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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE****GENERAL NOTICE 1779 OF 2023****Construction Industry Development Board  
Standard for Developing Skills through  
Infrastructure Contracts****31 MARCH 2023**

In terms of sections 5(2) of the Construction Industry Development Board Act, 2000 (Act no. 38 of 2000) (the Act), the Construction Industry Development Board is empowered to promote best practice Standards. This best practice Standard for developing skills through infrastructure contracts, establishes the minimum contract skills development goals to be achieved in the performance of such contracts relating to the provision of workplace opportunities, linked to or leading to:

- a) a part- or full occupational qualification registered on the National Qualification Framework;
- b) a trade qualification leading to a listed trade (GG No. 35625, 31 August 2012);
- c) a national diploma registered on the National Qualification Framework; and
- d) registration in a professional category by one of the professional bodies listed in the standard.

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# Standard for developing skills through infrastructure contracts

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## Introduction

Procurement may be defined as the process which creates, manages and fulfils contracts. Procurement accordingly commences once a need for goods, services or works has been identified and it ends when the goods are received, or the services or construction works are completed. Public procurement can have a significant impact on social and economic development, if it is used to leverage social and development objectives.

The South African government requires that its considerable expenditure on the delivery, maintenance and operation of infrastructure (fixed assets that are constructed or result from construction operations) contribute to an increase in the number of people who have part or full occupational qualifications registered on the NQF or professional designations awarded by professional bodies or statutory councils. This standard has been prepared to leverage contributions towards the increase of the pool of qualified skilled people, and where required professionally registered, through training on professional services, design and build or engineering and construction works contracts associated with such expenditure. This Standard for developing skills through infrastructure contracts, establishes the minimum contract skills development goals to be achieved in the performance of such contracts relating to the provision of workplace opportunities, linked to or leading to:

- a) a part- or full occupational qualification registered on the National Qualification Framework.
- b) a trade qualification leading to a listed trade (GG No. 35625, 31 August 2012);
- c) a national diploma registered on the National Qualification Framework; and
- d) registration in a professional category by one of the professional bodies listed in Table 1 of this standard.

Contractors are responsible for achieving the contract skills development goals and are provided with a number of methods for measuring their achievements. They may, if need be, devolve their obligations onto subcontractors.

This standard should be applied to;

A contract or an order issued in terms of a framework agreement that has a duration of 12 months or more, and:

- a) a contract of R5 million or more, in the case of a professional service or service contract or an order issued in terms of such a contract; or
- b) a cidb grading designation of grade 7 or higher, in case of an engineering and construction works, or design and build contract or an order issued in terms of such a contract.

This Standard will be subject to review every five years, or sooner if required.

# Standard for developing skills through infrastructure contracts

## 1 Scope

This standard establishes a key performance indicator;

- a) in the form of a contract skills development goal (CSDG) relating to the structured workplace learning of occupational or professional learning, which enables learners to make measurable progress towards the attainment of:
  - (i) a part- or full occupational qualification registered on the National Qualification Framework; or
  - (ii) a trade qualification leading to a listed trade (GG No. 35625, 31 August 2012); or
  - (iii) a national diploma registered on the National Qualification Framework; or
  - (iv) registration in a professional category by a statutory council listed in Table 1.
- b) in the delivery, maintenance and operation of infrastructure through the performance of professional service, engineering and construction works, or design and build contracts or an order associated with such a contract and
- c) sets out the methods by which the key performance indicator is established, measured, quantified and verified in the performance of the contract or the execution of an order.

NOTE 1: Guidance on the manner in which this standard should be incorporated into procurement documents is provided in Annex A.

NOTE 2: This standard can be applied to contracts or to orders (call-offs) issued in terms of framework agreements. Framework agreements are well suited to situations in which long term relationships are entered into. They offer flexibility in attaining contract skills development goals as requirements can be adjusted from one order to another, thus allowing key performance indicators to be improved upon over time.

