

Transnet Engineering

an Operating Division of TRANSNET SOC LTD

[hereinafter referred to as Transnet]

[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION [RFI]

Information is required to enable Transnet to obtain cost estimates that relate to the supply of Tank Containers

TRANSNET ENGINEERING MAY, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION DECIDE TO EMBARK ON A SEPARATE "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL" [RFP] PROCESS WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE MARKET

to appoint a Service Provider to undertake the supply of Tank Containers

RFI NUMBER:	TE/2023/07/0033/35940
ISSUE DATE:	13 July 2023
CLOSING DATE:	17 July 2023
CLOSING TIME:	16:00 PM SOUTH AFRICAN TIME

Note to the bidders:

Bidders 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 Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.

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RFI FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED TO ENABLE TRANSNET TO OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES THAT RELATE TO THE SUPPLY OF TANK CONTAINERS FOR TRANSNET SOC LTD

SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM

**PART A
INVITATION TO BID**

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF COST ESTIMATE THAT RELATED TO THE TANK CONTAINERS, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD							
BID NUMBER:	TE/2023/07/0033/35940	ISSUE DATE:	13.07.2023	CLOSING DATE:	1707.2023	CLOSING TIME:	16.00
DESCRIPTION	RFI for Information required to enable Transnet to obtain cost estimates that relate to the supply of Tank Containers						
BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION							
RESPONDENTS ARE TO UPLOAD THEIR BID RESPONSE PROPOSALS ONTO THE TRANSNET SYSTEM AGAINST EACH BID/RFI SELECTED (<i>please refer to section 2, paragraph 4 for a detailed process on how to upload submissions</i>): https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net							
BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO				TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:			
CONTACT PERSON	Octavia Thibela			CONTACT PERSON	Octavia Thibela		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	0123911442			TELEPHONE NUMBER	0123911442		
FACSIMILE NUMBER				FACSIMILE NUMBER			
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Octavia.thibela@transnet.net			E-MAIL ADDRESS	Octavia.thibela@transnet.net		
SUPPLIER INFORMATION							
NAME OF BIDDER							
POSTAL ADDRESS							
STREET ADDRESS							
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER			
CELLPHONE NUMBER							
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER			
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 and Company Stamp

[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE B-BBEE ACT]

1 ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	2 ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]	<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
1.1 BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS. 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. 1.3 APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA. 1.4 BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID. 1.5 IN BIDS WHERE UNINCORPORATED CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER. 1.6 WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED.

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 and Company Stamp

SECTION 2 : NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

1 INFORMATION REQUEST

Information is requested from interested persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as the **Respondent(s)**] to supply the aforementioned information to Transnet.

DESCRIPTION	RFI FROM THE MARKET FOR COST ESTIMATES FOR SUPPLY OF TANK CONTAINERS [the Goods]
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.
RFI 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>Any addenda to the RFI or clarifications will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Bidders are required to check the e-tender portal and Transnet website prior to finalising their bid submissions for any changes or clarifications to the RFI.</p> <p>Transnet will not be held liable if Bidders do not receive the latest information regarding this RFI.</p>
BRIEFING SESSION	No
CLOSING DATE	<p>16:00 PM South African Time on Monday 17 July 2023</p> <p>Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system.</p> <p>As a general rule, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p>
VALIDITY PERIOD	Not applicable since this is an RFI issued for information purposes only.

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

2 FORMAL BRIEFING

A formal briefing session will not be held but should Respondents have specific queries they should email these to the Transnet employee(s) indicated in paragraph 7 [*Communication*] below:

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

3 RESPONSE 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 RFI INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 All returnable documents listed in the expression of interest [section 5] in this RFI must be returned with your submission.

4.2 The person or persons signing the submission must be legally authorised by the respondent to do so.

5 B-BBEE JOINT VENTURES OR CONSORTIUMS

Bidders may choose during the subsequent RFP process to enter into a Joint Venture with B-BBEE companies. RFP Bidders will also be required to submit a signed JV 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 the 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.

Please indicate below whether your entity has an existing JV, and if so, provide details, including details of the percentage split of business, or whether your entity intends to create a JV relationship for RFP purposes:

6 COMMUNICATION

6.1 For specific queries relating to this RFI a Clarification Request Form should be submitted onto the system and to [Octavia Thibela] before **16:00 pm on 14 July 2023** substantially in the form set out in Section 8. 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.

