

TRANSNET CORPORATE CENTREan Operating Division of **TRANSNET SOC LTD**[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP] [SERVICES]**FOR THE PROVISION & IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC REVERSE AUCTION
SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR**

RFP NUMBER	TCC/2023/10/0001/44948/RFP
ISSUE DATE:	10 October 2023
CLOSING DATE:	01 November 2023
CLOSING TIME:	12:00 PM
BID VALIDITY PERIOD:	180 Business Days from Closing Date

Note to the bidders:

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**RFP FOR THE PROVISION & IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC REVERSE AUCTION SOFTWARE
FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR.****SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM****PART A****INVITATION TO BID****YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSNET CORPORATE CENTRE, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD**

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BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION**RESPONDENTS ARE TO UPLOAD THEIR BID RESPONSE PROPOSALS ONTO THE TRANSNET SYSTEM AGAINST EACH TENDER SELECTED (please refer to section 2, paragraph 3 for a detailed process on how to upload submissions):**<https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net>**BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO**

CONTACT PERSON	Vongani Hlungwani
TELEPHONE NUMBER	011 308 4106
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Vongani.Hlungwani@transnet.net

SUPPLIER INFORMATION

NAME OF BIDDER			
POSTAL ADDRESS			
STREET ADDRESS			
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		
CELLPHONE NUMBER			
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		
E-MAIL ADDRESS			
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER			
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:	OR	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE
			UNIQUE REGISTRATION REFERENCE NUMBER: MAAA
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT	[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Respondent's Signature_____
Date & Company Stamp

[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE B-BBEE ACT]			
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE			
ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS			
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
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.			

PART B

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

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

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

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED:

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

DATE: _____

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

SECTION 2 : NOTICE TO BIDDERS**1 INVITATION TO BID**

Responses to this RFP [hereinafter referred to as a **Bid** or a **Proposal**] are requested from persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as an **entity, Respondent** or **Bidder**].

DESCRIPTION	RFP FOR THE PROVISION & IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC REVERSE AUCTION SOFTWARE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR
TENDER ADVERT	All Transnet tenders are advertised on the National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal and the Transnet website. Should one of these media (i.e. National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal or Transnet website) not be available, bidders are advised to check on the other media for advertised tenders.
RFP DOWNLOADING	<p>This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge.</p> <p>To download RFP and Annexures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click on "Tender Opportunities"; • Select "Advertised Tenders"; • In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd. <p>Once the tender has been in the list, click on the "Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents.</p> <p>The RFP may also be downloaded from the Transnet Portal at https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net (please use Google Chrome to access Transnet link/site) free of charge (<i>refer to section 2, paragraph 3 below for detailed steps</i>)</p>
COMMUNICATION	<p>Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP on the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website with 10 days after the award has been finalised. All unsuccessful bidders have a right to request for reasons for their bid not being successful. This requested must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form</p> <p>Any addenda to the RFP or clarifications will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Bidders are required to check the e-tender portal or Transnet website prior to finalising their bid submissions for any changes or clarifications to the RFP.</p> <p>Transnet will not be held liable if Bidders do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of either being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.</p>
BRIEFING SESSION	<p>Yes Compulsory</p> <p>Bidders are required to confirm their attendance and to send their contact details including the number of representatives (where applicable) to the following address: Vongani.Hlungwani@transnet.net not later than 11H00 on 19 October 2023</p> <p>This is to ensure that Transnet make the necessary arrangements for the briefing session.</p> <p>Refer to paragraph 2 for details.</p>
CLOSING DATE	<p>12:00 pm on Friday 01 November 2023</p> <p>Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system. Generally, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p> <p><i>Bidders are required to ensure that electronic bid submissions are done at least a day before the closing date to prevent issues which</i></p>

	<i>they may encounter due to their internet speed, bandwidth or the size of the number of uploads they are submitting. Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of the technical challenges. Please do not wait for the last hour to submit. A Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.</i>
VALIDITY PERIOD	<p>180 Business Days from Closing Date</p> <p>Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, at the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period. However, once the adjudication body has approved the process and award of the business to the successful bidder(s), the validity of the successful bidder(s)' bid will be deemed to remain valid until a final contract has been concluded.</p> <p>Should a bidder fail to respond to a request for extension of the validity period before it expires, that bidder will be excluded from tender process.</p> <p>With regard to the validity period of next highest ranked bidders, please refer to Section 2, paragraph 10.12</p>

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

2 FORMAL BRIEFING

A compulsory pre-proposal RFP briefing will be conducted via **Microsoft Teams** on the **19 October 2023 at 11H00** for a period of ± 2 hours. The briefing session will start punctually, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late.

2.1 Respondents failing to attend the compulsory RFP briefing will be disqualified.

3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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

a) The Transnet e-Tender Submission Portal can be accessed as follows:

- Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website/ Portal (transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net) Please use **Google Chrome** to access Transnet link/site);
- Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER – for bidder to register their information (must fill in all mandatory information);
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER" - to sign in if already registered;
- Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a bid;
- Submit bid documents by uploading them into the system against each tender selected.
- No late submissions will be accepted. The bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net

4 RFP INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Please sign documents [sign, stamp and date the bottom of each page] before uploading them on the system. The person or persons signing the submission must be legally authorised by the respondent to do so.
- 4.2 **All returnable documents tabled in the Proposal Form [Section 5] must be returned with proposals.**
- 4.3 Unless otherwise expressly stated, all Proposals furnished pursuant to this RFP shall be deemed to be offers. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.

5 JOINT VENTURES OR CONSORTIUMS

Respondents who would wish to respond to this RFP as a Joint Venture [**JV**] or consortium with B-BBEE entities, must state their intention to do so in their RFP submission. Such Respondents must also submit a signed JV or consortium agreement between the parties clearly stating the percentage [%] split of business and the associated responsibilities of each party. If at the time of the bid submission such a JV or consortium agreement has not been concluded, the partners must submit confirmation in writing of their intention to enter into a JV or consortium agreement should they be awarded business by Transnet through this RFP process. This written confirmation must clearly indicate the percentage [%] split of business and the responsibilities of each party. In such cases, award of business will only take place once a signed copy of a JV or consortium agreement is submitted to Transnet.

- Respondents are to note that for the purpose of Evaluation, a JV will be evaluated based on one consolidated B-BBEE score card (a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level verification certificate) Preference points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the specific goals requirements in accordance with the table indicated in Section 8, Clause 4.1 of the specific goals Claim Form.

5. COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 For specific queries relating to this RFP, an RFP Clarification Request Form should be submitted onto the system and to **Vongani Hlungwani** before **12:00 pm on 27 October 2023**, substantially in the form set out in Section 8 hereto. In the interest of fairness and transparency, Transnet's response to such a query will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website.
- 5.2 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate with the **Vongani Hlungwani** at telephone number **011 308 4106**, email **Vongani.hlungwani@transnet.net** on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal.
- 5.3 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.
- 5.4 It is prohibited for Respondents to attempt, either directly or indirectly, to canvass any officer or employee of Transnet in respect of this RFP between the closing date and the date of the award of the business.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP in the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website with 10 days after the award has been finalised. Respondents are required to check the National Treasury e-tender Portal and Transnet website for the results of the tender process. All unsuccessful

bidders have a right to request Transnet to furnish individual reasons for their bid not being successful. This requested must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form

6 **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidence. In this regard Respondents are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure Agreement. All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information related to this RFP or the subsequent contract, written approval must be obtained from Transnet.

7 **COMPLIANCE**

The successful Respondent [hereinafter referred to as the **Service provider** shall be in full and complete compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations.

8 **EMPLOYMENT EQUITY ACT**

Respondents must comply with the requirements of the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998 applicable to it including (but not limited to) Section 53 of the Employment Equity Act.

