

**TRANSNET RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER**

an Operating Division of **TRANSNET SOC LTD**

[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON THE B NETWORK RAILWAY LINES, INCLUDING BRANCH LINES FOR FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAINS, TO INFORM THE FRAMING OF THE PROBLEM STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING ONE OR MORE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMMES**

**RFI NUMBER: HOAC-HO-57808**

**ISSUE DATE: 15 MAY 2026**

**BRIEFING SESSION: 29 MAY 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

**BRIEFING SESSION VENUE: MS TEAMS**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/365915263928133?p=EEPnDiNh7WKYj3tSmJ>

**CLOSING DATE: 31 JULY 2026**

**CLOSING TIME: 10:00 AM**

**Note to the bidders:**

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**SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM**

**PART A**

**INVITATION TO BID**

<b>YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSNET RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD</b>							
BID NUMBER:	<b>HOAC-HO-57808</b>	ISSUE DATE:	<b>15 MAY 2026</b>	CLOSING DATE:	<b>31 JULY 2026</b>	CLOSING TIME:	<b>10:00 AM</b>
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<b>BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION</b>							
<b>RESPONDENTS ARE TO UPLOAD THEIR BID RESPONSE PROPOSALS ONTO THE TRANSNET SYSTEM AGAINST EACH BID/RFI SELECTED</b> (please refer to section 2, paragraph 4 for a detailed process on how to upload submissions): <a href="https://transnetenders.azurewebsites.net">https://transnetenders.azurewebsites.net</a>							
<b>BIDDING PROCEDURE AND TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO</b>							
CONTACT PERSON	<b>Kgaugelo Makgate</b>						
TELEPHONE NUMBER	<b>011 584 1174</b>						
E-MAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:Kgaugelo.Makgate@transnet.net">Kgaugelo.Makgate@transnet.net</a>						
<b>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</b>							
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:		<b>OR</b>	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	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Company Stamp

<b>[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE B-BBEE ACT]</b>			
<b>1 ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  [(IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF)]		<b>2 ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  [(IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW )]	
<b>QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS</b>			
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><b>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.</b></p>			

## PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

<b>1.</b>	<b>TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS</b>
1.1	BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
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.
1.3	APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA.
1.4	BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID.
1.5	IN BIDS WHERE UNINCORPORATED CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER.
1.6	WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Company Stamp

**SECTION 2 : NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS****1 INFORMATION REQUEST**

Respondents are to note that the subsequent Request for Information [**RFI**] when is issued by Transnet will be to the open market where anyone can respond

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<b>TENDER ADVERT</b>	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.
<b>RFI DOWNLOADING</b>	<p>This <b>RFI</b> may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at <a href="http://www.etenders.gov.za">www.etenders.gov.za</a> free of charge.</p> <p>To download RFI and Annexures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on "Tender Opportunities";</li> <li>• Select "Advertised Tenders";</li> <li>• In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd;</li> </ul> <p>Once the tender has been located in the list, click on the "Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents.</p> <p>The <b>RFI</b> may also be downloaded from the Transnet Portal at <a href="https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net">https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net</a> (please use <b>Google Chrome</b> to access Transnet link) free of charge (<i>refer to section 2, paragraph 4 below for detailed steps</i>)</p>
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<p>Any addenda to the RFI or clarifications will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Bidders are required to check the e-tender portal and Transnet website prior to finalising their bid submissions for any changes or clarifications to the RFI.</p> <p>Transnet will not be held liable if Bidders do not receive the latest information regarding this RFI.</p>
<b>BRIEFING SESSION</b>	<p>Yes, a non-compulsory briefing session</p> <p>MS Teams link: <a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/365915263928133?p=EEPnDiNh7WKYj3tSmJ">https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/365915263928133?p=EEPnDiNh7WKYj3tSmJ</a></p> <p>Bidders are required to utilize the link below to join the session.</p> <p>Refer to paragraph 2 for details.</p>
<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<p><b>10:00 AM on Friday 31 July 2026.</b></p> <p>Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system.</p> <p>As a general rule, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p> <p><b><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></b></p>

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

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 Respondent's Signature

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 Date and Company Stamp

## 2 FORMAL BRIEFING

A non-compulsory briefing session will be conducted on MS Teams on Friday **29 May 2026**, at 10:00 am for a period of ± 1,5 hours. The briefing session will start punctually, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents joining late.

