipal manager shall assist the person appointed in terms of 3.5.1 to perform his or her functions effectively.
- 6.1.3. The person appointed in terms of 3.5.1 shall:
- a) strive to resolve promptly all disputes, objections, complaints or queries received; and
 - b) submit monthly reports to the municipal manager on all disputes, objections, complaints or queries received, attended to or resolved.
- 6.1.4. A dispute, objection, complaint or query may be referred to the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury if:
- a) the dispute, objection, complaint or query is not resolved within 60 days; or
 - b) no response is forthcoming within 60 days.
- 6.1.5. If the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury does not or cannot resolve the matter, the dispute, objection, complaint or query may be referred to the National Treasury for resolution.

7. Control framework for infrastructure delivery management¹¹

7.1. Assignment of responsibilities for approving or accepting end of stage deliverables¹²

The responsibilities for approving or accepting end of stage deliverables shall be as stated in Table 1.

7.2. Additional gates¹³

The Municipal Manager may authorise any additional gates for specific projects as the need arises.

7.3. Additional requirements¹⁴

The Municipal Manager may authorise any additional requirements for specific projects as the need arises.

7.4. Gateway reviews

7.4.1. Gateway reviews for major capital projects above a threshold (R50 million)

7.4.1.1. The Municipal Manager shall appoint a gateway review team in accordance with the provisions of clause 4.1.13.1.2 of the standard to undertake gateway reviews for major capital projects.

A gateway review team shall comprise not less than three persons who are not involved in the project associated with the works covered by the end of the stage 4 deliverable, and who are familiar with various aspects of the subject matter of the deliverable at the end of the stage under review. Such a team shall be led by a person who has at least six years postgraduate experience in the planning of infrastructure projects and is registered either as a professional engineer in terms of the Engineering Profession Act, a professional quantity surveyor in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act or a professional architect in terms of the Architectural Profession Act. The members of the team shall, as relevant, have expertise in key technical areas, cost estimating, scheduling and implementation of similar projects. (Clause 4.1.13.1.2) (estimated threshold of projects estimated to cost R50m incl VAT)

The relevant treasury shall be notified of a proposed gateway review for a major capital project, three weeks prior to the conducting of such a review. Such notification shall be accompanied by a brief outline of the proposed project or package, the names and qualifications of the reviewers and the timeframes for the review. The relevant treasury may nominate additional persons to serve on the review team. (Clause 4.1.13.1.3)

The gateway review team shall base its findings primarily on:

- a) the information contained in the end-of-stage deliverables;
- b) supplementary documentation, if any, provided by key staff obtained during an interview process; and
- c) interviews with key staff members and stakeholders. (Clause 4.1.13.1.4)

The gateway review team shall issue a report at the conclusion of a gateway review which indicates the team's assessment of the information at the end of a stage and provides findings or recommendations on areas where further work may be undertaken to improve such information. (Clause 4.1.13.1.5)

Aspects in the report shall be flagged as being:

- a) code red: team considers the aspect to pose a significant risk to the project or package;
- b) code amber: team considers the aspects which indicate a minor risk to the project or package; or

c) code green: team considers the aspect to have been given adequate consideration to the extent that it is unlikely to jeopardise the success of progressing to the next stage, or minor adjustments may be required before proceeding. (Clause 4.1.13.1.6)

The contents of the gateway review report shall be taken into account when accepting the stage 4 deliverable. A stage 4 deliverable shall not be accepted until such time that all code red risks have been addressed in the stage 4 end-of-stage deliverable. (Clause 4.1.13.1.7)

7.4.1.2. The requirements for a gateway review in addition to those contained in section 4.1.13 of the standard are as follows:¹⁵

7.4.1.2.1. Gateway reviews initiated by the relevant treasury

A relevant treasury may at any time institute a gateway review of any of the end-of-stage deliverables associated with the control framework, irrespective of the estimated cost of a project. The focus of such a review shall be determined by the relevant treasury. The implementer of a project shall be notified of the review and its focus at least three weeks prior to the conducting of the review. (Clause 4.1.13.2.1)

The implementer shall provide a person to lead the review and one other person to serve on the team, both of whom satisfy the requirements of 4.1.13.1.2. (Clause 4.1.13.2.2)

The gateway review shall be conducted substantially in accordance with the provisions of 4.1.13.1.4 to 4.1.13.1.6. (Clause 4.1.13.2.3)

7.4.2. Elective gateway reviews¹⁶

Gateway reviews shall be undertaken by a gateway review team of the deliverables associated with any of the gates in the control framework

Table 1: Responsibilities for approving or accepting end of stage deliverables in the control framework for the management of infrastructure delivery

System of Delegations will determine the name of position for designated persons

Stage		Person assigned the responsibility for approving or accepting end of stage deliverables
No.	Name	
0	Project initiation	The Municipal Manager accepts the initiation report
1	Infrastructure planning	The Municipal Manager approves the infrastructure plan

2	Strategic resourcing		The Municipal Manager approves the delivery and / or procurement strategy
3	Pre-feasibility		The Relevant Departmental Director accepts the pre-feasibility report
	Preparation and briefing		The Relevant Departmental Director accepts the strategic brief
4	Feasibility		The Relevant Departmental Director accepts the feasibility report
	Concept and viability		The Relevant Departmental Director accepts the concept report
5	Design development		The Relevant Departmental Director accepts the design development report
6	Design documentation	6A Production information	The Relevant Departmental Director accepts the parts of the production information which are identified when the design development report is accepted as requiring acceptance
		6B Manufacture, fabrication and construction information	The contract manager accepts the manufacture, fabrication and construction information
7	Works		The contract manager certifies completion of the works or the delivery of goods and associated services
8	Handover		The owner or end user accepts liability for the works
9	Package completion		The contract manager or supervising agent certifies the defects certificate in accordance with the provisions of the contract The contract manager certifies final completion in accordance with the provisions of the contract
10			The Municipal Manager accepts the close out report

1.1.1 Explanation of stages

Stage	Name	Activity and KPI
Stage 0	Project initiation (Clause 4.1.2)	Projects, or groups of projects having a similar high-level scope, which are appraised, shall address particular strategic needs or business opportunities which fall within the organ of state's legislated or sanctioned mandate. (Clause 4.1.2.1)
		Objective decision-making criteria based on factors such as those relating to strategic objectives, national, provincial or regional priorities, the level of stakeholder support, legislative compliance, risk considerations and financial justification shall be used to motivate the acceptance of a project into the infrastructure plan. (Clause 4.1.2.2)
		<p>The initiation report for a project shall as a minimum: (Clause 4.1.2.3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide a project description and high-level scope of work; b) outline key issues and solution options that were interrogated; c) outline options that were evaluated; d) indicate the high-level business case; and e) provide the estimated project cost and indicative high-level schedule.
		The decision-making criteria, findings, assumptions and recommendations shall be documented in the initiation report. (Clause 4.1.2.4)
		Stage 0 is complete when the initiation report is accepted. (Clause 4.1.2.5)

Stage 1	Infrastructure planning (Clause 4.1.3)	<p>The infrastructure plan for a portfolio of projects or packages which require implementation shall cover a period of not less than five years. Such a plan shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) described by the high-level scope of work for each project, the proposed time schedule, the estimated total project cost and annual budget requirement, the geographical location, any known encumbrances and estimated timeframes for removing these encumbrances; and b) aligned with all prescribed planning, budgeting, monitoring and reporting requirements. (Clause 4.1.3.1)
		Stage 1 is complete when the infrastructure plan is approved. (Clause 4.1.3.2)
Stage 2	Strategic resourcing (Clause 4.1.4)	<p>A delivery management strategy shall be developed following the conducting of a spend, organisational and market analysis. Such a strategy shall indicate how needs are to be met for each category of spend through one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a public private partnership; b) another organ of state on an agency basis; c) another organ of state's framework agreement; d) own resources; or e) own procurement system; (Clause 4.1.4.1)
		A procurement strategy shall, based on the spend, organisational and market analysis, document the selected packaging, contracting, pricing and targeting strategy and procurement procedure for all