9 **DISCLAIMERS**

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

- 9.1 modify the RFP's Goods/Services and request Respondents to re-bid on any such changes;
- 9.2 reject any Proposal which does not conform to instructions and specifications which are detailed herein;
- 9.3 disqualify Proposals submitted after the stated submission deadline [closing date];
- 9.4 award a contract in connection with this Proposal at any time after the RFP's closing date;
- 9.5 award a contract for only a portion of the proposed Goods/Services which are reflected in the scope of this RFP;
- 9.6 split the award of the contract between more than one Supplier/Service provider, should it at Transnet's discretion be more advantageous in terms of, amongst others, cost or developmental considerations;
- 9.7 cancel the bid process;
- 9.8 validate any information submitted by Respondents in response to this bid. This would include, but is not limited to, requesting the Respondents to provide supporting evidence. By submitting a bid, Respondents hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to Transnet to do so;
- 9.9 request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 9.10 not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing date and/or after the award of the business, unless the contract specifically provided for it;
- 9.11 to cancel the contract and/request that National Treasury place the Respondent on its Database of Restricted Suppliers for a period not exceeding 10 years, on the basis that a contract was awarded on the strength of incorrect information furnished by the Respondent or on any other basis recognised in law;

9.12 to award the business to the next ranked bidder, provided that he/she is still prepared to provide the required Goods at the quoted price, should the preferred bidder fail to sign or commence with the contract within a reasonable period after being requested to do so. Under such circumstances, the validity of the bids of the next ranked bidder(s) will be deemed to remain valid, irrespective of whether the outcome of the tender has been published the outcome of the bid process on the National Treasury e-tender Portal and Transnet website. Bidders may therefore be requested to advise whether they would still be prepared to provide the required Goods at their quoted price.

Note that Transnet will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with its Proposal, whether or not the Respondent is awarded a contract.

10 LEGAL REVIEW

A Proposal submitted by a Respondent will be subjected to review and acceptance or rejection of its proposed contractual terms and conditions by Transnet's Legal Counsel, prior to consideration for an award of business. A material deviation from the Standard terms or conditions could result in disqualification.

11 SECURITY CLEARANCE

Acceptance of this bid could be subject to the condition that the Successful Respondent, its personnel providing the Goods/Services and its subcontractor(s) must obtain security clearance from the appropriate authorities to the level of **CONFIDENTIAL/ SECRET/TOP SECRET**. Obtaining the required clearance is the responsibility of the Successful Respondent. Acceptance of the bid is also subject to the condition that the Successful Respondent will implement all such security measures as the safe performance of the contract may require.

12 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 mandatory returnable document by the closing date and time of the bid.

13 TAX COMPLIANCE

Respondents must be compliant when submitting a proposal to Transnet and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

It is a condition of this bid that the tax matters of the successful Respondents be in order, or that satisfactory arrangements have been made with South African Revenue Service (SARS) to meet the Respondents tax obligations.

The Tax Compliance status requirements are also applicable to foreign Respondents/ individuals who wish to submit bids.

Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database.

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



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

				
	<p>AI Voice BoT "Jack" Speak to our AI Voice Chat Bot "JACK", you converse with him like chatting to a human, with the option to record a message and speak to an agent at anytime.</p>	<p>What's App Speak to an Agent via What's App.</p>	<p>Speak to an Agent Speak to an Agent via the platform with no call or data charge</p>	<p>Telegram Speak to an Agent via Telegram</p>
 0800 003 056	 086 551 4153	 reportit@ethicshelpdesk.com	 *120*0785980808#	

SECTION 3: BACKGROUND, OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

Transnet seek to appoint a competent service provider for the provision & implementation of the electronic reverse auction software for a period of one (1) Year.

Electronic reverse auction software means an online real-time purchasing technique utilised by the procuring entity to select the successful submission, which involves presentation by bidders/suppliers or contractors of successively lowered bids during a scheduled period and the automatic evaluation of bids.

3 SCOPE

3.1 Transnet is seeking to subscribe for an off-the shelf web-based technology platform to conduct reverse auctions to source suitable goods and commodities. The solution must be delivered as a, Software as a Service (SaaS) cloud-based software, with implementation services and ongoing support and maintenance:

3.2

- a) Period: One (1) year (Annual Subscription Licence)
- b) Number of Users: Annual Licenses for 30 internal Users and unlimited access for external users/ potential bidders for online auctions.

Number of Auctions: Allow use of the tool for an unlimited number of auctions in the twelve (12) month period.

3.3 The system needs to have the following features:

- a) **Uploading Documents:** Ability to upload documents on the system by both internal and external users. For each auction event the RFQ pricing schedule will need to be uploaded into the system as bidders will use this as the basis for their pricing. Uploaded Documents must be securely archived in the system and be accessible to Transnet and its auditors for the duration of electronic Reverse Auction software subscription contract.
- b) **Ability to create closed/restricted auctions to a predetermined list of suppliers:** The software for reverse auctions must enable procurement personnel to pre-register the shortlisted bidders who will be participating in the reverse auction and provide a space to submit their corporate information, including relevant contact information. Suppliers should be able to get a confirmation of pre-registration informing them about the bidding process. The mechanism should restrict participation in the auction to those who have met Transnet's prequalification requirements.
- c) **Security:** Cloud based solution must be secure, private, controlled and maintain the required confidentiality fully compliant to POPI (Protection of Personal Information Act) requirements. Bidders must provide adequate proof of penetration testing and security audits conducted to confirm the level of security of the electronic Reverse Auction software.
- d) **Ability to hold a dummy auction.** A test auction is just as it sounds—suppliers and Transnet run a dummy auction with each individual bidder to test out the functionality of the auction software and get a feel for the overall bidding process. The dummy auction ensures that all invited parties can successfully access the online auction software and place bids. The test auction is generally setup so that it is similar to the live auction, except that the specifications and other information would be for sample purposes only. This allows the participating suppliers to get a feel for the auction layout and prepare their bidding strategy for during the

live auction.

- e) **Compatibility with internet/web browsers:** The required electronic reverse auction software is web-based, for ease of use the solution must be compatible with all latest internet/web browsers – Google Chrome, Safari, Microsoft Edge, Safari, Internet Explorer and Opera.
- f) **Conducting the e-auction:** The system needs to have an ability to conduct the auction automatically. The system should have a clear and concise way for suppliers to submit bids, receive information as the auction goes on, and provide an impartial way for suppliers to compete against one another. The system needs to reveal supplier bid and ranking only on the bidder side and reveal all bidder prices and rankings on the Transnet/buyer side in real time. The system should be able to create individual unique identification codes for each bidder (for example "Bidder A" or "Bidder XYZ" which will be communicated to all participating bidders. The unique identification codes will create the required anonymity to minimise any form of leaking of pricing information from those observing the auction internally to the participating bidders.
- g) **Participation:** The reverse auction is ring-fenced to only bidders that meet the technical/functionality threshold as determined by Transnet's Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC).
- h) **Communication:** The system needs to record all clarification communication that takes place to and from participating suppliers pre-auction, during the auction event and post auction event including functionality to broadcast messages to all participating suppliers when required to do so.
- i) **Ease of Use and Customised Display:** The system should be easy to use as this will determine the adoption rate of the reverse auction tool by users and super users within the organization, as well as be intuitive for ease of response for bidders. Display must have template to accommodate corporate branding, allow customising or white labelling and a unique Transnet domain if required.
- j) **Reporting:** System should be able to provide savings reports i.e. differences between final pricing and reserve pricing or budget pricing and % reduction in pricing per bidder from initial pricing and relative to the lowest priced bidder.

