

## **TRANSNET PIPELINES**

an Operating Division **TRANSNET SOC LTD**

[Registration Number 1990/000900/30]

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**FOR THE: PROVISION OF FIRE STANDBY SERVICES FOR VARIOUS TRANSNET PIPELINES SITES ON AN "AS AND WHEN" REQUIRED BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS**

<b>RFP NUMBER</b>	<b>: TPL/2024/05/0003/66723/RFP</b>
<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>: 12 November 2024</b>
<b>COMPULSORY BRIEFING</b>	<b>: 21 November 2024</b>
<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<b>: 11 December 2024</b>
<b>CLOSING TIME</b>	<b>: 12h00pm</b>
<b>TENDER VALIDITY PERIOD</b>	<b>: 12 weeks from closing date</b>

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## T1.1 TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER

### SECTION 1: NOTICE TO TENDERERS

#### 1. INVITATION TO TENDER

Responses to this Tender [hereinafter referred to as a **Tender**] are requested from persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as a Tenderer].

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PROVISION OF FIRE STANDBY SERVICES FOR VARIOUS TRANSNET PIPELINES SITES ON AN "AS AND WHEN" REQUIRED BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS</b>
<b>TENDER DOWNLOADING</b>	This Tender may be downloaded directly from the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal at <a href="http://www.etenders.gov.za">www.etenders.gov.za</a> and the Transnet website at <a href="https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net">https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net</a> (please use Google Chrome to access Transnet link) <b>FREE OF CHARGE.</b>

<b>COMPULSORY TENDER CLARIFICATION MEETING</b>	<p>A Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting will be conducted at <b>Transnet Pipelines HQ (202 Anton Lembede Street), 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom room 742 on the 21st of November 2024, at 10:30am</b> for a period of ± 2 (two) hours. [Tenderers to provide own transportation and accommodation].</p> <p>The Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting will start punctually and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Tenderers arriving late.</p> <p><b>A Site visit/walk will take place, tenderers are to note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenderers are required to wear safety shoes, goggles, long sleeve shirts, high visibility vests and hard hats.</li> <li>• Tenderers and their employees, visitors, clients and customers entering Transnet Offices, Depots, Workshops and Stores will have to undergo breathalyser testing.</li> <li>• All forms of firearms are prohibited on Transnet properties and premises.</li> <li>• The relevant persons attending the meeting must ensure that their identity documents, passports or drivers licences are on them for inspection at the access control gates.</li> </ul> <p>Certificate of Attendance in the form set out in the <b>Returnable Schedule T2.2-01</b> hereto must be completed and submitted with your Tender as proof of attendance is required for a <b>compulsory</b> site meeting and/or tender briefing.</p>
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	<p><b>Tenderers are required to bring this Returnable Schedule T2.2-01 to the Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting to be signed by the <i>Employer's</i> Representative.</b></p> <p><b>Tenderers failing to attend the compulsory tender briefing will be disqualified.</b></p>
<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<p><b>12:00pm on Wednesday the 11th of December 2024</b></p> <p>Tenderers must ensure that tenders are uploaded timeously onto the system. <b>If a tender is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</b></p>

## 2. TENDER SUBMISSION

Transnet has implemented a new electronic tender submission system, the e-Tender Submission Portal, in line with the overall Transnet digitalization strategy where suppliers can view advertised tenders, register their information, log their intent to respond to bids and upload their bid proposals/responses on to the system.

a) The Transnet e-Tender Submission Portal can be accessed as follows:

Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website (<https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net>);

- Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER – for bidder to register their information (must fill in all mandatory information);
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER" - to sign in if already registered;
- Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a bid;
- Submit bid documents by uploading them into the system against each tender selected.
- **Tenderers are required to ensure that electronic bid submissions are done at least a day before the closing date to prevent issues which they may encounter due to their internet speed, bandwidth or the size of the number of uploads they are submitting. Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of the technical challenges. Please do not wait for the last hour to submit. A Tenderer can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.**

b) The tender offers to this tender will be opened as soon as possible after the closing date and time. Transnet shall not, at the opening of tenders, disclose to any other company any confidential details pertaining to the Tender Offers / information received, i.e. pricing,

delivery, etc. The names and locations of the Tenderers will be divulged to other Tenderers upon request.

