# Call for Applications for Suppliers to Participate in Transnet Port Terminal Supplier Development Programme



Window Opening: 26 September 2025 Closing: 17 October 2025 Invitation of up to thirty (30) Transnet Port Terminal (TPT) suppliers (s) to participate in the Transnet Port Terminals Supplier Development Programme for a period of three (3) years.

by improving capability and resource maturity, quality and delivery, reducing failure and complexity.

# Minimum Qualifying Criteria:

- 51% Black Owned Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) or Qualifying Small Enterprise (QSE).
- A TPT Service Provider with a contract or Purchase Order.
- The service provider should be in operation for a minimum of three years in the sector of operation.
- The service provider's sector of operation must account for a minimum of 50% of their revenue.
- The service provider should have a minimum of 2 full time employees.
- Focus will be given to service providers in manufacturing and/or companies providing direct services. (refer to Scope of Work for targeted sectors).
- Focus will be given to TPT's regions of operation:
  - Kwazulu-Natal
  - Western Cape
  - Eastern Cape
  - Inland: Pendoring and Kendal

Applications must be made on the Transnet etender portal application form accompanied by the necessary supporting documents as stated in the application form.

All applications must be submitted no later than 16:30 on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2025. Applications must be sent to: <a href="https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net/">https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net/</a>

For more information, please go to <a href="https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net/">https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net/</a>



Project Title:

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#### 1. Introduction

Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) is inviting up to thirty (30) TPT supplier who are Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) across the regions of TPT operations: Kwazulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Northwest (Pendoring Terminal), and Mpumalanga (Kendal Terminal). The Supplier Development (SD) Programme (SDP) is designed to provide targeted support to build sustainable SMMEs that can contribute to the growth of TPT and the local economy while fostering supplier diversity, promoting business growth, and providing opportunities in key sectors.

# 2. Background

Enterprise and Supplier Development ("ESD") is a key element of South Africa's developmental agenda. Contained within the revised B-BBEE Codes of Good Practise ("the Codes"), this Priority element combines the targeted activity and measurement of Preferential Procurement, Enterprise Development and Supplier Development.

# 3. Project Overview and Objectives

#### 3.1 Project Overview

The Supplier Development Programme will run over a three (3) year period across the country. This program is targeting Exempted Micro Enterprises (EME) and Qualifying Small Enterprises (QSE) with 51% Black Ownership and have been awarded contracts by TPT. The programme aims to address the challenges faced by these beneficiaries by providing an individualised comprehensive support structure to enable their growth and development.

# 3.2 Objectives

The primary objective of the SD Programme is to assess the needs and development requirements of TPT SD beneficiaries which will enable TPT to craft bespoke interventions for the beneficiaries:

- o To build the capacity of these SMMEs through training, mentoring, and access to resources.
- o To enable SMMEs to gain access to procurement opportunities, thus fostering economic inclusion.
- To ensure that SMMEs become part of the vetted Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) database, increasing their chances of being awarded future contracts.
- To improve competitiveness, business management, technical skills, and sustainability of SMMEs.

# 4. Scope of Work

The Supplier Development Programme will encompass several stages and activities:

# 4.1 Needs Assessment

A thorough needs assessment of each beneficiary will be conducted to identify the development requirements of the selected beneficiaries, ensuring the program is tailored to meet their specific challenges.

#### 4.2 Development Plan

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The development plan must include the following initiatives as a minimum that may enhance the capacity of each beneficiary:

- **Training and Development:** Offering business management, technical skills, and health, safety, and environmental training.
- **Mentoring and Coaching:** Providing mentorship focused on business strategy, financial management, and marketing.
- Access to Resources: Offering support in the form of loans, grants, technology, and market.

# The Needs Analysis will evaluate the following areas as a minimum:

#### Finance:

- o Analyse financial data to identify opportunities for cost savings with suppliers
- o Analyse full financial profile, solvency, profitability, etc.
- o Determine funding requirements if any.