1. GREEN ECONOMY / CARBON FOOTPRINT

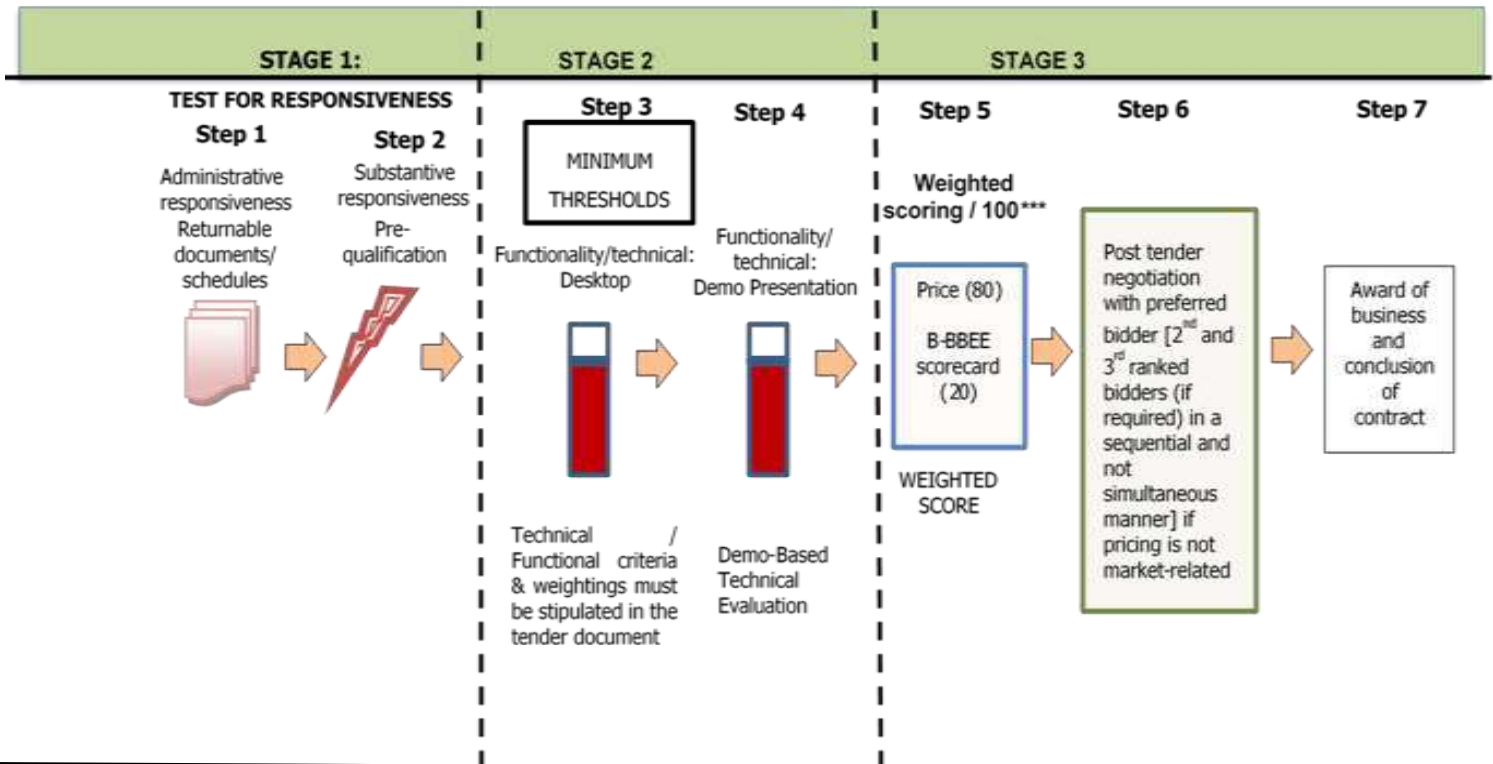
Transnet wishes to have an understanding of your company's position with regard to environmental commitments, including key environmental characteristics such as waste disposal, recycling and energy conservation. *Please submit details of your entity's policies in this regard.*

2. GENERAL SERVICE PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

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

3. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Transnet will utilise the following methodology and criteria in selecting a preferred Service provider:



NB: Evaluation of the various stages will normally take place in a sequential manner. However, in order to expedite the process, Transnet reserves the right to conduct the different steps of the evaluation process in parallel. In such instances the evaluation of bidders at any given stage must not be interpreted to mean that bidders have necessarily passed any previous stage(s).

- STEP ONE: Test for Administrative Responsiveness**

The test for administrative responsiveness will include the following:

Administrative responsiveness check	RFP Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the Bid has been lodged on time 	<i>Section 1 paragraph 3</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether all Returnable Documents and/or schedules [where applicable] returned by the closing date and time 	<i>Section 5</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify if the Bid document has been duly signed by the authorised respondent 	<i>All Sections</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the Bidder has attended a Compulsory Briefing Session 	<i>For Virtual (MS Teams Attendance Register/Chat box respondent Details)</i>

The test for administrative responsiveness [Step One] must be passed for a Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Two for further pre-qualification

- STEP TWO: Test for Substantive Responsiveness to RFP**

The test for substantive responsiveness to this RFP will include the following:

Check for substantive responsiveness	RFP Reference
1. Whether any general and legislation qualification criteria set by Transnet, have been met	<i>All sections including: Section 2 paragraphs, 2.2, 6, 11.2, General Bid Conditions clause 20</i>
2. Whether the Bid contains a priced offer as prescribed in the pricing schedule	<i>Section 4</i>
3. Deployment Method: The solution must be deployed as a cloud-based software hosted and deployed as Software as a Service (SaaS). <i>*Bidder to provide verification that the solution is offered as SaaS and provide a description of the Reverse Auction software and how it is deployed and hosted in the cloud.</i>	<i>Bidders to complete - ANNEXURE HO</i>
4. Bidders to provide proof of Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) Compliance	<i>Annexure H5</i>

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

STEP THREE: Minimum Threshold 70 points for Technical Criteria

The test for the Technical and Functional threshold will include the following:

	Evaluation Criteria	Provide Evidence /Supporting Documents and Include as an Appendix to this Annexure and indicate reference hereunder	Scoring Guide and Points	Maximum Points Achievable
1	Bidder's Previous Experience (RFP DOCUMENT - ANNEXURE H1)	<p>1.1 Bidder provided relevant client references on the company letter head from clients who are/were currently using the software solution. The following minimum verifiable information must be contained in the Reference Letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be on a Company Letter Head with Company name, contact person and details; - Must have Description of services relevant to the reverse auction scope of work & what % of the project value was for reverse auctions; - Must stipulate Contract Value; - Must state rated level of service (poor, good, satisfactory, excellent, etc) and - Must be signed references letter by the client <p><i>For bidders that were subcontracting/JV to other companies, a copy of the contract between the main company and subcontracting/JV company, as proof that such subcontracting/JV on reverse auction did exist. Transnet reserves the right to confirm/verify any such subcontracting/JV agreements).</i></p>	<p>"Three (3) relevant reference letters. The following minimum verifiable information has been provided</p> <p>No reference letters provided/ letters with insufficient information/ letters not relevant to Reverse Auctions/letters not mentioning bidder name = 0 points</p> <p>1 (one) Relevant client Reference Letter with required information = 5 points</p> <p>2 (two) Relevant client Reference Letter 2 with required information = 10 points</p> <p>3 (three) or more Relevant client Reference Letter with required information = 15 points</p>	15
2	Reverse Auctions System Features, Functionality, and Capability Bidders to complete - ANNEXURE H2	<p>2.1 Core Reverse Auction functionality and features:</p> <p>The system should have a clear and concise way for suppliers to submit bids, receive information while the auction is in progress, and provide an impartial way for suppliers to compete against one another. The system needs to reveal supplier bids and ranking only on the bidder side and reveal all bidder prices and rankings on the Transnet/buyer side in real-time. The system should be able to create individual unique identification codes for each bidder (for example "Bidder A" or "Bidder XYZ" which will be communicated to all participating bidders. The unique identification codes will create the required anonymity (mask bidder identity) to minimize any form of leaking of pricing information from those observing the auction internally to the participating bidders.</p> <p><i>*Bidder to submit a written response with screenshots to demonstrate the functionality/ features to meet the requirements.</i></p>	<p>Bidder submitted evidence in the form of screenshots with a write-up of how the system meets the functionality: No evidence submitted = 0 points</p> <p>The system allows suppliers to submit bids and allows for competitive bidding = 4 points</p> <p>The system can reveal supplier bids and ranking only on the bidder side and reveal all bidder prices and rankings on the Transnet/buyer side = 4 points</p> <p>The system allows for unique identification codes for each bidder = 2 points</p>	10