- 2.1 Despite the briefing session being non-compulsory, Transnet nevertheless encourages all Respondents to attend. Transnet will not be held responsible if any Respondent who did not attend the non-compulsory session subsequently feels disadvantaged as a result thereof.

## 3 RESPONSE 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](https://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](https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net)

## 4 RFI INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 All returnable documents listed in the expression of interest [section 5] in this RFI must be returned with your submission.

4.2 The person or persons signing the submission must be legally authorised by the respondent to do so.

## 5 B-BBEE JOINT VENTURES OR CONSORTIUMS

Bidders may choose during the subsequent open RFP process to enter into a Joint Venture with B-BBEE companies. RFP Bidders will also be required to submit a signed JV 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 the 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.

Please indicate below whether your entity has an existing JV, and if so, provide details, including details of the percentage split of business, or whether your entity intends to create a JV relationship for RFP purposes:

## 6 COMMUNICATION

- 6.1 For specific queries relating to this RFI a Clarification Request Form should be submitted onto the system and to [Kgaugelo.Makgate@transnet.net](mailto:Kgaugelo.Makgate@transnet.net) before **16:00 pm 10 July 2026** substantially in the form set out in Section 7. 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 RFI a Respondent may only communicate with the Divisional Bid Adjudication Committee secretariat Prudence Nkabinde at telephone number 011 584 0821, email [Prudence.Nkabinde@Transnet.net](mailto:Prudence.Nkabinde@Transnet.net) on any matter relating to its RFI 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 RFI.
- 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.

## 7 CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this RFI 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 RFI or the subsequent open RFP process, written approval to divulge such information must be obtained from Transnet.

## 8 STATUS OF THIS RFI AND SUBSEQUENT PROCESS

- 8.1 This RFI is not an offer to purchase, and Transnet is under no obligation to accept any proposals in this process and/or the subsequent open RFP which may be issued hereafter.
- 8.2 As this is a Request for Information only, no business will be awarded through this process.

## 9 DISCLAIMERS

- 9.1 Respondents are hereby advised that Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFI and/or its receipt of submissions in response to it. In particular, please note that Transnet reserves the right and at its sole and full discretion to:
  - (a) utilise any information provided to it in response to this RFI to draft the scope of requirements for inclusion in an RFP;
  - (b) take no further action whatsoever, if it so decides;
  - (c) withdraw from this process and the provisions of this project at any time;
  - (d) change the dates of adjudication and submission;
  - (e) not bind itself to accept any or all of the RFIs;
  - (f) increase or decrease the quantities/scope as indicated in the RFI;
  - (g) 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;

- (h) request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- (i) not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing date;

9.2 Note that Transnet will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with this submission.

## 10 NATIONAL TREASURY’S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

Respondents are required to self-register on National Treasury’s Central Supplier Database (CSD) which has been established to centrally administer supplier information for all organs of state and facilitate the verification of certain key supplier information. Respondents must register on the CSD prior to submitting their bids. Business may not be awarded to a Respondent who has failed to register on the CSD. Only foreign suppliers with no local registered entity need not register on the CSD.

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

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

 Ethics Helpdesk (Pty) Ltd.  
Ethics Management System™

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

				
	<b>AI Voice Bot "Jack"</b> 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.	<b>What's App</b> Speak to an Agent via What's App.	<b>Speak to an Agent</b> Speak to an Agent via the platform with no call or data charge	<b>Telegram</b> Speak to an Agent via Telegram

 **0800 003 056**     **086 551 4153**     **reportit@ethicshelpdesk.com**     **\*120\*0785980808#**

Respondent’s Signature

Date and Company Stamp

### **SECTION 3: RFI SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS**

#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

TRIM has identified the first phase of the PSP Programme on the low-density B-Network to be taken to the market. To assist TRIM with the design of the PSP bid packages, the Operating Division is releasing this request for information on public and private sector interest to participate in opportunities across the rail B-Network including feeder and branch lines.

