

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Renewable Energy Wheeling Services

For potential application across the University of the Witwatersrand property portfolio within the City of Johannesburg Municipality / City Power distribution network area

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Name of Respondent	
Authorised Signatory	
Date	

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PART 1: RFI OVERVIEW AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Disclaimer, Reservation of Rights and Legal Framework

Respondents are required to:

- a) treat the RFI and any information provided to the respondents by or on behalf of the University in connection with the RFI process as confidential information belonging to the University, subject to the executed Non-Disclosure Agreement (**Part 3**);
- b) not disclose or use such information except as strictly required for the purpose of developing a response to this RFI; and
- c) clearly identify any information in their response that they consider commercially sensitive or confidential, subject to applicable law and the University's information governance requirements; and
- d) upon request by the University, promptly return or securely destroy all confidential information and any copies thereof.

Intellectual Property:

All response documents and materials submitted in response to this RFI, together with all intellectual property rights therein, shall vest in and become the exclusive property of the University upon submission, at no cost to the University. Respondents submit documents on the basis that the University may use, retain, disclose and copy the information contained in those documents for any purpose related to the University's procurement and business activities.

Assumptions:

The University has endeavoured to provide sufficient guidance to inform Respondents' responses. However, it may be necessary for respondents to make assumptions, including in relation to the indicative site and consumption data referenced in this RFI. Where assumptions are made, these must be clearly documented in the response. The University accepts no responsibility for assumptions made by any respondent.

In responding to this RFI the respondent acknowledges that:

- a) it is duly authorised to respond on behalf of the respondent;
- b) the University may approach other suppliers, service providers or market participants, including parties that have not responded to this RFI, for information that is the same as or similar to that requested in this RFI;
- c) the University may conduct other industry engagement activities and future procurement processes in relation to the subject matter of this RFI, in which the respondent may or may not be invited;
- d) no right, entitlement, or legitimate expectation arises from participation in this RFI to be invited to any future procurement process, or to receive any award, contract, or compensation from the University; and
- e) participation in this RFI process is at the respondent's own risk and cost. The University will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by a respondent in preparing or submitting a response.

The University reserves the right at any time to:

- a) request further information should the submission of information yield insufficient detail and respondent differentiation;
- b) contact any respondent, in order to clarify any information, without informing any other respondent;
- c) cancel, withdraw, recall, defer, suspend or reissue this RFI in whole or in part at any time;
- d) confirm that nothing in this RFI shall be construed as a contract between the parties, and that no communication, whether verbal or written, by the University, its personnel, or its agents during the course of this process shall create such a contract in respect of the requirements specified in this RFI;
- e) share non-confidential information and findings obtained through this RFI with any other higher education entities, whether in South Africa or internationally, for internal planning, benchmarking and future procurement purposes, provided that any information a respondent identifies as commercially sensitive or confidential — including proprietary pricing, solution structuring, and commercial models — shall not be shared without the prior written consent of the relevant respondent; and
- f) To the maximum extent permitted by law, the University, and its personnel shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever to the respondent (whether based in contract, promissory estoppel, restitution, quantum meruit, quasi-contract, delict, statute or otherwise) in connection with or in relation to the RFI, or the respondents partaking in the RFI process.
- g) The respondent agrees to indemnify, and keep indemnified, the University and its personnel from and against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses and any professional costs and expenses suffered by, incurred by, or awarded against the University, arising out of or in connection with this RFI, to the extent caused or contributed to by the respondent's act, omission, breach of this RFI, or misrepresentation.

1.1 Purpose of the RFI

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to obtain information from the market regarding market readiness, available renewable energy wheeling solutions, service provider capabilities and relevant regulatory and operational dependencies, including service providers' ability to support the University with the development and implementation of an appropriate Renewable Energy Wheeling Services solution, in order to inform the University's requirements and procurement strategy.