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		<p>2.2 Ability to create closed/restricted auctions to a predetermined list of bidders: The software for reverse auctions must enable procurement personnel to pre-register the shortlisted bidders who will be participating in the reverse auction and provide fields for the bidder to submit their additional information, including relevant contact information. Suppliers should be able to get a confirmation of pre-registration informing them about the bidding process.</p> <p>* Bidder to submit a written response with screenshots to demonstrate the functionality/ features to meet the requirements.</p>	<p>The system does not have the required functionality = 0 Points</p> <p>The system allows for procurement personnel to pre-register and restrict bidders to participate in the reverse auction, however, the bidders cannot populate fields with corporate information = 2 points</p> <p>The system allows for procurement personnel to pre-register and restrict bidders to participate in the reverse auction AND allows the bidders to populate fields with additional bidder information = 5 points</p>	5
		<p>2.3 Uploading Documents: Internal Users/Procurement Personnel must be able to upload documents on the system and External Users/Bidders must also be able to upload pricing schedules and other documents (Word, PDF, Excel).</p> <p>* Bidder to submit a written response with screenshots to demonstrate the functionality/ features to meet the requirements</p>	<p>The system does not allow for document upload by Internal Users/Procurement Personnel and External Users/Bidders = 0 points</p> <p>The system allows the upload of documents only in one format = 2 points</p> <p>The system allows the upload of documents in Word, PDF, and Excel = 5 points</p>	5
		<p>2.4 Security: Cloud-based solutions must be secure, private, and controlled and maintain the required confidentiality fully compliant with POPI (Protection of Personal Information Act) requirements. Bidders must provide adequate proof of penetration testing and security audits conducted to confirm the level of security of the electronic Reverse Auction software.</p> <p>* Bidder to submit, security architecture penetration testing reports and security audits carried out to demonstrate the functionality/ features to meet the requirements.</p>	<p>Bidders submit proof of:</p> <p>Security architecture = 5 Point</p> <p>Penetration testing = 5 points</p> <p>Security Audits= 5 points</p>	15
		<p>2.5 Ability to hold a dummy auction. A test auction is just as it sounds—suppliers and Transnet run a dummy auction with each bidder to test out the functionality of the auction software and get a feel for the overall bidding process. The dummy auction ensures that all invited parties can successfully access the online auction software and place bids. The test auction is generally setup so that it is similar to the live auction, except that the specifications and other information would be for sample purposes only. This allows the participating suppliers to get a feel for the auction layout and prepare their bidding strategy during the live auction. Ability to embed self -help videos and/or tutorials for the bidders to learn and navigate the system.</p> <p>* Bidder to submit a written response with screenshots to demonstrate the</p>	<p>No functionality for dummy reverse auctions functionality = 0 points</p> <p>The software has designated dummy auction functionality, however, no self-help videos and/or tutorials to assist the bidders with navigation = 2 points</p> <p>The software offers dummy reverse auction functionality with self-help videos and/or tutorials to assist the bidders with the navigation = 5 points</p>	5

		functionality/ features to meet the requirements 2.6 Reporting: The system should be able to generate reports to track the progression of the RFP. The savings reports i.e., differences between final pricing and reserve pricing or budget pricing and % reduction in pricing per bidder from initial pricing and relative to the lowest priced bidder. Reports are available in tabular as well as in graphical formats, that are downloadable i.e., Excel and PDF. All background document changes will be captured for audit purpose. * Bidder to submit a written response with sample reports as specified.	Bidder does not submit samples of reports = 0 points Bidder submits a sample of: Savings Report = 2 points Audit logs to audit transactions = 1 point Reports are available in tabular as well as in graphical formats, that are downloadable in Microsoft Excel and PDF = 1 point The system allows for additional custom reports that maybe required by Transnet = 1 point	5
		2.7 System support and Customer Support/ Help Desk: Bidders to provide adequate support of the system to ensure system uptime 24 hours/ 7 working days. Sufficient customer support for end users should be available. * Bidders to provide documented policy for system support, maintenance, and upgrades as well as Customer support.	Policy for system support & Customer 24 hours/ 7 working days support not in place = 0 points Policy for only system support & Customer support 24 hours/ 7 working days presented = 5 points Policy for both system support & Customer support 24 hours/ 7 working days presented = 10 points	10
3	Project Approach and Methodology (Bidders to complete ANNEXURE H3)	3.1 Project Methodology, Plan, and Timelines: Bidder's understanding of the objectives of the assignment translated into project methodology, resource plan, and schedule with clear roles and responsibilities as per the Agile Methodology. * Bidders are to submit project methodology, project plan, resource plan, roles, and responsibility matrix for the implementation timeframe	Bidders are to submit project methodology, project plan, resource plan, roles, and responsibility matrix for the implementation timeframe: Project methodology, schedule with key activities and milestones presented = 5 points Bidders' Implementation Resources/ Team articulated = 3 point Bidders' and Transnet's Roles & responsibilities = 2 point	10
		3.2 Project Implementation Timeframe: Bidder's ability to implement the project within aggressive timelines of less than 02 weeks. * Bidders to submit a project plan for the implementation timeframe	Bidder confirms to complete implementation in more than 4 weeks = 0 points Bidder confirms to complete the Installation, Implementation & training users of the system in more than two (2) weeks or less than four (4) weeks = 2 points Bidder confirms to complete the Installation, Implementation & training users of the system in less than two (2) weeks = 5 points	5

		3.3 Knowledge transfer and training Bidder proposed methodology and provision to conduct adequate training to drive user adoption of the tool. Bidders' commitment to training at least 30 users in classroom training. * Bidders to submit training approach and plan and samples of tools available	No provision for knowledge transfer and training = 0 points Bidders to submit training approach and insert plan for 30 users = 3 points Bidders to submit training approach and insert plan for 30 users and training tools = 5 points	5
4	Bidder's Key Resources Experience (RFP DOCUMENT - ANNEXURE H4)	4.1 Experience of Key Resource: Key Accounts Manager experience as a "Key Accounts Manager" in implementing and managing electronic Reverse Auction Software. Reference projects with relevant experience	Key resource no reference project details provided = 0 points One (1) reference project listed = 2 points Two (2) reference projects listed = 5 points Three (3) reference projects listed = 10 points	10
Total Weighting:				100
Minimum qualifying score required:				70

Respondents are to note that Transnet will round off final technical scores to the nearest 2 (two) decimal places for the purposes of determining whether the technical threshold has been met.

The minimum threshold for technical/functionality [Step Three] must be met or exceeded for a Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Four for final evaluation

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STEP FOUR: Demo

Bidders that have passed phase (1) of the Evaluations, will be required to do an in-person presentation to demonstrate their system's capability. The presentation will be held at Transnet Offices – Carlton Centre Johannesburg.