#### **2 BACKGROUND**

South Africa has an extensive rail network of 30 400 km of track (20 953 route km), with the low-density and branch line B-Network covering approximately 9 098km of short and feeder lines characterised by multi-use potential, relatively low volumes, distinct train configurations (wagon loads), small scale operations (using diesel rather than electric traction), distinct infrastructure profiles (typically low axle load capacity) and multiple origin-destination points. Almost all the branch lines feed cargo into the core network for destination packaging, export or consumption points. Some of these lines have attracted interest from external parties in operating tourist or passenger trains and to some extent freight services.

The government has set out clear policy objectives for the freight transport sector in the White Paper on the National Rail Policy (NRP), Government Gazette No 46356 of 12 May 2022, and the Economic Regulation of Transport Act (ERTA), 6 of 2024. The NRP provides for the introduction of open access and Private Sector Participation (PSP) in the national rail network, to increase the quantity and quality of rail services through effective competition in the market.

For several years, South Africa has suffered declining performance in the utilisation of its freight rail network. To arrest this declining performance President Ramaphosa in his February 2023, State of the Nation Address announced that, in alignment with the NRP, Government was working to develop a roadmap to address the logistic crisis and outline a path to reform. On 8 December 2023, Cabinet approved the Roadmap for the Freight Logistics System in South Africa (FLR). The FLR seeks to address the immediate challenges and introduce rail reforms in the logistics system. The immediate priority is to improve the performance of the freight rail network.

The NRP provides the policy directive for the development of a rail PSP Framework and on 8 December 2023, Cabinet approved the rail PSP Framework. This framework provides for the implementation of PSPs in the entire value chain of the railway industry. The PSP Framework sets out, amongst other strategies, the leveraging of the private sector through PSP in economic infrastructure projects as an opportunity for Government to harness capital, skills and expertise from the private sector. The Framework recommends PSP participation in service areas which include for example, branch line concessions and partnerships for upgrading and maintaining railway infrastructure.

### 3 KEY OBJECTIVES OF THIS RFI PROCESS

The purpose of this RFI is to share as much as possible information known to TRIM with the public, train operating companies, end customers and others about the PSP Projects as set out above. This will allow all the interested and affected parties (IAPs) to learn about opportunities to contribute to meeting TRIM's objectives as set out in this RFI and for TRIM to gather sufficient information on potential PSP Projects in a formal, structured and comparable way without being biased towards any potential participants in any PSP Project.

Afford IAPs, and others an opportunity to add to TRIM's knowledge base and understanding, thus enriching the finalisation of the Framing Problem Statement and the design of any PSP Projects; and

Afford IAPs, an opportunity to share specific details of their envisaged projects that may fall within the ambit of any of the PSP Projects.

The Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM) is seeking feedback from the private sector that will enable the development of private sector partnership programmes which will advance the following objectives for increasing performance and throughput on the rail B-Network comprising feeder and branch lines:

- Right size the network by closing low density short lines with no traffic potential to protect the commercial viability of the core network.
- Make non-strategic non-core lines available for co-funding by the public and private sector through a transparent and fair process.
- Support decision-making for the disposal of non-strategic non-core lines where no expressions of interest are received, while protecting the alignments and right of ways for possible future use.
- Concession strategic non-core lines where funding is inadequate to maintain individual lines. Respondents should also indicate their interest in participating in any potential procurement programme and suggest any key design principles that they wish for TRIM to consider when designing such a programme. Where aspects of the NRP, the ERT and/or the FLR are unclear, as these instruments provide the legislative framework, Respondents are requested to highlight the aspects that require further clarification in terms of the design of PSP Projects.

