

### TRANSNET SOC LTD



[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP]

FOR THE PROVISION OF PROCUREMENT OF REDUNDANCY AND BACKUP CONNECTIVITY FOR SD-WAN TRAFFIC FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS ON AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BASIS

RFP NUMBER TCC/2024/09/0002/76777/RFP

ISSUE DATE: 24 January 2025

CLOSING DATE: 24 February 2025

CLOSING TIME: 12:00 PM

BID VALIDITY PERIOD: 180 Business Days from Closing Date

#### Note to the bidders:

Bidders 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 Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.

### **TECHNICAL PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

Bidders to submit Electronic Communication Certificate (ECNS)

"IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT: All work requiring an ECNS ICASA license needs to performed by an appropriately licensed company, e.g. if a subsidiary of the bidder requires an ECNS license and refers to the parent company for the license or if the Parent Company requires to use subsidiary license: the necessary formal approval /documentation from ICASA need to be produced to confirm that the license can be transferred to the subsidiary from the parent company."

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# RFP FOR THE FOR THE PROVISION OF PROCUREMENT OF REDUNDANCY AND BACKUP CONNECTIVITY FOR SD-WAN TRAFFIC FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM

## PART A INVITATION TO BID

INVITATION TO BID									
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DATE:					

Respondent's Signature

### **SECTION 2: NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

### 1 INVITATION TO BID

Responses to this RFP [hereinafter referred to as a **Bid** or a **Proposal**] are requested from persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as an **entity**, **Respondent** or **Bidder**].

DESCRIPTION	Provisioning of Redundancy and Backup Connectivity for SD-WAN Traffic
TENDER ADVERT	All Transnet tenders are advertised on the National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal and the Transnet website. Should one of these media (i.e. National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal or Transnet website) not be available, bidders are advised to check on the other media for advertised tenders.
RFP DOWNLOADING	This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at <a href="https://www.etenders.gov.za">www.etenders.gov.za</a> free of charge.
	To download RFP and Annexures:
	Click on "Tender Opportunities";
	Select "Advertised Tenders";
	In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd.
	Once the tender has been in the list, click on the 'Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents.
	The RFP may also be downloaded from the Transnet Portal at <a href="https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net">https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net</a> (please use <b>Google Chrome</b> to access Transnet link/site) free of charge (refer to section 2, paragraph 3 below for detailed steps)
COMMUNICATION	Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP on the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website with 10 days after the award has been finalised. All unsuccessful bidders have a right to request for reasons for their bid not being successful. This requested must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form
	Any addenda to the RFP or clarifications will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Bidders are required to check the e-tender portal or Transnet website prior to finalising their bid submissions for any changes or clarifications to the RFP.
	Transnet will not be held liable if Bidders do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of either being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.
BRIEFING SESSION	Yes, Non-compulsory Bidders are required to confirm their attendance and to send their contact details including the number of representatives (where applicable) to the following address:
	Sithokozile.ndaba@transnet.net
	Barbara.msomi@transnet.net
	This is to ensure that Transnet may make the necessary arrangements for the briefing session.
	Refer to paragraph 2 for details.
CLOSING DATE	<b>12:00</b> pm on Thursday 24 February 2025  Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system.  Generally, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.
	Bidders 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 Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.			
VALIDITY PERIOD	180 Business Days from Closing Date			
	Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, at the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period. However, once the adjudication body has approved the process and award of the business to the successful bidder(s), the validity of the successful bidder(s)' bid will be deemed to remain valid until a final contract has been concluded.			
	Should a bidder fail to respond to a request for extension of the validity period before it expires, that bidder will be excluded from tender process.			
	With regard to the validity period of next highest ranked bidders, please refer to Section 2, paragraph 10.12			

Any additional information or clarification will be published on the e-Tender portal and Transnet website, if necessary.

#### **2 FORMAL BRIEFING**

A non-compulsory pre-proposal RFP briefing will be conducted at MS TEAMS on the **04 February 2025,** at 10:00 AM for a period of  $\pm 2$  hours. [Respondents to provide own transportation and accommodation]. The briefing session will start punctually and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late.

- 2.1 Despite the briefing session being non-compulsory, Transnet nevertheless encourages all Respondents to attend. Transnet will not be held responsible if any Respondent who did not attend the **non-compulsory** session subsequently feels disadvantaged as a result thereof.
- 2.2 Respondents are encouraged to bring have a copy of the RFP to the RFP briefing.

### Link to the briefing session

### Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 370 712 171 968

Passcode: 8fP3M9dV

#### 3 PROPOSAL 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/ Portal ((<u>transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net</u>) Please use **Google Chrome** to access Transnet link/site);
  - 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.
- No late submissions will be accepted. The bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net
- b) Each company must register its profile using its company details and use the corresponding registered profile to log an intent to bid as well as submitting any bid.
- c) Transnet will not accept a bid or will disqualify a bidder who submits a bid in the Transnet e-tender submission through another bidders'/Company's profile. In other words, each bidder must register the intent to bid and submit its bid through its own profile under the same company name that will eventually bid for the tender. No company shall submit a bid on behalf of another company regardless of the company being a subsidiary or holding company.
- d) In case of a Joint Venture, any of the parties/companies to the Joint Venture may use its registered profile to submit a bid on behalf of the Joint Venture.
- e) IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT: All work requiring an ECNS ICASA license needs to performed by an appropriately licensed company, e.g. if a subsidiary of the bidder requires an ECNS license and refers to the parent company for the license or if the Parent Company requires to use subsidiary license the necessary formal approval /documentation from ICASA need to be produced to confirm that the license can be transferred to the subsidiary from the parent company

#### 4 RFP INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Please sign documents [sign, stamp and date the bottom of each page] before uploading them on the system. The person or persons signing the submission must be legally authorised by the respondent to do so.
- 4.2 All returnable documents tabled in the Proposal Form [Section 5] must be returned with proposals.
- 4.3 Unless otherwise expressly stated, all Proposals furnished pursuant to this RFP shall be deemed to be offers. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.
- 4.4 Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter. Subject only to clause 15 [Alterations made by the Respondent to Bid Prices] of the General Bid Conditions, paragraph 12 below (Legal Review) and Section 6 of the RFP, alterations, additions or deletions must not be made by the Respondent to the actual RFP documents.

### 5 JOINT VENTURES OR CONSORTIUMS

Respondents who would wish to respond to this RFP as a Joint Venture [JV] or consortium with B-BBEE entities, must state their intention to do so in their RFP submission. Such Respondents must also submit a signed JV or consortium agreement between the parties clearly stating the percentage [%] split of business and the associated responsibilities of each party. If at the time of the bid submission such a JV or consortium agreement has not been concluded, the partners must submit confirmation in writing of their intention to enter into a JV or consortium agreement should they be awarded business by Transnet through this RFP process. This written

confirmation must clearly indicate the percentage [%] split of business and the responsibilities of each party. In such cases, award of business will only take place once a signed copy of a JV or consortium agreement is submitted to Transnet.

Respondents are to note that for the purpose of Evaluation, a JV will be evaluated based on one consolidated B-BBEE score card (a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level verification certificate) Preference points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the specific goals requirements in accordance with the table indicated in Section 4.1 of the specific goals Claim Form.

### **COMMUNICATION**

- 5.1 For specific queries relating to this RFP, an RFP Clarification Request Form should be submitted onto the system and to [Sithokozile Ndaba, email Sithokozile.ndaba@transnet.net] before 12:00 pm on 17 February 2025, substantially in the form set out in Section 8 hereto. In the interest of fairness and transparency, Transnet's response to such a query will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website.
- 5.2 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate with the Barbara Msomi (BEC chairperson), email barbara.msomi@transnet.net on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal.
- 5.3 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.
- 5.4 It is prohibited for Respondents to attempt, either directly or indirectly, to canvass any officer or employee of Transnet in respect of this RFP between the closing date and the date of the award of the business.
- 5.5 Respondents found to be in collusion with one another will be automatically disqualified and restricted from doing business with organs of state for a specified period.
- Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP in the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website with 10 days after the award has been finalised. Respondents are required to check the National Treasury e-tender Portal and Transnet website for the results of the tender process. All unsuccessful bidders have a right to request Transnet to furnish individual reasons for their bid not being successful. This requested must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form

### **6** CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidence. In this regard Respondents 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 related to this RFP or the subsequent contract, written approval must be obtained from Transnet.

### **7 COMPLIANCE**

The successful Respondent [hereinafter referred to as the Service Provider shall be in full and complete compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations.

### 8 EMPLOYMENT EQUITY ACT

Respondents must comply with the requirements of the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998 applicable to it including (but not limited to) Section 53 of the Employment Equity Act.

