

# **Bulk Procurement of 40kWh Mobile Energy Storage Containers in South Africa**





## Overview

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What are South Africa's battery storage tenders?

South Africa's battery storage tenders mark a pivotal moment in the country's transition to a more sustainable energy future. The three tenders launched by the DMRE and Eskom are set to significantly increase the country's battery energy storage capacity, reduce carbon emissions, and stimulate economic growth.

How much battery storage capacity does South Africa have?

By the end of the third tender, South Africa is projected to have a total battery energy storage capacity of approximately 3,183 MWh. This capacity is sufficient to power an estimated 250,000 homes during peak demand periods. The graph below illustrates the growth in battery storage capacity over the three tenders.

Why should South Africa Invest in battery storage?

As South Africa grapples with the challenge of meeting its growing energy demands while transitioning to cleaner energy sources, Eskom's initiatives in battery storage are critical for ensuring grid stability and reducing reliance on coal-fired power plants.

Why is the South African government using IPP to allocate battery storage?

In 2022, this led to unprecedented load shedding of more than 8 terawatt-hours (TWh), which was a fourfold increase in unmet demand compared with the previous year. As a result, the South African government is using its Independent Power Producer (IPP) Procurement Programmes to allocate firm capacity, including battery storage.



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