The information received from Respondents will inform TRIM of potential PSP Projects falling within the ambit of the PSP Initiative and the state of readiness of any such PSP Projects. The responses will also be used to assess whether any changes are required to the design of the PSP Projects and assess market interest in participating in any procurement for PSP Projects if they are ultimately launched.

As a result, without sharing trade secrets, or any information considered confidential, the Respondents are requested to ensure that their Responses to this RFI are as comprehensive as possible and include the information requested in each Response Form that applies to their PSP Project. Since this RFI process is open and transparent and aimed at designing the idealised PSP Project collated from all Responses, the

Respondents should not disclose trade secrets, which may find their way into the PSP Project designs for public procurement.

Please note that providing the RFI Response is NOT intended as a "pre-qualification" for Respondents to be invited to participate in any potential procurement programme/s that may be launched in the future nor any potential procurement programme undertaken by TRIM and/or Transnet, but that all Respondents are urged to respond to this RFI to ensure the success of the PSP Projects and assist in achieving the objectives of TRIM for Private Sector Participation.

#### **4 GENERAL RESPONDENT OBLIGATIONS**

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

#### **5 CONFIDENTIALITY AND COMPLIANCE**

This RFI and information contained herein or provided for purposes thereof, remain the property of Transnet and may not be reproduced, sold or otherwise disposed of. All recipients of this document (whether a RFI is submitted or not) shall treat the details of this document as strictly private and confidential.

Information disclosed in this RFI is given in good faith and only for the purposes of providing sufficient information to the Respondent to enable submission of a well-informed and realistic RFI.

#### **6 UNDERTAKINGS BY RESPONDENT**

It will be accepted that the Respondent, on submitting the RFI response, has read, understood and accepted all the terms and conditions of the document. The submission of an RFI by any Respondent shall presume complete acceptance of the terms and conditions of the document. All qualifications and or exceptions should be noted in the RFI Response document.

#### **7 COSTS TO RESPOND TO THE RFI**

- 7.1 All Respondents wishing to submit a RFI response must be in possession of this document, the RFI. Transnet will not be responsible for or pay any expense or losses which may be incurred by any Respondent in the preparation and submission of the RFI and the costs of the RFI at all stages of the RFI process. Costs, if any, will be for each Respondent's own account.
- 7.2 Transnet reserves the right to invite certain Respondents to present or otherwise demonstrate their proposed solution as per their RFI, at the Respondent's own cost.

#### **8 AUTHORITY OF SIGNATORY**

- 8.1 If the RFI Respondent is a company, a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors (i.e. personally signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the Board) authorising the person who signs this RFI to do so and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement on behalf of the company, must be submitted with their RFI.
- 8.2 If the RFI Respondent is a partnership, a certified copy of the resolution of the partners (personally signed by all the partners) authorising the person who signs this RFI to do so and any other

documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement on behalf of the partnership, must be submitted with this RFI.

- 8.3 If the RFI Respondent constitutes a “one-man business”, certified proof must be submitted that the person signing this RFI and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement is the sole owner of the one-man business.

Failure to comply with this clause may result in rejection of the RFI response.

## **9 OFFERING OF COMMISSION OR GRATUITY**

If a Respondent, or any person employed by him, is found to have either directly or indirectly offered, promised or given to any person in the employ of Transnet, any commission, gratuity, gift or other consideration, Transnet shall have the right and without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have in regard to any loss or additional cost or expenses, to disqualify the RFI Respondent from further participation in this process and any other subsequent processes in this regard. The RFI Respondent will be responsible for all and any loss that Transnet may suffer as a result thereof. In addition, Transnet reserves the right to exclude such a Respondent from future business with Transnet.

## **10 UNDERTAKING BY TRANSNET**

In responding to this RFI, Transnet encourages all RFI Respondents to put their best effort into the construction and development of the proposal.

The RFI process will include due governance and the results of the adjudication process will be available to Respondents.