- 6.2 After the closing date of the RFI a Respondent may only communicate with the name of delegated individual (BEC chairperson), at telephone number 012 39111536, email vuyisile.dhlamini@transnet.net on any matter relating to its RFI Proposal.
- 6.3 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.
- 6.4 It is prohibited for Respondents to attempt, either directly or indirectly, to canvass any officer or employee of Transnet in respect of this RFI.
- 6.5 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.

7 CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this RFI 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 RFI or the subsequent RFP process, written approval to divulge such information must be obtained from Transnet.

8 STATUS OF THIS RFI AND SUBSEQUENT PROCESS

- 8.1 This RFI is not an offer to purchase and Transnet is under no obligation to accept any proposals in this process and/or the subsequent RFP which may be issued hereafter.
- 8.2 As this is a Request for Information only, no business will be awarded through this process.

9 DISCLAIMERS

- 9.1 Respondents are hereby advised that Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFI and/or its receipt of submissions in response to it. In particular, please note that Transnet reserves the right and at its sole and full discretion to:
- (a) utilise any information provided to it in response to this RFI to draft the scope of requirements for inclusion in an RFP;
 - (b) take no further action whatsoever, if it so decides;
 - (c) withdraw from this process and the provisions of this project at any time;
 - (d) select the RFI and RFP participants based on Transnet's criteria;
 - (e) change the dates of adjudication and submission;
 - (f) not invite RFI respondents for further participation in the RFP process;
 - (g) not bind itself to accept any or all of the RFIs;
 - (h) increase or decrease the quantities/scope as indicated in the RFI;
 - (i) 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;
 - (j) request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
 - (k) not accept any changes or purported changes by the Respondent to the bid rates after the closing

date;

- 9.2 Note that Transnet will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with this submission.

10 SECURITY CLEARANCE

Acceptance of this bid could be subject to the condition that the Successful Respondent, its personnel providing the goods 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.

11 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 returnable document by the closing date and time of the bid.

12 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 bidder's 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:**

**Ethics Helpdesk** (Pty) Ltd.
Ethics Management System™

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



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.

What's App
Speak to an Agent via What's App.

Speak to an Agent
Speak to an Agent via the platform with no call or data charge

Telegram
Speak to an Agent via Telegram

**0800 003 056****086 551 4153****reportit@ethicshelpdesk.com*****120*0785980808#**

Respondent's Signature

Date and Company Stamp

SECTION 3: RFI SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

1 INTRODUCTION

Through this RFI process, Transnet's intention is to seek Suppliers who can propose solutions that are and/or have been operational in other Railway infrastructures. Respondents must submit evidence of their proposed solution being used by any other Railway operator, to prove operational capabilities of their proposed solutions. Respondents must, as part of their bid, address all technical aspects mentioned in the specification (Annexure A) and include the necessary drawings and documentation to substantiate their proposed solution/s.

2 BACKGROUND

Transnet's intention is to obtain cost estimates for the goods and/or services as per Transnet Engineering specification.

3 KEY OBJECTIVES OF THIS RFI PROCESS

The following list of deliverables captures the minimum intent and objectives of the RFI process. Transnet requests all Respondents to assist with the achievement of these objectives by submitting the requested information as indicated below. This will be finalised in the RFP documents following the RFI process:

Stage 1: Request for Information

- Respondents are requested to submit the price estimation regarding the Tank Container for Transnet Engineering.
- This RFI is not an offer to purchase and Transnet is under no obligation to accept any proposals in this process and/or the subsequent RFP which may be issued hereafter.
- As this is a Request for Information only, this does not guarantee that the business will be awarded through this process.
- This information is required for Transnet to develop a cost estimation.

4 GENERAL RESPONDENT OBLIGATIONS

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

5 CONFIDENTIALITY AND COMPLIANCE

This RFI and information contained herein or provided for purposes thereof, remain the property of Transnet and may not be reproduced, sold or otherwise disposed of. All recipients of this document (whether a RFI is submitted or not) shall treat the details of this document as strictly private and confidential.

Information disclosed in this RFI is given in good faith and only for the purposes of providing sufficient information to the Respondent to enable submission of a well-informed and realistic RFI.

6 UNDERTAKINGS BY RESPONDENT

It will be accepted that the Respondent, on submitting the RFI response, has read, understood and accepted all the terms and conditions of the document. The submission of an RFI by any Respondent shall presume complete acceptance of the terms and conditions of the document. All qualifications and or exceptions should be noted in the RFI Response document.

