

**Transnet Freight Rail**

an Operating Division of **TRANSNET SOC LTD**

[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP] [GOODS/SERVICES]

FOR THE IMPACT STUDY FOR TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL'S NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE – PROPOSED PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION (PSP) FOR TRANSNET'S OPTICAL FIBRE NETWORK, WITH CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL RAIL POLICY AND THE RECENTLY ENACTED ECONOMIC REGULATION OF TRANSPORT ACT, WITHIN A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) MONTHS.

RFP NUMBER	HOAC-HO-48318
ISSUE DATE:	13 December 2024
CLOSING DATE:	31 January 2025
CLOSING TIME:	14:00 PM
BID VALIDITY PERIOD:	180 Business Days from Closing Date (30.09.2025)

Note to the bidders:

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SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM**PART A
INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD							
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BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION							
RESPONDENTS ARE TO UPLOAD THEIR BID RESPONSE PROPOSALS ONTO THE TRANSNET SYSTEM AGAINST EACH TENDER SELECTED (please refer to section 2, paragraph 3 for a detailed process on how to upload submissions): https://transnetenders.azurewebsites.net							
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO				TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			
CONTACT PERSON	EMMANUEL MORIRI			CONTACT PERSON	EMMANUEL MORIRI		
TELEPHONE NUMBER				TELEPHONE NUMBER			
FACSIMILE NUMBER				FACSIMILE NUMBER			
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Emmanuel.Moriri@transnet.net			E-MAIL ADDRESS	Emmanuel.Moriri@transnet.net		
SUPPLIER INFORMATION							
NAME OF BIDDER							
POSTAL ADDRESS							
STREET ADDRESS							
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER			
CELLPHONE NUMBER							
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER			
E-MAIL ADDRESS							
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER							
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE	UNIQUE REGISTRATION REFERENCE NUMBER: MAAA		
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE B-BBEE ACT]							

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

<p>1 ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>[IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]</p>	<p>2 ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>No</p> <p>[IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]</p>
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QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS	
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p>IF THE ANSWER IS “NO” TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 1.3 BELOW.</p>	

PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

1. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
<p>1.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.</p> <p>1.2 BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER’S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS.</p> <p>1.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.</p> <p>1.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.</p> <p>1.5 IN BIDS WHERE UNINCORPORATED CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.</p> <p>1.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.</p>

NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE: _____

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**].

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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	<p>This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge.</p> <p>To download RFP and Annexures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on "Tender Opportunities"; • Select "Advertised Tenders"; • In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd. <p>Once the tender has been in the list, click on the "Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents.</p> <p>The RFP may also be downloaded from the Transnet Portal at https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net (please use Google Chrome to access Transnet link/site) free of charge (<i>refer to section 2, paragraph 3 below for detailed steps</i>)</p>
COMMUNICATION	<p>Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP on the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website within 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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
BRIEFING SESSION	<p>Yes – Non-compulsory</p> <p>Bidders are required to confirm their attendance and to send their contact details including the number of representatives (where applicable) to the following address: Emmanuel.Moriri@transnet.net</p> <p>This is to ensure that Transnet may make the necessary arrangements for the briefing session.</p> <p>Refer to paragraph 2 for details.</p>
CLOSING DATE	<p>14:00pm on Friday, 31 January 2025</p> <p>Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system. Generally, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p>

	<i>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.</i>
VALIDITY PERIOD	<p>180 Business Days from Closing Date (31.09.2025)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>With regard to the validity period of next highest ranked bidders, please refer to Section 2, paragraph 10.12</p>

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 on MS Teams on the **21st of January 2025**, at **11H00 AM** for a period of \pm 2 hours. The briefing session will start punctually and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late. Respondents wishing to attend may send their email addresses for a link to Emmanuel.Moriri@transnet.net before the **16th of January 2025**.

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 (transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net) 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

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 Table 3.2 of the specific goals Claim Form.

6 COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 For specific queries relating to this RFP, an RFP Clarification Request Form should be submitted onto the system and to [Emmanuel Moriri at email Emmanuel.Moriri@transnet.net] before **14:00 pm on 27 January 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.

- 6.2 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate with the DBAC Secretariat [**Prudence Nkabinde**], at email Prudence.nkabinde@transnet.net on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal.
- 6.3 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP in the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website within 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

7 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.

8 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.

9 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.

10 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:

- 10.1 modify the RFP's Goods/Services and request Respondents to re-bid on any such changes;
- 10.2 reject any Proposal which does not conform to instructions and specifications which are detailed herein;
- 10.3 disqualify Proposals submitted after the stated submission deadline [closing date];
- 10.4 award a contract in connection with this Proposal at any time after the RFP's closing date;
- 10.5 award a contract for only a portion of the proposed Goods/Services which are reflected in the scope of this RFP;

- 10.6 split the award of the contract between more than one Supplier/Service provider, should it at Transnet's discretion be more advantageous in terms of, amongst others, cost or developmental considerations;
- 10.7 cancel the bid process;
- 10.8 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;
- 10.9 request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 10.10 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;
- 10.11 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;
- 10.12 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 e-tender 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.
- 10.13 The preferred tenderer's equipment will be tested after the conclusion of the procurement process and before the signing of the master agreement. The preferred tenderer shall be allowed a maximum of three opportunities to test the equipment, should it fail on the third attempt, the contract shall not be signed and Transnet may approach the next ranked bidder.

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.

11 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.

12 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.

13 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.

14 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.

