

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER

SECTION 1: NOTICE TO TENDERERS

1. INVITATION TO TENDER

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

DESCRIPTION	MAINTENANCE OF RAILWAY TRACK WITH ON-TRACK HIGH PRODUCTION BALLAST TAMPING MACHINES COUNTRYWIDE ON AN "AS AND WHEN" REQUIRED BASIS.
TENDER DOWNLOADING	<p>THIS TENDER MAY BE DOWNLOADED DIRECTLY FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURY ETENDER PUBLICATION PORTAL AT WWW.ETENDERS.GOV.ZA AND THE TRANSNET WEBSITE AT HTTPS://TRANSNETETENDERS.AZUREWEBSITES.NET (PLEASE USE GOOGLE CHROME TO ACCESS TRANSNET LINK) FREE OF CHARGE.</p> <p>NOTE: It is the responsibility of the tenderer to ensure downloading or receipt of a complete RFP all specifications, drawings and annexures.</p>
CLOSING DATE	<p>12:00pm on 15 May 2026</p> <p>Tenderers must ensure that tenders are uploaded timeously onto the system. If a tender is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p>
VALIDITY PERIOD	<p>Twelve (12) weeks from Closing Date</p> <p>Tenderers are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their tender, 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 Tenderer(s), the validity of the successful Tenderer(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>

2. TENDER SUBMISSION

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

- a) The Transnet e-Tender Submission Portal can be accessed as follows:
- Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website (<https://www.transnet.net>);
 - Click on "TENDERS";
 - Scroll towards the bottom right hand side of the page;
 - On the blue window click on "register on our new eTender Portal";
 - 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.
- b) The tender offers to this tender will be opened as soon as possible after the closing date and time. Transnet shall not, at the opening of tenders, disclose to any other company any confidential details pertaining to the Tender Offers / information received, i.e. pricing, delivery, etc. The names and locations of the Tenderers will be divulged to other Tenderers upon request.
- c) Submissions must not contain documents relating to any Tender other than that shown on the submission.

3. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

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

4. **DISCLAIMERS**

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

- 4.1. Award the business to the highest scoring Tenderer/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another tenderer.
- 4.2. Objective criteria include but *are not limited* to the outcome of a due diligence exercise to be conducted. The due diligence exercise may take the following factors into account inter alia, the tenderer:
 - 4.2.1 owns the machines that are proposed for this contract. To confirm this, the tenderer is required to submit a signed and dated letter on official company letterhead confirming ownership, which must include:
 - Machine model
 - Serial number
 - Year of manufacture
 - Confirmation that the machine is fully available for the duration of the contract
 - Name, position, and contact details of the authorised representative.

OR

Has unrestricted access to the machines that are proposed for this contract. To confirm this, the tenderer is required to submit a valid and legally binding lease agreement for the duration of the contract which must include :

- Identify the machine by serial number and model
- Year of manufacture
- Confirm that the bidder has exclusive or guaranteed availability of the machine for the full contract duration
- Be signed by an authorised representative of the machine owner

4.2.2 is not under restrictions, or has principals who are under restrictions, preventing participating in the employer's procurement;

4.2.3 is not undergoing a process of being restricted by Transnet or other state institution that Transnet may be aware of;

4.2.4 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;

4.2.5 has the legal capacity to enter into the contract;

4.2.6 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;

4.2.7 complies with the legal requirements, if any, stated in the tender data and

4.2.8 is able, in the option of the employer to perform the contract free of conflicts of interest.

4.2.9 In addition, Transnet reserves the right to award business to more than one bidder if the highest-ranked bidder is unable to meet the full requirement for the number of machines as stipulated in this RFP. Where a split award is deemed necessary, the following objective criteria will be applied at Transnet's discretion :

Highest-ranked bidder unable to fulfil full requirement

4.2.9.1 If the highest-ranked bidder is unable to supply the full number of machines required, Transnet may award the balance of the requirement to the lower-ranked bidder(s), subject to:

- confirmation of the bidder's capacity to deliver the balance; and
- an assessment of price and overall value for money.

Transnet reserves the right not to award any portion of the requirement to the lower ranked bidder(s) should the pricing or commercial conditions be assessed as not representing value for money or not being market-related.

- 4.3. Not necessarily accept the lowest priced tender or an alternative Tender;
 - 4.4. Go to the open market if the quoted rates (for award of work) are deemed unreasonable (not market related);
 - 4.5. Should the Tenderers be awarded business on strength of information furnished by the Tenderer, which after conclusion of the contract is proved to have been incorrect, Transnet reserves the right to terminate the contract;
 - 4.6. Request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise, in the absence of other documents such as stamped bank letter confirmation financial support or credible funding organisations or institutions such as NEF, IDC;
 - 4.7. Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Tenderer to the tender rates after the closing date;
 - 4.8. Verify any information supplied by a Tenderer by submitting a tender, the Tenderer/s hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to the Transnet to do so;
 - 4.9. Conduct the evaluation process in parallel. The evaluation of Tenderers at any given stage must therefore not be interpreted to mean that Tenderers have necessarily passed any previous stage(s);
 - 4.10. Unless otherwise expressly stated, each tender lodged in response to the invitation to tender shall be deemed to be an offer by the Tenderer. The Employer has the right in its sole and unfettered discretion not to accept any offer.
 - 4.11. Not be held liable if tenderers do not provide the correct contact details during the clarification session and do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.
 - 4.12. Transnet reserves the right to exclude any Tenderers from the tender process who has been convicted of a serious breach of law during the preceding 5 [five] years including but not limited to breaches of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, as amended. Tenderers are required to indicate in tender returnable **[clause 12 on T2.2-19] [Breach of Law]** whether or not they have been found guilty of a serious breach of law during the past five [5] years.
5. Transnet will not reimburse any Tenderer for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with this Tender, whether or not the Tenderer is awarded a contract.



NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

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

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



RFP CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

RFP No: SIC25002CIDB (HOAC-HO-55596)

RFP deadline for questions / RFP Clarifications: **30 April 2026 @ 12:00pm**

TO: Transnet SOC Ltd
ATTENTION: Governance, Transnet Freight Rail Tender Office
EMAIL: Prudence.Nkabinde@transnet.net
Cc: Sedzani.Mathelemusa@transnet.net
DATE: _____
FROM: _____

Indicate whether this query is general in nature and applicable to all service categories Yes No

1. For all clarification questions **prior** to the tender closing date and time, direct the communication to the RFP Administrator at Sedzani.Mathelemusa@transnet.net
2. For all clarification questions **after** the tender closing date and time, direct the communication to:

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ATTENTION: Governance, Transnet Freight Rail Tender Office
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Cc: Sedzani.Mathelemusa@transnet.net
DATE: _____
FROM: _____

REQUEST FOR RFP CLARIFICATION

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20__

SIGNATURE OF TENDERER

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

NAME OF TENDERER

NAME OF WITNESS