

Transnet Pipelines

an Operating Division **TRANSNET SOC LTD**

[Registration Number 1990/000900/30]

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

FOR THE DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, AND COMMISSIONING OF A SOLAR PV RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT AT TRANSNET PIPELINES ALRODE AND LADYSMITH WORKSHOPS

RFP NUMBER	: TPL/2022/02/0070/RFP
ISSUE DATE	: 31 May 2023
COMPULSORY BRIEFING	: 14 & 15 June 2023
CLOSING DATE	: 29 June 2023
CLOSING TIME	: 12h00pm
TENDER VALIDITY PERIOD	: 12 weeks from closing date

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T1.1 TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER

SECTION 1: NOTICE TO TENDERERS

1. INVITATION TO TENDER

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

DESCRIPTION	THE DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, AND COMMISSIONING OF A SOLAR PV RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT AT TRANSNET PIPELINES ALRODE AND LADYSMITH WORKSHOPS
TENDER DOWNLOADING	This Tender may be downloaded directly from the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za and the Transnet website at https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net (please use Google Chrome to access Transnet link) FREE OF CHARGE.

COMPULSORY TENDER CLARIFICATION MEETINGS	Compulsory Tender Clarification Meetings will be conducted at Transnet Pipelines Alrode Workshop and Ladysmith Workshop on the 14th and 15th of June 2023 respectively as detailed below. Each meeting will be for a period of $\pm$ 4 (four) hours. [Tenderers to provide own transportation and accommodation]. The Compulsory Tender Clarification Meetings will start punctually, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Tenderers arriving late. Tenderers are required to attend both meetings in both sites. Failure to attend the meeting in one of the sites will result in a disqualification. Details of the meetings are as follows: Meeting 1 ▪ Date: 14 June 2023 ▪ Time: 11h00am ▪ Meeting Site: Alrode Workshops Meeting 2 ▪ Date: 15 June 2023 ▪ Time: 11h00am ▪ Meeting Site: Ladysmith Workshops
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	A Site visit/walk will take place, tenderers are to note: • Tenderers are required to wear safety shoes, goggles, long sleeve shirts, high visibility vests and hard hats. • Tenderers without the recommended PPE will not be allowed on the site walk. • Tenderers and their employees, visitors, clients and customers entering Transnet Offices, Depots, Workshops and Stores will have to undergo breathalyser testing. • All forms of firearms are prohibited on Transnet properties and premises. • The relevant persons attending the meeting must ensure that their identity documents, passports or drivers licences are on them for inspection at the access control gates. Certificates of Attendance in the form set out in the Returnable Schedules T2.2-01 a) and T2.2-01 b) hereto must be completed and submitted with your Tender as proof of attendance is required for compulsory site meetings. Tenderers are required to bring these Returnable Schedules T2.2-01 a) and T2.2-01 b) to the Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting to be signed by the Employer's Representative. Tenderers failing to attend the compulsory tender briefing in one of two sites will be disqualified.
CLOSING DATE	12:00pm on 29 June 2023 Tenderers must ensure that tenders are uploaded timeously onto the system. If a tender is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.

2. TENDER SUBMISSION

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

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

Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website (<https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net>);

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- 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.
 - **Tenderers are required to ensure that electronic bid submissions are done at least a day before the closing date to prevent issues which they may encounter due to their internet speed, bandwidth or the size of the number of uploads they are submitting. Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of the technical challenges. Please do not wait for the last hour to submit. A Tenderer can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.**
- b) The tender offers to this tender will be opened as soon as possible after the closing date and time. Transnet shall not, at the opening of tenders, disclose to any other company any confidential details pertaining to the Tender Offers / information received, i.e. pricing, delivery, etc. The names and locations of the Tenderers will be divulged to other Tenderers upon request.
- c) Submissions must not contain documents relating to any Tender other than that shown on the submission.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