## 2 Terms and definitions

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

### **allowance**

amount provided for in the contract or an order by the employer relating to one or more of the following:

- a) the performance by the contractor of work or services that are foreseen but cannot be accurately specified at the time that the contract was entered into or the order issued;
- b) work or services to be performed, or goods provided, by a subcontractor who is either nominated by the employer or is selected by the employer in consultation with the contractor after the award of the contract or the issuing of an order;
- c) provision for price adjustment for inflation; or
- d) other budgetary provisions intended to cover the employer's contractual risks

### **artisan**

a person who has been certified as competent to perform a listed trade in accordance with Section 26B of the Skills Development Act of 1998 (Act No. 97 of 1998)



**black people** mean Africans, Coloureds and Indians, who - (a) are citizens of the Republic of South Africa by birth or descent; or (b) became citizens of the Republic of South Africa by naturalisation - (i) before 27 April 1994; or (ii) on or after 27 April 1994 and who would have been entitled to acquire citizenship by naturalisation prior to that date

**candidate**

a person who is registered in a category of registration which ultimately leads to registration in a professional category by one of the statutory councils listed in Table 1

**cidb**

Construction Industry Development Board, established in terms of the Construction Industry Development Board Act of 2000 (Act 38 of 2000)

**class of construction works**

the class of construction works referred to in Schedule 3 of the Construction Industry Development Regulations 2004, as amended from time to time

**contract amount**

financial value of the contract at the time of the award of the contract or an order at the time of issue, including value added tax but excluding all allowances and expenses

**contract skills development credits**

the number of learners employed by the contractor and placed for continuous training opportunities in a three-month period

**contract skills development goal (CSDG)**

the number of hours or head count of skills development opportunities that a contractor contracts to provide in relation to work directly related to the contract or order, up to:

- a) completion, in the case of a professional service contract;
- b) the end of the service period, in the case of a service contract; and
- c) practical completion, in the case of an engineering and construction works contract

**contractor**

person or organization that contracts to provide professional services, goods and related services, or engineering and construction works

**design and build contract**

engineering and construction works contract where both the design and the construction are the responsibilities of the same contractor

**employed learner**

a learner who was in the employment of an employer prior to the commencement of the contract or execution of the order. Learners deployed from the public sector, other organisations, or other contractors for the purposes of gaining structured workplace learning shall also be considered to be an employed learner, albeit their employer remaining unchanged.

**employer**

person or organization entering into a contract with the contractor for the provision of professional services, goods and related services, engineering and construction works (commonly referred to as the client)

**employer's representative**

person authorized to represent the employer in terms of the contract

**engineering and construction works contract**

contract for the provision of a combination of goods and services arranged for the manufacture, development, extension, refurbishment, rehabilitation or demolition of a fixed asset, including building and engineering infrastructure

**expenses**

costs incurred by the contractor in the performance of the contract or order, which are in terms of the contract recoverable from the employer

**framework agreement**

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

**mentor**

a qualified and experienced person, in the case of professionals, registered person, designated to guide a learner or candidate through a structured work experience learning component of a learning programme required for the acquisition of a part or full qualification or professional designation

**occupational qualification**

occupational qualification registered on the National Qualifications Framework Act (Act No. 67 of 2008)

**order**

the instruction to carry out construction works, services or professional services under a framework agreement

**part qualification**

an assessed unit of learning that is registered on the National Qualifications Framework as part of an occupational qualification

**practical completion**

the state of completion at the end of construction required in terms of an engineering and construction works contract

NOTE: Practical completion is commonly understood to be a state of readiness for occupation of the whole works although some minor work may be outstanding. Practical completion in an engineering and construction works contract occurs when:

- a) FIDIC Short Form of Contract: the date when the Employer considers that the Works have been completed in accordance with the Contract, except for minor outstanding work and defects which will not substantially affect the use of the Works for their intended purpose.
- b) FIDIC Red, Silver and Yellow Book: the date when the Engineer determines that the Works have been completed in accordance with the contract except for minor outstanding works and defects which will not substantially affect the use of the works for their intended purpose.
- c) GCC 2010: the date when the Engineer certifies that the whole or portion of the Works has reached a state of readiness, fit for the intended purpose, and occupation without danger or undue inconvenience to the Employer, although some work may be outstanding.
- d) JBCC 2000 Principal Building Agreement and JBCC Minor Works Agreement: the date when the principal agent decides that the completion of the works has substantially been reached and can be used for the purpose intended.
- e) NEC3 Engineering and Construction Contract: the date when the Project Manager decides that the Contractor has reached Completion as defined in the contract.
- f) NEC3 Engineering and Construction Short Contract: the date when the Employer decides that the Contractor has completed the works in accordance with the Works Information except for correcting notified Defects which do not prevent the Employer from using the works and others from doing their work.

**professional category**

a category of registration identified in Table 1 or such other category recognised by the Employer in the application of this standard

**Table 1: Categories of registration**

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Category of registration</b>	<b>Act</b>
Architectural	Architect, Senior Architectural Technologist, Architectural Technologist or Architectural Draughtsperson	Architectural Profession Act of 2000 (Act No. 44 of 2000)
Construction Health and Safety	Construction Health and Safety Agent, Construction Health and Safety Manager or Construction Health and Safety Officer	Project and Construction Management Professions Act of 2000 (Act No. 48 of 2000)
Construction Project Management	Construction Project Manager	
Construction Management	Construction Manager	
Engineering	Engineer, Engineering Technologist, Engineering Technician or Certificated Engineer	Engineering Profession Act of 2000 (Act No. 46 of 2000)
Landscape Architectural	Landscape Architect, Landscape Technologist, Landscape Technician or Landscape Assistant	Landscape Architectural Profession Act of 2000 (Act No. 45 of 2000)
Planning	Planner or Technical planner	Planning Profession Act, 2002. (Act No. 36 of 2002)
Quantity Surveying	Quantity Surveyor	Quantity Surveying Profession Act of 2000 (Act No. 49 of 2000)
Scientists	Natural Scientists	Natural Scientific Professions Act (Act No. 27 of 2003)
Surveying	Land Surveyor, Engineering Surveyor or Technician Engineering Surveyor	Professional and Technical Surveyors' Act (Act No. 40 of 1984)
Valuers	Valuer or Associate Valuer	Property Valuers Profession Act (Act No. 47 of 2000)

**professional fees**

financial value of a professional service contract at the time of the award of the contract or an order at the time of issue, excluding value added tax (VAT), allowances and expenses

**professional service contract**

contract for the provision of services with the skill and care normally delivered by professionals

**Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA)**

an institution established under section 9 of the Skills Development Act, Act 97 of 1998 and which has the responsibility under this Act to register learners on learning programmes

**service contract**

contract for the provision of labour or work, including knowledge-based expertise, carried out by hand or with the assistance of equipment and plant

**site**

means the land or place made available by the employer, for the purposes of the contract or order, on, under, over, in or through which the works or services are to be executed

**skills development agency (SDA)**

an agency which performs some or all the functions set out in section 4.1.5.

**statutory council**

a council established as follows:

- a) South African Council for the Architectural Profession, established by the Architectural Profession Act of 2000 (Act No. 44 of 2000);
- b) South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions, established by the Project and Construction Management Professions Act of 2000 (Act No. 48 of 2000);

- c) Engineering Council of South Africa, established by the Engineering Profession Act of 2000 (Act No. 46 of 2000);
- d) South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession, established by the Landscape Architectural Profession Act of 2000 (Act No. 45 of 2000);
- e) South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession, established by the Quantity Surveying Profession Act of 2000 (Act No. 49 of 2000);
- f) South African Council for Professional and Technical Surveyors, established by the Professional and Technical Surveyors' of 2000 (Act No. 40 of 1984);
- g) South African Council for Planners, established by the Planning Professions Act of 2002 (Act No. 32 of 2002);
- h) South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions, established by the Natural Scientific Professions Act (Act No. 27 of 2003); or
- i) South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession, established by the Property Valuers Profession Act (Act No. 47 of 2000)