Transnet urges its clients, suppliers and the general public to report any fraud or corruption to
TIP-OFFS ANONYMOUS:



You can choose to be Anonymous or Non-Anonymous on ANY of the platforms
PLEASE RETAIN YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER

				
	<p>AI Voice Bot “Jack” Speak to our AI Voice Chat Bot “JACK”, you converse with him like chatting to a human, with the option to record a message and speak to an agent at anytime.</p>	<p>What’s App Speak to an Agent via What’s App.</p>	<p>Speak to an Agent Speak to an Agent via the platform with no call or data charge</p>	<p>Telegram Speak to an Agent via Telegram</p>
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SECTION 3: BACKGROUND, OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

1 BACKGROUND

Transnet is a state-owned company (constituted in terms of the Legal Succession to the South African Transport Services Act No. 9 of 1989), with the South African Government as the sole shareholder. As a state-owned company and major public entity, the Companies Act and the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) serve as Transnet's primary governing legislation. Transnet is also subject to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Debt Listings Requirements as they pertain to (i) the registration of a debt listing programme; and (ii) debt securities listed and to be listed. Transnet's mandate is to:

- Provide an efficient logistics system for South Africa;
- Support economic growth; and
- Ensure security of supply by providing appropriate infrastructure in a cost-effective and efficient manner, within acceptable benchmarks.

As the custodian of ports, freight rail and pipelines, Transnet's objective is to ensure a globally competitive freight system that enables sustained growth and diversification of the South African economy. The signed Technical Demand Request was received on 12 September 2024. This was accompanied by the approved budget ratification form and the Sourcing Team Nomination form which was received 16 September 2024.

1.1 TRANSNET OPTICAL FIBRE NETWORK

Transnet through its operating divisions, Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) and Transnet Pipelines (TPL), owns, operates, and manages Fibre Optic Networks and Optical Transport Networks.

Transnet owns and manages the following:

- approximately 10 000km of optic fibre network belonging to TFR. This fibre is furthermore "activated" by DWDM technology as 100 Gbps bandwidth pipes.
- approximately 715 km of optic fibre belonging to TPL.
- approximately 60 segments of fibre each averaging about 1 km in length in the metro areas, belonging to Transnet Corporate Centre (TCC).

All the above optic fibre are maintained and supported by TFR via SLA-governed contracts.

The TFR network consist of an extensive Layer 1 National Long Distance (NLD) optic fibre Cables (OFC) spanning South Africa, with a strategic layout to cover major routes namely: Johannesburg to Durban, Johannesburg to Cape Town, Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg to East London. These fibre assets provide and enable critical business applications in railways and pipeline operations at TFR and TPL. Transnet sells spare dark fibre Technical Demand Request Page 4 of 15 26 June 2024 capacity and managed capacity to other players to external customers and approximately 55% of the NLD fibre remains unutilized.

TFR also has an extensive Layer 2 backbone Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing ("DWDM") network spanning South Africa. TFR manages multiple equipment rooms or Points of Presence (PoP) that are used primarily for mission critical services running on its telecommunications networks. TFR also has presence in TERACO Data Centres in Isando, Durban and Cape Town, connectivity for Queens Warehouse to Straddle Datacentres.

These fibre assets provide and enable critical business applications in railways and pipeline operations at TFR, TPL as well as providing the supporting transport layer for almost all of Transnet's business applications.

1.2 RAIL REFORM REGIME

With the current rail reform transformation that is taking place, as envisaged by the National Rail Policy (approved by Cabinet March 2022) and the Roadmap for the Freight Logistics System in South Africa (approved by Cabinet December 2023), the Fibre and DWDM networks are part of the infrastructure that is linked to the Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM). The White Paper on National Rail Policy (Rail Policy) introduces structural reforms in the rail sector to enable and facilitate private sector investment, optimal utilisation of rail and effective economic regulation of rail to enable equitable access to the rail network and maintenance.

The essence of the Rail Policy is to liberalise the rail sector by regulating rail infrastructure and providing private train operating companies with access to the freight rail network. This process of liberalisation has been enabled by the introduction legislation, namely the Economic Regulation of Transport Act and the National Rail Bill which is in draft. The National Rail Safety Act will also be enhanced. Both the National Rail Safety Act and the National Rail Bill draft classify telecoms systems which support the safe operations of trains as part of the rail network.

2. EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Whereas Transnet is seeking a partner(s) to provide solutions for the Impact study for Transnet Freight Rail's Network Infrastructure – Proposed Private Sector Participation (PSP) for Transnet's Optical Fibre Network, with consideration of the national rail policy and the recently enacted economic regulation of transport Act, within a period of four (4) Months. it also seeks to improve its current processes for providing these Goods/Services to its end user community throughout its locations.

The selected Supplier/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 Supplier/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 Supplier/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 Supplier/Service provider(s).
- 2.3 Transnet must receive proactive improvements from the Supplier/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 Supplier/Service provider's leading edge technology and service delivery systems.
- 2.5 Transnet end users must be able to rely on the chosen Supplier/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.

3 SCOPE OF WORK

The following paragraphs detail the scope of work required for this demand request.

- a) Transnet, TFR and TPL owns, operates, and manages telecommunications network infrastructure which is key to safe and reliable freight operations.
- b) The networks have primarily been deployed for the support of the mission critical systems deployed for the safe movement of trains (TFR) and pumping control operations of fuel (TPL). The fibre network is deployed to ensure connectivity of Relay rooms for the support of the train authorisation systems (TAS). In addition to the TAS the fibre optic cable is also responsible to connect condition assessment systems (CAS), Tele-control for substations and Telecommunication High sites.
- c) The products that are in scope for the proposed PSP is the Optic fibre cables and DWDM.