#### 9 DISCLAIMERS

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

- 9.1 modify the RFP's Goods/Services and request Respondents to re-bid on any such changes;
- 9.2 reject any Proposal which does not conform to instructions and specifications which are detailed herein;
- 9.3 disqualify Proposals submitted after the stated submission deadline [closing date];
- 9.4 award a contract in connection with this Proposal at any time after the RFP's closing date;
- 9.5 award a contract for only a portion of the proposed Goods/Services which are reflected in the scope of this RFP;
- 9.6 split the award of the contract between more than one Service Provider, should it at Transnet's discretion be more advantageous in terms of, amongst others, cost or developmental considerations;
- 9.7 cancel the bid process;
- 9.8 validate any information submitted by Respondents in response to this bid. This would include, but is not limited to, requesting the Respondents to provide supporting evidence. By submitting a bid, Respondents hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to Transnet to do so;
- 9.9 request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 9.10 not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing date and/or after the award of the business, unless the contract specifically provided for it;
- 9.11 to cancel the contract and/request that National Treasury place the Respondent on its Database of Restricted Suppliers for a period not exceeding 10 years, on the basis that a contract was awarded on the strength of incorrect information furnished by the Respondent or on any other basis recognised in law:
- 9.12 to award the business to the next ranked bidder, provided that he/she is still prepared to provide the required Goods at the quoted price, should the preferred bidder fail to sign or commence with the contract within a reasonable period after being requested to do so. Under such circumstances, the validity of the bids of the next ranked bidder(s) will be deemed to remain valid, irrespective of whether the outcome of the tender has been published the outcome of the bid process on the National Treasury etender Portal and Transnet website. Bidders may therefore be requested to advise whether they would still be prepared to provide the required Goods at their quoted price.

Note that Transnet will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with its Proposal, whether or not the Respondent is awarded a contract.

### 10 LEGAL REVIEW

A Proposal submitted by a Respondent will be subjected to review and acceptance or rejection of its proposed contractual terms and conditions by Transnet's Legal Counsel, prior to consideration for an award of business. A material deviation from the Standard terms or conditions could result in disqualification.

### 11 SECURITY CLEARANCE

Acceptance of this bid could be subject to the condition that the Successful Respondent, its personnel providing the Goods/Services and its subcontractor(s) must obtain security clearance from the appropriate authorities to

the level of **CONFIDENTIAL/ SECRET/TOP SECRET**. Obtaining the required clearance is the responsibility of the Successful Respondent. Acceptance of the bid is also subject to the condition that the Successful Respondent will implement all such security measures as the safe performance of the contract may require.

### 12 NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

Respondents 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. Respondents must register on the CSD prior to submitting their bids. Business may not be awarded to a Respondent who has failed to register on the CSD. Only foreign suppliers with no local registered entity need not register on the CSD.

For this purpose, the attached SBD 1 form must be completed and submitted as a mandatory returnable document by the closing date and time of the bid.

#### 13 TAX COMPLIANCE

Respondents must be compliant when submitting a proposal to Transnet and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

It is a condition of this bid that the tax matters of the successful Respondents be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the Respondents tax obligations.

The Tax Compliance status requirements are also applicable to foreign Respondents/ individuals who wish to submit bids.

Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database.



### **SECTION 3: BACKGROUND, OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS**

#### 1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Transnet relies heavily on its current SD-WAN infrastructure network to support critical business operations, including data exchange between multiple locations, access to cloud services, and communication with external stakeholders. However, the current SD-WAN design (Open Systems Interconnect (OSI) layer 3) lacks redundancy, due to insufficient reliability and failover capability for its underlying fibre network (OSI layer 1+2) making it vulnerable to single points of failure and potential network outages.
- 1.2. The requirement is for a redundancy and backup connectivity solution (to the existing primary fibre-based connectivity, i.e. OSI layer 1+2) for an SD-WAN (Software-Defined Wide Area Network) infrastructure. This entails acquiring additional network connectivity services to ensure uninterrupted operation of the SD-WAN in case of primary fibre link failure on the TFR Telecom's fibre network. Redundancy and backup connectivity are crucial for maintaining seamless communication and business continuity, especially in scenarios where the primary network link encounters issues such as outages or degradation in performance.
- 1.3. The proposed acquisition aims to mitigate the risks associated with single points of failure in the network infrastructure, enhancing reliability and resilience. By investing in redundant connectivity options, the organization can safeguard against potential disruptions to critical operations, maintain productivity, and uphold service level agreements (SLAs) with customers and stakeholders. This acquisition aligns with the strategic goal of ensuring robust and reliable network connectivity to support business objectives and mitigate risks associated with network downtime.

#### 2 EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Whereas Transnet is seeking a partner(s) to provide solutions for its Redundancy and Backup Connectivity for the fibre links (provided by TFR Telecoms) serving as bearer for the SD-WAN Traffic nationally, it also seeks to improve its current processes for providing these Goods/Services to its end user community throughout its locations.

The selected Service Provider(s) must share in the mission and business objectives of Transnet. These mutual goals will be met by meeting contractual requirements and new challenges in an environment of teamwork, joint participation, flexibility, innovation and open communications. In this spirit of partnership, Transnet and its Service Provider(s) will study the current ways they do business to enhance current practices and support processes and systems. Such a partnership will allow Transnet to reach higher levels of quality, service and profitability.

Specifically, Transnet seeks to benefit from this partnership in the following ways:

- 2.1 Transnet must receive reduced cost of acquisition and improved service benefits resulting from the Service Provider's economies of scale and streamlined service processes.
- 2.2 Transnet must achieve appropriate availability that meets user needs while reducing costs for both Transnet and the chosen Service Provider(s).
- 2.3 Transnet must receive proactive improvements from the Service Provider with respect to supply/provision of Goods/Services and related processes.
- 2.4 Transnet's overall competitive advantage must be strengthened by the chosen Service Provider's leading edge technology and service delivery systems.

- 2.5 Transnet end users must be able to rely on the chosen Service Provider's personnel for service enquiries, recommendations and substitutions.
- 2.6 Transnet must reduce costs by streamlining its acquisition of Goods/Services, including managed service processes on a Group basis.
- 2.7 Meet all SLAs as per the technical scope of work of requirements section 11, i.e. Availability, Failover time, Redundancy utilisation, Packet loss, Latency, Jitter, Testing frequency, Incident response and resolution times.
- 2.8 Whereas single-mode fibre is preferred these secondary/backup links can be another type of connection, such as Dedicated Internet Access (DIA), DSL, fibre connectivity, or even cellular (45/5G) connectivity where there is no fibre connectivity. The choice of secondary link depends on factors like cost, availability, and performance requirements.

### 3 SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

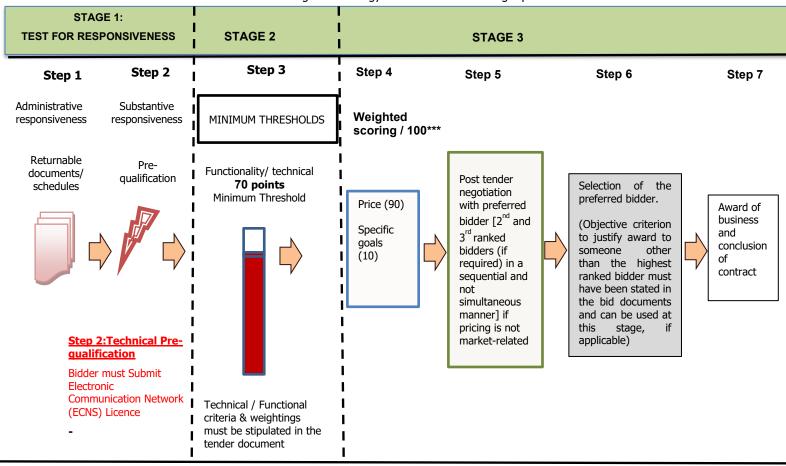
3.1 Refer to **Annexure A** for detailed Scope of Work

### 4 GENERAL SERVICE PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 The Service Provider(s) shall be fully responsible to Transnet for the acts and omissions of persons directly or indirectly employed by them.
- 4.2 The Service Provider(s) must comply with the requirements stated in this RFP.

### **5 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

Transnet will utilise the following methodology and criteria in selecting a preferred Service Provider:



NB: Evaluation of the various stages will normally take place in a sequential manner. However, in order to expedite the process, Transnet reserves the right to conduct the different steps of the evaluation process in parallel. In such instances the evaluation of bidders at any given stage must not be interpreted to mean that bidders have necessarily passed any previous stage(s).