The information provided in response to this RFI will also be used to identify suitably qualified and experienced service providers for potential participation in a subsequent closed procurement process, should the University elect to proceed with such process.

Respondents should therefore provide complete and accurate information regarding their relevant experience and capability, as this information may be used to determine whether the Respondent meets the minimum requirements for consideration for the subsequent procurement process.

Participation in this RFI does not constitute an award, appointment or commitment by the University to procure services from any Respondent.

1.2 Confidentiality and Use of Information

Information submitted in response to this RFI will be used to inform the University's internal assessment of the **Renewable Energy Wheeling Services** market, potential solution structures and future procurement requirements. Respondents should clearly mark any commercially sensitive information accordingly. The University reserves the right to retain RFI responses for reference in any future related procurement process, subject to applicable confidentiality obligations and law. Respondents are required to sign and return the Non-Disclosure Agreement at Part 3 as part of their submission.

1.3 Reservation of Rights

- This RFI does not obligate the University to enter into any contract, engage any respondent, or proceed with a **Renewable Energy Wheeling Service**.
- The University reserves the right to amend, extend, suspend, or terminate this RFI process at any time subject to its applicable policies and procedures without liability to any respondent.
- Participation in this RFI does not guarantee inclusion in, or advantage within, any future tender or procurement process.
- No costs incurred by respondents in preparing or submitting a response will be reimbursed.

1.4 Background and Context

The University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) is exploring the potential implementation of Renewable Energy Wheeling Services Wheeling as an alternative means of procuring electricity for identified University sites across five primary campus sites, comprising Braamfontein East Campus, Braamfontein West Campus and three campuses in Parktown.

The potential arrangement would operate within the municipal supply grid of the City of Johannesburg / City Power.

The information obtained through this RFI will assist the University in assessing the market and determining the appropriate scope, structure and requirements of any potential future procurement for Renewable Energy Wheeling Services.

1.5 Sites and Demand Profile

The potential Renewable Energy Wheeling Services wheeling arrangement under consideration would supply the following five campus sites over the University's indicative 10-year term. Respondents should consider this footprint when addressing grid capacity, connection points, and proposed production output. The five sites are not intended to limit the potential future portfolio. The portfolio may be expanded to additional University properties in subsequent phases

Table 1: Indicative Demand / Consumption Profile (January – December 2025)

Site	Location / Address	Indicative Annual Consumption (kWh)	Maximum Demand (kVA)
Braamfontein East Campus	1 Jan Smuts Avenue	17 255 049	4821
Braamfontein West Campus	1 Jan Smuts Avenue	11 801 901	2500
Parktown Campus (Wits Management Campus)	St David Place, Parktown	2 235 209	808
Parktown Campus (Wits Education Campus)	St Andrews Drive, Parktown	3 142 568	1149
Parktown Campus (Faculty of Health Sciences)	York Street, Parktown	5 960 639	1323
TOTAL PORTFOLIO	Combined Campus Portfolio	40 395 366	10 600

1.6 Indicative Solution provider Scope

Respondents are invited to outline end-to-end Renewable Energy Wheeling Services solutions covering generation sourcing, municipal wheeling alignment, regulatory compliance (NERSA registration and ERA framework), metering, billing settlement, and continuous portfolio optimization.

Respondents may provide these capabilities directly or through an established and demonstrable partner network. The University welcomes respondents to identify additional services, capabilities or solution components that they consider necessary for a successful end-to-end arrangement.

1.7 RFI Timetable and Contact Details

The table below lists key events, dates and periods applicable to this RFI.

Table 2: Key Dates

No.	Description	Date / Period
1.	Publication date of RFI	Monday, 19 October 2026
2.	Deadline for Clarification Questions	Friday, 6 November 2026 by 16H00 SAST
3.	Submission Date and Closing Time	Friday, 13 November 2026 @ 23:59 SAST

- All dates and times in this RFI are based on South African Standard Time (GMT+2).
- The dates and times stipulated in this RFI are indicative and may be amended by the University.
- Any changes to dates or times will be communicated by the University to respondents by email.
- If the University extends the closing date, the requirements of this RFI will continue to apply to the extended deadline.