The following paragraph detailed these networks.

- The TFR fibre transmission network is made up of more than 9000km of optic fibre cable ("Layer 1"). TFR's Layer 1 network consists of 24 – core, 36 – core, and 48 – core fibre cables.
- The DWDM Optical Transport Network ("Layer 2") provides multiplexing capability of bandwidth services across the Layer 1. The network is supported by over 140 network equipment rooms with approximately 159 Huawei Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexers (DWDM) nodes used for transmitting digital signals.
- d) Note that there is no common CMDB (Configuration Management Database) for fibre assets.
 - Resources and tools of trade dedicated to supporting and maintaining the above-listed elements.
- e) The TPL-owned fibre transmission is made up of 715Km of fibre
 - Layer 1: (Passive fibre)
 - 1x 48 Core – mainly unused (~2 Pairs used) for IT and security services: "Semi-express" route terminating only at pump stations: **included in scope** 1x 24 Core for TPL process network, fully owned and operated by TPL (OT): "Omnibus" route terminating and valve and pump stations: **excluded from scope**.
- f) **Maintained by TFR.**
 - Layer 2: (Active fibre)
 - Optical equipment (Layer 2): Cisco Multi-Services-Provisioning-Platform.
 - End Of life: Support agreement ended in 2019.
 - Supported on time and material basis
 - Monitored from Master Control Centre (MCC) at TPL Durban
- g) The other network that is deployed for Train safety is the radio network that consist of the Trunked and conventional radio networks. These networks are out of scope for the proposed PSP.

3.1 SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

The service provider will be required to quote separately for Phases 1 and 2.

Phase 1

The service provider will be required to perform the following:

3.1.1 Review the prefeasibility business case and financial model and provide comments on any areas that need further investigation;

3.1.2 Legislation and Regulatory Compliance.

- a) Assessment of the compliance for TFR to the Rail Safety Regulator Act, governance policies [political, economic, social, technological, environmental, legal universe) including national treasury practice notes (section 54 applications), National Rail Policy, 2022, the Economic Regulation of Transport Act and Roadmap for the Freight Logistics System, 2023 should the fibre assets be subjected to PSP.

- b) Assess and determine whether and how the PSP will affect the allocation of the telecom's assets within the scope of this study to the TRIM asset base to be regulated under the Economic Regulation of Transport Act, 2024.
- c) Identify in general terms any issues that may affect PSP, from a human resource, health, safety, security, land, site, ICT and other technical considerations.
- d) Based on the assessment to legislative compliance and any gaps thereof, advise the transaction parameters that would need to be incorporated into the PSP to ensure regulatory compliance.
- e) Advise Transnet on an appropriate structure of the PSP structure that will maximize value for Transnet and all parties concerned.

3.1.3 Benchmarking IM Assets

Conduct a Benchmarking of how Infrastructure Managers around the world handle the Telecommunication Assets in particular the Fibre and Transmission Assets including the treatment of non-regulated revenue.

At the end of Phase 1, Transnet will assess the results of the findings from the service provider and decide whether to continue to pursue the PSP.

Phase 2

Phase 2 will only commence on written instruction from Transnet depending on the outcome of Phase 1. Transnet reserves the right not to proceed with Phase 2.

The responsibility of the service provider will include:

3.1.4 Market Study

- a) Conduct a market study to understand the Fibre landscape in South Africa. This should include a market demand forecast based on Transnet's fibre assets. In addition to this, assess the market needs to understand likely competitors and then provide a forecast for the demand that could be accessed which will be utilised for input into the financial model.
- b) Identify potential revenue customers that Transnet would be targeting.

3.1.5 Due Diligence

- a) Based on TFR business strategy, evaluate the state of the condition of the TPL and TFR Fibre Asset base which includes:
 - i. Work done to date (Projects implemented, maintenance and incidents reports, upgrades, network gap assessment, performance of the network existing contracts etc.) as well as projects in-flight or planned/committed and associated budgeting.
 - ii. Technical condition of infrastructure readiness for the proposed transaction (Capability, capacity and asset lifespan reports).
 - iii. Conduct site visits to some of the projects' facilities (to validate portfolio of evidence).
 - iv. Adequacy of staff complement, Command Centres and tools to maintain and support TFR telecommunication network, in particular Optic fibre and DWDM networks and review staffing, training and multi-skilling strategy in view of both the Transmission and Radio skills that TFR requires.
 - v. Conduct an analysis of applicable human resources, health, safety and security requirements to identify any risks to the project, as well as thirdparty support and installation contracts.
 - vi. Verify capacity to be reserved for Transnet Operational Divisions and associated SLAs.
 - vii. Verify accessibility (points of interconnect) to fibre assets: e.g. security,
 - i. regulatory, access constraints.

Based on the current infrastructure state, define the requirements that Transnet must fulfil to ensure that the PSP transaction brings identified benefits and minimise the risks.

3.1.6 Business Case Optioneering

- a) Confirm or recommend alternate PSP strategies.
- b) Assess different transaction options based on the outcome of the assessment of Transnet's Network Infrastructure which takes into account the following:
 - i. The assets/infrastructure/operations which will be the subject of the joint investment;
 - ii. Treatment of employees in the proposed transaction strategy and structure;
 - iii. Roles and responsibilities of the parties and risk assignment to each partner;
 - iv. Nature and scale of contributions by Transnet and External Partner;
 - v. Proposed duration of the joint investment ;
 - vi. Bankability considerations.
- c) Conduct risk assessment for all proposed alternative options and provide independent ranking of these options following an established ranking framework in a form of risk assessment report.
- d) Based on the assessment, recommend a proposed Transaction Strategy and Structure.