**structured mentorship**

mentorship provided by a person who is registered in a suitable category of professional registration by a professional body or statutory council who leads and directs a candidate towards professional registration

**structured workplace learning**

component of learning in an occupational qualification or work placement for a trade or professional designation whereby a learner is mentored by a suitably qualified, and where required, registered mentor in the application and integration of the knowledge and practical skills learnt, under supervision, in the actual context of a workplace in accordance with the prescripts set by the relevant qualifying authority, professional body or statutory council

**Sub-total**

**financial value of the all the items in the Bills of Quantities or Schedule of Rates or Pricing Schedule, excluding value added tax, allowances and expenses**

**supervisor**

a supervisor is a person in the particular workplace charged with the responsibility of allocating workplace tasks to a learner that are aligned to the prescriptions of their learning programme and of overseeing and reporting on that learning using a formally agreed record keeping system

**Tender sum**

the overall pricing figure proposed by a tendering contractor in accordance with the tender pricing document

**unemployed learner**

a learner who was not in the full-time employment of the contractor prior to the commencement of the contract or execution of the order and is appointed by the contractor or SDA on a limited duration employment contract linked to the prescriptions of a structured workplace learning programme. Their conditions of employment shall not be less favourable than those set out for such learners on learnerships set out in section 18 (3) of the Skills Development Act (Act 97 of 1998)

**work integrated learning**

the workplace learning component required by learners completing a national diploma or bachelor degree at a University of Technology or Comprehensive University

**3 Requirements****3.1 Contract skills development goal (CSDG)**

**3.1.1** The contractor shall attain or exceed the contract skills development goal in the performance of the contract or the execution of an order.

**3.1.2** The contract skills development goal shall be expressed as in 3.1.2.1 for engineering and construction works, design and build and services contracts, and as in 3.1.2.2 for professional services contracts.

**3.1.2.1** In the case of engineering and construction works contracts, design and build contracts and services contracts the contract skills participation goals, expressed in Rand, shall be no less than the sub-total multiplied by a percentage (%) factor given in Table 2 for the applicable class of construction works used in the application of the Construction Industry Development Regulations, issued in terms of the Construction Industry Development Board Act of 2000.

**Table 2: Contract skills development goals for different classes of engineering and construction works contracts**

Class of construction works as identified in terms of Regulation 25(3) of the Construction Industry Regulations 2004		Construction skills development goal (CSDG) (%)
Designation	Description	
CE	Civil engineering	0.25
CE or GB	Civil engineering or General Building	0.375
EE	Electrical Engineering works (buildings)	0.25
EP	Electrical Engineering works (Infrastructure)	0.25
GB	General Building	0.50
ME	Mechanical Engineering works	0.25
SB	Specialist	0.25

**Example 1:** The sub-total of the tender sum for an engineering and construction works contract in the GB class of construction works is R65,7m. The contract skills development goal in Rands is  $R65,7m \times 0.5\% = R328\ 500$ .

**3.1.2.2** In the case of professional services contracts the contract skills development goals, expressed in hours, shall be not less than the professional fees in millions of Rand multiplied by 150.

**Example 2:** The contract amount for a professional services contract is R5.6 m. The contract skills development goal in hours is  $R5.6m \times 150 = 840$  hours.

**3.1.2.3** The number of hours for the contract skills development goal shall be revised as the need arises and be published in a Gazette notice.

**3.1.3** Where required in terms of the contract or order, a specified proportion of the learners and candidates shall be selected from persons in the employ of the state who meet the relevant eligibility criteria for the relevant programme.