#### Supply Chain (SC):

- o Identify supply chain inefficiencies or gaps related to suppliers
- Analyse supply chain data to optimize supplier selection, management, and development.
- o Determine opportunities to improve supplier performance and resilience
- Identify procurement gaps or needs related to supplier development (e.g., supplier evaluation, contract management)
- Analyse procurement data to inform supplier selection and management decisions
- o Determine opportunities to improve procurement processes.

# Human Resource (HR)

- Identify HR gaps or needs (e.g., training for procurement staff)
- o Analyse workforce data to inform talent management decisions

# Operations

- Identify operational inefficiencies or gaps
- o Determine opportunities to improve operational efficiency

# Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

- o Identify ICT gaps or needs (e.g. web page, data analytics)
- Analyse ICT data to inform technology investments.
- o Determine opportunities to improve digital transformation in supplier management

# Safety, Health, Environment, and Quality (SHEQ)

- o Identify SHEQ gaps or needs (e.g., ISO compliance)
- Analyse SHEQ data to inform risk management decisions
- o Determine opportunities to improve supplier safety, health, environmental quality performance

# Legal and Compliance

- o Identify legal and compliance gaps or needs (e.g., contract review, regulatory compliance)
- Analyse data to inform compliance decisions
- o Determine opportunities to mitigate legal and compliance risks with suppliers

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The Development Plan will include the opportunities and possible strategies to be implemented for each beneficiary to be financially and operationally sustainable.

# 5. Beneficiary Requirements

To participate in the programme the beneficiary should meet the following requirements:

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5.1 51% Black Owned Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) or Qualifying Small Enterprise (QSE).
5.2 A TPT Service Provider with a contract or Purchase Order.
5.3 The service provider should be in operation for a minimum of three years in the sector of operation.
5.4 The service provider's sector of operation must account for a minimum of 50% of their revenue.
5.5 The service provider should have a minimum of 2 full time employees.

# 5.6 Focus will be given to service providers in manufacturing and/or companies providing direct services in the following targeted sectors:

- 5.6.1 Construction & Civils
- 5.6.2 Domestic/ Industrial Cleaning & Garden Services
- 5.6.3 Electrical Maintenance including Substations
- 5.6.4 Rigging & Crane Hire
- 5.6.5 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Manufacturing
- 5.6.6 Oil Spillage
- 5.6.7 Manufacturing of Equipment Parts, Components & Fabrication
- 5.6.8 Building Air Con Maintenance and Repairs
- 5.6.9 Maintenance of Equipment Air Conditioners
- 5.6.10 Mobile Toilets & Park Homes
- 5.6.11 Laundry Services
- 5.6.12 General Consumables Manufacturing

# 5.7 Further preference will be given to the following targeted strategic commodities/services:

- 5.7.1 Electrical Maintenance including Substations
- 5.7.2 Oil Spillage
- 5.7.3 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Manufacturing
- 5.7.4 Manufacturing of Equipment Parts, Components & Fabrication

# 5.8 Geographic location

5.8.1 The programme is open to service providers nationally; however, preference will be given to services providers near TPT's regions of operation, i.e.

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- 5.8.1.4 Inland
- 5.8.1.4.1 North-West Pendoring
- 5.8.1.4.2 Mpumalanga Kendal

#### 6. **Penalties**

Contract termination and/or penalties with immediate effect if issues arise due to the supplier's failure to fully participate and execute in accordance with the terms of the SD agreement. After the supplier development agreement is signed, there will not be any further expenses.

# 7. Project Duration

The project will be for a period not exceeding three (3) years.

#### 8. Disclaimer

Participation in the TPT SD Programme does not equate to a procurement contract with TPT. Beneficiaries must bid for procurement opportunities as per Transnet's Preferential Procurement Policy.