## SECTION 4: TRANSNET'S RFI INFORMATION

### 1 REQUIREMENTS FOR RFI

#### 1.1. Information provided

TRIM has shared information on its B network and branch lines to assist respondents in the Request for Information (RFI) process. This detailed data package includes an overview of the corridors, past freight volumes, types, and characteristics of the railway lines, and the results of previously conducted condition assessments. This comprehensive information is intended to provide a foundational understanding of the rail network's current state and potential for future development, enabling respondents to formulate informed and relevant proposals. This information is provided in Annexure A: RFI Project Information and Annexure B: B Network & lines Technical Data Sheets.

##### 1.1.1. Nature of opportunity and scope

TRIM wishes to investigate end-to-end solutions concerning the rail B-Network including branchlines for possible passenger, freight and tourism logistics. Accordingly, in the Response Forms (Annexure: C), TRIM wishes to better understand from potential private sector participants, amongst other matters, the envisaged commodity traffic and value being transported, any envisaged increase in traffic and value that end customers wish to transport, any perceived system constraints that may impact on increasing the traffic and value being transported, any consideration of how participation of the private sector partners may serve to increase the volumes and value being transported, and any proposal as to how the overall logistics system can be improved.

#### 1.2. Submission of responses

##### 1.2.1. Who may submit a response

Any company who is a Recipient or is in a consortium or joint venture or similar arrangement with a Recipient.

##### 1.2.2. Form of response

A Respondent is requested to provide all information requested by TRIM in this RFI through the Response Form (Annexure C). Where the data is not available or not applicable, please briefly explain why this information is either not available or not applicable.

The RFI Response, its supporting documents, and any other documentation and correspondence exchanged between the Respondent and TRIM should be in English.

##### 1.2.3. Submission of RFI responses

TRIM calls for all Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) to share information for any of: B Network that can accommodate passenger, freight and tourism.

The RFI Responses reaching TRIM later than the cut-off time and date specified will in TRIM's sole discretion, be rejected without further consideration. The RFI Responses may be submitted before the cut-off time and date specified above. However, only complete responses will receive attention from TRIM.

All costs incurred by a Respondent in connection with the preparation of its RFI Response shall be borne by the Respondent, and there is no obligation thereof on TRIM.

**1.2.4. Applicability of laws**

This RFI is issued, and all subsequent procurement documentation, if any, including amendments thereto and Briefing Notes will be issued subject to applicable legislation in South Africa. Recipients, Respondents, Bidders, Relevant Entities and all persons responding to this RFI and other subsequent procurement documentation are expected to comply with applicable legislation and laws, in participating in this procurement. The respondents must ensure compliance with applicable laws as follows:

- all applicable laws, policies, directives, regulations, etc. of the Republic of South Africa;
- all applicable environmental legislation;
- the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993 (as amended or replaced from time to time) (the "OHS Act"), any regulations made thereunder and any other applicable health and safety legislation, where applicable;
- the requirements from time to time of the Railway Safety Regulator, which is established in terms of the Railway Safety Regulator Act (including being in possession of a valid certificate of compliance from the Railway Safety Regulator);
- Mine Safety Regulations under the Mine Health and Safety Act, 29 of 1996 (as amended or replaced from time to time) (the "Mine Health and Safety Act") and any other applicable mine health and safety legislation, where applicable, including when providing Transport Services or operating a train within any Loading Site; and
- Rail Safety Directives.

**1.2.5. Further information**

TRIM reserves the right to seek additional information from one or more Respondents regarding any RFI Response, in its sole discretion. TRIM may request any Respondent to make oral presentations for clarification purposes or to present supplementary information.

**2 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE AWARD OF BUSINESS**

In the event of an open RFP following this RFI process, it will be a condition precedent prior to the award of business in terms of that RFP that the successful Respondent demonstrates its ability to fund Transnet's requirements.