## **3.2 Achieving the contract skills development goal (CSDG)**

**3.2.1** The contractor shall achieve the measurable contract skills development goal by providing opportunities to learners requiring structured workplace learning using one or a combination of any of the following in relation to work directly related to the contract or order:

**Method 1:** structured workplace learning opportunities for learners towards the attainment of a part or a full occupational qualification;

**Method 2:** structured workplace learning opportunities for apprentices or other artisan learners towards the attainment of a trade qualification leading to a listed trade (GG No. 35625, 31 August 2012) subject to at least 60% of the artisan learners being holders of public TVET college qualifications;

**Method 3:** work integrated learning opportunities for University of Technology or Comprehensive University students completing their national diplomas;

**Method 4:** structured workplace learning opportunities for candidates towards registration in a professional category by a statutory council listed in Table 1 above.

**3.2.2** Employed learners may not account for more than 33 percent of the contract skills development goal.

**3.2.3** Not more than one method may be applied to any individual concurrently in the calculation of the contract skills development goal.

**NOTE:** The principle is that an individual can only be counted once towards the CSDG.

### **3.3 Contract skills development goal credits**

3.3.1 Contract skills development credits will not be awarded for learners enrolled as beneficiaries of other funded or subsidised programmes.

**3.3.2** In the case of engineering and construction works, design and build and services contracts:

- a) The contract skills development goals shall be granted by multiplying the number of people employed by the contractors and placed for continuous training opportunities in a three-month period by the notional values contained in Table 3, or as revised in a Gazette notice.
- b) The contractor may source beneficiaries of the contract skills development goal from the cidb Skills Development Agency (SDA).
- c) All beneficiaries of the Standard must be registered with the cidb SDA.

**NOTE:** The role and function of a cidb SDA is outlined in Annex B

**Table 3: The notional cost of providing training opportunities per quarter**

Type of Training Opportunity	Provision for stipends (Unemployed learners only)	Provisions for mentorship	Provisions for additional costs*	Total costs	
				Unemployed learners	Employed learners
<b>Method 1</b>					
Occupational qualification	R7 000	R0	R9 000	R16 000	R9 000
<b>Method 2</b>					
TVET College graduates	R14 000	R0	R9 000	R23 000	N/A
Apprenticeship	R14 000	R0	R12 000	R26 000	R12 000
<b>Method 3</b>					
P1 and P2 learners, or a 240 credits qualification	R24 000	R20 000	R4 500	R48 500	N/A
<b>Method 4</b>					
Candidates with a 360 credits qualification	R37 000	R20 000	R4 500	R61 500	R20 000
Candidates with 480 or more credits qualification	R47 000	R20 000	R4 500	R71 500	R20 000

\*Additional provisions include provisions for personal protective equipment, insurance, medical assessments, course fees and trade tools (where applicable) assessment, moderation and monitoring of learners.

## NOTE:

- i) Where an unemployed learner is employed directly by the contractor, the contractor shall pay the stipend directly to the learner
- ii) Where an unemployed learner is sourced through an SDA, training provider or skills development facilitator, the contractor may pay the stipend to the SDA, training provider or skills development facilitator who in turn will pay the learner
- iii) The notional cost of providing training opportunities will be reviewed as and when required. The new, revised costs will be published as revised in a Gazette notice.

**Example 3: Training Target Calculation for a R65,7m GB contract**

Sub-total	R65 700 000
Contract duration	12 Months
CSDG	0,50%
Minimum CSDG target	0,5% x R65 700 000
	<b>R328 500</b>

Skills Types	Number of learners	Notional Cost / Learner / Quarter	Notional cost/learner/year	Total Notional Cost over 12 months Contract
<b>Method 2:</b> Workplace learning opportunities, with unemployed TVET graduates	1	R23 000	R92 000	R92 000
<b>Method 4:</b> Candidacy for an unemployed learner with a 3-year qualification	1	R61 500	R246 00	R246 00
Total	2			R338 000

**3.3.3** Credits towards the contract skills development goal for professional services contracts shall be granted by summing the hours of structured workplace learning opportunities provided to P1 and P2 learners as well as professional candidates in accordance with this standard.