- c) Submissions must not contain documents relating to any Tender other than that shown on the submission.

### **3. CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidentiality. In this regard Tenderers are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure Agreement. All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information gleaned from provision of the Works, which is either directly or indirectly related to Transnet's business, written approval to divulge such information must be obtained from Transnet.

### **4. DISCLAIMERS**

Tenderers are hereby advised that Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this Tender and/or its receipt of a tender offer. In particular, please note that Transnet reserves the right to:

- 4.1. Award the business to the highest scoring Tenderer/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another tenderer.
- 4.2. Not necessarily accept the lowest priced tender or an alternative Tender;
- 4.3. Go to the open market if the quoted rates (for award of work) are deemed unreasonable;
- 4.4. Should the Tenderers be awarded business on strength of information furnished by the Tenderer, which after conclusion of the contract is proved to have been incorrect, Transnet reserves the right to terminate the contract;
- 4.5. Request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 4.6. Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Tenderer to the tender rates after the closing date;
- 4.7. Verify any information supplied by a Tenderer by submitting a tender, the Tenderer/s hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to the Transnet to do so;



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- 4.8. Conduct the evaluation process in parallel. The evaluation of Tenderers at any given stage must therefore not be interpreted to mean that Tenderers have necessarily passed any previous stage(s);
- 4.9. Unless otherwise expressly stated, each tender lodged in response to the invitation to tender shall be deemed to be an offer by the Tenderer. The Employer has the right in its sole and unfettered discretion not to accept any offer.
- 4.10. Not be held liable if tenderers do not provide the correct contact details during the clarification session and do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.
- 4.11. Transnet reserves the right to exclude any Tenderers from the tender process who has been convicted of a serious breach of law during the preceding 5 [five] years including but not limited to breaches of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, as amended. Tenderers are required to indicate in tender returnable on T2.2-12], [**Breach of Law**] whether or not they have been found guilty of a serious breach of law during the past 5 [five] years.
- 4.12. Transnet reserves the right to perform a risk analysis on the preferred tenderer to ascertain if any of the following might present an unacceptable commercial risk to the employer:
- *unduly high or unduly low tendered rates or amounts in the tender offer;*
  - *contract data of contract provided by the tenderer; or*
  - *the contents of the tender returnables which are to be included in the contract.*
5. Transnet will not reimburse any Tenderer for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with this Tender, whether or not the Tenderer is awarded a contract.

## 6. NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

Tenderer are required to self-register on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD) which has been established to centrally administer supplier information for all organs of state and facilitate the verification of certain key supplier information. The CSD can be accessed at <https://secure.csd.gov.za/>. Tenderer are required to provide the following to Transnet in order to enable it to verify information on the CSD:

Supplier Number..... and Unique registration reference  
number..... (Tender Data)

**Transnet urges its clients, suppliers and the general public  
to report any fraud or corruption to  
TIP-OFFS ANONYMOUS: 0800 003 056 OR [Transnet@tip-offs.com](mailto:Transnet@tip-offs.com)**

## T1.2 TENDER DATA

The conditions of tender are the Standard Conditions of Tender as contained in Annex C of the CIDB Standard for Uniformity in Engineering and Construction Works Contracts. The Standard for Uniformity in Construction Procurement was first published in Board Notice 62 of 2004 in Government Gazette No 26427 of 9 June 2004. It was subsequently amended in Board Notice 67 of 2005 in Government Gazette No 28127 of 14 October 2005, Board Notice 93 of 2006 in Government Gazette No 29138 of 18 August 2006, Board Notice No 9 of 2008 in Government Gazette No 31823 of 30 January 2009, Board Notice 86 of 2010 in Government Gazette No 33239 of 28 May 2010, Board Notice 136 of 2015 in Government Gazette 38960 of 10 July 2015 and Board Notice 423 of 2019 in Government Gazette No 42622 of 8 August 2019.