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# TPT SD PROGRAM EOI

Description	Scoring Principal	Guidelines for Scoring/Evaluating Evidence		Weighting
		EIGIBILITY CRITERIA		
	'''	N = Does not meet either ownership or B-BBEE level requirement Y = Meets both 51% BO EME or QSE and Level 1 B-BBEE status with valid certification	Valid BEE Affidavit	Y/N
		N = Not registered Y = Fully registered and verified with vendor number  Valid Vendor Number on Company Letterhead		
Full-time employees		N= Less than two (2) full-time employees. Y= Two (2) or more full-time employees.	Valid CV's of employees	Y/N
Revenue in Target Secor		N= Less than 50% revenue from target sector. Y= 50% or more revenue target sector	Valid 2 years financial statements	Y/N
Years in Operation		N = Less than three (3) years Y = Three (3) years or more.	Valid reference letter/s from client/s referring to work done at least three years ago	Y/N
Alignment		0 = No relevance to any listed commodity as per Scope of Work 20 = Operates in 1 targeted commodity with proven service delivery as per Scope of Work (chapter 5.5)	Company Profile	20
		0 = No relevance to any listed commodity as per Scope of Work 10= Operates in 1 targeted strategic commodity as per Scope of Work (chapter 5.6)		10
	Demonstrated history of delivering services/projects to TPT. By	0 = No PO 5 = 1–2 PO's basic service delivery to TPT 10 = 3+ POs proving successful delivery	Purchase Orders and Reference Letters from end-users	10
	Possession of all relevant operational licenses and industry-standard	0 = No documentation 2 = Some applicable documents but not comprehensive 5 = Full set of valid, up-to-date licenses and industry-required certifications (e.g.NHBRC, ISO etc.)	Industry Certifcates, Accreditation and/or Licences	5
	Demonstrates use of quality systems, continuous improvement,	0 = No evidence of QMS 5 = Basic internal quality control measures 10 = Fully implemented, certified QMS (e.g., ISO 9001) and documentation provided	Illustration of QMS Process, QMS System, QMS certificate	10
Project Management Capability	Capacity to plan, manage, and execute complex projects.	0 = No evidence $5 = Demonstrates$ project methodology (e.g., PMBOK or Agile), experienced personnel, and evidence of previous successful project completion	Illustration of Project Management methodology, Examples of Previous Projects & References from Previous Projects	5
		0 = Severely under-resourced 5 = Limited but functional capacity 10 = Demonstrated capacity (fleet & systems) sufficient for large-scale or time-sensitive projects	Asset Register, Fleet Register, list of systems used by business.	10
Operational Capacity	Availability of sufficient personnel.	0 = 0 employees 5 = at least 2 employees. 10 = more than 2 employees	Organogram & Staff CVs,	10
•	Ability and readiness to grow in capability, output, and business	0 = No plan or evidence of growth 5 = Robust growth plans, scalability, willingness to undergo structured development, or already showing upward trajectory	Business Plan	5
		0 = Based in distant province with no logistics strategy 10= Located near 1 TPT facility or has a satellite hub to ensure responsiveness and efficiency	CIPC documents	10
	Availability of physical and technological infrastructure including office and storage	0 = Operates informally or lacks basic infrastructure 5 = Functional but limited business infrastructure 10 = Fully operational business premises with reliable IT, communication tools, and storage where applicable	Pictures of business premises demonstrating infrastructure	10
	Financial viability as demonstrated by financial statements, bank	0 = Financial distress or no record 5 = Moderate performance with potential concerns 10 = Positive cash flow, audited financials, or sound credit rating	3 years Annual Financial Statements	10
	ethical husiness practices	0 = No policies, tax issues, or non-compliance history $5 = Comprehensive governance structures (board, policies, ethics)$ , fully compliant with legal and tax requirements	Company Policy documents, Company registrations documents, VAT registration, Tax Compliance Certificate, CSD registration.	5
Sub Total				100
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	Minimum p	assing criteria = 70%		







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# Call for Applications to Participate in Siyathuthuka TPT Accelerator Programme Application Form

ISSUE DATE: 26 September 2025

CLOSING DATE: 17 October 2025

CLOSING TIME: 17h00

**SUBMISSION TO:** Transnet e-tender submission portal

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#### Part A

#### Part B

# 1. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 APPLICANTS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS.
- 1.2 APPLICANTS 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 APPLICANTS 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.
- 1.7 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. ONLY FOREIGN SUPPLIERS WITH NO LOCAL REGISTERED ENTITY NEED NOT REGISTER ON THE CSD. THE CSD CAN BE ACCESSED AT HTTPS://SECURE.CSD.GOV.ZA/.