3.1.7 Business Case (in line with JIEPS Stage 2)

- a) Define potential revenue sources for the proposed PSP.
- b) Prepare an operational model to include an assessment of the current TFR network infrastructure internal usage for train and pipeline operations and quantify operational cost.
- c) Prepare strategies to ensure security of supply for internal Transnet requirements.
- d) Prepare a financial model, including a clear justification of the assumptions to be used in forecasting the NPV and IRR (nominal and real) for the terminal and the Technical Demand Request Page 11 of 15 26 June 2024 discounted payback years and payback period. The financial model should provide the "As-Is" results (without PSP) and the "with PSP" results. Sufficient sensitivity analysis should be included on critical input variables and in the outputs, with a clear contingency and risk allowance percentage. The assumptions of the model should be explicitly stated and justified. The model should be for the proposed period of the contract.
- e) Determination of the Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) and Hurdle Rate to be used in the financial model, with a justification of the assumptions used to arrive at the rates utilised.
- f) Whole-of-Life Affordability and Benefits: where Transnet is required to make a contribution or investment in a joint investment transaction, the Transnet affordability and impact must be modelled.
- g) Value for money analysis, which assesses the financial viability, includes a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the benefits and differences between the proposed transaction and the status quo.
- h) Detail potential sources of funding for the project. The impact of the funding choices should be reflected in the financial model.

3.1.8 Valuation and Price

- a) Provide a valuation based on Precedent transactions, Asset-based, Trading multiples and Discounted Cash Flows (DCF) methodologies for the asset base and justify the assumptions supporting the valuation.
- b) Provide an assessment of the price that may be obtained for the PSP taking into account transaction strategy and structure.
- c) Recommend how the price should be paid.

3.1.9 Funding and financing

- a) Where an equity-based transaction is recommended, provide recommendations on the percentage that should be offered to the market, with justification for the recommended percentage.
- b) Recommend how the percentage ownership should vest to the private sector partners (e.g., vesting a certain portion upfront and the rest as the partners deliver on their commitments).

3.1.10 External Partner Selection Plan

Recommend the strategy and structure for the procurement process, in conjunction with the legal advisers, and ensure cognisance is taken of the following:

- a) Requirement for open, transparent, competitive processes (particularly in light of Section 217 of the Constitution and the ACSA judgement);
- b) Protection of Transnet's commercial information while providing potential investors with sufficient information to prepare a binding offer in response to the bid documentation;
- c) Compliance with PPPFA and PFMA regulations and legislation;
- d) Whether the principal area of competition is price, technical expertise, prior experience or other qualifications;
- e) Other considerations which would impact on an appropriate selection method;
- f) The Business Case should outline the key attributes of a potential External Partner and identify the number of potential partners, and the costs and benefits of partnering.
- g) Develop and recommend evaluation criteria for the procurement process, ensuring the selection of the right partner in terms of size and financial performance and ensuring a strategic fit for the Richard's Bay Dry Bulk Terminal.

The Business case and external partner selection plan should provide a project plan to achieve private sector participation in the earliest timeframe without any risk to ensuring best practice in the implementation process.

3.2 Implementation Requirements

- a) All proposals must address the scope of work and all other requirements of this document for the bid to be considered responsive.
- b) All proposals will be evaluated by an appointed cross functional team within Transnet.
- c) All proposals will need to follow a structured response approach as outlined in the scope of work (section 7).
- d) On award of the contract, the service provider will be on-boarded to the PSP transaction implementation team during a kick off meeting to articulate the required scope of work, point of contacts, terms of reference, standard operating procedures and all other requirements for successful delivery of the scope of work.
- e) Service providers will be selected according to their highest automated ranking scoring following the Transnet evaluation criteria of the RFP.
- f) The service provider must complete the works in the specified time.
- g) Final reports in the format required, must be submitted on completion of the work. The Notice of Completion Certificate will not be issued by Transnet until all requirements are met.

3.3 DELIVERABLES:

The following deliverables are expected in the assessment of achievements.

- a) Comprehensive Phase 1 and where completed Phase 2 Final Report covering and not limited to, the required scope of work, optioneering, risk assessment, and recommendations (in a hard, a soft copy in USB and a share drive downlink that Transnet will provide access to).
- b) Microsoft PowerPoint Slides (in a hard, a soft copy in USB and a share drive downlink that TFR will provide access to).
- c) Presentation to Executive Committee meeting, Risk Committee, Investment committees and other stakeholders.

The structure of the payment terms will be discussed during the contracting period. Payment will commence after the acceptance of each deliverable described in terms of the scope of work (Section 7).

4 GREEN ECONOMY / CARBON FOOTPRINT

Transnet wishes to have an understanding of your company's position with regard to environmental commitments, including key environmental characteristics such as waste disposal, recycling and energy conservation. Please submit details of your entity's policies in this regard.