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

4. DISCLAIMERS

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

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- 4.1. Award the business to the highest scoring Tenderer/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another tenderer.
 - 4.2. Not necessarily accept the lowest priced tender or an alternative Tender;
 - 4.3. Go to the open market if the quoted rates (for award of work) are deemed unreasonable;
 - 4.4. Should the Tenderers be awarded business on strength of information furnished by the Tenderer, which after conclusion of the contract is proved to have been incorrect, Transnet reserves the right to terminate the contract;
 - 4.5. Request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
 - 4.6. Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Tenderer to the tender rates after the closing date;
 - 4.7. Verify any information supplied by a Tenderer by submitting a tender, the Tenderer/s hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to the Transnet to do so;
 - 4.8. Conduct the evaluation process in parallel. The evaluation of Tenderers at any given stage must therefore not be interpreted to mean that Tenderers have necessarily passed any previous stage(s);
 - 4.9. Unless otherwise expressly stated, each tender lodged in response to the invitation to tender shall be deemed to be an offer by the Tenderer. The Employer has the right in its sole and unfettered discretion not to accept any offer.
 - 4.10. Not be held liable if tenderers do not provide the correct contact details during the clarification session and do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.
 - 4.11. Transnet reserves the right to exclude any Tenderers from the tender process who has been convicted of a serious breach of law during the preceding 5 [five] years including but not limited to breaches of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, as amended. Tenderers are required to indicate in tender returnable **Breach of Law** whether or not they have been found guilty of a serious breach of law during the past 5 [five] years.
 - 4.12. Transnet reserves the right to perform a risk analysis on the preferred tenderer to ascertain if any of the following might present an unacceptable commercial risk to the employer:
 - *unduly high or unduly low tendered rates or amounts in the tender offer;*

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- *contract data of contract provided by the tenderer; or*
 - *the contents of the tender returnables which are to be included in the contract.*

5. Transnet will not reimburse any Tenderer for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with this Tender, whether or not the Tenderer is awarded a contract.

6. NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

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

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

**Transnet urges its clients, suppliers and the general public
to report any fraud or corruption to
TIP-OFFS ANONYMOUS: 0800 003 056 OR Transnet@tip-offs.com**

T1.2 TENDER DATA

The conditions of tender are the Standard Conditions of Tender as contained in Annex C of the CIDB Standard for Uniformity in Engineering and Construction Works Contracts. The Standard for Uniformity in Construction Procurement was first published in Board Notice 62 of 2004 in Government Gazette No 26427 of 9 June 2004. It was subsequently amended in Board Notice 67 of 2005 in Government Gazette No 28127 of 14 October 2005, Board Notice 93 of 2006 in Government Gazette No 29138 of 18 August 2006, Board Notice No 9 of 2008 in Government Gazette No 31823 of 30 January 2009, Board Notice 86 of 2010 in Government Gazette No 33239 of 28 May 2010, Board Notice 136 of 2015 in Government Gazette 38960 of 10 July 2015 and Board Notice 423 of 2019 in Government Gazette No 42622 of 8 August 2019.

This edition incorporates the amendments made in Board Notice 423 of 2019 in Government Gazette 42622 of 8 August 2019. (see www.cidb.org.za).

The Standard Conditions of Tender make several references to Tender data for detail that apply specifically to this tender. The Tender Data shall have precedence in the interpretation of any ambiguity or inconsistency between it and the Standard Conditions of Tender.

Each item of data given below is cross-referenced in the left-hand column to the clause in the Standard Conditions of Tender to which it mainly applies.