**3.3.3.1** No more than 45 hours may be claimed per week for any individual.

**3.3.3.2** Contract skills development goal credits shall be reduced to the extent that they fail to comply with the requirements of this standard.

### **3.4 Denial of credits**

Credits towards the contract skills development goal shall be denied, should:

- a) the opportunities not be provided on site or the opportunities cannot be directly linked to the contract or order;
- b) there be a failure to register all beneficiaries of the Standard with the cidb SDA;
- c) there be a failure to submit a copy of the final contract compliance training report, within 30 days of practical completion;
- d) the following not be provided:
  - 1) the required contract compliance baseline plan, an interim contract compliance report or a final contract compliance report;
  - 2) the required mentorship plan for a candidate;
  - 3) the required training plan for learners;
  - 4) the training reports covering a period;
  - 5) the required records, specified documents and signatures;
  - 6) the structured mentorship in accordance with the requirements of the applicable professional body, statutory council or qualifying authority;
  - 7) the structured workplace learning, in accordance with the curriculum requirements of the part qualification or occupational qualification or prescription for professional registration for which the learner is registered;
- e) conditions of employment and rates of allowances for learners not be in accordance with legislative provisions; and
- f) the contractor not maintain the required training records, or an audit reveals that there is insufficient information to substantiate claims for credits.
- g) the contractor claims credits for learners enrolled as beneficiaries on programme that is funded or subsidised from another source.
- h) the contractor fails to provide sufficient evidence of disciplinary actions taken against a learner who fails to present their interim reports or credentials for assessment, when they have had sufficient structured work experience or structured mentorship to do so.

## **4 Compliance with requirements**

### **4.1 General**

**4.1.1** The contractor shall:

- a) within 30 days of the contract coming into effect or the issuing of an order, submit to the employer's representative a contract compliance baseline training plan, taking into account the skills mix and type of workers that are to be engaged;



- b) at intervals not exceeding three (3) months, submit to the employer's representative interim contract compliance training reports; and
- c) shall within 30 days of reaching completion, end of the service, the delivery date for all work required or practical completion in the case of professional service, design and construct contracts, and engineering and construction works contracts, respectively, submit to the employer's representative a final contract compliance training report

**4.1.2** The information contained in the final contract compliance training report shall include the contract skills development goal achieved (in Rands or in hours) in the performance of the contract and a breakdown of the goal achieved in respect of the following:

- a) the name and contact details of the SDA, (where applicable)
- b) the skills mix and skills types achieved on the contract; and
- c) the names, Identity numbers and period of employment of each beneficiary.

**4.1.3** The contractor shall keep records of the hours worked and registration particulars in compliance with this standard. The contractor shall allow the employer's representative to inspect or audit such training records at any time.

**4.1.4** The employer's representative shall undertake suitable random audits on records to confirm compliance with requirements.

**4.1.5** The learners shall be directly employed by the contractor or SDA and the contractor may enter into a contract agreement with the cidb SDAs, training provider or skills development facilitator of their choice, participating in the implementation of this standard, enabling such contractor to:

- a) prepare training plans for registered learners, including details of the scope of experiential work to be covered and expected outcomes;
- b) register learners with the appropriate Sector Education and Training Authority, established in terms of the Skills Development Act of 2008 (Act 37 of 2008);
- c) manage learner registration with appropriate trade testing authorities as well as preparation for the trade test;
- d) liaise with the supervisor to monitor onsite training progress of learners;
- e) liaise with the supervisor to arrange for summative assessments at appropriate stages of the training; and
- f) liaise with the supervisor to prepare reports for the employer or employer's representative.

## **4.2 Structured workplace learning opportunities for learners**

**4.2.1** Structured workplace learning opportunities shall be aligned to the curriculum requirements set for the part or full occupational qualification or professional designation for which the learner is registered.

**4.2.2** A responsible supervisor will be appointed to allocate learning tasks, under the guidance of a competent person, to learners in line with their training plans.

**4.2.3** Supervision associated with structured workplace learning for artisan learners shall be undertaken by an artisan in the applicable trade with a minimum of 3 years of trade specific experience.