5 GENERAL SERVICE PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

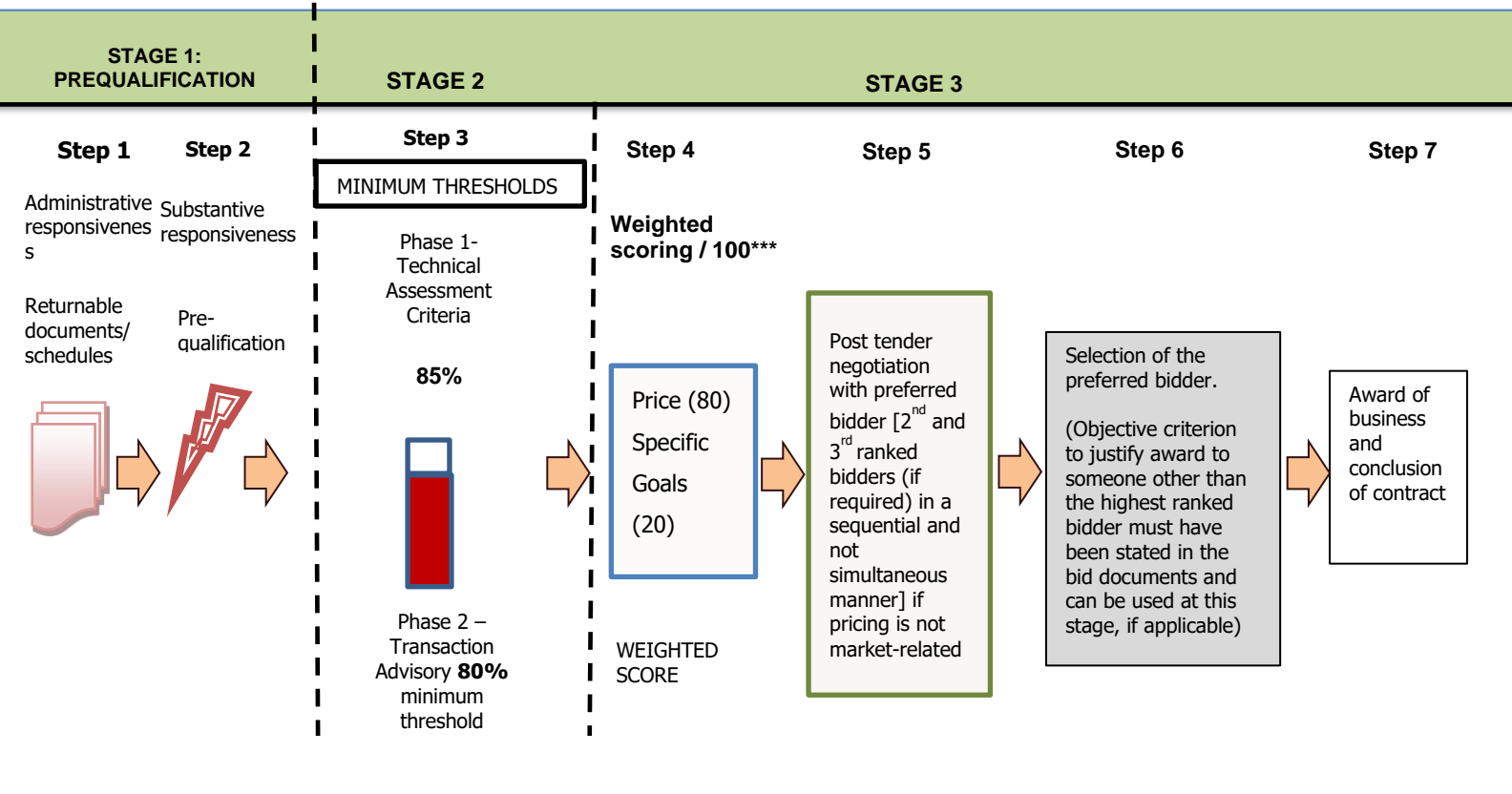
- 5.1 The Service provider(s) shall be fully responsible to Transnet for the acts and omissions of persons directly or indirectly employed by them.
- 5.2 The Service provider(s) must comply with the requirements stated in this RFP.

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

6 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Transnet will utilize the following methodology and criteria in selecting a preferred Service provider, if so required:



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 stages 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).

NB: Evaluation Criteria and Scoring Scale

The independent reviewer, associated partners and affiliates that will undertake this study’s scope of work will not be eligible to partake in the execution of the proposed option of the future transaction. TFR reserve the rights for possible future independent consultation, engagement, support, assistance and collaboration that may be required during the execution of the selected proposed option from this study.

6.1 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 2 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

Respondent’s Signature

Date & Company Stamp

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

6.2 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether any general and legislation qualification criteria set by Transnet, have been met. 	<i>All sections including: Section 2 paragraphs, 6.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the Bid contains a priced offer 	<i>Section 4</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given 	<i>All Sections</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of registration on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) 	<i>Section 2, paragraph 13</i>

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

6.3 STEP THREE: Phase 1 - Minimum Threshold 85% for Technical Assessment Criteria

Phase 1: Independent Reviewer Technical Assessment Criteria

Failure to achieve the 85% threshold will lead to disqualification. The test for the Technical and Functional threshold is attached as Phase 1: Independent Reviewer Technical Assessment Criteria Annexure C (Technical Evaluation Criteria). Bidders will be scored according to attached scoring matrix.

The complete breakdown of the technical evaluation criteria is attached as Annexure C. The summary of the test for the Technical and Functional threshold will include the following:

Technical Evaluation Criteria: Independent Reviewer	Points Weightings
T2.2-01 Method Statement - Approach Paper (Independent Reviewer "IR")	30%
T2 2-03: Company profile and Previous Experience (Independent Reviewer "IR")	30%
T2 2-02: Technical Capacity (Independent Reviewer "IR")	20%
T2 2-04: Company Reference Letters (Independent Reviewer "IR")	10%
T2.2-05: Risk Management Evaluation Criteria	10%
Total Weighting:	100%
Minimum qualifying score required:	85%

The Phase 1 Minimum Threshold is 85%.