The breakdown for YES/NO points allocation: 0 = NO does not meet requirements 5 = YES meets all requirements

System Functionality Requirements		YES = 5 or NO = 0	Possible section maximum score
1	Reverse Auction Process Administration		20
1.1	Can the bidders download pricing templates, populate and re-upload them onto the system in XLS?		
1.2	Can pricing schedules be uploaded to the system by bidders?		
1.3	Is the maximum document size per upload equal to or greater than 20 MB?		
1.4	Are these loaded as XLS/CSV, or as bulk uploads to prepopulate pricing fields to enable scoring?		
2	Dummy Reverse Auction		10
2.1	Can the system conduct a dummy auction?		
2.2	Does the system have inbuilt tutorials for bidders (external users) and procurement personnel (internal users) for self-help?		55
3	Conducting the Reverse Auction		
3.1	Is the system capable of conducting the reverse e-auction?		
3.2	The system allows for different types of Reverse Auctions to be conducted on the system – Ranked Auctions, Open Auctions, Japanese Auctions, etc.		
3.3	Can multiple auctions be carried out at the same time? E.g., Business Unit 1 – runs Office Stationery Auction while Business Unit 2 – runs Widgets Auction.		
3.4	Does the system allow for the event to be cloned, edited, and renamed – during and after post event?		
3.5	Are price ceilings by Supplier Supported (supplier-specific starting prices)		
3.6	Can the user specify a floor price so that suppliers do not bid too low?		
3.7	Does the solution allow events with many line items e.g., 1000 supporting both price and non-price attributes?		
3.8	Does the system allow for the user to set bid preferences such as bids per geography/region?		
3.9	Does the solution support overtime/bid period extension? Can the overtime be triggered by supplier ranks/bid proximity?		
3.10	Does the system allow the user to establish the minimum bid decrement by either value of percentage?		
3.11	Does the solution have tied bid (i.e., where two or more bidders have made the same offer) controls available?		
4	Participation		25
4.1	The ability for the system to include only invited bidders?		
4.2	On an emergency basis, how quickly can an alternative bidder's representative be assigned/registered on the system?		
4.3	Should the bidder lose connectivity during the Auction, are they able to re-join while the Auction is in progress?		
4.4	Is the system compatible with multiple web-browsers?		
4.5	Does the system have a countdown clock visible to bidders and users showing the time remaining?		15
5	Communication		
5.1	Can the system allow the bidders to agree on terms such as confidentiality before proceeding with the reverse auction?		

5.2	Can the system record all clarification communication that takes place to and from participating suppliers pre-auction, during the auction event and post-auction event?		
5.3	Can the system broadcast a message to all participating bidders?		
6	Ease of Use and Customised Display		
6.1	Does the system have the template to accommodate corporate branding, and allow customising or white labeling?		10
6.2	Does the system show the configuration options on screens for the users and bidders?		
7	Reporting		
7.1	Can the system generate the results of the auction including a savings report?		20
7.2	Show standard report templates already configured in the system.		
7.3	Does the system allow for reports to be generated in multiple formats (XLS, PDF, WORD, and others)?		
7.4	Can the reports highlight potential conflicts/corruption indicators?		
Possible Maximum Points		100%	155
Minimum Threshold of		70%	108.5

The minimum threshold for Demo must 70% for the Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Five for final evaluation.

STEP FIVE: Evaluation and Final Weighted Scoringa) **Price and TCO Criteria** [Weighted score 80 points]:

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

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

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

Where:

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

b) **Specific Goals** [Weighted score 20 points]

- Specific goals preference points claim form.
- Preference points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the specific goals requirements in accordance with the table indicated in Section 8, Clause 4.1 of the specific goals Claim Form.

• **SUMMARY: Applicable Thresholds and Final Evaluated Weightings**

Thresholds	Minimum Threshold
Technical / functionality	70
Demo	70

Evaluation Criteria	Final Weighted Scores
Price and Total Cost of Ownership	80
Specific goals - Scorecard	20
TOTAL SCORE:	100

• **STEP SIX: Post Tender Negotiations (if applicable)**

- Respondents are to note that Transnet may not award a contract if the price offered is not market related. In this regard, Transnet reserves the right to engage in Post Tender Negotiations (PTN) with the view to achieving a market-related price or to cancel the tender. Negotiations will be done in a sequential manner i.e.:
 - first negotiate with the highest ranked bidder or cancel the bid, should such negotiations fail,
 - negotiate with the 2nd and 3rd ranked bidders (if required) in a sequential manner.

- In the event of any Respondent being notified of such short-listed/preferred bidder status, his/her bid, as well as any subsequent negotiated best and final offers (BAFO), will automatically be deemed to remain valid during the negotiation period and until the ultimate award of business.
- Should Transnet conduct post tender negotiations, Respondents will be requested to provide their best and final offers to Transnet based on such negotiations. Where a market related price has been achieved through negotiation, the contract will be awarded to the successful Respondent(s).

• **STEP SIX: Objective Criteria (if applicable)**

- Transnet reserves the right to award the business to the highest scoring bidder/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another bidder. The objective criteria Transnet may apply in this bid process include:
- All Risks identified during a risk assessment exercise/probity check (which may be conducted by an authorised third party) that would be done to assess all risks, including but not limited to:
- The financial stability of the bidder based on key ratio analysis, which would include, but not be limited to Efficiency, Profitability, Financial Risk, Liquidity, Acid Test, and Solvency.
- A commercial relationship with a Domestic Prominent Influential Person (DPIP) or Foreign Prominent Public Official (FPPO) or an entity of which such person or official is the beneficial owner; and the tenderer:
- is not under restrictions, or has principals who are under restrictions, preventing participating in the employer's procurement,
- is not undergoing a process of being restricted by Transnet or other state institution that Transnet may be aware of,
- can, as necessary and in relation to the proposed contract, demonstrate that he or she possesses the professional and technical qualifications, professional and technical competence, financial resources, equipment and other physical facilities, managerial capability, reliability, experience and reputation, expertise and the personnel, to perform the contract,
- has the legal capacity to enter into the contract
- is not insolvent, in receivership, under Business Rescue as provided for in chapter 6 of the Companies Act, 2008, bankrupt or being wound up, has his affairs administered by a court or a judicial officer, has suspended his business activities, or is subject to legal proceedings in respect of any of the foregoing,
- complies with the legal requirements, if any, stated in the tender data and
- is able, in the option of the employer to perform the contract free of conflicts of interest.

• **STEP SEVEN: Award of business and conclusion of contract**

- Immediately after approval to award the contract has been received, the successful bidder(s) will be informed of the acceptance of his/their Bid by way of a Letter of Award. Thereafter the final contract will be concluded with the successful Respondent(s).
- A final contract will be concluded and entered into with the successful Bidder at the acceptance of a letter of award by the Respondent.

SECTION 4: PRICING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Respondents are required to complete the table below:

Item Number	Item Description	UOM	Annual Cost		
			QTY	Unit Price (incl. VAT)	Total Price (incl. VAT)
1.1.1	Annual Subscription License Cost per user per annum	per user	1		
1.1.2	Annual Subscription License Cost per user's batch per annum	per batch	30 internal users		
1.2.1	Annual Support & Maintenance per user per annum	per user	1		
1.2.2	Annual Support & Maintenance per user per user's batch per annum	Per batch	30 internal users		
1.3	Project Implementation including Training for 30 internal users – 2 weeks	Once-off	1		

Respondents are to note that Transnet will round off final pricing scores to the nearest 2 (two) decimal places.