The number of artisan learners supervised by a single supervisor shall, unless otherwise permitted by the National Artisan Moderation Body, not exceed 4 at any one time.

**4.2.4** Mentoring associated with structured workplace learning for learners leading to a part or full occupational qualification other than artisan learners shall be undertaken by a person qualified in the applicable discipline and having a minimum of 3 years of post-qualification experience.

**4.2.5** The contractor shall, within one month of commencing work directly related to the contract or order and in respect of each learner, submit to the employer's representative,

- a) a workplace training plan together with name of the learner's mentor and/or supervisor.
- b) proof of registration as a learner with the relevant SETA where applicable;
- c) a copy of the mentorship agreement entered into with the learner, or the company mentorship agreement entered into with the relevant qualified agency for method 3 and method 4; and
- d) shall, within two weeks of updating and revising the workplace training plan, and at the end of the structured mentorship period, submit to the employer's representative;
  - (i) a quarterly progress report,
  - (ii) a final report (including a log of exposure and interactions with the mentor), signed off by the mentor, the supervisor and the learner, demonstrating compliance with requirements,

**4.2.6** Learners shall, whenever a substantial activity or training period has been completed, be required by the supervisor to complete training reports required by the relevant qualifying authority.

**4.2.7** The mentor and supervisor shall sign off all reports and logbooks to allow the learner to move to other projects or employment and continue the path towards qualification.

### **4.3 Structured workplace learning for candidates**

**4.3.1** Mentoring associated with structured workplace learning for candidates shall be in accordance with the prescripts of the relevant professional body or statutory council.

**4.3.2** The contractor shall:

- a) appoint a supervisor who is actively engaged in work directly associated with the contract to issue tasks, oversee their implementation and provide input to the candidate on an on-going basis;
- b) identify a suitable mentor for the candidate. If the contractor does not have an in-house mentor, the contractor shall enter into a mentoring agreement with the candidate and with an external company as required by the professional body or statutory council; and
- c) issue each candidate with a portfolio of evidence file which is to be kept up to date with all the documentation issued or prepared including the workplace training plan and all revisions thereof as well as copies of the logbook entries and training experience reports.

**4.3.3** The mentor shall from time to time provide an updated workplace training plan for a candidate outlining the activities in which the candidate will be involved, including activities required by the relevant professional body or statutory council. The mentor shall require candidates to maintain a logbook issued by the relevant professional body or statutory council. The mentor shall sign off such logbook at quarterly presentations and progress review meetings.

NOTE: The mentor shall, where the duration of the contract or order exceeds the minimum time to register in a professional category of registration that candidates are exposed to the full range of activities and work towards

assuming the full level of responsibility recommended by the relevant professional body or statutory council. This may require rotations and secondments.

**4.3.4** The contractor shall, in respect of each candidate and within one month of commencing work directly related to the contract or order, submit to the employer's representative,:

- a) a workplace training plan, together with name of the candidates' mentor and supervisor;
- b) proof of registration, as a candidate, with the relevant professional body or statutory council;
- c) a register of all beneficiaries of the Standard, enrolled with the cidb SDA;
- d) a copy of the mentorship agreement entered into with the candidate, or the company mentorship agreement entered into with a professional body or statutory council and
- e) shall, within two weeks of updating a workplace training plan and at the end of the structured mentorship period, submit to the employer's representative;
  - (i) quarterly progress reports,
  - (ii) a final report (including a log of exposure and interactions with the mentor), signed off by the mentor, the supervisor and the learner, demonstrating compliance with requirements,

**4.3.5** Candidates shall be required by the mentor to complete training reports required by the relevant professional body or statutory council whenever a substantial activity or training period has been completed.

**4.3.6** The mentor and supervisor shall, in the event of the contract ending, sign off all reports and logbooks to allow the candidate to move to other projects or employment.

## 5 Records

**5.1** The contractor shall, in a timely manner and where a prescribed format is available, submit all the documentation required in terms of clause 4.