		required goods or services or any combination thereof including professional services. (Clause 4.1.4.2)
		The procurement strategy shall include the rationale for adopting a particular option. (Clause 4.1.4.3)
		Organs of state who engage another organ of state to provide agency services shall develop a delivery management and procurement strategy covering the projects which are subject to an agency agreement (see 5.2), in consultation with that organ of state. (Clause 4.1.4.4)
		Stage 2 is complete when the delivery and procurement strategy is approved. (Clause 4.1.4.5)
Stage 3	Preparation and briefing or prefeasibility (Clause 4.1.5)	<p>The strategic brief shall as necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) confirm the scope of the package and identify any constraints, including those relating to occupational health and safety; b) establish the project criteria, including the performance and reliability requirements, design life, service life of components, function, maintenance and replacement requirements, mix of uses, scale, location, quality, value, time, safety, health, environment and sustainability; c) identify procedures, organisational structure, key constraints, statutory permissions (e.g. environmental, heritage, social, planning, building control), and utility approvals, policies (e.g. environmental, developmental, social, maintenance or facilities management) and strategies to take the package forward; d) identify risks that need to be mitigated;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) identify interfaces between packages as necessary; and f) establish the control budget for the package, ownership costs and schedule for the package or series of packages (Clause 4.1.5.1)
		<p>The prefeasibility study shall as necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) document the owner or user requirements specification; b) shortlist the options that were considered; c) provide a preliminary design for study options; d) provide preliminary capital estimate and the proposed schedule; and e) present the study outcomes (Clause 4.1.5.2)
		<p>Stage 3 is complete when the prefeasibility report or the strategic brief, as required, is accepted. (Clause 4.1.5.3)</p>
Stage 4	Concept and viability or feasibility (Clause 4.1.6)	<p>The concept report shall as necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) document the initial design criteria and design options or the methods and procedures required to maintain the condition of infrastructure for the package; b) establish the detailed brief, scope, scale, form and cost plan for the package; c) provide an indicative schedule for documentation and construction or maintenance services associated with the package;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) contain a site development plan or other suitable schematic layouts of the works; e) describe the statutory permissions, funding approvals or utility approvals required to proceed with the works associated with the package; f) include a baseline risk assessment for the package, and a health and safety plan which is required in terms of the requirements of the Construction Regulations issued in terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act; g) contain a risk report linked to the need for further surveys, tests, other investigations and consents and approvals, if any, during subsequent stages and identified health, safety and environmental risk; h) contain an operations and maintenance support plan which establishes the organisational structure required for the operation and maintenance of the works resulting from the package or series of packages over its service life, and the office, stores, furniture, equipment, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), engineering infrastructure and staff training requirements; i) confirm the financial sustainability of the project; and j) establish the feasibility of satisfying the strategic brief for the package or series of packages within the control budget established during stage 3 and, if not, motivate a revised control budget. (Clause 4.1.6.1)
		<p>A feasibility report shall as a minimum provide the following:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) details regarding the preparatory work covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a needs and demand analysis with output specifications; and 2) an options analysis; b) a viability evaluation covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a financial analysis; and 2) an economic analysis, if necessary; c) a risk assessment and sensitivity analysis; d) a professional analysis covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a technology options assessment; 2) an environmental impact assessment; and 3) a regulatory due diligence; and e) implementation readiness assessment covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) institutional capacity; and 2) a procurement plan (Clause 4.1.6.2)
		<p>Stage 4 is complete when the feasibility report or the concept report, as required, is accepted. (Clause</p>

		4.1.6.3)
Stage 5	Design development (Clause 4.1.7)	<p>The design development report shall as necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) develop in detail the accepted concept to finalise the design and definition criteria; b) establish the detailed form, character, function and costings; c) define all components in terms of overall size, typical detail, performance and outline specification; d) describe how infrastructure, or elements or components thereof, are to function, how they are to be safely constructed, how they are to be maintained and how they are to be commissioned; and e) confirm that the package or series of packages can be completed within the control budget or propose a revision to the control budget (Clause 4.1.7.1)
		<p>Outline specifications shall be in sufficient detail to enable a view to be taken on the operation and maintenance implications of the design and the compatibility with existing plant and equipment. (Clause 4.1.7.2)</p>
		<p>Stage 5 is complete when the design development report is accepted. (Clause 4.1.7.3)</p>
Stage 6	Design documentation (Clause 4.1.8)	<p>Stage 6A (Production information) is complete when all the production information that is required to be accepted prior to being issued for construction, manufacturing or fabrication purposes has been</p>

		accepted. (Clause 4.1.8.1)
		Stage 6B (Manufacture, fabrication and construction information) is complete when the manufacture, fabrication and construction information is accepted as being in accordance with the production information. (Clause 4.1.8.2)
Stage 7	Works (Clause 4.1.9)	<p>Stage 7 is complete when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) completion of the works is certified in accordance with the provisions of the contract; or b) the goods and associated services are certified as being delivered in accordance with the provisions of the contract.
Stage 8	Handover (Clause 4.1.10)	The handover stage shall include as necessary the training of the end user's or the owner's staff in the operation of the delivered infrastructure. (Clause 4.1.10.1)
		<p>The record information shall as relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) accurately document the condition of the completed works associated with a package; b) accurately document the works as constructed or completed; c) contain information on the care and servicing requirements for the works or a portion thereof; d) contain information or instructions on the use of plant and equipment; e) confirm the performance requirements of the design development report and production

		<p>information;</p> <p>f) contain certificates confirming compliance with legislation, statutory permissions and the like; and g) contain guarantees that extend beyond the defects liability period provided for in the package. (Clause 4.1.10.2)</p>
		<p>Record information shall ,as relevant, provide those tasked with the operation and maintenance of infrastructure with the information necessary to:</p> <p>a) understand how the designers intended the works, systems, subsystems, assemblies and components to function;</p> <p>b) effectively operate, care for and maintain the works, systems, subsystems, assemblies and components to function;</p> <p>c) check, test or replace systems, subsystems, assemblies or components to ensure the satisfactory performance of works, systems, subsystems, assemblies and components over time;</p> <p>d) develop maintenance plans;</p> <p>e) determine stock levels for components and assemblies that need to be regularly replaced; and</p> <p>f) budget for the operation and maintenance of the works, systems, subsystems and components over time. (Clause 4.1.10.3)</p>
		<p>Arrangements shall be put in place to secure and safeguard the works from the time that the</p>

		contractor's liabilities for damage to the works end until such time that the works are handed over to the end user or owner who shall accept such liabilities. (Clause 4.1.10.4)
		Stage 8 is complete when the end user or owner accepts liability for the works. (Clause 4.1.10.5)
Stage 9	Close out (Clause 4.1.11)	The close out report for the package shall outline what was achieved in terms of at least the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the performance parameters outlined in 12; b) unit costs of completed work or major components thereof; and c) key performance indicators relating to developmental objectives. (Clause 4.1.11.1)
		The close out report shall make suggestions for improvements on future packages of a similar nature. Such a report should also comment on the performance of the contractor and, if relevant, include building tuning or similar reports. (Clause 4.1.11.2)
		Stage 9 is complete when, as relevant, defects certificates or certificates of final completion are issued in terms of the contract, the final amount due to the contractor in terms of the contract is certified and the close out report is accepted. (Clause 4.1.11.3)

8. Control framework for infrastructure procurement¹⁷

- 8.1. The responsibilities for taking the key actions associated with the formation and conclusion of contracts including framework agreements above the quotation threshold shall be as stated in Table 2.
- 8.2. The responsibilities for taking the key actions associated with the quotation procedure and the negotiation procedure where the value of the contract is less than the threshold set for the quotation procedure shall be as follows: ¹⁸
 - a) The Municipal Manager shall grant approval for the issuing of the procurement documents, based on the contents of a documentation review report developed in accordance with the provisions of the standard;
 - b) the authorised person may award the contract if satisfied with the recommendations contained in the evaluation report prepared in accordance with the provisions of the standard.
- 8.3. The responsibilities for taking the key actions associated with the issuing of an order in terms of a framework agreement shall be as stated in Table 3.