This edition incorporates the amendments made in Board Notice 423 of 2019 in Government Gazette 42622 of 8 August 2019. (see [www.cidb.org.za](http://www.cidb.org.za)).

The Standard Conditions of Tender make several references to Tender data for detail that apply specifically to this tender. The Tender Data shall have precedence in the interpretation of any ambiguity or inconsistency between it and the Standard Conditions of Tender.

Each item of data given below is cross-referenced in the left-hand column to the clause in the Standard Conditions of Tender to which it mainly applies.

Clause	Data
C.1.1 The <i>Employer</i> is	<b>Transnet SOC Ltd</b> <b>(Reg No. 1990/000900/30)</b>
C.1.2 The tender documents issued by the <i>Employer</i> comprise:	
<b>Part T: The Tender</b>	
Part T1: Tendering procedures	T1.1 Tender notice and invitation to tender T1.2 Tender data
Part T2 : Returnable documents	T2.1 List of returnable documents T2.2 Returnable schedules
<b>Part C: The contract</b>	
Part C1: Agreements and contract data	C1.1 Form of offer and acceptance C1.2 Contract data (Part 1 & 2)
Part C2: Pricing data	C2.1 Pricing instructions C2.2 Price List



Part C3: Scope of work		C3.1 Service Information
C.1.4	The Employer's agent is:	Procurement Manager
	Name:	Fezeka Mhlongo
	Address:	6th Floor, 202 Anton Lembede Street
	E – mail	Fezeka.Mhlongo@transnet.net

C.2.1 Only those tenderers who satisfy the following eligibility criteria are eligible to submit tenders:

**1. Stage One - Eligibility with regards to attendance at the compulsory clarification meeting:**

An authorised representative of the tendering entity or a representative of a tendering entity that intends to form a Joint Venture (JV) must attend the compulsory clarification meeting in terms C2.7

***Any tenderer that fails to meet the stipulated eligibility criteria will be regarded as an unacceptable tender.***

**2. Stage Two - Eligibility in terms of the Technical Pre-qualification Criteria**

1. Fire Officers: Minimum of 3 Officers

- Fire Fighter 1 and 2 (Qualification issued by SAESI)
- Hazmat Awareness and Operations (Qualification issued by SAESI)
- Hazard Identification/Risk assessment Qualification, from any accredited institution by SAQA- South African Qualification Authority.
- Rope rescue (High angle or confined space rescue from accredited SAQA institution.)
- Valid First Aid level 3, issued by SAQA accredited institution.

2. Fire Fighters, Minimum of 8 fire fighters

- Fire Fighter 1 (Qualification issued by SAESI)
- Hazmat Awareness (Qualification issued by SAESI)
- Rope rescue (High angle or confined space rescue) Accredited by SAQA
- First Aid level 3, issued by SAQA accredited institution.

**3. Stage Three - Functionality**

Only those tenderers who obtain the minimum qualifying score for functionality will be evaluated further in terms of price and the applicable preference point system. The minimum qualifying for score for functionality is **70** points.

The evaluation criteria for measuring functionality and the points for each criteria and, if any, each sub-criterion are as stated in C.3.11.3 below.

***Any tenderer that fails to meet the stipulated eligibility criteria will be regarded as an unacceptable tender.***

C.2.7 The arrangements for a compulsory clarification meeting are as stated in the Tender Notice and Invitation to Tender. **Tenderers must complete and sign the attendance register.** Addenda will be issued to and tenders will only be received from those tendering entities including those entities that intends forming a joint venture appearing on the attendance register.