Clause	Data
C.1.1 The <i>Employer</i> is	Transnet SOC Ltd (Reg No. 1990/000900/30)
C.1.2 The tender documents issued by the <i>Employer</i> comprise:	
Part T: The Tender	
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Part T2: Returnable documents	T2.1 List of returnable documents T2.2 Returnable schedules
Part C: The contract	
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	Part C3: Scope of work	C3.1 Works Information
	Part C4: Site information	C4.1 Site information
C.1.4	The Employer's agent is:	Procurement Manager
	Name:	Hlekane Maringa
	Address:	202 Anton Lembede Street, Durban
	Tel No.	031 361 1237
	E – mail	Hlekane.Maringa@transnet.net
C.2.1	Only those tenderers who satisfy the following eligibility criteria are eligible to submit tenders:	
	1. Stage One - Eligibility with regards to attendance at the compulsory clarification meetings: An authorised representative of the tendering entity or a representative of a tendering entity that intends to form a Joint Venture (JV) must attend the compulsory clarification meeting in terms C2.7 <i>Any tenderer that fails to meet the stipulated pre-qualifying criteria will be regarded as an unacceptable tender.</i>	
	2. Stage Two - Eligibility in terms of the Construction Industry Development Board: a) Only those tenderers who are registered with the CIDB or are capable of being so prior to the evaluation of submissions, in a contractor grading designation equal to or higher than a contractor grading designation determined in accordance with the sum tendered or a value determined in accordance with Regulation 25 (1B) or 25(7A) of the Construction Industry Development Regulations, designation of 6EP or higher class of construction work, are eligible to have their tenders evaluated. b) Joint Venture (JV) Joint ventures are eligible to submit tenders subject to the following: - every member of the joint venture is registered with the CIDB; - the lead partner has a contractor grading designation of not lower than one level below the required class of construction works under consideration and possesses the required recognition status; and - the combined Contractor grading designation calculated in accordance with the Construction Industry Development Regulations is equal to or higher than a Contractor grading designation determined in accordance with the sum tendered for a 6EP or higher class of construction work or a value determined	

in accordance with Regulation 25(1B) or 25(7A) of the Construction Industry Development Regulations

The tenderer shall provide a certified copy of its signed joint venture agreement

Any tenderer that fails to meet the stipulated pre-qualifying criteria will be regarded as an unacceptable tender.

3. Stage Three - Eligibility with regards to Professional Registration

Only those tenderers who their key resources as listed below are professionally registered with the relevant regulatory bodies are eligible to have their tenders evaluated.

- i) Solar PV Engineer and Structural Engineer are registered with ECSA as Pr. Eng or Pr. Tech
- ii) Electrician have a Trade Test Certificate and is registration as an Installation Electrician
- iii) Construction Manager are registered with SACPCMP as Pr. CM
- iv) Safety Manager/Officer are registered SACPCMP as CHSO or CHS

Any tenderer that fails to meet the stipulated pre-qualifying criteria will be regarded as an unacceptable tender.

4. Stage Four - Functionality:

Only those tenderers who obtain the minimum qualifying score for functionality will be evaluated further in terms of price and the applicable preference point system. The minimum qualifying for score for functionality is **60** points.

The evaluation criteria for measuring functionality and the points for each criteria and, if any, each sub-criterion are as stated in C.3.11 below.

Any tenderer that fails to meet the stipulated pre-qualifying criteria will be regarded as an unacceptable tender.

- C.2.7 The arrangements for a compulsory clarification meeting are as stated in the Tender Notice and Invitation to Tender. **Tenderers must complete and sign the attendance register.** Addenda will be issued to and tenders will only be received from those tendering entities including those entities that intends forming a joint venture appearing on the attendance register.

Tenderers are also **required to bring their RFP document to the briefing session and have their returnable documents T2.2-01A and T2.2-01B certificate of attendance** signed off by the Employer's authorised representative.

C.2.12 No alternative tender offers will be considered.

C.2.13.3 Each tender offer shall be in the **English Language**.

C.2.13.5 The *Employer's* details and identification details that are to be shown on each tender
C2.15.1 offer are as follows:

Identification details:	The tender documents must be uploaded with: ▪ Name of Tenderer: (insert company name) ▪ Contact person and details: (insert details) ▪ The Tender Number: ▪ The Tender Description
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Documents must be marked for the attention of:
Employer's Agent:

C.2.13.9 Telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile or e-mailed tender offers will not be accepted.

C.2.15 The closing time for submission of tender offers is:
Time: **12:00pm** on the **29 June 2023**
Location: The Transnet e-Tender Submission Portal:
(<https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net>);

NO LATE TENDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

C.2.16 The tender offer validity period is **12 weeks** after the closing date. Tenderers are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their tender, on the same terms and conditions, if Transnet's internal evaluation and governance approval processes has not been finalised within the validity period.