### 5.1 STEP ONE: Test for Administrative Responsiveness

The test for administrative responsiveness will include the following:

	Administrative responsiveness check	RFP Reference
•	Whether the Bid has been lodged on time	Section 1 paragraph 3
•	Whether all Returnable Documents and/or schedules [where applicable] were completed and returned by the closing date and time	Section 5
•	Verify the validity of all returnable documents	Section 5
•	Verify if the Bid document has been duly signed by the authorised respondent	All sections

The test for administrative responsiveness [Step One] must be passed for a Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Two for further pre-qualification

### 5.2 STEP TWO: Test for Substantive Responsiveness to RFP

The test for substantive responsiveness to this RFP will include the following:

Check for substantive responsiveness	RFP Reference
Whether any general and legislation qualification criteria set by Transnet, have been met	All sections including: Section 2 paragraphs, 2.2, 6, 11.2, General Bid Conditions clause 20
Whether the Bid contains a priced offer as prescribed in the pricing and delivery schedule	Section 4 and Annexure G
Whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given	All Sections
Whether any Technical Pre-qualification requirements have been met as	Section 3 – Scope of Work
follows: Bidders to submit Electronic Communication Certificate (ECNS)	<i>Annexure</i> F
"IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT: All work requiring an ECNS ICASA license needs to performed by an appropriately licensed company, e.g. if a subsidiary of the bidder requires an ECNS license and refers to the parent company for the license or if the Parent Company requires to use subsidiary license: the necessary formal approval /documentation from ICASA need to be produced to confirm that the license can be transferred to the subsidiary from the parent company."	

The test for substantive responsiveness [Step Two] must be passed for a Respondent's proposal to progress to Step Three for further evaluation

### 5.3 STEP THREE: Minimum Threshold 70 points for Technical Criteria

The test for the Technical and Functional threshold will include the following:

No	Technical Evaluation Criteria	Points Weightings		
1	Bidders must have experience in providing large scale fibre services.	20		
2	The bidder's key personnel that will be servicing the Transnet account should have network industry certified personnel for Project Management.	10		
3	The bidder's key personnel that will be servicing the Transnet account should have network industry certified personnel for Project Management.			
4	Bidder to demonstrate capability to provide fibre link installation Services as per the scope of Service and technical requirements.	27		
5	Bidder to demonstrate capability to provide support and maintenance services for installed fibre link as per the scope of Service and technical requirements	23		
	Total Weighting:	100		
	Minimum qualifying score required:	70		

For detailed Technical Evaluation Refer to Annexure F

Respondents must complete and submit **Annexure B-E and M which include a Technical Questionnaire.** 

A Respondent's compliance with the minimum functionality/technical threshold will be measured by their responses to Annexure B-E and M

Respondents are to note that Transnet will round off final technical scores to the nearest 2 (two) decimal places for the purposes of determining whether the technical threshold has been met.

he minimum threshold for technical/functionality [Step Three] must be met or exceeded for a Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Four for final evaluation

### 5.4 STEP FOUR: Evaluation and Final Weighted Scoring

a) Price Criteria [Weighted score 90 points]:

	Evaluation Criteria	RFP Reference
•	Commercial offer	Section 4 and Annexure G
•	Commercial discounts <sup>1</sup> Price adjustment conditions / factors Exchange rate exposure Disbursements	Section 4

Transnet will utilise the following formula in its evaluation of Price:

$$PS PS = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin}\right)$$

Where:

Ps=Score for the Bid under considerationPt=Price of Bid under considerationPmin=Price of lowest acceptable Bid

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only unconditional discounts will be taken into account during evaluation. A discount which has been offered conditionally will, despite not being taken into account for evaluation purposes, be implemented when payment is effected

- b) **Specific Goals** [Weighted score 10 point]
  - Specific goals preference points claim form
  - Preference points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the specific goals requirements in accordance with the table indicated in Section 4.1 of the specific goals Claim Form.

### 5.5 SUMMARY: Applicable Thresholds and Final Evaluated Weightings

Thresholds	Minimum Threshold
Technical	70 Points

Evaluation Criteria	Final Weighted Scores
Price	90
Specific goals - Scorecard	10
TOTAL SCORE:	100

#### 5.6 **STEP FIVE: Post Tender Negotiations (if applicable)**

- Respondents are to note that Transnet may not award a contract if the price offered is not marketrelated. In this regard, Transnet reserves the right to engage in PTN with the view to achieving a market-related price or to cancel the tender. Negotiations will be done in a sequential manner i.e.:
  - first negotiate with the highest ranked bidder or cancel the bid, should such negotiations fail,
  - negotiate with the 2nd and 3rd ranked bidders (if required) in a sequential manner.
- In the event of any Respondent being notified of such short-listed/preferred bidder status, his/her bid, as well as any subsequent negotiated best and final offers (BAFO), will automatically be deemed to remain valid during the negotiation period and until the ultimate award of business.
- Should Transnet conduct post tender negotiations, Respondents will be requested to provide their best and final offers to Transnet based on such negotiations. Where a market related price has been achieved through negotiation, the contract will be awarded to the successful Respondent(s).

#### 5.7 STEP SIX: Objective Criteria (if applicable)

Transnet reserves the right to award the business to the highest scoring bidder/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another bidder. The objective criteria Transnet may apply in this bid process include:

- Rotation of Suppliers to promote opportunities for other suppliers, by overlooking a supplier that has been awarded business repeatedly overtime in order to benefit other suppliers in the market;
- the tenderer:
- is not under restrictions, or has principals who are under restrictions, preventing participating in the employer's procurement,
- is not undergoing a process of being restricted by Transnet or other state institution that Transnet may be aware of,
- has the legal capacity to enter into the contract
- 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,
- complies with the legal requirements, if any, stated in the tender data and
- is able, in the option of the employer to perform the contract free of conflicts of interest.

#### 5.8 STEP SEVEN: Award of business and conclusion of contract

- Immediately after approval to award the contract has been received, the successful bidder(s) will be informed of the acceptance of his/their Bid by way of a Letter of Award. Thereafter the final contract will be concluded with the successful Respondent(s).
- A final contract will be concluded and entered into with the successful Bidder at the acceptance of a letter of award by the Respondent.

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### **SECTION 4: PRICING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE**

Bidders are required to refer to the Scope of Services in **Annexure A** (Scope of Work) and **Annexure G** (Pricing Workbook) of this RFP.

Respondents are to note that Transnet will round off final pricing scores to the nearest 2 (two) decimal places.

#### **Notes to Pricing:**

- a) Respondents are to note that if the price offered by the highest scoring bidder is not market-related, Transnet may not award the contract to that Respondent. Transnet may-
  - (i) negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the highest points or cancel the RFP;
  - (ii) if that Respondent does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the second highest points or cancel the RFP;
  - (iii) if the Respondent scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the third highest points or cancel the RFP.

If a market-related price is not agreed with the Respondent scoring the third highest points, Transnet must cancel the RFP.

- b) Prices must be guoted in South African Rand inclusive of VAT.
- c) Any disbursement not specifically priced for will not be considered/accepted by Transnet.
- d) To facilitate like-for-like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this pricing schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule will result in a bid being declared nonresponsive.
- e) Prices are to be quoted on a delivered basis as per all sites referenced in the scope of work.
- f) Please note that should you have offered a discounted price(s), Transnet will only consider such price discount(s) in the final evaluation stage if offered on an unconditional basis.
- g) Where a Respondent's price(s) includes imported goods/items, the rate of exchange to be used must be in South African Rands for purposes of determining whether the price is market related or not and must be the currency's rate published by the South African Reserve Bank on the date of the advertisement of the bid: Currency rate of exchange utilised: \_\_\_\_\_\_
- h) Delivery lead time calculated from date of receipt of purchase order provided per link: \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.
- i) Respondents, if awarded the contract, are required to indicate that their prices quoted would be kept firm and fixed for the contract duration. [Not to be confused with bid validity period Section 2, clause 1]

YES	
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### 1. DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACT INFORMATION

### **PRICES TENDERED**

Respondents are to note that, on award of business, Transnet is required to publish the tendered prices of the successful and unsuccessful Respondents *inter alia* on the National Treasury e-Tender Publication Portal, (<a href="https://www.etenders.gov.za">www.etenders.gov.za</a>), as required per National Treasury Instruction Note 01 of 2015/2016.

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### JOHANNESBURG STOCK EXCHANGE DEBT LISTING REQUIREMENTS

Transnet may also be required to disclose information relating to the subsequent contract i.e. the name of the company, goods/services provided by the company, the value and duration of the contract, etc. in compliance with the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Debt Listing Requirements.

### DOMESTIC PROMINENT INFLUENTIAL PERSONS (DPIP) OR FOREIGN PROMINENT PUBLIC **OFFICIALS (FPPO)**

Transnet is free to procure the services of any person within or outside the Republic of South Africa in accordance with applicable legislation. Transnet shall not conduct or conclude business transactions, with any Respondents without having:

- Considered relevant governance protocols;
- Determined the DPIP or FPPO status of that counterparty; and
- Conducted a risk assessment and due diligence to assess the potential risks that may be posed by the business relationship.