PART 2: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

2.1 Mandatory Submission Documents & Requested Details

Respondents are required to submit the documents and information set out below as separately labelled PDF attachments. Responses should be concise but sufficiently detailed to enable the University to understand the respondent's capability, relevant experience, proposed solution approach, implementation requirements, risks, dependencies and indicative commercial model.

Table 3: Mandatory Submission Documents

Ref.	Submission Document	Requirements & Specific Content
M1	Signed RFI Response and Declaration of Interest	Signed by a duly authorised representative of the respondent, confirming acceptance of the RFI requirements and declaring any actual or potential conflicts of interest.
M2	Company Profile & Track Record	<p>The Respondent must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a brief company history and profile; details of its corporate structure and ownership; its South African operational footprint; and a minimum of three (3) relevant client references for wheeling services successfully delivered within the last three (3) years. <p>For each reference, the Respondent must provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> client name; description and scope of wheeling services provided; period during which the services were provided; brief description of the solution/services implemented; and contact details of a relevant client representative, where permitted. <p>Mandatory requirement: The Respondent must demonstrate three (3) relevant client references within the last three (3) years to be considered for participation in the subsequent closed procurement process.</p> <p>Only respondents who satisfy this requirement will be eligible for shortlisting and consideration for participation in any subsequent closed procurement process arising from this RFI.</p> <p>The University reserves the right to verify any reference provided and to request additional information or supporting documentation where necessary to confirm compliance with this requirement.</p>
M3	Compliance Documentation	Valid B-BBEE Certificate/Sworn Affidavit, CIPC Legal Registration, Tax Clearance Pin, and Proof of VAT Registration.

Ref.	Submission Document	Requirements & Specific Content
M4	Regulatory Accreditation	Identify and provide evidence of any regulatory registrations, licences, approvals, professional accreditations or other statutory requirements applicable to the services offered in the South African Renewable Energy Wheeling Services.
M5	Signed Non-Disclosure Agreement	Duly completed and signed Part 3 (NDA) of this RFI document.
R1	Technical & Generation Strategy	Details on generation sourcing, technology type, location, profile matching against Wits demand, and multi-site portfolio expansion capability.
R2	City Power / CoJ Experience	Specific evidence of active engagements, application experience, or operational frameworks involving City Power and the City of Johannesburg.
R3	Commercial & Contract Framework	<p>Indicative pricing models, fee structures, wheeling tariff assumptions, and feasibility of long-term (up to 10-year) contractual structures.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Business Model: Description of the proposed business/commercial model, including the respondent's role, generation sourcing/procurement arrangements, ownership or contractual relationships where applicable, risk allocation, and key commercial assumptions. Pricing Model: Indicative pricing structure, including tariffs, service/management fees, wheeling-related charges, pass-through costs, escalation mechanisms, savings/benefit mechanisms and any other material charges or cost components. Service Model: Description of the proposed service delivery model, including services provided, scope of responsibilities, billing and settlement, regulatory administration, metering, portfolio management/optimisation, reporting, customer support and ongoing account management. Contract Framework: Indicative contractual structure, key commercial terms, term options and feasibility of long-term arrangements of up to 10 years. <p>Respondents should clearly identify any assumptions, exclusions, dependencies and material commercial risks associated with their proposed model.</p>
R4	Implementation & Risk Matrix	Mobilisation methodology, project timelines, key dependencies, and analysis of regulatory/ technical risks.

