

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	REPLACEMENT OF OLD MV AND LV SWITCHGEARS PANELS AND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AT 6.6/11 KV DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS UNDER ISANDO, VEREENIGING, KIMBERLY SOUTH, PORT ELIZABETH, DURBAN AND LADYSMITH DEPOTS
TENDER DOWNLOADING	This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge. To download RFP and Annexures: - Click on "Tender Opportunities"; - Select "Advertised Tenders"; - In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd; Once the tender has been located in the list, click on the "Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents. The RFP may also be downloaded from the Transnet website 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</i>
TENDER CLARIFICATION MEETING	Yes (Compulsory) Tenderers are required to confirm their attendance and to send their contact details including the number of representatives (where applicable) to the following address: Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net This is to ensure that Transnet may make the necessary arrangements for the briefing session. Refer to paragraph 2 for details.
CLOSING DATE	10:00am on 13 February 2026 Tenderers must ensure that tenders are uploaded timeously onto the system. If a tender is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.
VALIDITY PERIOD	Twelve (12) weeks Business Days from Closing Date: 08 May 2026 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.

	Should a bidder fail to respond to a request for extension of the validity period before it expires, that bidder will be excluded from the tender process.
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2. FORMAL BRIEFING

A Compulsory pre-proposal RFP briefing will be conducted at Address: 1 Durant Sentrarrand Street, Johannesburg, Transnet Building, Mechanical Boardroom.

on **05 December 2025**, at **10h00** for a period of $\pm$ 3hours. [Respondents to provide own transportation and accommodation]. The briefing session will start punctually and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late.

Transnet encourages all Respondents to attend. Transnet will not be held responsible if any Respondent who did not attend the **compulsory** session subsequently feels disadvantaged as a result thereof.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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:

- 5.1. Award the business to the highest scoring Tenderer/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another tenderer.
- 5.2. Not necessarily accept the lowest priced tender or an alternative Tender;
- 5.3. Go to the open market if the quoted rates (for award of work) are deemed unreasonable (not market related);
- 5.4. Should the Tenderers be awarded business on strength of information furnished by the Tenderer, which after conclusion of the contract is proved to have been incorrect, Transnet reserves the right to terminate the contract;
- 5.5. 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;
- 5.6. Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Tenderer to the tender rates after the closing date;
- 5.7. Verify any information supplied by a Tenderer by submitting a tender, the Tenderer/s hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to the Transnet to do so;
- 5.8. Conduct the evaluation process in parallel. The evaluation of Tenderers at any given stage must therefore not be interpreted to mean that Tenderers have necessarily passed any previous stage(s);
- 5.9. Unless otherwise expressly stated, each tender lodged in response to the invitation to tender shall be deemed to be an offer by the Tenderer. The Employer has the right in its sole and unfettered discretion not to accept any offer.

- 5.10. Not be held liable if tenderers do not provide the correct contact details during the clarification session and do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.
- 5.11. Transnet reserves the right to exclude any Tenderers from the tender process who has been convicted of a serious breach of law during the preceding 5 [five] years including but not limited to breaches of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, as amended. Tenderers are required to indicate in tender returnable [T2.2-24] [Breach of Law] whether or not they have been found guilty of a serious breach of law during the past five [5] years.
- 5.12. Transnet reserves the right to award the business to the highest scoring bidder/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another bidder. The following objective criteria will be applied when considering exercising the right not to award business to the highest ranked bidder:
- Verify the authenticity and credibility of the Proof of Machine Ownership / Offer to Purchase from the Bank provided by the bidder.
- 5.13. Transnet intends on splitting the award of this contract to mitigate the risk of security of supply. The split of business will be structured as follows:
- 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. The number of successful responds may be up to three (3), depending on whether the full requirement of machines is met.
- Where a split is required, Transnet reserves the right to conduct post-tender negotiations with all the shortlisted respondents in an effort to achieve a market-related price, failure to achieve market related prices will mean no split award.
6. 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: SIE24011CIBD/ HOAC-HO-48307

RFP deadline for questions / RFP Clarifications: **12:00pm 16 January 2026**

TO: Transnet SOC Ltd
 ATTENTION: Governance, Transnet Freight Rail Tender Office
 EMAIL: Prudence.Nkabinde@transnet.net
 Cc: Phumudzo.Gadivhana@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 Phumudzo.Gadivhana@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
 EMAIL: Prudence.Nkabinde@transnet.net
 Cc: Phumudzo.Gadivhana@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