

## **Request for proposal: Research on Transformation of the Architectural Profession**

### **1. Introduction**

The South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) is legally charged to regulate the architectural profession in South Africa in terms of the Architectural Profession Act No. 44 of 2000 (the Act). The profession includes professional architects, senior architectural technologists, architectural technologists, draughtspersons, specified categories and candidates in each of the categories of registration, all of whom are required to be registered by SACAP.

Transformation is a national strategic imperative in our country and it is a fundamental tenet in the vision and strategy of the 5<sup>th</sup> term Council. The architectural profession remains untransformed after 25 years of democracy, as a result, the 5<sup>th</sup> term Council has prioritised transformation of the architectural profession.

### **2. Project overview**

The architectural profession remains largely untransformed in South Africa. Racial and gender representation in the architectural profession has not changed since the advent of democracy. Therefore, the architectural profession continues to struggle with structural racial and gender transformation.

The intake of black students in educational institutions had been low but now it has improved, particularly at undergraduate level. However, the number of postgraduate level remains very low. Furthermore, the numbers of architectural graduates registering as candidates is significantly low compared to the throughput. As a result, the proportion of black architectural candidates and professionals remains stubbornly low on the SACAP register.

The number of architectural practices owned and run by black people, the disabled and all women in particular, remains very slow. In addition, these architectural practices are struggling to survive due to little or no work at all.

It is clear that we have a long way to go before the architectural profession can be considered representative and transformed. This is a sharp reminder of our obligation to tackle racial and gender imbalance in the architectural profession and build a culture that values diversity and promotes equality and inclusion in the architectural profession.

### **3. Project objective**

**3.1** The objective of the project is to undertake research on what are the barriers that impact on black learners to study architecture from undergraduate to postgraduate level at various educational institutions. What are the challenges that black students face at educational institutions? Examine why the throughput of black graduates is less than the intake at institutions of higher learning. What can be done to improve the throughput. Has the architecture curriculum changed to accommodate African architecture?

**3.2** Racial and gender representation in the architectural profession remains a challenge. The majority of black architectural professionals are registered in lower categories of registration. Therefore, what mechanisms can be used to ensure that there is gender and racial balance in the architectural profession. SACAP has introduced Limited Special Dispensation, Recognition of Prior Learning and Special Consent; however, we have not seen a significant number of black architectural professional applying for these transformation mechanism.

- 3.3** Blacks were excluded to participate meaningfully in economic opportunities in South Africa for decades. Currently, Black architectural professionals do not get meaningful opportunities in Private and Public sector. Examine why there is no equitable distribution of architectural work in the private and public sector despite section 217 (2) of the Constitution, Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment Act 53 of 2003 and Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000. Examine who benefits from government infrastructure projects at the expense of transformation?

**4. Market Research Methodology**

SACAP prefers survey and secondary data analysis. Therefore, SACAP prefers a hybrid research approach to answer the research questions succinctly.

**5. Target Geographies/Markets**

The SACAP target market is all accredited Institutions of Higher Learning, Registered Persons, Architectural Practices, the Department of Public Works & Infrastructure, and Government Infrastructure Departments. Therefore, we are targeting a national audience.

**6. Participant/Respondent Criteria**

Institutions of Higher Learning, Registered Persons, Architectural Practices, Department of Public Works & Infrastructure, and Government Infrastructure Departments and state entities.

**7. Project Timeline**

The research should take approximately 6 months.

**8. Level of Reporting**

Detailed research report.

**9. Budget or Budget Range**

The estimated budget is R250 000

**Mandatory Requirements:**

- a) The service provider must submit their Tax Compliance Status Pin and BEE Certificate/Affidavit.
- b) SACAP may verify the validity of the above information with the respective accreditation bodies.

Enquiries should be submitted only via email to: [Ntokozo.masango@sacapsa.com](mailto:Ntokozo.masango@sacapsa.com)

Proposals must be submitted only via email to: [Elelwani.ndou@sacapsa.com](mailto:Elelwani.ndou@sacapsa.com)

**Closing Date: 31 March 2023**

**Evaluation process:**

See the evaluation criteria on functionality or the technical aspect below:



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Technical evaluation criteria	Scoring Guidelines	Maximum Points	Service provider Score								
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<p><b>3. Capacity</b></p> <p><b>3.1.</b> Service providers must provide a client list where they have conducted similar researches, the list should be supported by the reference letters from clients:</p> <p>The reference information for each client provided must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Company Name;</li><li>➤ Contact Person;</li><li>➤ Contact details;</li><li>➤ Business address;</li></ul>	<table><tr><th>Number of letters provided</th><th>Score</th></tr><tr><td>Below 2 letters relevant to the project</td><td>Score = 0</td></tr><tr><td>2 - 4 letters relevant to the project</td><td>Score = 3</td></tr><tr><td>5 letters relevant to the project</td><td>Score = 5</td></tr></table>	Number of letters provided	Score	Below 2 letters relevant to the project	Score = 0	2 - 4 letters relevant to the project	Score = 3	5 letters relevant to the project	Score = 5	20	
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<div><div><div>➤ Duration of the research; and</div><div>➤ Brief description of the services provided.</div></div><div>Please note that SACAP may contact the clients for a reference check. It is important to ensure that the clients listed are contactable.</div></div>									
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