2.3 Preferred Capabilities and Experience

The University will evaluate submissions based on four core competency pillars:

1. Turnkey Capability: Integrated end-to-end service offering (generation, regulatory, wheeling administration, billing settlement).
2. Local Operational Presence: Demonstrated capability and staffing within Johannesburg / Gauteng region.
3. Multi-Site Portfolio Flexibility: Proven model for dynamically adjusting off-taker site numbers and demand profile shifts.
4. Regulatory Mastery: In-depth working knowledge of NERSA, Eskom, and City Power municipal wheeling frameworks.

2.4. Submission Information

Table 4: Submission Details & Instructions

Requirement	Details
Submission method	Submission by email
Submission email addresses	dept-tenders.cpd@wits.ac.za and admin.tenders@wits.ac.za
Closing date and time	Friday, 13 November 2026 @ 23h59 SAST
Format	High-resolution, text-searchable PDF attachments
Late submissions	Late submissions may not be considered.
Language	English
Queries	Charmaine Layton, Tender Administrator, at dept-tenders.cpd@wits.ac.za , with admin.tenders@wits.ac.za copied.
Clarifications	Where appropriate, material information arising from queries may be shared with all respondents to ensure a fair and transparent process.

- Respondents are responsible for ensuring that their submissions are complete, accurate and received by the University before the closing date and time.
- The University accepts no responsibility for submissions that are not successfully transmitted or received by the closing date and time.

PART 3: NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

UNDERTAKING OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This Undertaking of Confidentiality is made and entered into on this ____ day of _____ 2026, by _____ (Registration Number _____), hereinafter referred to as the “Recipient”, with its usual place of business at _____, in favour of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, hereinafter referred to as the “Discloser”.

NOW THEREFORE, the Recipient undertakes as follows:

1. “Information” means all information relating to this RFI WISPREE_TO7 – Renewable Energy Wheeling Services disclosed by or on behalf of the Discloser to the Recipient, whether disclosed orally, in writing, or electronically, including but not limited to site data, consumption profiles, campus infrastructure, financial data, strategic plans and any notes, analyses or documents prepared by the Recipient based on or derived from such information, but excluding information that: (a) was already public through no act of the Recipient; (b) becomes public through no wrongful act of the Recipient; (c) was already known to the Recipient without restriction; or (d) is independently developed by the Recipient without reference to the Discloser's Information.
2. The Recipient shall receive the Information in the utmost confidence and keep it confidential, using at least the same degree of care it uses to protect its own confidential information, and in any event no less than a reasonable standard of care.
3. The Recipient may disclose the Information only to its employees, sub-contractors, advisors and financial advisors whose involvement is required to prepare a response to this RFI and shall ensure each such party is bound by confidentiality obligations no less protective than those set out in this Agreement.
4. The Recipient shall not copy the Information without the Discloser's written consent, and shall, on request, promptly return or securely destroy all Information in its possession and certify such return or destruction.
5. The Recipient shall use the Information solely in connection with preparing and submitting a response to this RFI and shall make no further use of it. Nothing in this Agreement restricts the Discloser's use of its own Information.
6. The Recipient shall not use the University's name, logo, crest, or branding for publicity, advertising, or promotional purposes without the Discloser's prior written consent.
7. The obligations in this Agreement continue for 5 (five) years from the Effective Date, or until the Information enters the public domain through no fault of the Recipient, whichever occurs first, unless the parties agree in writing to vary this period.
8. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of South Africa. The Recipient acknowledges that any breach may cause the Discloser irreparable harm for which monetary damages alone would not be an adequate remedy, entitling the Discloser to seek urgent interdictory relief or specific performance without proof of actual damages.
9. The Recipient acknowledges that any breach of this Agreement may cause the Discloser irreparable harm for which monetary damages alone would not be an adequate remedy, and that the Discloser shall accordingly be entitled, in addition to any other remedy available at law or in equity, to seek urgent interdictory relief or specific performance without the requirement to prove actual damages.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Recipient has executed this Undertaking by its duly authorised representative:

Full Name of Signatory:	
Designation / Capacity:	
Company Email:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your response.