Tenderers are also **required to bring their RFP document to the briefing session and have their returnable document T2.2- 01: certificate of attendance** signed off by the Employer's authorised representative.

C.2.12 No alternative tender offers will be considered.

C.2.13.3 Each tender offer shall be in the **English Language**.

C.2.13.5 The *Employer's* details and identification details that are to be shown on each tender offer package are as follows:

Identification details:	<p>The tender documents must be uploaded with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Name of Tenderer: <b>(insert company name)</b></li> <li>▪ Contact person and details: <b>(insert details)</b></li> <li>▪ The Tender Number: TPL/2024/05/0003/66723/RFP</li> <li>▪ The Tender Description: Provision of fire standby services for various Transnet Pipelines sites on an "as and when" required basis for a period of three years.</li> </ul>
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Documents must be marked for the attention of:  
***Employer's Agent: Fezeka Mhlongo***

C.2.13.9 Telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile or e-mailed tender offers will not be accepted.

C.2.15 The closing time for submission of tender offers is:  
Time: **12:00pm** on the **11<sup>th</sup> of December 2024**  
Location: The Transnet e-Tender Submission Portal:  
(<https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net>);

**NO LATE TENDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

C.2.16 The tender offer validity period is **12 weeks** after the closing date. Tenderers are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their tender, on the

same terms and conditions, if Transnet's internal evaluation and governance approval processes has not been finalised within the validity period.

- C.2.23 The tenderer is required to submit with his tender:
1. A valid Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services.  
**Tenderers also to provide Transnet with a TCS PIN to verify Tenderers compliance status.**
  2. A **valid B-BBEE Certificate** from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System [**SANAS**], or a **sworn affidavit** confirming annual turnover and level of black ownership, in line with the code of good practice, together with the tender;
  3. Proof of registration on the Central Supplier Database;
  4. Letter of Good Standing with the Workmen's compensation fund by the tendering entity or separate Letters of Good Standing from all members of a newly constituted JV.

**Note:** Refer to Section T2.1 for List of Returnable Documents

- C3.11 The minimum number of evaluation points for functionality is: **70**

The procedure for the evaluation of responsive tenders is Functionality, Price and Preference:

**Only those tenderers who attain the minimum number of evaluation points for Functionality will be eligible for further evaluation, failure to meet the minimum threshold will result in the tender being disqualified and removed from any further consideration.**

#### Functionality Criteria

The functionality criteria and maximum score in respect of each of the criteria are as follows:

Functionality criteria	Sub-criteria	Sub-criteria points	Maximum number of points
<b>T2.2-03 (A) Previous Experience</b>	List the fire & Rescue standby services contracts that the company has been involved in within the last 10 years, relevant to Fire and Rescue Standby Services in	<b>60</b>	

	the Petrochemical Industry.		
<b>T2.2-03 (B) All Equipment Calibration Certificates SANS 17025 and/or Pressure test Certificate SANS 1475 requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 X Self-Containing Breathing Apparatus Cylinders</li> <li>• 2 X Gas Monitor</li> <li>• 2 X 50 kg DCP Fire Extinguisher</li> </ul> <p>(Total certificates equal to 8 certificates)  <b>Failure to submit all 8 certificates will result in a score of zero</b></p>	<b>40</b>	
<b>Total Weighting</b>			<b>100</b>
<b>Maximum possible score for Functionality</b>			<b>70</b>

Functionality shall be scored independently by not less than 3 (three) evaluators and averaged in accordance with the following schedules:

- T2.2- 03 (A) Previous Experience
- T2.2- 03 (B) Equipment Inspection Certificate and/or Pressure Test Certificate

Each evaluation criteria will be assessed in terms of scores of 0, 20, 40, 60, 80 or 100 (linear scale, more suitable for NEC3, ECC)

The scores of each of the evaluators will be averaged, weighted and then totalled to obtain the final score for functionality, unless scored collectively. (See CIDB Inform Practice Note #9).