9. Infrastructure delivery management requirements

9.1. Institutional arrangements

9.1.1. Committee system for procurement¹⁹

9.1.1.1. General

- 9.1.1.1.1.** A committee system comprising the documentation committee, evaluation committee and tender committee shall be applied to all procurement procedures where the estimated value of the procurement exceeds the financial threshold for quotations and to the putting in place of framework agreements.
- 9.1.1.1.2.** The evaluation committee shall, where competition for the issuing of an order amongst framework contractors takes place and the value of the order exceeds the financial threshold for quotations, evaluate the quotations received.
- 9.1.1.1.3.** The persons appointed in writing as technical advisors and subject matter experts may attend any committee meeting.

- 9.1.1.1.4.** No person who is a political officer bearer, a public office bearer including any councillor of a municipality, a political advisor or a person appointed in terms of section 12A of the Public Service Act of 1994 or who has a conflict of interest shall be appointed to a procurement documentation, evaluation or tender committee.
- 9.1.1.1.5.** Committee decisions shall as far as possible be based on the consensus principle i.e. the general agreement characterised by the lack of sustained opposition to substantial issues. Committees shall record their decisions in writing. Such decisions shall be kept in a secured environment for a period of not less than five years after the completion or cancellation of the contract unless otherwise determined in terms of the National Archives and Record Services Act of 1996.
- 9.1.1.1.6.** Committees may make decisions at meetings or, subject to the committee chairperson's approval, on the basis of responses to documents circulated to committee members provided that not less than sixty percent of the members are present or respond to the request for responses. Where the committee chairperson is absent from the meeting, the **members of the committee** who are present shall elect a chairperson from one of them to preside at the meeting.
- 9.1.1.1.7.** Procurement documentation committee
- 9.1.1.1.8.** The municipal manager or the appropriately delegated authority e.g. project director shall appoint in writing on a procurement by procurement basis:
- a) the persons to review the procurement documents and to develop a procurement documentation review report in accordance with clause 4.2.2.1 of the standard; and
 - b) the members of the procurement documentation committee.
- 9.1.1.1.9.** The procurement documentation committee shall comprise one or more persons. The chairperson shall be an employee of Blue Crane Route Municipality with requisite skills. Other members shall, where relevant, include a representative of the end user or the department requiring infrastructure delivery.
- 9.1.1.1.10.** No member of, or technical adviser or subject matter expert who participates in the work of the any of the procurement committees or a family member or associate of such a member, may tender for any work associated with the tender which is considered by these committees.

Table 2: Procurement activities and gates associated with the formation and conclusion of contracts above the quotation threshold

Activity	Sub-Activity (see Table 3 of the standard)		Key Action	Person assigned responsibility to perform key action	
	Establish what is to be procured	1.3 PG1	Obtain permission to start with the procurement process	Make a decision to proceed / not to proceed with the procurement based on the broad scope of work and the financial estimate	Municipal Manager
2	Obtain approval for procurement strategies that are to be adopted including specific approvals to approach a confined market or the use of the negotiation procedure	2.5 PG2	Decide on procurement strategy	Confirm selection of strategies so that tender offers can be solicited	Chief Financial Officer
	Solicit tender offers	3.2 PG3	Obtain approval for	Grant approval for the	Procurement documentation

			procurement documents	issuing of the procurement documents	committee (Define composition)
		3.3 PG4	Confirm that budgets are in place	Confirm that finance is available for the procurement to take place	Manager Financial Accounting and Reporting
	Evaluate tender offers	4.2 PG5	Obtain authorisation to proceed with next phase of tender process in the qualified, proposal or competitive negotiations procedure	Review evaluation report, ratify recommendations and authorise progression to the next stage of the tender process	Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee
		4.7 PG6	Confirm recommendations contained in the tender evaluation report	Review recommendations of the evaluation committee and refer back to evaluation committee for reconsideration or	Tender committee [or bid adjudication committee]

				make recommendation for award	
	Award contract	5.3 PG7 20	Award contract	Formally accept the tender offer in writing and issue the contractor with a signed copy of the contract	Municipal Manager
		5.5 GF1	Upload data in financial management and payment system	Verify data and upload contractor's particulars and data associated with the contract or order	Chief Financial Officer
	Administer contracts and confirm compliance with requirements	6.6 PG8C	Obtain approval to increase the total of prices, excluding contingencies and price adjustment for inflation, or the time for completion at the award of a contract or the	Approve amount of time and cost overruns up to the threshold	Municipal Manager through the tendering committee system

			issuing of an order up to 20% 21		
		6.7 PG8D	Obtain approval to exceed the total of prices, excluding contingencies and price adjustment for inflation, or the time for completion at award of a contract or the issuing of an order by more than 20% and 30%, respectively	Approve amount of time and cost overruns above a the threshold	Council
		6.8 PG8E	Obtain approval to cancel or terminate a contract	Approve amount	Municipal Manager
		6.9 PG8F	Obtain approval to amend a contract	Approve proposed amendment to contract	Municipal Manager through the committee system Municipal Manager implementing the council resolution

Table 3: Procurement activities and gates associated with the issuing of an order above the quotation threshold in terms of a framework agreement

Activity		Key action	Person assigned responsibility to perform key action
1 FG1	Confirm justifiable reasons for selecting a framework contractor where there is more than one framework agreement covering the same scope of work	Confirm reasons submitted for not requiring competition amongst framework contractors or instruct that quotations be invited	Municipal Manager
3 FG2	Obtain approval for procurement documents	Grant approval for the issuing of the procurement documents	Municipal Manager
4 FG3	Confirm that budgets are in place	Confirm that finance is available so that the order may be issued	Manager Financial Accounting and Reporting
6 FG4	Authorise the issuing of the order	If applicable, review evaluation report and confirm or reject recommendations. Formally accept the offer in writing and issue the contractor with a signed copy of the order	Municipal Manager

9.1.1.2. Evaluation committee

9.1.1.2.1. The municipal manager or the appropriately delegated authority e.g. project director shall appoint on a procurement by procurement basis in writing:

- a) the persons to prepare the evaluation and, where applicable, the quality evaluations, in accordance with clauses 4.2.3.2 and 4.2.3.4 of the standard, respectively; and
- b) the members of the evaluation committee.

9.1.1.2.2. The evaluation committee shall comprise not less than three people. The chairperson shall be an employee of Blue Crane Route Municipality with requisite skills. Other members shall include a supply chain management practitioner²² and, where relevant, include an official from the department requiring infrastructure delivery.

9.1.1.2.3. The evaluation committee shall review the evaluation reports prepared in accordance with sub clause 4.2.3 of the standard and as a minimum verify the following in respect of the recommended tenderer:

- a) the capability and capacity of a tenderer to perform the contract;
- b) the tenderer's tax and municipal rates and taxes compliance status;
- c) confirm that the tenderer's municipal rates and taxes and municipal service charges are not in arrears;
- d) the Compulsory Declaration has been completed; and
- e) the tenderer is not listed in the National Treasury's Register for Tender Defaulters or the List of Restricted Suppliers.

9.1.1.2.3.1. Specific requirements relating to the evaluation of submissions 4.2.3

- A. The authorisation to proceed with the next phase (Procurement Gate 5), the approval of tender evaluation recommendations (Procurement Gate 6) and the authorisation for the issuing of an order (Framework Agreement Gate 4) shall be based on the contents of an evaluation report. (Clause 4.2.3.1)
- B. The evaluation report shall be prepared by one or more persons who are conversant with the nature and subject matter of the procurement documents or the framework contract, and who are registered as:

- a) a professional architect or professional senior architectural technologist in terms of the Architectural Profession Act;
 - b) a professional engineer or professional engineering technologist in terms of the Engineering Profession Act;
 - c) a professional landscape architect or a professional landscape technologist in terms of the Landscape Architectural Profession;
 - d) a professional project manager or a professional construction manager in terms of the Project and Construction Management Professions Act; or
 - e) a professional quantity surveyor in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act. (Clause 4.2.3.2)
- C. All communications with respondents and tenderers during the procurement process to obtain information and clarifications shall be made in writing through the employer's agent named in the submission or tender data. Records of all communications in this regard shall be made and retained for auditing purposes. (Clause 4.2.3.3)
- D. Submissions shall be evaluated strictly in accordance with the provisions of the procurement documents (see Annex C of SANS 10845-3 and Annex C of SANS 10845-4, as relevant). Where quality is evaluated, at least three persons who satisfy the requirements of 4.2.3.2 shall undertake such evaluation. Quality shall be scored in terms of the prompts for judgement, with fixed scores assigned to each prompt, either individually and averaged or collectively, as appropriate. (Clause 4.2.3.4)
- E. Those involved in the evaluation of submissions shall record their scores for quality against each of the criteria during the process of evaluation, preferably with notes to substantiate the scores. Individuals should record their own markings on a separate sheet. These documents shall be placed on file as an audit trail and may form the basis of any debriefing that takes place. (Clause 4.2.3.5)
- F. Evaluation reports shall be prepared in accordance with the content headings and relevant guidelines contained in Tables 5 or 6, with modifications as necessary where a two-envelope, two-stage process or competitive negotiation procedure is followed. Such reports shall contain extracts from the procurement documents which are linked to the evaluation of submissions, such as eligibility criteria, criteria associated with evaluation methods, preferencing, quality criteria (including prompts for judgement), the method by which tenders are reduced to a common base and lists of returnable documents. Such references shall enable

those who are tasked with making decisions based on these documents to do so without having to refer back to submissions in order to understand the content of the report. (Clause 4.2.3.6)

G. An evaluation report which recommends the award of a contract shall contain in annexures the reports, if any, of prior processes, e.g. a call for an expression of interest, a round in a competitive negotiation procedure or a stage in a competitive selection procedure. (Clause 4.2.3.7)

H. An evaluation report covering the application of the negotiated procedure for the award of a contract or the issuing of an order, shall confirm that the negotiated amounts are market-related and represent value for money. Where the total of the prices associated with a target cost contract is negotiated, the total of prices shall be certified as being fair and reasonable by a professional quantity surveyor registered in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act or a professional engineer registered in terms of the Engineering Profession Act. (Clause 4.2.3.8)

9.1.1.2.4. No tender submitted by a member of, or technical adviser or subject matter expert who participates in the work of the procurement documentation committee or a family member or associate of such a member, may be considered by the evaluation committee.

9.1.1.2.5. The chairperson of the evaluation committee shall promptly notify the municipal manager of any respondent or tenderer who is disqualified for having engaged in fraudulent or corrupt practices during the tender process.

9.1.1.3. Tender committee²³

9.1.1.3.1. The tender committee shall comprise the following persons or their mandated delegate of which the chairperson shall be appointed by the Accounting Officer and can be any one of the Senior Managers employed by the municipality.²⁴

- a) Chief Financial Officer:
- b) Director – Corporate Services
- c) Director – Technical Services
- d) Director – Community Services
- e) Technical Expert, if the municipality has such an expert
- f) Supply Chain Management Manager

- 9.1.1.3.2. No member of the evaluation committee may serve on the tender committee. A member of an evaluation committee may, however, participate in the deliberations of a tender committee as a technical advisor or a subject matter expert.
- 9.1.1.3.3. The tender committee shall:
- a) consider the report and recommendations of the evaluation committee and:
 - 1) verify that the procurement process which was followed complies with the provisions of this document;
 - 2) confirm that the report is complete and addresses all considerations necessary to make a recommendation;
 - 3) confirm the validity and reasonableness of reasons provided for the elimination of tenderers; and
 - 4) consider commercial risks and identify any risks that have been overlooked or fall outside of the scope of the report which warrant investigation prior to taking a final decision; and
 - b) refer the report back to the evaluation committee for their reconsideration or make a recommendation to the authorised person on the award of a tender, with or without conditions, together with reasons for such recommendation
- 9.1.1.3.4. The tender committee shall consider proposals regarding the cancellation, amendment, extension or transfer of contracts that have been awarded and make a recommendation to the authorised person on the course of action which should be taken.
- 9.1.1.3.5. The tender committee shall consider the merits of an unsolicited offer and make a recommendation to the municipal manager.
- 9.1.1.3.6. The tender committee shall report to the municipal manager any recommendation made to award a contract to a tenderer other than the tenderer recommended by the evaluation committee, giving reasons for making such a recommendation.
- 9.1.1.3.7. The tender committee shall not make a recommendation for an award of a contract or order if the recommended tenderer or framework contractor has:
- a) made a misrepresentation or submitted false documents in competing for the contract or order; or

- b) been convicted of a corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for any contract during the past five years

9.1.1.3.8. The tender committee may on justifiable grounds and after following due process, disregard the submission of any tenderer if that tenderer or any of its directors, members or trustees or partners has abused the delivery management system or has committed fraud, corruption or any other improper conduct in relation to such system. The National Treasury and the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury shall be informed where such tenderers are disregarded.

10. Actions of an authorised person relating to the award of a contract or an order

10.1. Award of a contract

10.1.1. The authorised person shall, if the value of the contract inclusive of VAT, is within his or her delegation, consider the report(s) and recommendations of the tender committee, or in the case of the awards for contracts below the quotation threshold, the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Tender Committee and either:

10.2. Delegations

- a) award the contract after confirming that the report is complete and addresses all considerations necessary to make a recommendation and budgetary provisions are in place; or
- b) decide not to proceed or to start afresh with the process.

10.2.1. The municipal manager or the delegated person shall immediately notify the auditor general, national treasury and provincial treasury if a tender other than the recommended tender is awarded, save where the recommendation is changed to rectify an irregularity. Such person shall, within 10 working days, notify in writing the Auditor-General, the National Treasury and Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury and, in the case of a municipal entity, also the parent municipality, of the reasons for deviating from such recommendation.

10.3. Issuing of an order

The chief financial officer shall, if the value of an order issued in terms of a framework contract, is within his or her delegation, consider the recommendation of the evaluation committee as relevant, and either:

- a) authorise the issuing of an order in accordance with the provisions of clause 4.25 of the standard; or
- b) decide not to proceed or to start afresh with the process.

11. Conduct of those engaged in infrastructure delivery²⁵

11.1. General requirements

11.1.1. All personnel and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality shall comply with the requirements of the CIDB Code of Conduct for all Parties engaged in Construction Procurement.

They shall:

- a) behave equitably, honestly and transparently;
- b) discharge duties and obligations timeously and with integrity;
- c) comply with all applicable legislation and associated regulations;
- d) satisfy all relevant requirements established in procurement documents;
- e) avoid conflicts of interest; and
- f) not maliciously or recklessly injure or attempt to injure the reputation of another party

11.1.2. All personnel and agents engaged in Blue Crane Route Municipality's infrastructure delivery management system shall:

- a) not perform any duties to unlawfully gain any form of compensation, payment or gratification from any person for themselves or a family member or an associate;
- b) perform their duties efficiently, effectively and with integrity and may not use their position for private gain or to improperly benefit another person;
- c) strive to be familiar with and abide by all statutory and other instructions applicable to their duties;
- d) furnish information in the course of their duties that is complete, true and fair and not intended to mislead;
- e) ensure that resources are administered responsibly;
- f) be fair and impartial in the performance of their functions;

- g) at no time afford any undue preferential treatment to any group or individual or unfairly discriminate against any group or individual;
- h) not abuse the power vested in them;
- i) not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to external individuals or firms that might seek to influence them in the performance of their duties;
- j) assist Blue Crane Route Municipality in combating corruption and fraud within the infrastructure procurement and delivery management system;
- k) not disclose information obtained in connection with a project except when necessary to carry out assigned duties;
- l) not make false or misleading entries in reports or accounting systems; and
- m) keep matters of a confidential nature in their possession confidential unless legislation, the performance of duty or the provision of the law require otherwise:

11.1.3. An employee or agent may not amend or tamper with any submission, tender or contract in any manner whatsoever.

11.2. **Conflicts of interest**

11.2.1. The employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality who are connected in any way to procurement and delivery management activities which are subject to this policy, shall:

- a) disclose in writing to the employee of the Blue Crane Route Municipality to whom they report, or to the person responsible for managing their contract, if they have, or a family member or associate has, any conflicts of interest; and
- b) not participate in any activities that might lead to the disclosure of Blue Crane Route Municipality proprietary information.

11.2.2. The employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality shall declare and address any perceived or known conflict of interest, indicating the nature of such conflict to whoever is responsible for overseeing the procurement process at the start of any deliberations relating to a procurement process or as soon as they become aware of such conflict, and abstain from any decisions where such conflict exists or recuse themselves from the procurement process, as appropriate.