Phase 2: Transaction Advisory Minimum Threshold of 80%

Technical Evaluation Criteria	Points Weightings
T3.2.2-01: Proposal and Project Plan (Transactional Advisory "TA")	30%
T3.2-03: Company profile and Previous Experience (Transactional Advisory "TA")	30%
T3.2-02: Project Team Technical Capacity (Transactional Advisory "TA")	20%
T3.2-04: References (Transactional Advisory "TA")	20%
Total Weighting:	100%
Minimum qualifying score required:	80%

The Phase 2 Minimum Threshold is 80%. Only respondents who passed phase 1 may be considered for Phase 2.

*A Respondent's compliance with the minimum functionality/technical threshold will be measured by their responses to **Annexure D – Transaction Advisory**. Bidders will be scored as per the detailed scoring matrix attached as **Annexure D**.*

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.

The 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

6.4 STEP FOUR: Evaluation and Final Weighted Scoring

a) **Price and TCO Criteria** [Weighted score 90 points]:

Evaluation Criteria	RFP Reference
• Commercial offer	<i>Section 4</i>

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

$$PS = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin} \right)$$

Where:

- Ps* = Score for the Bid under consideration
- Pt* = Price of Bid under consideration
- Pmin* = Price of lowest acceptable Bid

- b) **Specific Goals** [Weighted score 20 point]
- Specific goals claim form
 - Preference points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the specific goals requirements in accordance with the table indicated in Section 9 Table 3.2 of the specific goals Claim Form.

6.5 SUMMARY: Applicable Thresholds and Final Evaluated Weightings

Thresholds	Minimum Threshold
Phase 1-Technical Assessment Criteria	85
Phase 2- Transaction Advisory Assessment	80

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

6.6 STEP FIVE: Post Tender Negotiations (if applicable)

- Respondents are to note that Transnet may not award a contract if the price offered is not market-related. 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).

6.7 Step Six: Objective Criteria

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

- 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,
- can, as necessary and in relation to the proposed contract, demonstrate that he or she possesses the professional and technical qualifications, professional and technical competence, financial resources, equipment and other physical facilities, managerial capability, reliability, experience and reputation, expertise and the personnel, to perform the contract,
- 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

a. **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.

SECTION 4: PRICING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

NB: Bidder must quote all sections of the price schedule. Bidders are welcome to provide additional quote as addendum for items that are not included in the price schedule as supplementary quotation. The supplementary quote will not be used for this RFP evaluation but for information purposes and future reference.

BOQ Attached Separately to this RFP (Annexure B Phase 1 & Annexure B Phase 2) – kindly use attached Phase 1 and Phase 2 BOQ as provided.

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 quoted 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 could result in a bid being declared non-responsive.
- e) Rates proposed must be aligned with the Guide on Hourly Fee Rates for Consultants” by the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA);
- f) Quantities given are estimates only. Any orders resulting from this RFP will be on an “as and when required” basis.
- g) Prices are to be quoted on a delivered basis to TFR.
- h) 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.
- i) 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: _____
- j) In respect of incoterms conditions, if applicable, please refer to paragraph 25 of the General Bid Conditions which is attached to the RFP as Annexure

Respondents, if awarded the contract, are required to indicate that their prices quoted would be kept firm and fixed a period of 12 months

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, (www.etenders.gov.za), as required per National Treasury Instruction Note 01 of 2015/2016.

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 (FPPO) and Related Individuals Policy available on Transnet website <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 the Respondent (Complete with a "Yes" or "No")						
A DPIP/FPPO		Closely Related to a DPIP/FPPO		Closely Associated to a DPIP/FPPO		
List all known business interests, in which a DPIP/FPPO may have a direct/indirect interest or significant participation or involvement.						
No	Name of Entity / Business	Role in the Entity / Business (Nature of interest/ Participation)	Shareholding %	Registration Number	Status (Mark the applicable option with an X)	
					Active	Non-Active
1						
2						
3						

Respondents declaring a commercial relationship with a DPIIP or FPPO are to note that Transnet is required to annually publish on its website a list of all business contracts entered into with DPIIP 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 Service provider shall 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. "AS AND WHEN REQUIRED" CONTRACTS

- 3.1 Purchase orders will be placed on the Suppliers/Service provider(s) from time to time as and when Goods/Services are required.
- 3.2 Transnet reserves the right to place purchase orders until the last day of the contract for deliveries to be effected, within the delivery period / lead time specified, beyond the expiry date of the contract under the same terms and conditions as agreed upon.
- 3.3 Delivery requirements may be stipulated in purchase orders and scheduled deliveries may be called for. However, delivery periods and maximum monthly rates of delivery offered by the Respondents will be used as guidelines in establishing lead times and monthly delivery requirements with the Supplier.
- 3.4 Where scheduled deliveries are required, the delivery period(s) specified must be strictly complied with, unless otherwise requested by Transnet. Material supplied earlier than specified may not be paid for or may be returned by Transnet, with the Supplier being held liable for all expenses so incurred, e.g. handling and transport charges.
- 3.5 If the delivery period offered by the Respondents is subject to a maximum monthly production capacity, full particulars must be indicated in Section 4 [*Pricing and Delivery Schedule*]
- 3.6 The Respondent must state hereunder its annual holiday closedown period [if applicable] and whether this period has been included in the delivery lead time offered:
- _____
- 3.7 Respondents are required to indicate below the action that the Respondent proposes to take to ensure continuity of supply during non-working days or holidays.
- _____

4. 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 supplier/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:

- 4.1 ZAR 1.00 [South African currency] being equal to _____ [*foreign currency*]
- 4.2 _____ % in relation to tendered price(s) to be remitted overseas by Transnet
- 4.3 _____ [Name of country to which payment is to be made]

4.4 Beneficiary details:

Name [Account holder] _____
 Bank [Name and branch code] _____
 Swift code _____
 Country _____

4.5 _____ [Applicable base date of 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].