**Note: Any tender not complying with the above mentioned requirements, will be regarded as non-responsive and will therefore not be considered for further evaluation. This note must be read in conjunction with Clause C.2.1.**

- C.3.11. Only tenders that achieve the minimum qualifying score for functionality will be evaluated further in accordance with the 80/20 preference points systems as described in Preferential Procurement Regulations.

80 where the financial value of one or more responsive tenders received have a value equal to or below R50 million, inclusive of all applicable taxes,

Thresholds	Minimum Threshold
Technical / functionality	70

Evaluation Criteria	Final Weighted Scores
Price	80
Specific goals - Scorecard	20
<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>	<b>100</b>

Up to 100 minus  $W_1$  tender evaluation points will be awarded to tenderers who complete the preferencing schedule and who are found to be eligible for the preference claimed. **Should the evidence required for any of the Specific Goals applicable in this tender not be provided, a tenderer will score zero preference points for that particular "Specific Goal".**

In terms of Transnet Preferential Procurement Policy (TPPP) and Procurement Manuals, the following preference points must be awarded to a bidder who provides the relevant required evidence for claiming points

Selected Specific Goal	Number of points allocated (20)
B-BBEE Level of contributor (1 or 2)	10
30% Black women Owned entities	10
Non-Compliant and/or B-BBEE Level 3-8 contributors	0

**The following Table represents the evidence to be submitted for claiming preference points for applicable specific goals in a particular tender:**

Specific Goals	Acceptable Evidence
B-BBEE	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn-Affidavit B-BBEE Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidate scorecard will be accept) as per DTIC guidelines
30% Black Women Owned Entities	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn-Affidavit / CIPC B-BBEE Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidate scorecard will be accept) as per DTIC guidelines

The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

DISCRIPTION	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION – Level 1 or 2	10
30% Black women Owned entities	10
Total points for Price and Specific Goals must not exceed	100

**Note:** Transnet reserves the right to carry out an independent audit of the tenderers scorecard components at any stage from the date of close of the tenders until completion of the contract.

#### C.3.13 Tender offers will only be accepted if:

1. The tenderer or any of its directors/shareholders is not listed on the Register of Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004 as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
2. the tenderer does not appear on Transnet's list for restricted tenderers and National Treasury's list of Tender Defaulters;
3. the tenderer has fully and properly completed the Compulsory Enterprise Questionnaire and there are no conflicts of interest which may impact on the tenderer's ability to perform the contract in the best interests of the Employer or potentially compromise the tender process and persons in the employ of the state.
4. Transnet reserves the right to award the tender to the tenderer who scores the highest number of points overall, unless there are **objective criteria** which will justify the award of the tender to another tenderer. Objective criteria include but are not limited to the outcome of a due diligence exercise to be conducted. The due diligence exercise may take the following factors into account inter alia; the tenderer:
  - a) is not under restrictions, or has principals who are under restrictions, preventing participating in the employer's procurement,
  - b) is not undergoing a process of being restricted by Transnet or other state institution that Transnet may be aware of,

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- c) can, as necessary and in relation to the proposed contract, demonstrate that he or she possesses the professional and technical qualifications, professional and technical competence, financial resources, equipment and other physical facilities, managerial capability, reliability, experience and reputation, expertise and the personnel, to perform the contract,
  - d) has the legal capacity to enter into the contract,
  - e) is not insolvent, in receivership, under Business Rescue as provided for in chapter 6 of the Companies Act, 2008, bankrupt or being wound up, has his affairs administered by a court or a judicial officer, has suspended his business activities, or is subject to legal proceedings in respect of any of the foregoing,
  - f) complies with the legal requirements, if any, stated in the tender data and
  - g) is able, in the option of the employer to perform the contract free of conflicts of interest.
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C.3.17 The number of paper copies of the signed contract to be provided by the Employer is 1 (one).

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