11.2.3. Agents who prepare a part of a procurement document may in exceptional circumstances, where it is in Blue Crane Route Municipality's interest to do so, submit a tender for work associated with such documents provided that:

- a) Blue Crane Route Municipality states in the tender data that such an agent is a potential tenderer;
- b) all the information which was made available to, and the advice provided by that agent which is relevant to the tender, is equally made available to all potential tenderers upon request, if not already included in the scope of work; and
- c) the procurement documentation committee is satisfied that the procurement document is objective and unbiased having regard to the role and recommendations of that agent.

11.2.4. Evaluation of submissions received from respondents and tenderers

11.2.5. The confidentiality of the outcome of the processes associated with the calling for expressions of interest, quotations or tenders shall be preserved. Those engaged in the evaluation process shall:

- a) not have any conflict between their duties as an employee or an agent and their private interest;
- b) may not be influenced by a gift or consideration (including acceptance of hospitality) to show favour or disfavour to any person;
- c) deal with respondents and tenderers in an equitable and even-handed manner at all times; and
- d) not use any confidential information obtained for personal gain and may not discuss with, or disclose to outsiders, prices which have been quoted or charged to Blue Crane Route Municipality.

11.2.6. The evaluation process shall be free of conflicts of interest and any perception of bias. Any connections between the employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality and a tenderer or respondent shall be disclosed and recorded in the tender evaluation report.

11.2.7. Blue Crane Route Municipality personnel and their agents shall immediately withdraw from participating in any manner whatsoever in a procurement process in which they, or any close family member, partner or associate, has any private or business interest.

11.3. **Non-disclosure agreements**

Confidentiality agreements in the form of non-disclosure agreements shall, where appropriate, be entered into with agents and potential contractors to protect Blue Crane Route Municipality's confidential information and interests.

11.4. **Gratifications, hospitality and gifts**

11.4.1. The employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality shall not, directly or indirectly, accept or agree or offer to accept any gratification from any other person including a commission, whether for the benefit of themselves or for the benefit of another person, as an inducement to improperly influence in any way a procurement process, procedure or decision.

11.4.2. The employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality as well as their family members or associates shall not receive any of the following from any tenderer, respondent or contractor or any potential contractor:

- a) money, loans, equity, personal favours, benefits or services;
- b) overseas trips; or
- c) any gifts or hospitality irrespective of value from tenderers or respondents prior to the conclusion of the processes associated with a call for an expression of interest or a tender.

11.4.3. The employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality shall not purchase any items at artificially low prices from any tenderer, respondent or contractor or any potential contractor at artificially low prices which are not available to the public.

11.4.4. All employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality may for the purpose of fostering inter-personal business relations accept the following:

- a) meals and entertainment, but excluding the cost of transport and accommodation;
 - b) promotional material of small intrinsic value such as pens, paper-knives, diaries, calendars, etc;
 - c) incidental business hospitality such as business lunches or dinners, which the employee is prepared to reciprocate;
 - d) complimentary tickets to sports meetings and other public events, but excluding the cost of transport and accommodation, provided that such tickets are not of a recurrent nature;
- and

- e) gifts **in kind** other than those listed in a) to d) which have an intrinsic value greater than R350 provided that they have declared them to the municipal manager or delegated official ²⁶

11.4.5. Under no circumstances shall gifts be accepted from prospective contractors during the evaluation of calls for expressions of interest, quotations or tenders that could be perceived as undue and improper influence of such processes.

11.4.6. Employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality shall without delay report to the municipal manager or chief financial officer or appropriately delegated authority any incidences of a respondent, tenderer or contractor who directly or indirectly offers a gratification to them or any other person to improperly influence in any way a procurement process, procedure or decision.

11.5. **Reporting of breaches**

Employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality shall promptly report to the municipal manager or chief financial officer or appropriately delegated authority any alleged improper conduct which they may become aware of, including any alleged fraud or corruption.

12. Measures to prevent abuse of the infrastructure delivery system²⁷

The municipal manager or chief financial officer or appropriately delegated authority shall investigate all allegations of corruption, improper conduct or failure to comply with the requirements of this policy against an employee or an agent, a contractor or other role player and, where justified:

- a) take steps against an employee or role player and inform the National Treasury and Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury of those steps;
- b) report to the South African Police Service any conduct that may constitute a criminal offence;
- c) lodge complaints with the Construction Industry Development Board or any other relevant statutory council where a breach of such council's code of conduct or rules of conduct are considered to have been breached;
- d) cancel a contract if:
 - 1) it comes to light that the contractor has made a misrepresentation, submitted falsified documents or has been convicted of a corrupt or fraudulent act in competing for a particular contract or during the execution of that contract; or

- 2) an employee or other role player committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the tender process or during the execution of that contract

13. Awards to persons in the service of the state²⁸

- 13.1. Any submissions made by a respondent or tenderer who declares in the Compulsory Declaration that a principal is one of the **following shall be rejected**:
 - a) a member of any municipal council, any provincial legislature, or the National Assembly or the National Council of Provinces;
 - b) a member of the board of directors of any municipal entity;
 - c) an official of any municipality or municipal entity;
 - d) an employee of any national or provincial department, national or provincial public entity or constitutional institution within the meaning of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act No. 1 of 1999);
 - e) a member of the accounting authority of any national or provincial public entity; or
 - f) an employee of Parliament or a provincial legislature
- 13.2. The notes to the annual financial statements of the municipality shall disclose particulars of an award of more than R 2000 to a person who is a family member of a person identified in 6.1.5.1 or who has been in the previous 12 months. Such notes shall include the name of the person, the capacity in which such person served and the amount of the award.

Disclosure and Report to SAPS as it is a criminal act

14. Collusive tendering²⁹

Any submissions made by a respondent or tenderer who fails to declare in the Compulsory Declaration that the tendering entity:

- a) is not associated, linked or involved with any other tendering entity submitting tender offers;
or
- b) has not engaged in any prohibited restrictive horizontal practices including consultation, communication, agreement, or arrangement with any competing or potential tendering entity regarding prices, geographical areas in which goods and services will be rendered, approaches to determining prices or pricing parameters, intentions to submit a tender or not, the content of the submission (specification, timing, conditions of contract etc.) or intention to not win a tender **shall be rejected**.

15. Placing of contractors under restrictions³⁰

15.1. If any tenderer which has submitted a tender offer or a contractor which has concluded a contract has, as relevant:

- a) withdrawn such tender or quotation after the advertised closing date and time for the receipt of submissions;
- b) after having been notified of the acceptance of his tender, failed or refused to commence the contract;
- c) had their contract terminated for reasons within their control without reasonable cause;
- d) offered, promised or given a bribe in relation to the obtaining or the execution of such contract;
- e) acted in a fraudulent, collusive or anti-competitive or improper manner or in bad faith towards Blue Crane Route Municipality; or
- f) made any incorrect statement in any affidavit or declaration with regard to a preference claimed and is unable to prove to the satisfaction of Blue Crane Route Municipality that the statement was made in good faith or reasonable steps were taken to confirm the correctness of the statements,

A Chief Financial Officer shall prepare a report on the matter and make a recommendation to the municipal manager for placing the contractor or any of its principals under restrictions from doing business with the Blue Crane Route Municipality.

15.2. The municipal manager may, as appropriate, upon the receipt of a recommendation made in terms of 6.1.7.1 and after notifying the contractor of such intention in writing and giving written reasons for such action, suspend a contractor or any principal of that contractor from submitting a tender offer to Blue Crane Route Municipality for a period of time.

The period of time shall be determined by the Municipal Manager depending on the seriousness of the issue at hand.

15.3. The Chief Financial Officer shall:

- a) record the names of those placed under restrictions in an internal register which shall be accessible to employees and agents of Blue Crane Route Municipality who are engaged in procurement processes; and

- b) notify the National Treasury and Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury and , if relevant, the Construction Industry Development Board, of such decision and provide them with the details associated therewith.