**3 TEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIVENESS**

The test for administrative responsiveness will include the following:

<b>Administrative responsiveness check</b>
• Whether the Bid has been lodged on time
• Whether all Returnable Documents and/or schedules [where applicable] were completed and returned by the closing date and time
• Verify the validity of all returnable documents
• Verify if the Bid document has been duly signed by the authorised respondent

**SECTION 5: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Company Stamp

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

[name of company, close corporation or partnership]

of [full address] \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ carrying on business under style or title of [trading as]

represented by \_\_\_\_\_

in my capacity as \_\_\_\_\_

Being duly authorised, hereby lodge an **Expression of Interest** to participate in partnership opportunities on the b network railway lines, including branch lines for freight and passenger trains, to inform the framing of the problem statement for the purpose of designing one or more procurement programmes, as follows:

**ADDRESS FOR NOTICES**

Respondent to indicate its *domicilium citandi et executandi* hereunder:

Name of entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 RFI 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:

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**RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

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Respondent's Signature

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Date and Company Stamp

*Respondents must submit with their responses to this RFI, as a minimum requirement, all the returnable documents indicated below with a [✓]. All Sections must be signed and dated by the Respondent.*

<b>Minimum Requirements - Returnable Documents</b>	<b>Submitted [✓]</b>
SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM	
SECTION 2: Notice to Respondents	
SECTION 3: RFI Scope of Requirements	
SECTION 4: Transnet's RFI Information	
SECTION 5: Expression of Interest	
Technical Submission	
SECTION 6: Certificate Of Acquaintance with RFI, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents	
SECTION 8: SBD 4 - Bidder's Disclosure	
SECTION 9: Protection of Personal Information	
ANNEXURE A: BACKGROUND INFORMATION	
ANNEXURE B: NETWORK & LINES TECHNICAL DATA SHEETS	
ANNEXURE C: RESPONSE FORM	
ANNEXURE D: NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT	
ANNEXURE E: TRANSNET'S GENERAL BID CONDITIONS	
ANNEXURE F: TRANSNET'S SUPPLIER INTEGRITY PACT	

**CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

The 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 this RFI/EOI process.

SIGNED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGNATION: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Company Stamp

**SECTION 6: CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFI, TERMS & CONDITIONS & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

**By signing these RFI documents, the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with all the conditions governing this RFI, including those contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof including but not limited to the documents stated below. Transnet SOC Ltd will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such term or condition.**

1	Transnet’s General Bid Conditions
2	Transnet’s Supplier Integrity Pact
3	Non-disclosure Agreement

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in this RFI/EOI 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 RFI/EOI 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 RFI documents included in the RFI/EOI 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT’S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGNATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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Respondent’s Signature

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Date and Company Stamp

**SECTION 7: RFI CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM**

RFI No: HOAC-HO-57808

Deadline for RFI clarification submissions: Before **16:00 pm on 10 July 2026**

TO: Transnet SOC Ltd  
ATTENTION: The Tender Administrator  
EMAIL: [Kgaugelo.Makgate@transnet.net](mailto:Kgaugelo.Makgate@transnet.net)  
DATE: .....  
FROM: .....

RFI Clarification No *[to be inserted by Transnet]*

**REQUEST FOR RFI CLARIFICATION:**

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Respondent's Signature

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Date and Company Stamp

**SECTION 8: SBD 4 - BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE**

**1 PURPOSE OF THE FORM**

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.

**2 Bidder's declaration**

2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest<sup>1</sup> in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**

2.1.1. 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

2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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2.3 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**

2.3.1. If so, furnish particulars:  
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**3 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:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 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 consortium<sup>2</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Company Stamp

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 1, 2 and 3 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.

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Respondent's Signature

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Date and Company Stamp

**SECTION 9: 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 RFI, 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 RFI 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 RFI, 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 RFI (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

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Respondent’s Signature

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Date and Company Stamp

in accordance with applicable laws, after becoming aware of such crimes or suspected crime. The Respondent must 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 RFI, the Respondent is hereby consenting to the processing of their personal information for the purpose of this RFI and further confirming that they are aware of their rights in terms of Section 5 of POPIA

**Respondents are required to provide consent below:**

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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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 RFI 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/infoereg/>, click on contact us, click on complaints.IR@justice.gov.za