Notes to Pricing:

- a) Respondents are to note that if the price offered by the highest-scoring bidder is not market-related, Transnet may not award the contract to that Respondent. Transnet may-
 - (i) negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the highest points or cancel the RFP;
 - (ii) if that Respondent does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the second highest points or cancel the RFP;
 - (iii) if the Respondent scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market-related price, negotiate a market-related price with the Respondent scoring the third highest points or cancel the RFP.

If a market-related price is not agreed with the Respondent scoring the third highest points, Transnet must cancel the RFP.
- b) Prices must be quoted in South African Rand inclusive of VAT.
- c) To facilitate like-for-like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this pricing schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule could result in a bid being declared non-responsive.

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1. DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACT INFORMATION**PRICES TENDERED**

Respondents are to note that, on award of business, Transnet is required to publish the tendered prices of the successful and unsuccessful Respondents *inter alia* on the National Treasury e-Tender Publication Portal, (www.etenders.gov.za), as required per National Treasury Instruction Note 01 of 2015/2016.

JOHANNESBURG STOCK EXCHANGE DEBT LISTING REQUIREMENTS

Transnet may also be required to disclose information relating to the subsequent contract i.e. the name of the company, goods/services provided by the company, the value and duration of the contract, etc. in compliance with the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Debt Listing Requirements.

DOMESTIC PROMINENT INFLUENTIAL PERSONS (DPIP) OR FOREIGN PROMINENT PUBLIC OFFICIALS (FPPO)

Transnet is free to procure the services of any person within or outside the Republic of South Africa in accordance with applicable legislation. Transnet shall not conduct or conclude business transactions, with any Respondents without having:

- Considered relevant governance protocols;
- Determined the DPIP or FPPO status of that counterparty; and
- Conducted a risk assessment and due diligence to assess the potential risks that may be posed by the business relationship.

As per the Transnet Domestic Prominent Influential Persons (DPIP) and Foreign Prominent Public Officials (FPPO) and Related Individuals Policy available on Transnet website <https://www.transnet.net/search/pages/results.aspx?k=FPIDP#k=DPIP>, Respondents are required to disclose any commercial relationship with a DPIP or FPPO (as defined in the Policy) by completing the following section:

The below form contains personal information as defined in the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (the "Act"). By completing the form, the signatory consents to the processing of her/his personal information in accordance with the requirements of the Act. Consent cannot unreasonably be withheld.						
Is the Respondent (Complete with a "Yes" or "No")						
A DPIP/FPPO		Closely Related to a DPIP/FPPO		Closely Associated to a DPIP/FPPO		
List all known business interests, in which a DPIP/FPPO may have a direct/indirect interest or significant participation or involvement.						
No	Name of Entity / Business	Role in the Entity / Business (Nature of interest/ Participation)	Shareholding %	Registration Number	Status (Mark the applicable option with an X)	
					Active	Non-Active
1						
2						
3						

Respondents declaring a commercial relationship with a DPIIP or FPPO are to note that Transnet is required to annually publish on its website a list of all business contracts entered into with DPIIP or FPPO. This list will include successful Respondents, if applicable.

2. RISK

Respondents must elaborate on the control measures put in place by their entity, which would mitigate the risk to Transnet pertaining to potential non-performance by the Respondent, in relation to:

2.1 Quality and specification of Services delivered:

2.2 Continuity of supply:

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

SIGNED at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20__

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

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SECTION 5: PROPOSAL FORM AND LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

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

carrying on business trading/operating as

represented by _____

in my capacity as _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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expense to which it may have been put in calling for Proposals afresh and/or having to accept any less favourable Proposal.

Furthermore, I/we agree to a penalty clause/s which will allow Transnet to invoke a penalty against us for non-compliance with material terms of this RFP including the delayed delivery of the Goods/Services due to non-performance by ourselves, , etc.

I/we agree that non-compliance with any of the material terms of this RFP, including those mentioned above, will constitute a material breach of contract and provide Transnet with cause for cancellation.

ADDRESS FOR NOTICES

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern any contract created by the acceptance of this RFP. The *domicilium citandi et executandi* shall be a place in the Republic of South Africa to be specified by the Respondent hereunder, at which all legal documents may be served on the Respondent who shall agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of South Africa. Foreign Respondents shall, therefore, state hereunder the name of their authorised representative in the Republic of South Africa who has the power of attorney to sign any contract which may have to be entered into in the event of their Proposal being accepted and to act on their behalf in all matters relating to such contract.

Respondent to indicate the details of its *domicilium citandi et executandi* hereunder:

Name of Entity:

Facsimile: _____

Address: _____

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD OF RFP

As soon as possible after approval to award the contract(s), the successful Respondent [**Service provider**] will be informed of the acceptance of its Proposal. Transnet will also publish the outcome of the tender, including successful and unsuccessful bidders, in the National Treasury e-tender portal. Any unsuccessful bidder has a right to request reasons for the bid not to be successful and Transnet has a duty to provide those reasons on receipt of the request from the bidder.

VALIDITY PERIOD

Transnet requires a validity period of 180 Business Days [from closing date] against this RFP, excluding the first day and including the last day.

NAME(S) AND ADDRESS / ADDRESSES OF DIRECTOR(S) OR MEMBER(S)

The Respondent must disclose hereunder the full name(s) and address(s) of the director(s) or members of the company or close corporation [**C.C.**] on whose behalf the RFP is submitted.

(i) Registration number of company / C.C. _____

(ii) Registered name of company / C.C. _____

(iii)	Full name(s) of director/member(s)	Address/Addresses	ID Number(s)
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RETURABLE DOCUMENTS

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

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

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

a) Mandatory Returnable Documents

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

MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
SECTION 4 : Pricing and Delivery Schedule	
SECTION 6: Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents	
SECTION 1: SBD1 Form	
Annexure H0: SaaS Verification	

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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:

Insert any documents to be used for the technical evaluation that will not result in disqualification but a score of zero for that aspect of the technical evaluation, e.g., number of references or CVs required.

<u>RETURABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING</u>	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
ANNEXURE F: Respondent's valid proof of evidence to claim points for compliance with Specific Goals' requirements as stipulated in Section 9 of this RFP (Valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn-Affidavit as per DTIC guidelines)	
Annexure H1: Bidder's Experience	
Annexure H2: Reverse Auctions System Features, Functionality and Capability	
Annexure H3: Project Approach and Methodology	
Annexure H4: Bidder's Key Resources	

c) Essential Returnable Documents:

Over and the above the requirements of section (a) and (b) mentioned above, Respondents are further required to submit with their Proposals the following **Essential Returnable Documents** and also to confirm submission of these documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

<u>ESSENTIAL RETURABLE DOCUMENTS & SCHEDULES</u>	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
ANNEXURE A MASTER AGREEMENT	
ANNEXURE B TRANSNET'S GENERAL BID CONDITIONS	
ANNEXURE C TRANSNET'S SUPPLIER INTEGRITY PACT	
ANNEXURE D NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT	
ANNEXURE E: TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS AND PIN	
ANNEXURE G: In the case of Joint Ventures, a copy of the Joint Venture Agreement or written confirmation of the intention to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement	
SECTION 5: Proposal Form and List of Returnable documents	
SECTION 8: RFP Declaration and Breach of Law Form	
SECTION 9: B-BBEE Preference Claim Form	
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Annexure E:

Bidder to attach TAX compliance status and PIN

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

ANNEXURE F:

Bidder to attach valid proof of evidence to claim points for compliance with Specific Goals' requirements as stipulated in Section 9 of this RFP (Valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn- Affidavit as per DTIC guidelines)

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

Annexure G:

In the case of Joint Ventures, the Bidder is to attach a copy of the Joint Venture Agreement or written confirmation of the intention to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

Annexure H0:
Test for Substantive Responsiveness
Deployment Method – SaaS Verification

Bidder to complete and submit returnable document Annexure H0

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

Annexure H1:
Bidder's Experience

Bidder to provide relevant client references on the company letter head from clients who are/were currently using the software solution.