16. Complaints

- 16.1. All complaints regarding the Blue Crane Route Municipality's infrastructure delivery management system shall be addressed to the Municipal Manager. Such complaints shall be in writing.
- 16.2. The Chief Audit Executive shall investigate all complaints regarding the infrastructure procurement and delivery management system and report on actions taken to the Municipal Manager who will decide on what action to take.

17. Acquisition management

17.1. Unsolicited proposal³¹

- 17.1.1. The Blue Crane Route Municipality is not obliged to consider unsolicited offers received outside a normal procurement process but may consider such an offer only if:
 - a) the goods, services or any combination thereof that is offered is a demonstrably or proven unique innovative concept;
 - b) proof of ownership of design, manufacturing, intellectual property, copyright or any other proprietary right of ownership or entitlement is vested in the person who made the offer;
 - c) the offer presents a value proposition which demonstrates a clear, measurable and foreseeable benefit for Blue Crane Route Municipality;
 - d) the offer is in writing and clearly sets out the proposed cost;
 - e) the person who made the offer is the sole provider of the goods or service; and
 - f) the municipal manager finds the reasons for not going through a normal tender processes to be sound.
- 17.1.2. The municipal manager may only accept an unsolicited offer and enter into a contract after considering the recommendations of the tender committee if:
 - a) the intention to consider an unsolicited proposal has been made known in accordance with Section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act of 2000 together with the reasons why such a proposal should not be open to other competitors, an explanation of the potential

benefits for the municipality and an invitation to the public or other potential suppliers and providers to submit their comments within 30 days after the notice;

- b) the Blue Crane Route Municipality has obtained comments and recommendations on the offer from the National Treasury and Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury;
- c) the tender committee meeting which makes recommendations to accept an unsolicited proposal **was open to the public** and took into account any public comments that were received and any comments and recommendations received from the National Treasury and Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury; and
- d) the provisions of 6.2.1.3 are complied with.

17.1.3. The municipal manager shall, within 7 working days after the decision to award the unsolicited offer is taken, submit the reasons for rejecting or not following the recommendations to the National Treasury, the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury and Auditor General. A contract shall in such circumstances not be entered into or signed within 30 days of such submission.

17.2. **Tax and rates compliance**³²

17.2.1. SARS tax clearance

17.2.1.1. No contract may be awarded or an order issued where the value of such transaction exceeds R 15 000, unless a tenderer or contractor is in possession of an original valid Tax Clearance Certificate issued by SARS provided that the tenderer is not domiciled in the Republic of South Africa and the SARS has confirmed that such a tenderer is not required to prove their tax compliance status.

17.2.2. In the case of a partnership, each partner shall comply with the requirements of 6.2.2.1.1.

17.2.3. No payment shall be made to a contractor who does not satisfy the requirements of 6.2.2.1.2. An employee of Blue Crane Route Municipality shall upon detecting that a tenderer or contractor is not tax compliant, immediately notify such person of such status.

17.2.4. Notwithstanding the requirements of 6.2.2.1.1 and 6.2.2.1.3 the following shall apply, unless a person who is not tax compliant indicates to the Municipal Manager that it intends challenging its tax compliance status with SARS,

- a) a contract may be awarded to a non-compliant tenderer if such a tenderer is able to remedy its tax compliance status within a period not exceeding 10 working days after being duly notified of its non-compliant status;

- b) an order may be awarded to a non-compliant contractor if such a contractor is able to remedy its tax compliance status within a period not exceeding 10 working days after being duly notified of its non-compliant status;
- c) a non-compliant contractor shall be issued with a first warning that payments in future amounts due in terms of the contract may be withheld, before the authorising of any payment due to such contractor;
- d) before authorising a further payment due to a non-compliant contractor who has failed to remedy its tax compliance status after receiving a first warning, a second and final warning shall be issued to such contractor;
- e) no payments may be released for any amounts due in terms of the contract due to a non-compliant contractor if, after a period of 30 calendar days have lapsed since the second warning was issued, the non-compliant contractor has failed to remedy its tax compliance status.

17.2.5. The Blue Crane Route Municipality may cancel a contract with a non-compliant contractor if such a contractor fails to remedy its tax compliance status after a period of 30 calendar days have lapsed since the second warning was issued in terms of 6.2.2.1.4.

17.2.6. Municipal rates and taxes³³

No contract may be awarded to a tenderer who, or the principals of that tenderer, owes municipal rates and taxes or municipal service charges to any municipality or a municipal entity and are in arrears for more than 3 months.

17.3. Declarations of interest

Tenders and respondents making submissions in response to an invitation to submit a tender or a call for an expression of interest, respectively shall declare in the Compulsory Declaration whether or not any of the principals:

- a) are an employee of the Blue Crane Route Municipality or in the employ of the state; or
- b) have a family member or a business relation with a person who is in the employ of the state.

17.4. Invitations to submit expressions of interest or tender offers

17.4.1. All invitations to submit tenders where the estimated value of the contract exceeds R200 000 including VAT, except where a confined tender process is followed, and expressions of interest shall be advertised on the Blue Crane Route Municipality's website and on the

National Treasury eTender Publication Portal.³⁴ Advertisements shall be placed by Manager – Supply Chain Management.

17.4.2. Advertisements relating to construction works which are subject to the Construction Industry Development Regulations issued in terms of the Construction Industry Development Act of 2000 shall in addition to the requirements of 6.2.4.1 be advertised on the CIDB website. Advertisements shall be placed by Manager – Supply Chain Management.

17.4.3. Where deemed appropriate by the Municipal Manager an invitation to tender and a call for an expression of interest shall be advertised in suitable local and national newspapers and the Government Tender Bulletin as directed by such person. Advertisements shall be placed by Manager – Supply Chain Management.

17.4.4. Such advertisements shall be advertised for a period of at least 30 days before closure, except in urgent cases when the advertisement period may be shortened as determined by the municipal manager or the appropriately delegated authority.

17.4.5. Invitations to submit expressions of interest or tender offers shall be issued not less than 10 working days before the closing date for tenders and at least 5 working days before any compulsory clarification meeting. Procurement documents shall be made available not less than 7 working days before the closing time for submissions.

17.5. Publication of submissions received and the award of contracts³⁵

17.5.1. The Manager – Supply Chain Management shall publish within 10 working days of the closure of any advertised call for an expression of interest or an invitation to tender where the estimated value of the contract exceeds R200 000 including VAT on the municipality's or municipal entity's website, the names of all tenderers that made submissions to that advertisement, and if practical or applicable, the total of the prices and the preferences claimed. Such information shall remain on the website for at least 30 days.

17.5.2. The Manager – Supply Chain Management shall publish within 7 working days of the award of a contract the following on the Blue Crane Route Municipality's website

- a) the contract number;
- b) contract title;
- c) brief description of the goods, services or works;
- d) the total of the prices, if practical;
- e) the names of successful tenderers and their B-BBEE status level of contribution;

- f) duration of the contract; and
- g) brand names, if applicable.

17.5.3. The Manager – Supply Chain Management shall submit within 7 working days of the award of a contract the information required by National Treasury on the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal regarding the successful and unsuccessful tenders. Submissions shall be made by Manager – Supply Chain Management.

17.5.4. The award of contracts relating to construction works which are subject to the Construction Industry Development Regulations issued in terms of the Construction Industry Development Act of 2000 shall in addition to the requirements of 6.2.5.3 be notified on the CIDB website. The notification shall be made and placed by Manager – Supply Chain Management.

18. Disposal committee

18.1. The municipal manager shall appoint on a disposal by disposal basis in writing the members of the disposal committee to decide on how best to undertake disposals in accordance with the provisions of clause 10 of the standard.

18.2. The disposal panel shall comprise not less than three people. The chairperson shall be an employee of Blue Crane Route Municipality.

18.3. The disposal committee shall make recommendations to the Municipal Manager who shall approve the recommendations, refer the disposal strategy back to the disposal committee for their reconsideration, decide not to proceed or to start afresh with the process.

19. Reporting of infrastructure delivery management information

Chief Financial Officer shall submit any reports required in terms of the standard to the National Treasury or Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury.

19.1. Infrastructure procurement

19.1.1. Procurement documents

19.1.1.1. The forms of contract that may be used are as follows:

Form of contract ³⁷	Code	Usage

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19.1.1.2. The Blue Crane Route Municipality's preapproved templates for Part C1 (Agreements and contract data) of procurement documents shall be utilised to obviate the need for legal review prior to the awarding of a contract. All modifications to the standard templates shall be approved by the Municipal Manager prior to being issued for tender purposes.