As per the Transnet Domestic Prominent Influential Persons (DPIP) and Foreign Prominent Public Officials Individuals available Transnet Policy on https://www.transnet.net/search/pages/results.aspx?k=FPIDP#k=DPIP, Respondents are required to disclose any commercial relationship with a DPIP or FPPO (as defined in the Policy) by completing the following section:

The below form contains personal information as defined in the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (the "Act"). By completing the form, the signatory consents to the processing of her/his personal information in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Consent cannot unreasonably be withheld.

Is th	Is the Respondent										
(Com	plete with a	"Yes"	or "No"	)							
A DP	IP/FPPO				Closely	Related			Closely	/	
	•			t	o a DF	PIP/FPPO			Associ	ated to a	
						•			DPIP/	FPPO	
List a	all known b	usin	ess inte	erest	s, in v	vhich a DP	P/FI	PPO may	have a	direct/ind	lirect interest
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Respondents declaring a commercial relationship with a DPIP or FPPO are to note that Transnet is required to annually publish on its website a list of all business contracts entered into with DPIP or FPPO. This list will include successful Respondents, if applicable.

#### 2. PRICE REVIEW

The successful Respondent(s) [the Service Provider] will be obliged to submit to an annual price review. Transnet will be benchmarking this price offering(s) against the lowest price received as per a benchmarking exercise. If the Service Provider's price(s) is/are found to be higher than the benchmarked price(s), then the

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Service providershall match or better such price(s) within 30 [thirty] calendar days, failing which the contract may be terminated at Transnet's discretion or the particular item(s) or service(s) purchased outside the contract.

### 3. EXCHANGE AND REMITTANCE

The attention of the Respondents is directed to clause 17 [Exchange and Remittance] of the General Bid Conditions. If Transnet is requested by the Respondent to effect payment overseas direct to the Respondent's principal or Service Provider, which is not a registered South African Company please complete the details below, using the rate of exchange published by the South African Reserve Bank 7 [seven] calendar days before the closing date of this RFP:

3.1	ZAR 1.00 [South African currence	y] being equal to	[foreign currency]
3.2	% in relation to tendered	price(s) to be remitted oversea	s by Transnet
3.3		[Name of country to which pay	ment is to be made]
3.4	Beneficiary details:		
	Name [Account holder]		
	Bank [Name and branch code] _		
	Swift code		
	Country		
3.5		[Applicable base date of E	Exchange Rate used]

Respondents are advised that should a contract be awarded for deliveries on an "as and when required" basis, any future remittance(s) to overseas principals/service providers, as instructed above, will be based on an agreed rate of exchange related to the contractual price of the Goods/Services at that time.

Respondents should note that Transnet would prefer to receive fixed price offers expressed in South African Rand [ZAR].

### 4. EXPORT CREDIT AGENCY SUPPORTED FINANCE

In order to finance its payment obligations under a future contract where foreign transactions are involved, Transnet may consider raising debt financing [an **ECA Facility**] from one or more banks or financial institutions, with the benefit of export credit agency [**ECA**] credit support to be provided by an ECA.

Under such circumstances the successful Respondent will agree to undertake:

- a) to provide [and/or cause the Parent/OEM to provide, as applicable] to Transnet and the banks and financial institutions that may participate in the ECA Facility all such assistance as an importer of Goods and/or Services, which are eligible for ECA credit supported finance by an ECA, is generally required to provide for the purposes of obtaining ECA support;
- b) not to do or [as Supplier of the relevant eligible Goods or services] omit to do anything, which may adversely affect Transnet's prospects of qualifying for or, once obtained, maintaining ECA credit support by an ECA in respect of an ECA Facility.

All cost, expenses, charges and liabilities incurred by Transnet in establishing an ECA Facility with credit support from an Export Credit Agency, may be for the account of Transnet.

### 5. NATIONAL RAILWAY SAFETY REGULATOR ACT

In compliance with the National Railway Safety Regulator Act, 16 of 2002, the successful Respondent [the Supplier] shall ensure that the Goods to be supplied to Transnet, under the terms and conditions of a contract between the parties, comply fully with the specifications as set out in Annexure A Scope of Work of this RFP, and shall also adhere to railway safety requirements and/or regulations [as applicable]. Permission for the engagement of a subcontractor by the Supplier, as applicable, both initially and during the course of a contract, shall be subject to a review of the capability of the proposed subcontractor to comply with the specified railway safety requirements and/or regulations. The Supplier and/or its subcontractor shall grant Transnet access, during the term of the contract, to review any safety-related activities, including the coordination of such activities across all parts of the organisation.

YES			NO	
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#### 6. SERVICE LEVELS

Where the Supplier/Service Provider fails to deliver the Goods/Services within the agreed and accepted milestone timelines and provided that the cause of the delay was not due to a fault of Transnet, penalties shall be imposed in accordance with the Service Credit Methodology section in the technical scope of requirement

- 6.1 An experienced national account representative(s) is required to work with Transnet's procurement department. [No sales representatives are needed for individual department or locations]. Additionally, there shall be a minimal number of people, fully informed and accountable for this agreement.
- 6.2 Transnet will have quarterly reviews with the Service Provider's account representative on an on-going basis.
- 6.3 Transnet reserves the right to request that any member of the Service Provider's team involved on the Transnet account be replaced if deemed not to be adding value for Transnet.
- 6.4 The Service provider guarantees that it will achieve a 95% [ninety-five per cent] service level on the following measures:
  - a) Random checks on compliance with quality/quantity/specifications
  - b) On-time delivery

If the Service provider does not achieve this level as an average over each quarter, Transnet will receive a 1.5% [one and a half per cent] rebate on quarterly sales payable in the next quarter

- 6.5 The Service providermust provide a telephone number for customer service calls.
- 6.6 Where the Supplier/Service Provider fails to deliver the Goods/Services within the agreed and accepted milestone timelines and provided that the cause of the delay was not due to a fault of Transnet, penalties shall be imposed in accordance with the Service Credit Methodology section in the technical scope of requirement
- 6.7 Failure of the Service provider comply with stated service level requirements will give Transnet the right to cancel the contract in whole, without penalty to Transnet, giving 30 [thirty] calendar days' notice to the Service provider of its intention to do so.

### **Acceptance of Service Levels:**

7. TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES 7.1 Respondents shall indicate whether they would be committed, for the duration of any contract which may be awarded through this RFP process, to participate with Transnet in its continuous improvement initiatives to reduce the total cost of ownership [TCO], which will reduce the overall cost of transportation Goods/Services and related logistics provided by Transnet's operating divisions within South Africa to the ultimate benefit of all end-users. Accepted: YES NO If "yes", please specify details in paragraph 6.2 below. 7.2 Respondents must briefly describe their commitment to TCO and continuous improvement initiatives and give examples of specific areas and strategies where cost reduction initiatives can be introduced. Specific areas and proposed potential savings percentages should be included. Additional information can be appended to the Respondent's Proposal if there is insufficient space available below. 8. RISK Respondents must elaborate on the control measures put in place by their entity, which would mitigate the risk to Transnet pertaining to potential non-performance by the Respondent, in relation to: 8.1 Quality and specification of Goods/Services delivered: 8.2 Continuity of supply: 8.3 Compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993: 8.4 Compliance with the National Railway Safety Regulator Act, 16 of 2002: \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_

Name

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Name	
SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIV	/E:
NAME:	
DESIGNATION:	

### **SECTION 5: PROPOSAL FORM AND LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

I/We										
[name	of	entity,	company,	close	corporation	or	partnership]	of	[full	address]
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in accor	dance w	ith the ten	ms set forth in	the docur	nents listed in t	ne accor	mpanying schedu	le of R	FP docun	nents.
I/We ag	ree to b	e bound by	y those condition	ons in Tra	nsnet's:					
(i) N	laster A	greement	(which may be	subject to	o amendment at	Transn	et's discretion if	applical	ole);	
(ii) (	General I	Bid Conditi	ons; and							
(iii) a	ny othe	r standard	or special cond	ditions me	entioned and/or	embodie	ed in this Reques	t for P	roposal.	
I/We ac	cept tha	t unless T	ransnet should	otherwise	e decide and so	inform	me/us in the let	ter of a	ward, th	is Proposal
_		_	-	-	exchange of co Transnet and r	-	dence], together	with Tra	ansnet's	acceptance
Should <sup>-</sup>	Fransnet	t decide th	at a formal cor	ntract sho	uld be signed ar	nd so inf	orm me/us in a l	etter of	f award [	the <b>Letter</b>
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a forma	contrac	t if called	upon to do so,	or fail to	commence the	supply/	e of my/our Prop provision of Goo edy which it may	ds/Serv	ices witl	nin 2 [two]

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any expense to which it may have been put in calling for Proposals afresh and/or having to accept any less favourable Proposal.

