

20 April 2026

Dear Respondents,

RFP no: TFR/2026/04/0002/114346/RFP (HOAC-EMU-57424-MM-282) – Supply and delivery of OHTE Small Components Material for the North Corridor Shutdown

Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (a division of Transnet SOC Ltd) expresses its thanks and appreciation for your participation in the bidding of the above-mentioned RFP.

Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager received the following queries from bidders on the above-mentioned RFP. Herewith Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager's responses to the queries:

Queries and Responses:

1. "6.2 Step Two: Technical Compliance threshold. Refer to "If Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) intend to bid, they will not be allowed to issue Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs)".

➤ Does this mean that OEMs quoting direct will not be allowed to quote any other bidder/supplier?

Response: Yes

2. "6.3 Step Two: Technical Compliance threshold. Refer to "The evaluation will be conducted per group of components listed below".

➤ Does this mean that you must quote all items per group? **Response: Yes**

➤ Being the OEM on certain products only makes it difficult to quote all items in certain groups, will we be allowed to quote on partial group items? **Response: Yes, however it is recommended that the OEM/bidder approach other OEMs that manufacture the rest of the items in the group to sign a MOU, this will enable the OEM/bidder to quote for all items in the group.**

Should there be no bidder quoting for all items per group, the evaluation will be done per item in the group.

➤ In other words, individual items within a group that we the OEM for?" **Response: Should there be no bidder quoting for all items per group, the evaluation will be done per item in the group**

3. "Kindly clarify the following under technical criteria

How long does it take to supply and deliver to Transnet once purchase order has been placed.

(1 Week = 5 Business Days)

The evaluation of the delivery schedule will be based on the delivery of at least 80% of the quantities required per group.

Evidence required substantiating responses:

Bidder to:

1. If the bidder is not an OEM / Manufacturer, they shall submit a delivery schedule letter from the OEM / Manufacturer.

The delivery letter must contain the following:

- *The letter shall be on the OEM's / Manufacturer's official letter head.*
- *It shall state the bidder's company*

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name.

- It shall quote the RFP number.
- It shall be dated.
- It shall be signed by both the manufacturer and the bidder.
- It should clearly state the delivery lead time of items to be supplied per group.

- The above suggest that you are looking for manufacturing lead time which is not the same as the delivery lead time? **Response: The delivery lead time from the bidder is required, however this must be supported by the manufacturing lead time issued by the OEM.**
- Between completing manufacturing and delivery there are activities that happen, all of which has an impact on actual delivery time, ie testing and inspection, payment to the OEM, Transport/logistics etc. **Response: The delivery lead time of the bidder must take into account all activities required to deliver the items.**
- In an instance where the OEM/Manufacturer has issued delivery schedule letter and the winning bidder is neither OEM/Manufacturer how will you enforce or hold the winning bidder accountable for a schedule issued by a third party? **Response: All bidders need to submit is a delivery lead time letter conforming to the requirements on the evaluation methodology.**

The lead time letter must be supported by the manufacturing lead time letter from the OEM. The manufacturing lead time letter from the OEM will only be used as a supporting document when evaluating the bidder's lead time. Only the delivery lead time will be evaluated.

- In the circumstance will the lead time conformation by the bidder be acceptable?" **Response: Yes**

4. "Could you please assist with the clarity below:

- Are we allowed to quote only certain items in each group that is within our OEM scope of supply? (Only submit technical drawing/specifications of items quoted). **Response: Yes**
- Can one service provide quote for more than two regions? (Empangeni, Richards Bay and Vryheid). **Response: Yes**
- In stead in Test/inspection certificate, will the PO's and signed completion letter be accepted for the evaluation?" **Response: No, test and inspection certificates are required.**

5. "Item no: 54002805 - Drawings needed:

- CEE TND 36 – Dropper clip
- CEE TN 344 – Dropper clip
- CEE TN 417 – Dropper clip
- CEE TN 46 – Protection sleeve"

Response: The drawing numbers below are to be used for this item number. The drawings above are not applicable for item number 54002805.

**CEE-TND-0005,
CEE-TND-0022,
CEE-TND-0009**

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6. "There are various qtys of drawing TX 0079 CALLED FOR (copper tube) but it's our understanding that transnet have switched to a stainless steel spring type of component at a much lower cost please confirm which one we should tender for." **Response: Please quote as per description (stainless-steel type - 54112457).**

Please note that Transnet has not switched to the stainless-steel type, both the copper and stainless-steel types are used at Transnet.

7. "We have received number of closing date extension request from different OEM's due technical requirements of the above-mentioned RFP. We therefore kindly request extension of closing date from 23 April 2026 to the date that will be also convenient for the RFP procurement process." **Response: The closing date will be extended until 28 April 2026 at 12h00. Due to the time constraints of this project, no later than this date can be extended. The addendum will be issued on the e-tender system.**

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Kind Regards,



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