19.1.1.3. Disputes arising from the performance of a contract shall be finally settled in a South African court of law.³⁸

19.1.1.4. [state additional requirements, if any e.g. use of standard access specifications, health and safety specifications etc.]³⁹

Technical Service will assist with identifying requirement for occupational health and safety. (7.1.4)

19.1.1.5. The Municipal Declaration and returnable documents contained in the standard shall be included in all tenders for:

- a) consultancy services;⁴⁰ and
- b) goods and services or any combination thereof where the total of the prices is expected to exceed R10 m including VAT.⁴¹

20. Developmental procurement policy⁴²

The following specific goals shall be proposed:

- a) SMME Development
- b) Youth Development
- c) Women Development
- d) Local Content

21. Payment of contractors⁴³

The Blue Crane Route Municipality shall settle all accounts within 30 days of invoice or statement as provided for in the contract.

22. Approval to utilise specific procurement procedures⁴⁴

- 22.1. Prior approval shall be obtained for the following procurement procedures from the following persons, unless such a procedure is already provided for in the approved procurement strategy:
- a) The Municipal Manager shall authorise the use of the negotiated procedure above the thresholds provided in the standard.
 - b) The Municipal Manager shall authorise the approaching of a confined market except where a rapid response is required in the presence of, or the imminent risk of, an extreme or emergency situation arising from the conditions set out in the standard and which can be dealt with or the risks relating thereto arrested within 48 hours; and
 - c) the proposal procedure using the two-envelope system, the proposal procedure using the two stage system or the competitive negotiations procedure⁴⁵.
- 22.2. The person authorised to pursue a negotiated procedure in an emergency is the Municipal Manager.

23. Receipt and safeguarding of submissions⁴⁶

- 23.1. A dedicated and clearly marked tender box shall be made available to receive all submissions made.⁴⁷
- 23.2. The tender box shall be fitted with two locks and the keys kept separately by Accountant Supply Chain Management and Supply Chain Management Chain Practitioner. Such personnel shall be present when the box is opened on the stipulated closing date for submissions.

The tender box must be fitted with an additional lock

24. Opening of submissions⁴⁸

- 24.1. Submissions shall be opened by an opening panel comprising two people nominated by Chief Financial Officer who have declared their interest or confirmed that they have no interest in the submissions that are to be opened.
- 24.2. The opening panel shall open the tender box at the stipulated closing time and:
- a) sort through the submissions and return those submissions to the box that are not yet due to be opened including those whose closing date has been extended;
 - b) return submissions unopened and suitably annotated where:

- 1) submissions are received late, unless otherwise permitted in terms of the submission data;
 - 2) submissions were submitted by a method other than the stated method,
 - 3) submissions were withdrawn in accordance with the procedures contained in SANS 108453; and.
 - 4) only one tender submission is received and it is decided not to open it and to call for fresh tender submissions;
- c) record in the register submissions that were returned unopened;
 - d) open submissions if received in sealed envelopes and annotated with the required particulars and read out the name of and record in the register the name of the tenderer or respondent and, if relevant, the total of prices including VAT where this is possible;
 - e) record in the register the name of any submissions that is returned with the reasons for doing so;
 - f) record the names of the tenderer's representatives that attend the public opening;
 - g) sign the entries into the register; and
 - h) stamp each returnable document in each tender submission
- 24.3 Each member of the opening panel shall initial the front cover of the submission and all pages that are stamped in accordance with the requirements of 7.7.3h).
- 24.4 Respondents and tenderers whose submissions are to be returned shall be afforded the opportunity to collect their submissions.
- 24.5 Submissions shall be safeguarded from the time of receipt until the conclusion of the procurement process.

25. Use of another organ of state's framework agreement⁴⁹

The Blue Crane Route Municipality may make use of another organ of state's framework contract which has been put in place by means of a competitive tender process and there are demonstrable benefits for doing so. The municipal manager shall make the necessary application to that organ of state to do so.

26. Insurances⁵⁰

- 26.1 Contractors shall be required to take out all insurances required in terms of the contract.⁵¹

26.1.1 The insurance cover in engineering and construction contracts for loss of or damage to property (except the works, Plant and Materials and Equipment) and liability for bodily injury to or death of a person (not an employee of the Contractor) caused by activity in connection with a contract shall in general not be less than the value stated in Table 4, unless otherwise directed by [designated person].

26.1.2 Lateral earth support insurance in addition to such insurance shall be take out on a case by case basis.

Table 4: Minimum insurance cover⁵²

Type of insurance	Value
Engineering and construction contracts - loss of or damage to property (except the works, Plant and Materials and Equipment) and liability for bodily injury to or death of a person (not an employee of the Contractor) caused by activity in connection with a contract	Not less than R20 million
Professional services and service contracts - death of or bodily injury to employees of the Contractor arising out of and in the course of their employment in connection with a contract or damage to property	Not less than R10 million
Professional indemnity insurance	geotechnical, civil and structural engineering: R5,0 million electrical, mechanical and engineering: R3,0 million architectural: R5,0 million other R3,0 million

26.1.3 The insurance cover in professional services and service contracts for damage to property or death of or bodily injury to employees of the Contractor arising out of and in the course of

their employment in connection with a contract shall not be less than the value stated in Table 4 for any one event unless otherwise directed by the Municipal Manager.

26.1.4 SASRIA Special Risk Insurance in respect of riot and associated risk of damage to the works, Plant and Materials shall be taken out on all engineering and construction works.

26.1.5 Professional service appointments shall as a general rule be subject to proof of current professional indemnity insurance being submitted by the contractor in an amount not less than the value stated in Table 4 in respect of each claim, without limit to the number of claims, unless otherwise directed by the Municipal Manager in relation to the nature of the service that they provide.

26.1.6 Blue Crane Route Municipality shall take out professional indemnity insurance cover where it is deemed necessary to have such insurance at a level higher than the levels of insurance commonly carried by contractors.

26.1.7 Where payment is to be made in multiple currencies, either the contractor or Blue Crane Route Municipality should be required to take out forward cover. Alternatively, the prices for the imported content should be fixed as soon as possible after the starting date for the contract.

27. Written reasons for actions taken

27.1. Written reasons for actions taken shall be provided by the Municipal Manager.

27.1.1. The written reasons for actions taken shall be as brief as possible and shall as far as is possible, and where relevant, be framed around the clauses in the:

- a) SANS 10845-3, Construction procurement - Part 3: Standard conditions of tender, and, giving rise to the reason why a respondent was not short listed, prequalified or admitted to a data base; or
- b) SANS 10845-4, Construction procurement - Part 4: Standard conditions for the calling for expressions of interest;

as to why a tenderer was not considered for the award of a contract or not awarded a contract.

27.1.2. Requests for written reasons for actions taken need to be brief and to the point and may not divulge information which is not in the public interest or any information which is considered to prejudice the legitimate commercial interests of others or might prejudice fair competition between tenderers.

28. Request for access to information⁵³

- 28.1. Should an application be received in terms of Promotion of Access to Information Act of 2000 (Act 2 of 2000), the “requestor” should be referred to the [name of municipality or municipal entity]’s Information Manual which establishes the procedures to be followed and the criteria that have to be met for the “requester” to request access to records in the possession or under the control of Blue Crane Route Municipality’s.
- 28.2. Access to technical and commercial information such as a comprehensive programme which links resources and prices to such programme should be refused as such information provides the order and timing of operations, provisions for time risk allowances and statements as to how the contractor plans to do the work which identifies principal equipment and other resources which he plans to use. Access to a bill of quantities and rates should be provided in terms of the Act.

29. Council Resolution

This policy has been adopted on 30 June 2016 by Council and will be effective as from 1 July 2016.

This policy will be reviewed at least annually or when required by way of a Council resolution.