C.2.23 The tenderer is required to submit with his tender:

1. A valid Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services.
Tenderers also to provide Transnet with a TCS PIN to verify Tenderers compliance status.
2. A **valid B-BBEE Certificate** from a Verification Agency accredited by the South African Accreditation System [**SANAS**], or a **sworn affidavit** confirming annual turnover and level of black ownership in case of all EMEs and QSEs with 51% black ownership or more together with the tender;
3. A valid CIDB certificate in the correct designated grading;
4. Proof of registration on the Central Supplier Database;
5. Letter of Good Standing with the Workmen's compensation fund by the tendering entity or separate Letters of Good Standing from all members of a newly constituted JV.

Note: Refer to Section T2.1 for List of Returnable Documents

C3.11 The minimum number of evaluation points for functionality is: **60**

The procedure for the evaluation of responsive tenders is Functionality, Price and Preference:

Only those tenderers who attain the minimum number of evaluation points for Functionality will be eligible for further evaluation, failure to meet the minimum threshold will result in the tender being disqualified and removed from any further consideration.

Functionality Criteria

The functionality criteria and maximum score in respect of each of the criteria are as follows:

Functionality criteria	Sub-criteria	Sub-criteria points	Maximum number of points
T2.2-08 Programme	The Tenderer must provide a programme at a Level 3 clearly indicating start and completion date of work on each site	10	10
T2.2-09 Project Organogram, Management & CVs of Key persons An organogram or organisation chart showing from management to all key personnel, onsite and off-site as stipulated above. Key Personnel CV's with detailed experience for the Key persons	Key persons qualifications		12.5
	Solar PV engineer	2.5	
	Structural engineer	2	
	Electrician	2	
	Project/Site Manager	2	
	Safety Officer	2	
	Construction Supervisor	2	
	Key persons experience		12.5
	Solar PV engineer	2.5	
	Structural engineer	2	
	Electrician	2	
	Project/Site Manager	2	
	Safety Officer	2	
	Construction Manager	2	
T2.2-10 Previous Experience on Similar Projects	Number of project(s) completed	15	25

Companies previous experience in the design, supply, installation, commissioning and handover of solar PV project(s).	Client's response or recommendation Letter on the completed project(s) with the client's letter head and clients contact details	10	
T2.2-11 Health and Safety Requirements	Health & Safety Management	10	10
T2.2-12 Project Quality Plan Requirements	Project Quality Plan	10	10
T2.2-13 Method Statement	Method statement with full details on how the works will be executed.	20	20
Maximum possible score for Functionality			100

Functionality shall be scored independently by not less than 3 (three) evaluators and averaged in accordance with the following schedules:

- T2.2-08 Programme
- T2.2-09 Project Organogram, Management & CVs of Key Persons
- T2.2-10 Previous Experience
- T2.2-11 Health and Safety Requirements
- T2.2-12 Quality Management
- T2.2-13 Method Statement

Each evaluation criteria will be assessed in terms of scores of 0, 20, 40, 60, 80 or 100 (linear scale, more suitable for NEC3, ECC (construction related procurement)). The scores of each of the evaluators will be averaged, weighted and then totalled to obtain the final score for functionality, unless scored collectively. (See CIDB Inform Practice Note #9).

Note: Any tender not complying with the above mentioned requirements, will be regarded as non-responsive and will therefore not be considered for further evaluation. This note must be read in conjunction with Clause C.2.1.

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- C.3.11. Only tenders that achieve the minimum qualifying score for functionality will be evaluated further in accordance with the 80/20 preference points systems as described in Preferential Procurement Regulations 5.

80 where the financial value of one or more responsive tenders received have a value equal to or below R50 million, inclusive of all applicable taxes,

Up to 100 minus W_1 tender evaluation points will be awarded to tenderers who complete the preferencing schedule and who are found to be eligible for the preference claimed. **Should the BBBEE rating not be provided, tenderers with no verification will score zero points for preferencing.**

Note: Transnet reserves the right to carry out an independent audit of the tenderers scorecard components at any stage from the date of close of the tenders until completion of the contract.