Furthermore, I/we agree to a penalty clause/s which will allow Transnet to invoke a penalty against us for non-compliance with material terms of this RFP including the delayed delivery of the Goods/Services due to non-performance by ourselves, , etc.

I/we agree that non-compliance with any of the material terms of this RFP, including those mentioned above, will constitute a material breach of contract and provide Transnet with cause for cancellation.

#### **ADDRESS FOR NOTICES**

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern any contract created by the acceptance of this RFP. The *domicilium citandi et executandi* shall be a place in the Republic of South Africa to be specified by the Respondent hereunder, at which all legal documents may be served on the Respondent who shall agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of South Africa. Foreign Respondents shall, therefore, state hereunder the name of their authorised representative in the Republic of South Africa who has the power of attorney to sign any contract which may have to be entered into in the event of their Proposal being accepted and to act on their behalf in all matters relating to such contract.

Respondent to indicate the details of its domicilium citandi et executandi hereunder:					
Name of Entity:					
Provincial control in the second control in					
Facsimile:					
Address:					

### **NOTIFICATION OF AWARD OF RFP**

As soon as possible after approval to award the contract(s), the successful Respondent [**the Service Provider**] will be informed of the acceptance of its Proposal. Transnet will also publish the outcome of the tender, including successful and unsuccessful bidders, in the National Treasury e-tender portal. Any unsuccessful bidder has a right to request reasons for the bid not to be successful and Transnet has a duty to provide those reasons on receipt of the request from the bidder.

#### **VALIDITY PERIOD**

Transnet requires a validity period of 180 Business Days [from closing date] against this RFP, excluding the first day and including the last day.

### NAME(S) AND ADDRESS / ADDRESSES OF DIRECTOR(S) OR MEMBER(S)

The Respondent must disclose hereunder the full name(s) and address(s) of the director(s) or members of the company or close corporation [C.C.] on whose behalf the RFP is submitted.

(i)	Registration number of company / C.C		
(ii)	Registered name of company / C.C.		
(iii)	Full name(s) of director/member(s)	Address/Addresses	ID Number(s)

### **RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

Returnable Documents means all the documents, Sections and Annexures, as listed in the tables below. There are three types of returnable documents as indicated below and Respondents are urged to ensure that these documents are returned with their bids based on the consequences of non-submission as indicated below:

Mandatory Returnable Documents	Failure to provide all these Mandatory Returnable Documents at the Closing Date and time of this RFP <u>will</u> result in a Respondent's disqualification.
Returnable Documents Used for Scoring	Failure to provide all Returnable Documents used for purposes of scoring a bid, by the closing date and time of this bid will not result in a Respondent's disqualification. However, Bidders will receive an automatic score of zero for the applicable evaluation criterion.
Essential Returnable Documents	Failure to provide essential Returnable Documents <u>will</u> result in Transnet affording Respondents a further opportunity to submit by a set deadline. Should a Respondent thereafter fail to submit the requested documents, this may result in a Respondent's disqualification.

All Returnable Sections, as indicated in the header and footer of the relevant pages, must be signed, stamped and dated by the Respondent.

### a) Mandatory Returnable Documents

Respondents are required to submit with their bid submissions the following **Mandatory Returnable Documents**, and also to confirm submission of these documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the tables below:

MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
SECTION 4 : Pricing and Delivery Schedule	
The bidder to submit Electronic Communication Network(ECNS) license	

### b) Returnable Documents Used for Scoring

In addition to the requirements of section (a) above, Respondents are further required to submit with their Proposals the following **Returnable Documents Used for Scoring** and also to confirm submission of these documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
Respondent's valid proof of evidence to claim points for compliance with Specific Goals'	
requirements as stipulated in <b>Section 9</b> of this RFP	
Valid proof of Respondent's compliance to B-BBEE requirements stipulated in <b>Section 9</b>	
of this RFP (Valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn- Affidavit as per DTIC guidelines)	
Valid proof of Respondent's compliance to B-BBEE requirements stipulated in <b>Section 9</b>	
of this RFP (Valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn- Affidavit as per DTIC guidelines)	
Annexure B -Schedule of Services Rendered since February 2019 and supporting	
documentation as detailed in Annexure <b>F</b> (Technical Evaluation)	
Annexure C- Project/Program Information and supporting documents as detailed in	
Annexure <b>F</b> (Technical Evaluation)	
Annexure D – Engineering information and supporting documentation as detailed in	
Annexure <b>F</b> (Technical Evaluation)	
Annexure E -Project Completion and supporting documentation as detailed in Annexure	
F (Technical Evaluation)	
Annexure K— Support and Maintenance information and supporting documentation as	
detailed in Annexure <b>F</b> (Technical Evaluation)	

### c) Essential Returnable Documents:

Over and the above the requirements of section (a) and (b) mentioned above, Respondents are further required to submit with their Proposals the following **Essential Returnable Documents** and also to confirm submission of these documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS & SCHEDULES	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
In the case of Joint Ventures, a copy of the Joint Venture Agreement or written confirmation of the intention to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement	
Latest Financial Statements signed by your Accounting Officer or latest Audited Financial Statements plus 2 previous years	
SECTION 1: SBD1 Form	
SECTION 2: Notice to Bidders	
SECTION 3: Background, Overview and Scope of Requirements	
SECTION 5: Proposal Form and List of Returnable documents	
SECTION 6: Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents	
SECTION 7: RFP Declaration and Breach of Law Form	
SECTION 8: RFP Clarification Form	
SECTION 9: Specific Goals Points Claim Form	
SECTION 10: Non-Compulsory RFP Briefing	
SECTION 11: Job-Creation Schedule	
SECTION 12: SBD 5	
SECTION 13: Protection of Personal Information (For Normal Contracts)	
SECTION 14: Protection of Personal Information (For Operator Contract Only)	
ANNEXURE A: Scope of Work SAP Modernisation	
ANNEXURE F: Technical Evaluation	
ANNEXURE H: Draft Master Agreement	
ANNEXURE I: Transnet's General Bid Conditions	
ANNEXURE J: Transnet Supplier Integrity Pact	
ANNEXURE K Non-Disclosure Agreement	
ANNEXURE L: Supplier Declaration Form	

### **CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

The successful Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its valid proof of B-BBEE status, for the duration of any contract emanating from this RFP. Should the Respondent be awarded the contract [**the Agreement**] and fail to present Transnet with such renewals as and when they become due, Transnet shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies that it may have in terms of the eventual Agreement, to terminate such Agreement immediately without any liability and without prejudice to any claims which Transnet may have for damages against the Respondent.

SIGNED at	on this da	y of	20
SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES		ADDRESS OF WITNESSES	
1			
Name			
2			
Name			
SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTH	HORISED REPRESENTATI	VE:	
NAME:			
DESIGNATION:			

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# SECTION 6: CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFP, MASTER AGREEMENT & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

By signing this certificate the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with, and agrees with all the conditions governing this RFP. This includes those terms and conditions contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof, including but not limited to the documents stated below. As such, Transnet SOC Ltd will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such term or condition or failed properly to take it into account for the purpose of calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:

1	Transnet's General Bid Conditions
2	Master Agreement and SLA attached
3	Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact
4	Non-disclosure Agreement
5	Scope of Work attached to this RFP

**Note:** Should a Respondent be successful and awarded the bid, they will be required to complete a Supplier Declaration Form for registration as a vendor onto the Transnet vendor master database.

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in the RFP unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted Bid. Any such submission shall be subject to review by Transnet's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be. A material deviation from any term or condition may result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid to which they intend to respond on, before submitting the bid. The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim or cause of action based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFP was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

The bidder understands that his/her Bid will be disqualified if the Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP documents included in the RFP as a returnable document, is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

SIGNED at	on this	_ day of	20
SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES		ADDRESS OF WITNESSES	
1			
Name			
2			
Name			
SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTI	HORISED REPRESENT	ΓΑΤΙVE:	
NAME:			
DESIGNATION:			