Reviewed by Council	6 July 2017	
Reviewed by Council	28 March 2019	

30. Footnotes

Footnotes

No.	Description
1	This clause is required to ensure that the standard is linked to the policy and aligned with the MFMA SCM Regulations.
2	SCM Regulation 36 of the MFMA permits deviations from, and ratification of minor breaches or procurement processes
3	Delete text after / in the case of a municipality and the text before the / in the case of a municipal entity.
4	Delete text after / in the case of a municipality and the text before the / in the case of a municipal entity.

5	Any deviation to the provisions of this standard must be reported to National Treasury and the relevant treasury.
6	Sub-clause 4.1.1.4 c) of the standard permits an organ of states' policy to require that pre-feasibility and feasibility reports are required, notwithstanding the test provided for in this sub-clause to determine if such reports are required. The compiler of the policy needs to delete this sub-clause if it is not required.
7	Sub-clause 4.1.1.1 of the standard permits stages 3 to 9 where the work does not involve the provision of new infrastructure or the rehabilitation, refurbishment, alteration of existing infrastructure. Stages 5 and 6 to be omitted where there is sufficient information to proceed to stage 7 is contained in the stage 4 deliverable. The policy may require that certain types of work (e.g. specific types of maintenance) need to pass through all the stages. If this is the case, the policy may require the application of all the stages for specific types of projects. The compiler of the policy needs to delete this sub-clause if it is not required.
8	SCM Regulation 7 which is issued in terms of the MFMA requires each municipality to establish a supply chain management unit to implement its supply chain management policy, which where possible, should operate under the direct supervision of the chief financial officer or an official to whom this duty has been delegated in terms of Section 82 of the MFMA. There are benefits in establishing SCM units for general goods and services and infrastructure and to delegate the supervision to a person other than the chief financial officer.
9	This clause aligns with SCM Regulation 49 issued in terms of the MFMA.
10	This clause aligns with SCM Regulation 50 issued in terms of the MFMA.
11	This clause is required to ensure compliance with the requirements of the standard.
12	The terms "approve" and "accept" have the meanings "officially agree to" and "receive as adequate, valid, or suitable give an affirmative answer to a proposal", respectively. Approvals will typically take place at a senior management level whilst acceptances can be made at a lower level. Approvals and acceptances can be granted by individuals or committees. Where a municipality or municipal entity implements a project on behalf of an organ of state, acceptance / approval of end of stage deliverables may have to be granted in consultation with such an organisation. Alternatively it may be assigned to a party to an agency agreement developed in accordance with the provisions of clauses 5.2 of the standard. As a result, Table 1 may have to differentiate between own infrastructure and client institution's infrastructure. It may also have to differentiate between the value and type of projects.

13	Clause 4.1.1.7 of the standard permits the inclusion of additional gates, if deemed necessary. This is an optional provision. The compiler of the policy should either delete this provision or describe the additional gates that are required, what their end of stage deliverable and any requirements associated with deliverables, who approves / accepts the deliverable etc..
14	State additional requirements for any of the stages, as necessary. Sub clause 4.1.1.4 permits a municipality or municipal entity to insist that pre-feasibility and feasibility reports be provided irrespective of the test contained in the standard for determining if such reports contained in the standard suggests otherwise.
15	Delete or add in any additional requirements.
16	State optional requirements or delete clause. Gateway reviews may be undertaken by a gateway review team of the deliverables associated with any of the gates in the control framework. Such reviews should preferably take place at gates 4, 5 or 8. They can also be conducted on a random sample basis after the end of stage deliverable has been accepted. Such reviews can capture lessons learned and in so doing improve the quality of future deliverables.
17	This clause is required to ensure compliance with the requirements of the standard.
18	SCM Regulation 26 of the MFMA requires that a committee system be established for procurement above the threshold for quotations. It is not, however, a requirement for such a committee to deal with quotations.
19	<p>SCM Regulation 26 of the MFMA requires that a committee system be established for procurement above the threshold for quotations. A municipality of a municipal entity may require that the tender committee (bid adjudication committee) also deal with quotations. The principle of segregation (an internal control designed to prevent error and fraud by ensuring that at least two individuals are responsible for the separate parts of any task) is dealt with the committee system in the standard as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • procurement gate 3: a technical evaluation of procurement documents and an approval of such documentation; • procurement gate 5: a technical evaluation of submissions and an authorization to proceed with the next phase of a procurement process; and • procurement gate 6: a tender evaluation and a recommendation to award a contract.

*	Applies only to goods and services not addressed in a procurement strategy developed during stage 2 (strategic resourcing) of the control framework for infrastructure delivery management
20	The award of a contract can be linked to contract value. For example, high value contracts may be awarded by the municipal manager or chief executive and lower amounts by different appropriately delegated authorities.
21	<p>Stepped thresholds leading up to the 20% and 30% values given in PG8D may be necessary to manage cost and time overruns, respectively, the principle being that approval to exceed these percentages needs to be granted at a more senior level with each increase. For example, the increases for cost overruns could be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≤ 2,5 % - contract manager; • 2,5 to 10% - project director • > 10% - appropriately delegated authority
22	A supply chain management practitioner in the context of infrastructure delivery includes a built environment professional
23	Where no separate tender committee is established, this section should simply refer to the bid adjudication committee which is set up to deal with tenders with both the supply chain for general goods and services and for infrastructure
24	The chairperson needs to be an employee of the municipality or the municipal entity with requisite skills. Other members should be employees of the municipality or the municipal entity and include at least four senior managers including the chief financial officer, a supply chain management practitioner and a technical expert in the relevant field, if such municipality or municipal entity has such an expert.
25	Sub clause 5.1 d) of the standard requires that the municipality's or municipal entity's policy establish ethical standards for those involved in the procurement and delivery of infrastructure. This clause is aligned with the provisions of SCM Regulation 46 (Ethical standards) issued in terms of the MFMA and National Treasury's Code of Conduct for Supply Chain Management Practitioners
26	SCM Regulation permits the receipt of gifts and hospitality provided that they are declared to the municipal manager or the chief executive

27	The requirement to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system is aligned with the provisions of SCM Regulation 38 issued in terms of the MFMA.
28	The clause aligns with SCM Regulation 44 issued in terms of the MFMA.
29	The standard requires the inclusion of the Compulsory Declaration in all procurement documents. This sub-clause aligns with SCM Regulation 44 issued in terms of the MFMA and SANS 10845-3 which is incorporated by reference in the standard.
30	This sub-clause is aligned with the requirements of SCM Regulation 38 issued in terms of the MFMA.
31	The clause aligns with SCM Regulation 37 issued in terms of the MFMA.
32	This sub-clause aligns with the provisions of SCM Regulation 43 issued in terms of the MFMA. .
33	This subclause aligns with the provisions of SCM Regulation 38 issued in terms of the MFMA.
34	This subclause aligns with National Treasury Instruction No 1 of 2015/2016 – Advertisement of bids and the publication of awards on the eTender Publication Portal.
35	This subclause aligns with National Treasury Instruction No 1 of 2015/2016 – Advertisement of bids and the publication of awards on the eTender Publication Portal.
36	Delete this clause if there are no restriction. Amend if there are specific circumstance under which a procurement procedure is to be used.
37	Reproduce from Table 11 of the standard the forms of contract which the municipality or municipal entity wishes to make use of.
38	This sub-clause aligns with SCM Regulation 21 issued in terms of the PFMA.
39	Include if requirements are not included in the templates.
40	The clause aligns with SCM Regulation 35(3) issued in terms of the MFMA.
41	The clause aligns with SCM Regulation 35(3) issued in terms of the MFMA.
42	State specific goals that may be promoted.

43	The Section 65 of the MFMA requires municipal manager or chief executives to settle all contractual obligations and pay all money owing within 30 days of receiving the relevant statement or invoice.
44	This clause is necessary to enable the standard to be implemented.
45	7.5.1 c) is an optional statement and needs to be deleted if this control is not required.
46	This section may not be necessary if the policy for general goods and services already covers these requirements.
47	Modify as necessary. Preferably describe the location and accessibility of the box.
48	This section may not be necessary if the policy for general goods and services already covers these requirements.
49	This clause aligns with SCM Regulation 32 issued in terms of the MFMA and clause 7.3 of the Standard.
50	Align with the manner in which the municipality or municipal entity wishes to manage risk.
51	Alternatively state that the insurances shall be principal or employer controlled.
52	Modify as necessary
53	Amend as necessary