**5.2** The employer's representative shall certify the value of the credits counted towards the contract skills development goal, if any, whenever a claim for payment is issued to the employer, and shall notify the contractor of this amount.

**5.3** To satisfy the contract skills development goal, the contractor shall upon termination of the opportunities provided, certify the quantum and nature of the opportunity and shall submit the certificate, counter-certified, issued by the relevant individual to the employer's representative, for record-keeping purposes.

## 6 Sanctions

In the event that the contractor fails to provide a reasonable explanation to the employer for any failure to achieve the contract skills development goal, the sanctions as provided in the contract or order shall apply.

NOTE: The contract establishes the sanctions that apply. These are set out in a tender evaluation schedule, the scope of work or contract data. Sanctions where tender evaluation points are granted with respect to a tendered CSDG or where a minimum CSDG is specified are usually applied in the form of:

- a) financial penalties (low performance damages), typically formulated on the difference between the contracted CSDG and the CSDG achieved in the performance of the contract; and
- b) the issuing of completion certificates only after the certificates described in clause 5 are received.

## **Annex A: Incorporating this standard in a procurement document**

(Informative)

### **A1 General**

**A1.1** The following clause should be added to the scope of work of a contract or order to establish requirements:

#### **Skills development requirements**

The contractor shall achieve in the performance of the contract the contract skills development goal established in this Standard for developing skills through infrastructure contracts

NOTE: Depending on the context and the form of contract adopted, the term contractor may be changed to "consultant" or "professional service provider" or "supplier" and the term "performance of the contract" may, where the scope of work forms part of an order, be replaced with "execution of an order",.

**A1.2** Where an employer requires that employees of the state be seconded to the contractor in order to be provided with structured workplace learning opportunities, in accordance with the provisions of this standard, the following clause should be included in the scope of work:

The specified number of employees of the state is . . . . . The employer must provide a list of persons for selection by the contractor as prescribed in the implementation guidelines. Persons selected by the contractor shall be seconded to the contractor under the terms and conditions prescribed in the implementation guidelines.

### **A2 Sanctions**

In the event that the contractor fails to provide reasonable explanation to the employer for any failure to achieve the contract participation goal , the sanctions as agreed in the contract shall apply.

## **Annex B: Role and Function of Skills Development Agency**

(Informative)

The Skills Development Agency (SDA) will provide career management and compliance reporting functions for all learners for CSDG compliance in terms of this Standard. Where the contractor provides direct employment to unemployed learners, or enrolls their own employees for CSDG compliance, the contractor shall register them with the cidb SDA.

The roles and functions of the Skills Development Agency (SDA) are summarised below.

### **B1 Career Management and Compliance Reporting**

The contractor may enter into a contract agreement with the cidb SDA, training provider or skills development facilitator to manage their learners according to the provisions given below:

- a) preparing training plans for registered learners, including details of the scope of experiential work to be covered and expected outcomes;
- b) registering learners with the appropriate Sector Educational and Training Authority established in terms of the Skills Development Act of 2008 (Act 37 of 2008);
- c) liaising with the supervisor to monitor onsite training progress of learners;
- d) liaising with the supervisor to arrange for summative assessments at appropriate stages of the training; and
- e) liaising with the supervisor to prepare reports for the employer's representative and cidb at practical completion of the contract.

The relevant training provider or skills development facilitator shall invoice the contractors for the provision of these services as per cost schedule in Table 3.

### **B2 Employment Intermediary**

The cidb SDA may act as an employment intermediary for unemployed learners and may provide contractors with learners qualifying for participation in the CSDG, as well as managing their employment functions such as payment of stipends, workman's compensation, etc.

In such cases, the contractor shall contract directly with an SDA, training provider or skills development facilitator of their choice for the recruitment, placement and management of learners. The contractor shall pay the SDA, training provider or skills development facilitator in accordance with the notional costs provided for in this standard, or as amended by a Gazette.





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