Respondent's Signature

### **SECTION 7: RFP DECLARATION AND BREACH OF LAW FORM**

	We do hereby certify that:
L.	Transnet has supplied and we have received appropriate responses to any/all questions [as applicable] were submitted by ourselves for RFP Clarification purposes;
2.	We have received all information we deemed necessary for the completion of this Request for Proposal [R
3.	We have been provided with sufficient access to the existing Transnet facilities/sites and any and all relation relevant to the Goods/Services as well as Transnet information and Employees, and have sufficient time in which to conduct and perform a thorough due diligence of Transnet's operations and bus requirements and assets used by Transnet. Transnet will therefore not consider or permit any pre- or contract verification or any related adjustment to pricing, service levels or any other provisions/conditions based on any incorrect assumptions made by the Respondent in arriving at his Bid Price.
1.	At no stage have we received additional information relating to the subject matter of this RFP from Trais sources, other than information formally received from the designated Transnet contact(s) as nominate the RFP documents;
5.	We are satisfied, insofar as our entity is concerned, that the processes and procedures adopted by Train in issuing this RFP and the requirements requested from Bidders in responding to this RFP have conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
5.	We have complied with all obligations of the Bidder/Supplier as indicated in the Transnet Supplier Into which includes but are not limited to ensuring that we take all measures necessary to prevent copractices, unfairness and illegal activities in order to secure or in furtherance to secure a contract Transnet;
7.	We declare that a family, business and/or social relationship <b>exists / does not exist</b> [delete as application between an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity and an employee or board me of the Transnet Group including any person who may be involved in the evaluation and/or adjudication of Bid;
3.	We declare that an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity <b>is / is not</b> [deleapplicable] an employee or board member of Transnet;
Э.	In addition, we declare that an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder/employee of our entity / has not been [delete as applicable] a former employee or board member of Transnet in the past 10 years they were hot involved in the bid preparation or had access to the information related to this and
10.	If such a relationship as indicated in paragraph 7, 8 and/or 9 exists, the Respondent is to complete

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	FULL NAME OF OWNER/MEMBER/E PARTNER/SHAREHOLDER/EMPLOY		ADDRESS:
	Indicate nature of relationship with	ı Transnet:	
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1:	Transnet [other than any existing	and appropriate business relatio	f any relationship between ourselves and nship with Transnet] which could unfairly hall notify Transnet immediately in writing
BIDE	DER'S DISCLOSURE (SBD4)		
12	PURPOSE OF THE FORM		
	the Principles of transparency the Republic of South Africa a	, accountability, impartiality, and	terms of this invitation to bid. In line with terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the terms of the terms of legislation, it is required for the ted hereunder.
	•	the Register for Tender Defaulte be disqualified from the bid pro-	ers and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers cess.
13	Bidder's declaration		
	13.1 Is the bidder, or any of its of partners or any person having by the state?	directors / trustees / sharehold a controlling interest <sup>2</sup> in the ente	
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partners or any interest in any contract?	person having other related e	a controlling	interest in the	enterprise have	e any	YES/NO
DECLARATION						
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bid, do hereby make	the following	statements tha	t I certify to be	e true and comp	plete in every r	espect:
14.1 I have read and	d I understand	the contents of	of this disclosur	e;		
	•	anying bid will	be disqualified	l if this disclosu	re is found not	to be true and
14.3 The bidder ha		the accompan	vina hid inde	nandantly fram	a and without	t consultation,
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	person who is e  13.2.1. If so, furnish  13.3 Does the bidde partners or any interest in any or contract?  13.3.1. If so, furnish  DECLARATION  I, the undersigned, (bid, do hereby make)  14.1 I have read and 14.2 I understand the	person who is employed by the 13.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:  13.3 Does the bidder or any of its partners or any person having interest in any other related e contract?  13.3.1. If so, furnish particulars:  DECLARATION  I, the undersigned, (name)	person who is employed by the procuring instance.  13.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:  13.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trupartners or any person having a controlling interest in any other related enterprise whet contract?  13.3.1. If so, furnish particulars:  DECLARATION  I, the undersigned, (name)	person who is employed by the procuring institution?  13.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:	person who is employed by the procuring institution?  13.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:	13.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:

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bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

- 14.5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 14.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 14.7 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 and 14 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

#### **BREACH OF LAW**

We further hereby certify that I/we (the bidding entity and/or any of its directors, members or partners) have/have not been [delete as applicable] found guilty during the preceding 5 [five] years of a serious breach of law, including but not limited to a breach of the Competition Act, 89 of 1998, by a court of law, tribunal or other administrative body. The type of breach that the Respondent is required to disclose excludes relatively minor offences or misdemeanours, e.g. traffic offences. This includes the imposition of an administrative fine or penalty.

Where found guilty of such a serious breach, please disclose:

NATURE OF BREACH:
DATE OF BREACH:
Furthermore, I/we acknowledge that Transnet SOC Ltd reserves the right to exclude any Respondent from the bidding process, should that person or entity have been found guilty of a serious breach of law, tribunal or regulatory obligation.

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on this day of 20
AS WITNESS:
Name:
Position:
Signature:
Registration No of Company/CC
Registration Name of Company/CC

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## **SECTION 8: RFP CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM**

RFP No: TCC/2024/09/0002/76777/RFP RFP deadline for questions / RFP Clarifications: Before 12:00 pm on 17 February 2025 TO: Transnet SOC Ltd ATTENTION: Sithokozile Ndaba **EMAIL** [Sithokozile.ndaba@transnet.net] DATE: FROM: RFP Clarification No [to be inserted by Transnet] ....... REQUEST FOR RFP CLARIFICATION

## **SECTION 9: SPECIFIC GOALS POINTS CLAIM FORM**

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim for preference points for specific goals Contribution. Transnet will award preference points to companies who provide valid proof of evidence of as per the table below.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF SPECIFIC GOALS, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000.

## 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:
  - the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
  - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- The value of this bid is estimated to exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 90/10 preference point system shall be applicable. Despite the stipulated preference point system, Transnet shall use the lowest acceptable bid to determine the applicable preference point system in a situation where all received acceptable bids are received outside the stated preference point system.
- 1.3 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:
  - (a) Price;
  - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution; and
  - (c) Any other specific goal determined in Transnet preferential procurement policy.
- 1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	90
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL 1-2 OF CONTRIBUTION	7
Job Creation	3
Total points for Price and Specific Goals must not exceed	100

- Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of evidence for any of the specific goals together with the bid will be interpreted to mean that preference points are not claimed.
- 1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

### 2. **DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "all applicable taxes" includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
- (b) **"B-BBEE"** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) "B-BBEE status level of contributor" means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance using the relevant scorecard contained in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic

**Empowerment Act;** 

- (d) "Ownership" means 51% black ownership
- (e) "bid" means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the supply/provision of services, works or goods, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (f) **"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act"** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (g) **"EME"** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise as defines by Codes of Good Practice under section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (h) **"functionality"** means the ability of a bidder to provide goods or services in accordance with specification as set out in the bid documents
- (i) "Price" includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts.
- (j) "Proof of B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor"
  - i) the B-BBBEE status level certificate issued by an authorised body or person;
  - ii) a sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice; or
  - iii) any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act.
- (k) "QSE" means a Qualifying Small Enterprise as defines by Codes of Good Practice under section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (I) "rand value" means the total estimated value of a contract in South African currency, calculated at the time of bid invitations, and includes all applicable taxes and excise duties.
- (m) **"Specific goals"** means targeted advancement areas or categories of persons or groups either previously disadvantaged or falling within the scope of the Reconstruction and Development Programme identified by Transnet to be given preference in allocation of procurement contracts in line with section 2(1) of the PPPFA.

## 3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

## 3.1 THE 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

90/10

$$Ps = 90 \left( 1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min} \right)$$

Where

Ps = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration

Pt = Comparative price of bid under consideration

Pmin = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

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 (90/10)
B-BBEE Level of contributor – Level 1- 2	7
Job Creation	3
Non-Compliant and/or B-BBEE Level 3-8 contributors	0
Total	10

## 4. EVEDINCE REQUIRED FOR CLAIMING SPECIFIC GOALS

4.1 In terms of Transnet Preferential Procurement Policy (TPPP) and Procurement Manuals, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for providing evidence in accordance with the table below:

Specific Goals	Acceptable Evidence
B-BBEE	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
Promoting exports Orientated for Job creation	Section 11 Job Creation Schedule Returnable documents
Creation of new jobs and labour intensification	Section 11 Job Creation Schedule Returnable documents

4.2 The table below indicates the required proof of B-BBEE status depending on the category of enterprises:

Enterprise	B-BBEE Certificate & Sworn Affidavit
Large	Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency
QSE	Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency Sworn Affidavit signed by the authorised QSE representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths confirming annual turnover and black ownership (only black- owned QSEs - 51% to 100% Black owned) [Sworn affidavits must substantially comply with the format that can be obtained on the DTI's website at <a href="https://www.dti.gov.za/economic empowerment/bee codes.isp.">www.dti.gov.za/economic empowerment/bee codes.isp.</a> ]
EME <sup>4</sup>	Sworn Affidavit signed by the authorised EME representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths confirming annual turnover and black ownership  Certificate issued by CIPC (formerly CIPRO) confirming annual turnover and black ownership  Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency only if the EME is being measured on the QSE scorecard

- 4.3 A trust, consortium or joint venture (including unincorporated consortia and joint ventures) must submit a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level verification certificate for every separate bid.
- 4.4 Tertiary Institutions and Public Entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialized scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.
- A person will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

- 4.6 A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.
- 4.7 Bidders are to note that the rules pertaining to B-BBEE verification and other B-BBEE requirements may be changed from time to time by Transnet or regulatory bodies such as National Treasury or the DTI. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that his/her bid complies fully with all B-BBEE requirements at the time of the submission of the bid.

