

By Bongani Magasela

Aspiring boxing trainer Lonki Witbooi went beyond the call of duty when his charge Sinethemba Blom was admitted at Tembisa Hospital after he had collapsed after his seventh-round knockout by reigning SA junior-lightweight champ Khaya Busakwe in Midrand two weekends ago.

Lonki, from East London, put his day job on the line in a country where the rate of unemployment is 33.5% and opted to be by Blom’s bedside.



Boxing trainer Lonki Witbooi in a pensive mood after his boxer was hospitalised after a fight in Midrand two weeks ago. /SUPPLIED

Witbooi goes beyond call of duty to be by Blom’s side

Aspiring trainer grateful to Boxing SA family for support

Many seasoned managers only care for their 15% of a boxer’s purse money. Lonki celebrated his 41st birthday at Blom’s bedside on September 17. The boxer was finally discharged on Friday and Witbooi took him home.

“I could not do anything but be with my fighter to the last since we were together from the beginning,” he said yesterday.

“What was I going to see when I looked at myself in the mirror, if I left Blom all by himself in Johannesburg?”

“Yes, it was not an easy decision to make but no one but me had to take it. I suffered financial losses; including my fashion design business, which also suffered. My day job was on the line and my family was alone; it was tough.”

Witbooi has designed fighting uniforms for many boxers including reigning IBF junior-flyweight world champ Sivenathi Nontshinga.

Lonki paid tribute to promoter Ayanda Matiti for extending his stay at the hotel the promoter had booked for local and international participants in his tournament.

Boxing SA acting CEO Tsholofelo Lejaka made sure the regulator took over from Monday until Saturday.

“I can’t thank Ayanda and Tsholofelo enough for what they did for me,” he said. “Busakwe and his trainer Norman Hlabane visited Blom;

BSA Gauteng provincial manager Lehlohonolo Ramagole, Linda Saliwa, Mlandeli Tengimfene, Tshele Kometsi all played important different roles.

“I am humbled by the love they showed to us.

Witbooi said on arrival at Blom’s family home in Cape Town, it was very emotional.

“You can imagine his mother, who had not seen her son for two weeks.

“You are not sure if you are welcome. Luckily, Blom’s sister came to visit him in hospital, so at least that helped,” said

Lonki. “Blom’s condition is not bad.”

Witbooi’s trauma was not over until he arrived home in East London.

“My seven-year-old daughter cried when she saw me,” he said emotionally. “But glory to God, Blom is alive and I am back home with my family. I hope my job is safe.”

Blom’s fight against Busakwe, the only national boxing champion from Soweto right now, was one of the three title championship events that were organised by promoter Matiti at Vodaworld Dome.



Maruleng Local Municipality

TENDER ERRATUM NOTICE

The Maruleng Local Municipality hereby informs all interested bidders for the bid notice with reference number **MLM/SCM/05/2025** (Construction of Maruleng Indoor sports center), **MLM/SCM/06/2025** (Renovation of Maruleng Municipality Technical Services offices) and **MLM/SCM/08/2025** (Supply and Delivery of Walk behind Roller and Trailer) which was published in the Sowetan newspaper of September 3, 2024 that:

The Correct CIDB grading of tender number **MLM/SCM/05/2025** is **5CE or Higher** and not **6CE or higher** and for **MLM/SCM/06/2025** is **3GB or Higher** and not **2GB or higher** as published on the Sowetan news paper

With regards to the briefing session inaccuracy we therefore invite bidders who failed to attend due to miscommunication of the CIDB grading and dates to attend the second briefing session scheduled to be on Friday, September 27, 2024 at Thusong centre at 10h00 AM

The closing date for all tenders will be on October3, 2024 at 11h00

Interested companies for the bid published in the above mentioned newspaper are requested to continue collecting bid documents from Maruleng Municipality finance Department/Website at any time of working days from 07H00 am to 16H00 pm until the deadline of submission of each bid .No other terms or conditions of the tender are changed as result of this erratum

DR SEBASHE SS - ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER



Emakhazeni Local Municipality

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Bid documents will be obtainable on payment of cash non-refundable document fee of R1 500.00 from the offices of the Emakhazeni Local Municipality, 25 Scheepers Street, Belfast during office hours from 07h45 to 12h30 and 13h00 to 15h00 weekdays, or EFT payment made into the following bank account: **FNB Current Account Number 62028195510, Branch Code 270351, Tender Reference number (Project Number and Company Name), the document can only be obtained from our municipal offices at 25 Scheepers Street, Belfast.**

Tenders are to be completed in black ink and completed in accordance with the conditions and rules contained in the tender documents. The tenders and relevant documents must be sealed in an envelope and externally endorsed with **Project No; and Description**; and be deposited in the Tender Box, Ground Floor, Emakhazeni Local Municipality, 25 Scheepers Street, Belfast, Mpumalanga. **The Tenders shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the closing date.** Telegraphic, telephonic, fax, telex, e-mail or late tenders will not be accepted.