NB: Reference letter not complying with the following requirements will NOT be considered for evaluation:

- Reference letter must be on the Company Letter Head with Company name, contact person and details;
- Description of services relevant to the reverse auction scope of work & what % of the project value was for reverse auctions;
- Contract Value;
- The rated level of service (poor, good, satisfactory, excellent, etc) and
- Signed references letter by the client

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

Annexure H2:
Reverse Auctions System Features, Functionality, and Capability

Bidder to complete returnable document Annexure H2

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

Annexure H3:
Project Approach and Methodology

Bidder to complete returnable document Annexure H3

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

Annexure H4:
Bidder's Key Resources Experience

Name and Surname						
Proposed Position				Key Account Manager		
Professional Membership						
Date of Birth						
Nationality						
Qualification						
NQF Level						
Employer	Client	Client (Name, Number, address)	Contact Contact Email	Scope of work Description	Scope of work Value	Scope of Work Duration (From- To)

Bidder must complete the tables above, Bidders who substitute the above table with their document/ table/CVs, etc, must ensure that their substitute document/table, etc include the same heading specified in the table

NB: Documents/tables etc that do not contain the provided heading before may not be clear for evaluation, and thus lead to disqualification.

 Respondent's Signature

 Date & Company Stamp

CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The successful Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its valid proof of B-BBEE status, for the duration of any contract emanating from this RFP. Should the Respondent be awarded the contract [**the Agreement**] and fail to present Transnet with such renewals as and when they become due, Transnet shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies that it may have in terms of the eventual Agreement, to terminate such Agreement immediately without any liability and without prejudice to any claims which Transnet may have for damages against the Respondent.

SIGNED at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20__

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

SECTION 6: CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFP, MASTER AGREEMENT & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

By signing this certificate the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with, and agrees with all the conditions governing this RFP. This includes those terms and conditions contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof, including but not limited to the documents stated below. As such, Transnet SOC Ltd will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such term or condition or failed properly to take it into account for the purpose of calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:

Transnet's General Bid Conditions
Master Agreement
Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact
Non-disclosure Agreement

Note: Should a Respondent be successful and awarded the bid, they will be required to complete a Supplier Declaration Form for registration as a vendor onto the Transnet vendor master database.

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in the RFP unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted Bid. Any such submission shall be subject to review by Transnet's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be. A material deviation from any term or condition may result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid to which they intend to respond on, before submitting the bid. **The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim or cause of action based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFP was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.**

The bidder understands that his/her Bid will be disqualified if the Certificate of Acquaintance with RFP documents included in the RFP as a returnable document, is found not to be true and complete in every respect.

SIGNED at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20__

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

SECTION 7: RFP DECLARATION AND BREACH OF LAW FORM

NAME OF ENTITY: _____

We _____ do hereby certify that:

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

Respondent's Signature_____
Date & Company Stamp

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

ADDRESS:

Indicate nature of relationship with Transnet:

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

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

BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE (SBD4)

12 PURPOSE OF THE FORM

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

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

13 Bidder's declaration

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

YES/NO

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

Full Name	Identity Number	Name of State institution

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

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

YES/NO

13.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:

.....
.....

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

YES/NO

13.3.1. If so, furnish particulars:

.....
.....

14 DECLARATION

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

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

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

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

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

- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.
- 14.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.
- 14.7 I am aware that, in addition and without prejudice to any other remedy provided to combat any restrictive practices related to bids and contracts, bids that are suspicious will be reported to the Competition Commission for investigation and possible imposition of administrative penalties in terms of section 59 of the Competition Act No 89 of 1998 and or may be reported to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for criminal investigation and or may be restricted from conducting business with the public sector for a period not exceeding ten (10) years in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004 or any other applicable legislation.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 and 14 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE STATE MAY REJECT THE BID OR ACT AGAINST ME IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PFMA SCM INSTRUCTION 03 OF 2021/22 ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ABUSE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD THIS DECLARATION PROVE TO BE FALSE.

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

BREACH OF LAW

We further hereby certify that *I/we* (the bidding entity and/or any of its directors, members or partners) ***have/have not been*** [delete as applicable] found guilty during the preceding 5 [five] years of a serious breach of law, including but not limited to a breach of the Competition Act, 89 of 1998, by a court of law, tribunal or other administrative body. The type of breach that the Respondent is required to disclose excludes relatively minor offences or misdemeanours, e.g. traffic offences. This includes the imposition of an administrative fine or penalty.

Where found guilty of such a serious breach, please disclose:

NATURE OF BREACH:

DATE OF BREACH: _____

Furthermore, I/we acknowledge that Transnet SOC Ltd reserves the right to exclude any Respondent from the bidding process, should that person or entity have been found guilty of a serious breach of law, tribunal or regulatory obligation.

SIGNED at _____ on this ____ day of _____ 20__

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

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

SECTION 8 : SPECIFIC GOALS POINTS CLAIM FORM

This preference form must form part of all bids invited. It contains general information and serves as a claim for preference points for specific goals Contribution. Transnet will award preference points to companies who provide valid proof of evidence of as per the table below.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF SPECIFIC GOALS, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK ACT, 2000.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1.1 The following preference point systems are applicable to all bids:

- the 80/20 system for requirements with a Rand value of up to R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included); and
- the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).

1.2 The value of this bid is estimated to not exceed R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included) and therefore the 80/20 preference point system shall be applicable. Despite the stipulated preference point system, Transnet shall use the lowest acceptable bid to determine the applicable preference point system in a situation where all received acceptable bids are received outside the stated preference point system.

1.3 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:

- (a) Price;
- (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution; and
- (c) Any other specific goal determined in Transnet preferential procurement policy.

1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	20
Total points for Price and Specific Goals must not exceed	100

1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of evidence for any of the specific goals together with the bid will be interpreted to mean that preference points are not claimed.

1.6 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, either before a bid is adjudicated or at any time subsequently, to substantiate any claim in regard to preferences, in any manner required by the purchaser.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (a) **"all applicable taxes"** includes value-added tax, pay as you earn, income tax, unemployment insurance fund contributions and skills development levies;
- (b) **"B-BBEE"** means broad-based black economic empowerment as defined in section 1 of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;
- (c) **"B-BBEE status level of contributor"** means the B-BBEE status received by a measured entity based on its overall performance using the relevant scorecard contained in the Codes of Good Practice on Black Economic Empowerment, issued in terms of section 9(1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act;

- (d) **"Ownership"** means 51% black ownership
- (e) **"bid"** means a written offer in a prescribed or stipulated form in response to an invitation by an organ of state for the supply/provision of services, works or goods, through price quotations, advertised competitive bidding processes or proposals;
- (f) **"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act"** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (g) **"EME"** means an Exempted Micro Enterprise as defines by Codes of Good Practice under section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (h) **"functionality"** means the ability of a bidder to provide goods or services in accordance with specification as set out in the bid documents
- (i) **"Price"** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts.
- (j) **"Proof of B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor"**
 - i) the B-BBEE status level certificate issued by an authorised body or person;
 - ii) a sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice; or
 - iii) any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act.
- (k) **"QSE"** means a Qualifying Small Enterprise as defines by Codes of Good Practice under section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (l) **"rand value"** means the total estimated value of a contract in South African currency, calculated at the time of bid invitations, and includes all applicable taxes and excise duties.
- (m) **"Specific goals"** means targeted advancement areas or categories of persons or groups either previously disadvantaged or falling within the scope of the Reconstruction and Development Programme identified by Transnet to be given preference in allocation of procurement contracts in line with section 2(1) of the PPPFA.