5. 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.

6. 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 [*Specifications and Drawings*] 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.

Accepted:

YES	
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NO	
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7. SERVICE LEVELS

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Transnet will have quarterly reviews with the Supplier/Service provider’s account representative on an on-going basis.
- 7.3 Transnet reserves the right to request that any member of the Supplier/Service provider’s team involved on the Transnet account be replaced if deemed not to be adding value for Transnet.
- 7.4 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

- 7.5 The Supplier/Service provider must provide a telephone number for customer service calls.
- 7.6 Failure of the Supplier/Service provider to 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 Supplier/Service provider of its intention to do so.

Acceptance of Service Levels:

YES	NO
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8. TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

- 8.1 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
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If “yes”, please specify details in paragraph 6.2 below.

- 8.2 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.

9. 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:

9.1 Quality and specification of Goods/Services delivered:

9.2 Continuity of supply:

9.3 Compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993:

9.4 Compliance with the National Railway Safety Regulator Act, 16 of 2002:

SIGNED at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20__

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____
Name _____

2 _____
Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT’S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

SECTION 5: PROPOSAL FORM AND LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

I/We _____
[name of entity, company, close corporation or partnership] of *[full address]*

_____ carrying on business trading/operating as _____

represented by _____

in my capacity as _____

being duly authorised thereto by a Resolution of the Board of Directors or Members or Certificate of Partners, dated _____ to enter into, sign execute and complete any documents relating to this proposal and any subsequent Agreement. The following list of persons are hereby authorised to negotiate on behalf of the abovementioned entity, should Transnet decide to enter into Post Tender Negotiations with highest ranked bidder(s).

FULL NAME(S)	CAPACITY	SIGNATURE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I/We hereby offer to supply/provide the abovementioned Goods/Services at the prices quoted in the schedule of prices in accordance with the terms set forth in the documents listed in the accompanying schedule of RFP documents.

I/We agree to be bound by those conditions in Transnet's:

- (i) Master Agreement (which may be subject to amendment at Transnet's discretion if applicable);
- (ii) General Bid Conditions; and
- (iii) any other standard or special conditions mentioned and/or embodied in this Request for Proposal.

I/We accept that unless Transnet should otherwise decide and so inform me/us in the letter of award, this Proposal [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence], together with Transnet's acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding contract between Transnet and me/us.

Should Transnet decide that a formal contract should be signed and so inform me/us in a letter of award [the **Letter of Award**], this Proposal [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence] together with Transnet's Letter of Award, shall constitute a binding contract between Transnet and me/us until the formal contract is signed.

I/We further agree that if, after I/we have been notified of the acceptance of my/our Proposal, I/we fail to enter into a formal contract if called upon to do so, or fail to commence the supply/provision of Goods/Services within 2 [two] weeks thereafter, Transnet may, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, recover from me/us

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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: _____

Facsimile: _____

Address: _____

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD OF RFP

As soon as possible after approval to award the contract(s), the successful Respondent [**the Supplier/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)

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

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	<i>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.</i>
Returnable Documents Used for Scoring	<i>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.</i>
Essential Returnable Documents	<i>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.</i>

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]
Pricing Schedule Phase 1 (Annexure B Phase 1)	
Pricing Schedule Phase 2 (Annexure B Phase 2)	

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 Section 9 of this RFP	
Method Statement - Approach Paper	
Phase 1: Independent Reviewer Technical Assessment Criteria	
Phase 2: Transaction Advisory Assessment	
Annexure E - T2.2-05 Risk Management Evaluation Criteria	
ANNEXURE F 1 - T22-01~1 Proposal Paper IR FOR PHASE 1 TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA	
ANNEXURE F 2 - T2 2-02 Technical Capacity IR FOR PHASE 1	
ANNEXURE F 3 - T2 2-03 Company Experience IR PHASE 1	
ANNEXURE F 4 - T2 2-04 Company Reference Letters IR PHASE 1	
ANNEXURE G 1 -T3.2-01~1 Proposal Paper TA PHASE 2	
ANNEXURE G 2-T3.2-02 Technical Capacity TA PHASE 2	
ANNEXURE G 3 - T3.2-03 Company Experience TA PHASE 2	
ANNEXURE G 4 - T3.2-04 Company Reference Letters TA PHASE 2	

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 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 9: Specific goals points claim form	
SECTION 12: Protection of Personal Information	
CSD Registration report	

 Respondent's Signature

 Date & Company Stamp

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 ____ day of _____ 20__

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____
Name _____

2 _____
Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT’S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

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	Specifications and drawings 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 AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

Respondent’s Signature

Date & Company Stamp

SECTION 7: RFP DECLARATION AND BREACH OF LAW FORM

NAME OF ENTITY: _____

We _____ do hereby certify that:

1. Transnet has supplied and we have received appropriate responses to any/all questions [as applicable] which 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 [**RFP**];
3. We have been provided with sufficient access to the existing Transnet facilities/sites and any and all relevant information relevant to the Goods/Services as well as Transnet information and Employees, and have had sufficient time in which to conduct and perform a thorough due diligence of Transnet's operations and business requirements and assets used by Transnet. Transnet will therefore not consider or permit any pre- or post-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.
4. At no stage have we received additional information relating to the subject matter of this RFP from Transnet sources, other than information formally received from the designated Transnet contact(s) as nominated in the RFP documents;
5. We are satisfied, insofar as our entity is concerned, that the processes and procedures adopted by Transnet in issuing this RFP and the requirements requested from Bidders in responding to this RFP have been conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
6. We have complied with all obligations of the Bidder/Supplier as indicated in the Transnet Supplier Integrity which includes but are not limited to ensuring that we take all measures necessary to prevent corrupt practices, unfairness and illegal activities in order to secure or in furtherance to secure a contract with Transnet;
7. We declare that a family, business and/or social relationship **exists / does not exist** [delete as applicable] between an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity and an employee or board member of the Transnet Group including any person who may be involved in the evaluation and/or adjudication of this Bid;
8. We declare that an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity **is / is not** [delete as applicable] an employee or board member of Transnet;
9. In addition, we declare that an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder/employee of our entity **has / has not been** [delete as applicable] a former employee or board member of Transnet in the past 10 years. I further declare that if they were a former employee or board member of Transnet in the past 10 years that they **were/were not** involved in the bid preparation or had access to the information related to this RFP; and
10. If such a relationship as indicated in paragraph 7, 8 and/or 9 exists, the Respondent is to complete the following section:

FULL NAME OF OWNER/MEMBER/DIRECTOR/
PARTNER/SHAREHOLDER/EMPLOYEE:

ADDRESS:

Indicate nature of relationship with Transnet:

[Failure to furnish complete and accurate information in this regard will lead to the disqualification of a response and may preclude a Respondent from doing future business with Transnet. Information provided in the declarations may be used by Transnet and/or its affiliates to verify the correctness of the information provided]

11. We declare, to the extent that we are aware or become aware of any relationship between ourselves and Transnet [other than any existing and appropriate business relationship with Transnet] which could unfairly advantage our entity in the forthcoming adjudication process, we shall notify Transnet immediately in writing of such circumstances.

BIDDER’S DISCLOSURE (SBD4)

12 PURPOSE OF THE FORM

12.1 Any person (natural or juristic) may make an offer or offers in terms of this invitation to bid. In line with the principles of transparency, accountability, impartiality, and ethics as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and further expressed in various pieces of legislation, it is required for the bidder to make this declaration in respect of the details required hereunder.

12.2 Where a person/s are listed in the Register for Tender Defaulters and / or the List of Restricted Suppliers, that person will automatically be disqualified from the bid process.

13 Bidder’s declaration

13.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest¹ in the enterprise, employed by the state?

YES/NO

13.1.1. If so, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, and, if applicable, state employee numbers of sole proprietor/ directors / trustees / shareholders / members/ partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise, in table below.

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

¹ the power, by one person or a group of persons holding the majority of the equity of an enterprise, alternatively, the person/s having the deciding vote or power to influence or to direct the course and decisions of the enterprise.

13.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution?

YES/NO

13.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:

.....

13.3 Does the bidder or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest in the enterprise have any interest in any other related enterprise whether or not they are bidding for this contract?

YES/NO

13.3.1. If so, furnish particulars:

.....

14 DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name)..... in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

14.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;

14.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;

14.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium² will not be construed as collusive bidding.

14.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, 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.

² Joint venture or Consortium means an association of persons for the purpose of combining their expertise, property, capital, efforts, skill and knowledge in an activity for the execution of a contract.

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.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20____

For and on behalf of _____	AS WITNESS:
duly authorised hereto	
Name:	Name:
Position:	Position:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Registration No of Company/CC
Place:	Registration Name of Company/CC

 Respondent's Signature

 Date & Company Stamp

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).
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
SPECIFIC GOALS	20
B-BBEE and,	
B-BBEE Level of contributor (1 or 2)	(6)
At least 50% black Youth Owned Entities	(5)
Entities that are at least 51% Black Owned	(5)
Entities that are at least 30% Black Woman Owned	(4)
Total points for Price and Specific Goals must not exceed	100

- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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;

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- (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-BBEE 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);
- (l) **"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 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

80/20

$$PS = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - P_{min}}{P_{min}} \right)$$

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

3.2

Selected Specific Goal	Number of points allocated (20)
B-BBEE Level of contributor (1 or 2)	6
At least 50% black Youth Owned Entities	5
Entities that are at least 51% Black Owned	5
Entities that are at least 30% Black Woman Owned	4

4. EVIDENCE 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 Level of contributor (1 or 2)	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
30% Black Women Owned Entities	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
>50% Black Youth Owned Entities	Certified copy of ID Documents of the Owners and B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
Entities that are 51 % Black Owned	CI B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline

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 www.dti.gov.za/economic_empowerment/bee_codes.jsp .]
EME³	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.

- 4.5 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.

5. BID DECLARATION

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 6.1

- 6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: . =(based on point distribution per Table 3.2)
(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 6.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in table 3.2 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

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 OF COMPANY/ FIRM

- Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- One person business/sole propriety
- Close corporation
- Company
- (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Professional Service provider
- Other Service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....

8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contribution indicated in paragraphs 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraph 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If a bidder submitted false information regarding its evidence regarding specific goals or any other matter required in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 which will affect or has affected the evaluation of a bid the purchaser 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 has incurred or suffered as a result of that person’s conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) if the successful bidder subcontracted a portion of the bid to another person without disclosing it, Transnet reserves the right to penalise the bidder up to 10 percent of the value of the contract;
 - (e) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the audi alteram partem (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (f) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

<p>WITNESSES</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>

<p>.....</p> <p>SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)</p> <p>DATE:</p> <p>ADDRESS.....</p>
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SECTION 12: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

Respondents are required to provide consent below:

YES		NO	
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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.

Signature of Respondent’s authorised representative: _____

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