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5.1	Bidders who ciai	m points in respect	OF B-BBEE STATUS LEVE	el of Contribution m	ust complete the following:

# 6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 6.1 6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: . = .......(maximum of 10 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 6.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

#### 7. SUB-CONTRACTING

7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(Tick applicable box)

YES	NO	

7.1.1 If yes, indicate:
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i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted	%
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ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....

iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....

iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE.

(Tick applicable box)

YES		NO	
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v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with any of the following enterprises:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME √	QSE √
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR	•	<u> </u>
Any EME		
Any OSE		

8.	DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM
8.1	Name of company/firm:

8.2 VAT registration number:.....

8.3 Company registration number:

8.4	TYPE O	F COMPANY/	' FIRM
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8.5	DESCRIBE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES	
8.6	COMPANY	CLASSIFICATION	
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8.7	Total numb	per of years the company/firm has been i	n business:
8.8	points clain	ned, based on the B-BBE status level of	to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the contribution indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:
	i) The inf	formation furnished is true and correct;	
		eference points claimed are in accordanc iis form;	e with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph
	6.1, th		result of points claimed as shown in paragraph 1.4 and documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser
	matter	required in terms of the Preferential P	ing its B-BBEE status level of contributor or any other rocurement Regulations, 2022 which will affect or has may, in addition to any other remedy it may have
	(a)	disqualify the person from the bidding	process;
	(b)	recover costs, losses or damages it person's conduct;	has incurred or suffered as a result of that
	(c)	cancel the contract and claim any dame to make less favourable arrangements	ages which it has suffered as a result of having s due to such cancellation;
	(d)		a portion of the bid to another person without to penalise the bidder up to 10 percent of
	(e)	shareholders and directors who acted National Treasury from obtaining busi	tor, its shareholders and directors, or only the d on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the ness from any organ of state for a period not teram partem (hear the other side) rule has
	(f)	forward the matter for criminal prosec	rution.
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1.			SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
2.			DATE:
			ADDRESS

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## **SECTION 10: NON-COMPULSORY RFP BRIEFING**

- 1. A non-compulsory pre-proposal RFP briefing will be conducted at MS Teams on the 26 November 2024, at 11:00 AM for a period of ± 2 hours. [Respondents to provide own transportation and accommodation]. The briefing session will start punctually, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late.
- 2. Despite the briefing session being non-compulsory, Transnet nevertheless encourages all Respondents to attend. Transnet will not be held responsible if any Respondent who did not attend the non-compulsory session subsequently feels disadvantaged as a result thereof.
- Respondents are encouraged to have a copy of the RFP to the RFP briefing
- 4. The briefing session presentation will also be made available on the Transnet and National Treasury's e-Tender.

## Link to the briefing session

## Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 372 625 052 368

Passcode: xCiU34

## **SECTION 11: JOB-CREATION SCHEDULE**

## (Please ensure that you return this schedule with your bid submission)

The Government has identified State Owned Enterprises sourcing activities as a key enabler to achieve the National Development Plan (NDP) objective of reducing unemployment from the current baseline of 28% to 6%. In order to give effect to these job creation objectives, Respondents are required to provide the following undertaking of new jobs that

Note that this undertaking is not required if a $N$	IIPP obligation is applicable to	a Respondent's bid as indi	cated in Section

	YES			NO			
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lease indicate total	number of new job	s that	will be created ov	er the ter	m of	the contr	act:
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Black women							
Black Youth							
Black people underdeveloped a	living in rural reas or townships	or					
Black People with	Disabilities						
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(d) Please indicate the number of new jobs to be created, broken down per quarter over the term of the contract.

Year 1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total number of new jobs				
Number of new jobs for Black men				
Number of new jobs for black women				
Number of new jobs for black youth				
Number of new jobs for black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships				
Number of new jobs for black People with Disabilities				
Number of new jobs for other categories				
Number of new skilled jobs				
Number of new semi-skilled jobs				
Number of new unskilled jobs	·			

Year 2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total number of new jobs				
Number of new jobs for Black men				
Number of new jobs for black women				
Number of new jobs for black youth				
Number of new jobs for black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships				
Number of new jobs for black People with Disabilities				
Number of new jobs for other categories				
Number of new skilled jobs				
Number of new semi-skilled jobs				
Number of new unskilled jobs				

Year 3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total number of new jobs				
Number of new jobs for Black men				
Number of new jobs for black women				
Number of new jobs for black youth				
Number of new jobs for black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships				
Number of new jobs for black People with Disabilities				

Number of new jobs for other categories		
Number of new skilled jobs		
Number of new semi-skilled jobs		
Number of new unskilled jobs		

## **SECTION 12: SBD 5**

This document must be signed and submitted together with your bid

#### THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

#### INTRODUCTION

The National Industrial Participation Programme (NIPP), which is applicable to all government procurement contracts that have an imported content, became effective on the 1 September 1996. The NIP policy and guidelines were fully endorsed by Cabinet on 30 April 1997. In terms of the Cabinet decision, all state and parastatal purchases / lease contracts (for goods, works and services) entered into after this date, are subject to the NIPP requirements. NIPP is obligatory and therefore must be complied with. The Industrial Participation Secretariat (IPS) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is charged with the responsibility of administering the programme.

#### 1. PILLARS OF THE PROGRAMME

- 1.1 The NIPP obligation is benchmarked on the imported content of the contract. Any contract having an imported content equal to or exceeding US\$5 million or other currency equivalent to US\$5 million will have a NIP obligation. This threshold of US\$5 million can be reached as follows:
  - (a) Any single contract with imported content exceeding US\$5 million.

or

(b) Multiple contracts for the same goods, works or services each with imported content exceeding US\$3 million awarded to one seller over a 2 year period which in total exceeds US\$5 million.

or

(c) A contract with a renewable option clause, where should the option be exercised the total value of the imported content will exceed US\$5 million.

or

- (d) Multiple suppliers of the same goods, works or services under the same contract, where the value of the imported content of each allocation is equal to or exceeds US\$ 3 million worth of goods, works or services to the same government institution, which in total over a two (2) year period exceeds US\$5 million.
- 1.2 The NIP obligation applicable to suppliers in respect of sub-paragraphs 1.1 (a) to 1.1 (c) above will amount to 30% of the imported content whilst suppliers in respect of paragraph 1.1 (d) shall incur 30% of the total NIPP obligation on a *pro-rata* basis.
- 1.3 To satisfy the NIPP obligation, the DTI would negotiate and conclude agreements such as investments, joint ventures, sub-contracting, licensee production, export promotion, sourcing arrangements and research and development (R&D) with partners or suppliers.
- 1.4 A period of seven years has been identified as the time frame within which to discharge the obligation.

## 2. REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

- 2.1 In order to ensure effective implementation of the programme, successful bidders (contractors) are required to, immediately after the award of a contract that is in excess of **R10 million** (ten million Rands), submit details of such a contract to the DTI for reporting purposes.
- 2.2 The purpose for reporting details of contracts in excess of the amount of R10 million (ten million Rands) is to cater for multiple contracts for the same goods, works or services; renewable contracts and multiple suppliers for the same goods, works or services under the same contract as provided for in paragraphs 1.1.(b) to 1.1. (d) above.

## 3. BID SUBMISSION AND CONTRACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF BIDDERS AND SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS (CONTRACTORS)

- 3.1 Bidders are required to sign and submit this Standard Bidding Document (SBD 5) together with their bid documentation at the closing date and time of the bid.
- 3.2 In order to accommodate multiple contracts for the same goods, works or services; renewable contracts and multiple suppliers for the same goods, works or services under the same contract as indicated in sub-paragraphs 1.1 (b) to 1.1 (d) above and to enable the DTI in determining the NIPP obligation, successful bidders (contractors) are required, immediately after being officially notified about any successful bid with a value in excess of R10 million (ten million Rands), to contact and furnish the DTI with the following information:
  - Bid number;
  - Description of the goods or services;
  - Date on which the contract was awarded;
  - Name, address and contact details of the contractor;
  - · Value of the contract; and
  - Imported content of the contract, if possible.
- 3.3 The information required in paragraph 3.2 above must be sent to the Department of Trade and Industry, Private Bag X 84, Pretoria, 0001 for the attention of Mr Elias Malapane within five (5) working days after award of the contract. Mr Malapane may be contacted on telephone (012) 394 1401, facsimile (012) 394 2401 or e-mail at Elias@thedti.gov.za for further details about the programme.