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- C.3.13 Tender offers will only be accepted if:

1. The tenderer or any of its directors/shareholders is not listed on the Register of Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004 as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
2. the tenderer does not appear on Transnet's list for restricted tenderers and National Treasury's list of Tender Defaulters;
3. the tenderer has fully and properly completed the Compulsory Enterprise Questionnaire and there are no conflicts of interest which may impact on the tenderer's ability to perform the contract in the best interests of the Employer or potentially compromise the tender process and persons in the employ of the state.
4. Transnet reserves the right to award the tender to the tenderer who scores the highest number of points overall, unless there are **objective criteria** which will justify the award of the tender to another tenderer. Objective criteria include but are not limited to the outcome of a due diligence exercise to be conducted. The due diligence exercise may take the following factors into account inter alia;

the tenderer:
 - a) is not under restrictions, or has principals who are under restrictions, preventing participating in the employer's procurement,
 - b) 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,

c) has the legal capacity to enter into the contract,

d) 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,

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

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

C.3.17 The number of paper copies of the signed contract to be provided by the Employer is 1 (one).

T2.1 List of Returnable Documents

2.1.1 These schedules are required for pre-qualification and eligibility purposes:

Stage One: Eligibility Criteria Schedule - Certificate of attendance at Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting

T2.2-01A **Eligibility Criteria Schedule** - Certificate of attendance at Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting at **TPL Alrode Workshop**

T2.2-01B **Eligibility Criteria Schedule** - Certificate of attendance at Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting at **TPL Ladysmith Workshop**

Stage Two: Eligibility Criteria Schedule - CIDB Registration

T2.2-02 **Eligibility Criteria Schedule** - CIDB Registration

Stage Three: Eligibility Criteria Schedule – Professional Registration

T2.2-03 **Eligibility Criteria:** Solar PV Engineer: Registered with ECSA as Pr. Eng. of Pr. Tech

T2.2-04 **Eligibility Criteria:** Structural Engineer: Registered with ECSA as Pr. Eng. of Pr. Tech

T2.2-05 **Eligibility Criteria:** Electrician: Trade Test Certificate and Registered as an Installation Electrician

T2.2-06 **Eligibility Criteria:** Construction Manager: Registered with SACPCMP as Pr. CM

T2.2-07 **Eligibility Criteria:** Safety Manager: Registered with SACPCMP as CHSO or CHSM

2.1.2 Stage Four as per CIDB: these schedules will be utilised for evaluation purposes:

T2.2-08 **Evaluation Schedule:** Programme

T2.2-09 **Evaluation Schedule:** Project Organogram, Management & CV's

T2.2-10 **Evaluation Schedule:** Previous experience

T2.2-11 **Evaluation Schedule:** Health and Safety Management

T2.2-12 **Evaluation Schedule:** Quality Management

T2.2-13 **Evaluation Schedule:** Method Statement

2.1.3 Returnable Schedules:

General:

T2.2-14 Authority to submit tender

T2.2-15 Record of addenda to tender documents

T2.2-16 Letter of Good Standing

T2.2-17 Risk Elements

T2.2-18 Availability of equipment and other resources

T2.2-19 Schedule of proposed Subcontractors (if subcontract in terms of PPPFA is not eligibility)

T2.2-20 Site Establishment requirements

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Agreement and Commitment by Tenderer:

- T2.2-21 CIDB SFU ANNEX G Compulsory Enterprise Questionnaire
- T2.2-22 Non-Disclosure Agreement
- T2.2-23 RFP Declaration Form
- T2.2-24 RFP – Breach of Law
- T2.2-25 Certificate of Acquaintance with Tender Document
- T2.2-26 Service Provider Integrity Pact
- T2.2-27 Supplier Code of Conduct

2.1.4 Bonds/Guarantees/Financial/Insurance:

- T2.2-28 Insurance provided by the Contractor
- T2.2-29 Form of Intent to provide a Performance Guarantee
- T2.2-30 Three (3) years audited financial statements

2.2 C1.1 Offer portion of Form of Offer & Acceptance

2.3 C1.2 Contract Data

2.4 C1.3 Forms of Securities

2.5 C2.1 Pricing Instructions

2.6 C2.2 Activity Schedule