3. POINTS AWARDED FOR PRICE

3.1 THE 80/20 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

$$P_s = 80 \left(1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

- P_s = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration
- P_t = Comparative price of bid under consideration
- P_{\min} = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

In terms of Transnet Preferential Procurement Policy (TPPP) and Procurement Manuals, the following preference points must be awarded to a bidder who provides the relevant required evidence for claiming points

Selected Specific Goal	Number of points allocated (80/20)
B-BBEE Level of contributor 1	20
B-BBEE Level of contributor 2	18
Non-Compliant and/or B-BBEE Level 3-8 contributors	0

4. EVIDENCE REQUIRED FOR CLAIMING SPECIFIC GOALS

- 4.1 In terms of Transnet Preferential Procurement Policy (TPPP) and Procurement Manuals, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for providing evidence in accordance with the table below:

Specific Goals	Acceptable Evidence
B-BBEE	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline

- 4.2 The table below indicates the required proof of B-BBEE status depending on the category of enterprises:

Enterprise	B-BBEE Certificate & Sworn Affidavit
Large	Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency
QSE	Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency Sworn Affidavit signed by the authorised QSE representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths confirming annual turnover and black ownership (only black-owned QSEs - 51% to 100% Black owned) [Sworn affidavits must substantially comply with the format that can be obtained on the DTI's website at www.dti.gov.za/economic_empowerment/bee_codes.jsp .]
EME³	Sworn Affidavit signed by the authorised EME representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths confirming annual turnover and black ownership Certificate issued by CIPC (formerly CIPRO) confirming annual turnover and black ownership Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency only if the EME is being measured on the QSE scorecard

- 4.3 A trust, consortium or joint venture (including unincorporated consortia and joint ventures) must submit a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level verification certificate for every separate bid.
- 4.4 Tertiary Institutions and Public Entities will be required to submit their B-BBEE status level certificates in terms of the specialized scorecard contained in the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice.
- 4.5 A person will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that

does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

- 4.6 A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.
- 4.7 Bidders are to note that the rules pertaining to B-BBEE verification and other B-BBEE requirements may be changed from time to time by Transnet or regulatory bodies such as National Treasury or the DTI. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ensure that his/her bid complies fully with all B-BBEE requirements at the time of the submission of the bid.

5. BID DECLARATION

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

6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 6.1

- 6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: . =(maximum of 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 6.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

7. SUB-CONTRACTING

- 7.1 Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?

(***Tick applicable box***)

YES		NO	
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- 7.1.1 If yes, indicate:

- i) What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- ii) The name of the sub-contractor.....
- iii) The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE.

(***Tick applicable box***)

YES		NO	
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with any of the following enterprises:

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:	EME ✓	QSE ✓
Black people		
Black people who are youth		
Black people who are women		
Black people with disabilities		
Black people living in rural or underdeveloped areas or townships		
Cooperative owned by black people		
Black people who are military veterans		
OR		
Any EME		
Any QSE		

8. DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO COMPANY/FIRM

- 8.1 Name of company/firm:.....
- 8.2 VAT registration number:.....
- 8.3 Company registration number:.....

8.4 TYPE OF COMPANY/ FIRM

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

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.....

8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

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

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....**8.8 I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contribution indicated in paragraphs 1.4 and 6.1 of the foregoing certificate, qualifies the company/ firm for the preference(s) shown and I / we acknowledge that:**

- i) The information furnished is true and correct;
- ii) The preference points claimed are in accordance with the General Conditions as indicated in paragraph 1 of this form;
- iii) In the event of a contract being awarded as a result of points claimed as shown in paragraph 1.4 and 6.1, the contractor may be required to furnish documentary proof to the satisfaction of the purchaser that the claims are correct;
- iv) If a bidder submitted false information regarding its B-BBEE status level of contributor or any other matter required in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 which will affect or has affected the evaluation of a bid the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have
- (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - (d) if the successful bidder subcontracted a portion of the bid to another person without disclosing it, Transnet reserves the right to penalise the bidder up to 10 percent of the value of the contract;
 - (e) recommend that the bidder or contractor, its shareholders and directors, or only the shareholders and directors who acted on a fraudulent basis, be restricted by the National Treasury from obtaining business from any organ of state for a period not exceeding 10 years, after the audi alteram partem (hear the other side) rule has been applied; and
 - (f) forward the matter for criminal prosecution.

WITNESSES

1.
2.

Respondent's Signature

.....

SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS.....

Date & 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 RFP, the Responsible party is “Transnet” and the Data subject is the “Respondent”. Transnet will process personal information only with the knowledge and authorisation of the Respondent and will treat personal information which comes to its knowledge as confidential and will not disclose it, unless so required by law or subject to the exceptions contained in the POPIA.

4. Transnet reserves all the rights afforded to it by the POPIA in the processing of any of its information as contained in this RFP and the Respondent is required to comply with all prescripts as detailed in the POPIA relating to all information concerning Transnet.

5. In responding to this bid, Transnet acknowledges that it will obtain and have access to personal information of the Respondent. Transnet agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Respondent in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law.

6. Transnet further agrees that in submitting any information or documentation requested in this RFP, the Respondent is consenting to the further processing of their personal information for the purpose of, but not limited to, risk assessment, assurances, contract award, contract management, auditing, legal opinions/litigations, investigations (if applicable), document storage for the legislatively required period, destruction, de-identification and publishing of personal information by Transnet and/or its authorised appointed third parties.

7. Furthermore, Transnet will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal data submitted by the Respondent or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any third party without the prior written consent from the Respondent. Similarly, Transnet requires the Respondent to process any personal information disclosed by Transnet in the bidding process in the same manner.

8. Transnet shall, at all times, ensure compliance with any applicable laws put in place and maintain sufficient measures, policies and systems to manage and secure against all forms of risks to any information that may be shared or accessed pursuant to this RFP (physically, through a computer or any other form of electronic communication).

9. Transnet shall notify the Respondent in writing of any unauthorised access to information, cybercrimes or suspected cybercrimes, in its knowledge and report such crimes or suspected crimes to the relevant authorities in accordance with applicable laws, after becoming aware of such crimes or suspected crime. The Respondent must take all necessary remedial steps to mitigate the extent of the loss or compromise of personal information and to restore the integrity of the affected personal information as quickly as is possible.
10. The Respondent may, in writing, request Transnet to confirm and/or make available any personal information in its possession in relation to the Respondent and if such personal information has been accessed by third parties and the identity thereof in terms of the POPIA. The Respondent may further request that Transnet correct (excluding critical/mandatory or evaluation information), delete, destroy, withdraw consent or object to the processing of any personal information relating to the Respondent in Transnet's possession in terms of the provision of the POPIA and utilizing Form 2 of the POPIA Regulations.
11. In submitting any information or documentation requested in this RFP, the Respondent is hereby consenting to the processing of their personal information for the purpose of this RFP and further confirming that they are aware of their rights in terms of Section 5 of POPIA

Respondents are required to provide consent below:

YES		NO	
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12. Further, the Respondent declares that they have obtained all consents pertaining to other data subject's personal information included in its submission and thereby indemnifying Transnet against any civil or criminal action, administrative fines or other penalty or loss that may arise as a result of the processing of any personal information that the Respondent submitted.
13. The Respondent declares that the personal information submitted for the purpose of this RFP is complete, accurate, not misleading, is up to date and may be updated where applicable.

Signature of Respondent's authorised representative: _____

Should a Respondent have any complaints or objections to processing of its personal information, by Transnet, the Respondent can submit a complaint to the Information Regulator on <https://www.justice.gov.za/inforeg/>, click on contact us, click on complaints.IR@justice.gov.za