Project number	Description	Availability of Tender document	Closing Date	Functionality %	Contact person
ELM 24-25/10/01	Request for Proposal for the Planning, Design, Fund, Implement, Operate and Maintain Energy Efficiency and Revenue Enhancement / Protection Mechanisms and Related Revenue Improvement Strategies at the Emakhazeni Local Municipality (ELM) for a Period of 5 (Five) years	Friday, the 27th of September 2024	Friday, the 25th of October 2024 at 12h00	70%	Procurement enquiries: Joas Madiopo at 013 253 7601 joas.madiopo@emakhazeni.gov.za Technical enquiries: Victor Sibande at 013 253 7600 victor.sibande@emakhazeni.gov.za

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY:

Service providers (ESCO) should take note that proposal/s will be evaluated on Price (Funding) and Specific goals using an 80/20-point system as outlined in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPPA 2022), its regulations and the SCM Policy of Emakhazeni Local Municipality. These bids will also be evaluated and adjudicated according to the following criteria:

1. Compulsory Returnable Schedules

- Company resolution by the service providers’ Board of Directors • Service providers must be an accredited Tier 1 ESCO. Proof of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) and the South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI) register to be provided • Service providers must be registered on CSD. Proof of registration to be provided • Fully completed MBD forms • Bidders are required to submit a valid B-BBEE status level verification certificate or a sworn affidavit together with their bids to substantiate their B-BBEE ratings claim • A valid Tax Clearance Certificate or a copy of Tax Compliance Status (TCS) with PIN must be submitted with the bid • Comprehensive company profile or reference to a valid website address • Copies of company registration (CIPC) and shareholders’ certificates and Identity documents of members, shareholders and/or directors • Copy of company abridged annual returns certificate.

2. Functionality

- Service providers (ESCO) are required to submit a detailed Energy Efficiency and Advance Metering Infrastructure and Revenue Enhancement and related Revenue Improvement strategic project execution plan • Demonstrate its ability to provide bridging (asset) finance for the execution of the above plan • Demonstrate its ability to source other sources of funding / revenue in an attempt to minimize the risk and affordability to the municipality in its endeavour to transform current and aging infrastructure • Provide technical audits and an independent measurement and verification (M&V) plan / service • Demonstrate its ability to compile a comprehensive smart electrical infrastructure database • Institutionalize the plan by demonstrating capacity - project management structure • Bidders must provide a concise Safety Health Environment and Quality (SHEQ) plan / policy • Demonstrate related experience / previously completed projects and/or provide appointment letters • Bidders must indemnify the municipality from public liability.

MR. J.W SHABANGU - MUNICIPAL MANAGER - EMAKHAZENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



GGDA TENDERS

The Gauteng Growth Development Agency (GGDA) is the implementing arm of the Gauteng Department of Economic Development (GDED). It is mandated to assist the department to lead, facilitate and manage sustainable job creation and inclusive economic growth and development in the Gauteng City Region.

GGDA seek to appoint service providers with expertise and experienced to render the following services as outlined in the below table for each respective tender: -

ALL Tender documents are free and obtainable from the GGDA website: www.ggda.co.za

NB: Bidders to adhere to the pre-qualification as outlined in each tender document respectively.

All enquiries relating to this tender may be addressed via email to the respective individuals as outlined in each bid document.

TENDER NO.	TENDER DESCRIPTION	PRE-QUALIFICATION (See Details in the Tender Document)	BRIEFING SESSION DATE	CLOSING DATE
GGDA/12/2024-25/ INTERNAL AUDIT	THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE PROVISION OF CO-SOURCED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES TO THE GAUTENG GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (GGDA)	4.1. Evaluation Stage 2: - Prequalification Criteria apply (Compulsory submission): - Page 12	02 ND OCTOBER 2022 AT 11H00 Venue – see bid document	25 TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 11H00

TENDER SUBMISSION BOX: Tender responses need to be placed into the GGDA tender bid box that is available from Monday to Friday during working hours (08:00 to 16:30) at the **GGDA OFFICES, 15TH FLOOR, 124 MAIN STREET, JOHANNESBURG**, as per each tender. Closing date as outlined on the table above. Telegraphic, telephonic, telex, facsimile, e-mail and late tenders will not be accepted.