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

#### **PART C:**

#### **RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

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

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

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

# a) Mandatory Returnable Documents

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

MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
At least 51% Black Owned Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) or Qualifying Small	
Enterprise (QSE).	
A TPT Service Provider with a contract or Purchase Order.	
The service provider should be in operation for a minimum of three years in the sector	
of operation.	
The service provider's sector of operation must account for a minimum of 50% of their	
revenue.	
The service provider should have a minimum of 2 full time employees.	

# 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]
Black ownership & B-BBEE Status:	
Valid BEE Affidavit	

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
Full-time employees	
Valid CVs of employees	
Revenue in Target Secor	
<ul> <li>Valid 2 years financial statements</li> </ul>	
Years in Operation  • Valid reference letter/s from client/s referring to work done at least	
three years ago	
Supplier must be registered and active on Transnet's Vendor Master	
Database.	
Valid Vendor Number on Company Letterhead	
B-BBEE DESIGNATED GROUPS:	
B-BBEE Affidavit and/or	
<ul> <li>ID copy (3 months certified) for Youth.</li> </ul>	
• Entity's Municipal/ESKOM bill or letter from Induna/chief confirming	
residential address not older than 3 months	
• Certified copy of ID Documents of the Owners and Doctor's note	
confirming the disability and/or Employment Equity Act 1(EEA1) form.	
TPT Commodity Alignment	
<ul> <li>Company Profile &amp; at least one Reference Letters from end-users</li> </ul>	
TPT Critical Commodity Alignment	
<ul> <li>Company Profile &amp; at least one Reference Letters from end-users</li> </ul>	
Industry Certification & Licensing	
<ul> <li>Industry Certificates, Accreditation and/or Licenses</li> </ul>	
Quality Management System (QMS)	
<ul> <li>Illustration of QMS Process, QMS System, QMS certificate</li> </ul>	
Project Management Capability	
Illustration of Project Management methodology, Examples of Previous	
Projects & References from Previous Projects	
Operational Capacity	
<ul> <li>Asset Register, Fleet Register, list of systems used by business.</li> </ul>	
Operational Capacity	
Organogram & Staff CVs,	
Developmental Potential	

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
General Business Plan	
Location Suitability	
CIPC documents	
Business Infrastructure	
Pictures of business premises demonstrating infrastructure & lease	
agreement or proof of ownership, tools register, IT services contracts.	
Financial Health	
3 years Annual Financial Statements	
Governance & Regulatory Compliance	
Company Policy documents, Company registrations documents, VAT	
registration, Tax Compliance Certificate, CSD registration.	

#### **PART D:**

#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Transnet has implemented a new electronic submission system, the e-Tender Submission Portal, in line with the overall Transnet digitalization strategy where suppliers can view advertised applications, 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:
- a) Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website/ Portal (<u>transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net</u>)
- b) Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;
- c) Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER –to register new bidder information and ensure that all mandatory information is completed) OR;
- d) to sign in if already registered;
- e) Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a bid;
- f) Submit application documents by uploading them into the system against each tender selected.
- g) Respondents are to submit application documents by uploading them onto the Transnet system against each tender selected. An applicant can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.
- h) Applicants should ensure that electronic application submissions are submitted at least a day before the closing date and bidders should not wait for the last hour before the deadline to submit. This is to enable them to timeously address issues which they may encounter due to internet speed, bandwidth or the size

of the number of uploads being submitted. Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of their own technical challenges.

- i) No late submissions will be accepted. The bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net
- j) Each company must register its own profile using its company details and use the corresponding registered profile to log an intent to bid as well as submitting any bid.
- k) Transnet will not accept a application or will disqualify a bidder who submits a bid in the Transnet etender submission through another bidders'/Company's profile. In other words, each bidder must register the intent to bid and submit its bid through its own profile under the same company name that will eventually bid for the tender. No company shall submit a bid on behalf of another company regardless of the company being a subsidiary or holding company.
  - I) In case of a Joint Venture, any of the parties/companies to the Joint Venture may use its registered profile to submit a bid on behalf of the Joint Venture.
  - m) A detailed bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net