#### 4. PROCESS TO SATISFY THE NIPP OBLIGATION

- 4.1 Once the successful bidder (contractor) has made contact with and furnished the DTI with the information required, the following steps will be followed:
  - a. the contractor and the DTIC will determine the NIPP obligation;
  - b. the contractor and the DTI will sign the NIPP obligation agreement;
  - c. the contractor will submit a performance guarantee to the DTI;
  - d. the contractor will submit a business concept for consideration and approval by the DTI;
  - e. upon approval of the business concept by the DTI, the contractor will submit detailed business plans outlining the business concepts;
  - f. the contractor will implement the business plans; and
  - g. the contractor will submit bi-annual progress reports on approved plans to the DTI.
- 4.2 The NIPP obligation agreement is between the DTI and the successful bidder (contractor) and, therefore, does not involve the purchasing institution.

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Bid number	Closing date:
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## SECTION 13: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (For normal contract)

- 1. The following terms shall bear the same meaning as contemplated in Section 1 of the Protection of Person information act, No.4 of 2013.("POPIA"):
  - consent; data subject; electronic communication; information officer; operator; person; personal information; processing; record; Regulator; responsible party; special information; as well as any terms derived from these terms.
- 2. Transnet will process all information by the Respondent in terms of the requirements contemplated in Section 4(1) of the POPIA:
  - Accountability; Processing limitation; Purpose specification; Further processing limitation; Information quality; Openness; Security safeguards and Data subject participation.
- 3. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in relation to personal information that will be processed pursuant to this RFP, the Responsible party is "Transnet" and the Data subject is the "Respondent". Transnet will process personal information only with the knowledge and authorisation of the Respondent and will treat personal information which comes to its knowledge as confidential and will not disclose it, unless so required by law or subject to the exceptions contained in the POPIA.
- 4. Transnet reserves all the rights afforded to it by the POPIA in the processing of any of its information as contained in this RFP and the Respondent is required to comply with all prescripts as detailed in the POPIA relating to all information concerning Transnet.
- 5. In responding to this bid, Transnet acknowledges that it will obtain and have access to personal information of the Respondent. Transnet agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Respondent in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law.
- 6. Transnet further agrees that in submitting any information or documentation requested in this RFP, the Respondent is consenting to the further processing of their personal information for the purpose of, but not limited to, risk assessment, assurances, contract award, contract management, auditing, legal opinions/litigations, investigations (if applicable), document storage for the legislatively required period, destruction, de-identification and publishing of personal information by Transnet and/or its authorised appointed third parties.
- 7. Furthermore, Transnet will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal data submitted by the Respondent or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any third party without the prior written consent from the Respondent. Similarly, Transnet requires the Respondent to process any personal information disclosed by Transnet in the bidding process in the same manner.
- 8. Transnet shall, at all times, ensure compliance with any applicable laws put in place and maintain sufficient measures, policies and systems to manage and secure against all forms of risks to any information that may be shared or accessed pursuant to this RFP (physically, through a computer or any other form of electronic communication).
- 9. Transnet shall notify the Respondent in writing of any unauthorised access to information, cybercrimes or suspected cybercrimes, in its knowledge and report such crimes or suspected crimes to the relevant authorities in accordance with applicable laws, after becoming aware of such crimes or suspected crime. The Respondent must

Respondent's Signature	Date & Company Stamp

take all necessary remedial steps to mitigate the extent of the loss or compromise of personal information and to restore the integrity of the affected personal information as quickly as is possible.

- 10. The Respondent may, in writing, request Transnet to confirm and/or make available any personal information in its possession in relation to the Respondent and if such personal information has been accessed by third parties and the identity thereof in terms of the POPIA. The Respondent may further request that Transnet correct (excluding critical/mandatory or evaluation information), delete, destroy, withdraw consent or object to the processing of any personal information relating to the Respondent in Transnet's possession in terms of the provision of the POPIA and utilizing Form 2 of the POPIA Regulations.
- 11. In submitting any information or documentation requested in this RFP, the Respondent is hereby consenting to the processing of their personal information for the purpose of this RFP and further confirming that they are aware of their rights in terms of Section 5 of POPIA

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- 12. Further, the Respondent declares that they have obtained all consents pertaining to other data subject's personal information included in its submission and thereby indemnifying Transnet against any civil or criminal action, administrative fines or other penalty or loss that may arise as a result of the processing of any personal information that the Respondent submitted.
- 13. The Respondent declares that the personal information submitted for the purpose of this RFP is complete, accurate, not misleading, is up to date and may be updated where applicable.

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Should a Respondent have any complaints or objections to processing of its personal information, by Transnet, the Respondent can submit a complaint to the Information Regulator on <a href="https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/">https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/</a>, click on contact us, click on complaints.IR@justice.gov.za

## **SECTION 14: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (For Operator Contract only)**

# The following terms shall bear the same meaning as contemplated in Section 1 of the Protection of Person information act, No. of 2013 "(POPIA"):

consent; data subject; electronic communication; information officer; operator; person; personal information; processing; record; Regulator; responsible party; special information; as well as any terms derived from these terms.

- 1. The Operator will process all information by the Transnet in terms of the requirements contemplated in Section 4(1) of the POPIA:
  - Accountability; Processing limitation; Purpose specification; Further processing limitation; Information quality; Openness; Security safeguards and Data subject participation.
- 2. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in relation to personal information of Transnet and the information of a third party that will be processed pursuant to this Agreement, the Operator is (Respondent) and the Data subject is "Transnet". Operator will process personal information only with the knowledge and authorisation of Transnet and will treat personal information and the information of a third party which comes to its knowledge as confidential and will not disclose it, unless so required by law or subject to the exceptions contained in the POPIA.
- Transnet reserves all the rights afforded to it by the POPIA in the processing of any of its information as contained in this Agreement and the Operator is required to comply with all prescripts as detailed in the POPIA relating to all information concerning Transnet.
- 4. In terms of this Agreement, the Operator acknowledges that it will obtain and have access to personal information of Transnet and the information of a third party and agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Transnet in terms of this Agreement and only for the purposes as detailed in this Agreement and in accordance with any applicable law.
- 5. Should there be a need for the Operator to process the personal information and the information of a third party in a way that is not agreed to in this Agreement, the Operator must request consent from Transnet to the processing of its personal information or and the information of a third party in a manner other than that it was collected for, which consent cannot be unreasonably withheld.
- 6. Furthermore, the Operator will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal information and the information of a third party submitted by Transnet or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal information and the information of a third party to any third party without prior written consent from Transnet.
- 7. The Operator shall, at all times, ensure compliance with any applicable laws put in place and maintain sufficient measures, policies and systems to manage and secure against all forms of risks to any information that may be shared or accessed pursuant to the services offered to Transnet in terms of this Agreement (physically, through a computer or any other form of electronic communication).
- 8. The Operator shall notify Transnet in writing of any unauthorised access to personal information and the information of a third party, cybercrimes or suspected cybercrimes, in its knowledge and report such crimes or suspected crimes to the relevant authorities in accordance with applicable laws, after becoming aware of such crimes or suspected crime. The Operator must inform Transnet of the breach as soon as it has occurred to allow Transnet to take all necessary remedial steps to mitigate the extent of the loss or compromise of personal information and the information of a third party and to restore the integrity of the affected personal information as quickly as is possible.

Signature of Respondent's authorised representative:

- 9. Transnet may, in writing, request the Operator to confirm and/or make available any personal information and the information of a third party in its possession in relation to Transnet and if such personal information has been accessed by third parties and the identity thereof in terms of the POPIA.
- 10. Transnet may further request that the Operator correct, delete, destroy, withdraw consent or object to the processing of any personal information and the information of a third party relating to the Transnet or a third party in the Operator's s possession in terms of the provision of the POPIA and utilizing Form 2 of the POPIA Regulations.
- 11. In signing this addendum that is in terms of the POPIA, the Operator hereby agrees that it has adequate measures in place to provide protection of the personal information and the information of a third party given to it by Transnet in line with the 8 conditions of the POPIA and that it will provide to Transnet satisfactory evidence of these measures whenever called upon to do so by Transnet.

The Operator is required to provide confirmation that all measures in terms of the POPIA are in place when processing personal information and the information of a third party received from Transnet:

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12.	Further, the Ope	erator acknowle	dges that it will	be held	liable by Transne	et should it fail	to process personal
	information in line with the requirements of the POPIA. The Operator will be subject to any civil or criminal action,						
	administrative fines or other penalty or loss that may arise as a result of the processing of any personal information						
	that Transnet su	bmitted to it.					

13. Should a Respondent have any complaints or objections to processing of its personal information, by Transnet, the Respondent can submit a complaint to the Information Regulator on https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/, click on contact us, click on complaints.IR@justice.gov.za