7 COSTS TO RESPOND TO THE RFI

- 7.1 All Respondents wishing to submit a RFI response must be in possession of this document, the RFI. Transnet will not be responsible for or pay any expense or losses which may be incurred by any Respondent in the preparation and submission of the RFI and the costs of the RFI at all stages of the RFI process. Costs, if any, will be for each Respondent's own account.
- 7.2 Transnet reserves the right to invite certain Respondents to present or otherwise demonstrate their proposed solution as per their RFI, at the Respondent's own cost.

8 AUTHORITY OF SIGNATORY

- 8.1 If the RFI Respondent is a company, a certified copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors (i.e. personally signed by the Chairman or Secretary of the Board) authorising the person who signs this RFI to do so and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement on behalf of the company, must be submitted with their RFI.
- 8.2 If the RFI Respondent is a partnership, a certified copy of the resolution of the partners (personally signed by all the partners) authorising the person who signs this RFI to do so and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement on behalf of the partnership, must be submitted with this RFI.
- 8.3 If the RFI Respondent constitutes a "one-man business", certified proof must be submitted that the person signing this RFI and any other documents and correspondence in connection with this RFI and/or agreement is the sole owner of the one-man business.

Failure to comply with this clause may result in rejection of the RFI response.

9 OFFERING OF COMMISSION OR GRATUITY

If a Respondent, or any person employed by him, is found to have either directly or indirectly offered, promised or given to any person in the employ of Transnet, any commission, gratuity, gift or other consideration, Transnet shall have the right and without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have in regard to any loss or additional cost or expenses, to disqualify the RFI Respondent from further participation in this process and any other subsequent processes in this regard. The RFI Respondent will be responsible for all and any loss that Transnet may suffer as a result thereof. In addition, Transnet reserves the right to exclude such a Respondent from future business with Transnet.

10 UNDERTAKING BY TRANSNET

In responding to this RFI, Transnet encourages all RFI Respondents to put their best effort into the construction and development of the proposal. The RFI process will include due governance and the results of the adjudication process will be available to Respondents.

SECTION 4 : TRANSNET'S RFI INFORMATION

1 STATISTICS [The Goods/Services]

- 1.1 Respondents are required to indicate their existing technical capability by submitting a clause-by-clause response and proposed tank container solution based on Transnet Specification (Annexure A):
- 1.2 The test for the Technical and Functional threshold will include the following

2 REQUIREMENTS FOR RFI

- 2.1 Respondents expressing an interest to participate in this RFI stage must provide the full range of Products/ Services, as set out below: The test for the Technical and Functional threshold will include the following

3 TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

Respondents are required to indicate their existing technical capability by ticking the applicable box in the table below:

REF		Criteria	Points	Scoring Method
1	Technical	Ability to comply on section 1 -7 of TE Specificatoin.	50	50 Points = Completed and compliance with the technical requirements as specified in section 1 - 7. 0 Points = One or more of the requirements above cannot be met.
2	Quality	Ability to comply on section 9 of TE Specification	15	15 Points = Bidder to comply to section 9. 0 Points = One or more of the requirements above cannot be met.
3	Warranty	Ability to deliver the spare parts and accessories within specified time frame (refer to section 11 of the specification).	10	10 Points = 5 years and above 5 Points = <3 years to ≤ 4 years 0 Points = < 2 years
4	Delivery	all ISO Tankers must be delivered within a period of 9 months	20	20 Points = <9 months 0 Points = >9 months
5	Training	Supplier to provide maintenance and operational manuals	5	5 points =Company provides manuals for training. 0 points = No manuals provided for the training.

Note: Responses to this RFI will permit Transnet to consider and formulate various options in terms of the proposed allocation of its supply requirements and/or allied Services.

4 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE AWARD OF BUSINESS

In the event of a RFP following this RFI process, it will be a condition precedent prior to the award of business in terms of that RFP that the successful Respondent demonstrates its ability to fund Transnet's requirements.

5 PRICING OPTIONS

Deliverable/Description of goods/Services	TOTAL PRICE OF ITEM [ZAR]
Tank Containers	
TOTAL PRICE, exclusive of VAT:	
VAT 15% (if applicable):	
Total Inclusive of VAT (where applicable):	

6 TEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIVENESS

The test for administrative responsiveness will include the following:

Administrative responsiveness check
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the Bid has been lodged on time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether all Returnable Documents and/or schedules [where applicable] were completed and returned by the closing date and time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify the validity of all returnable documents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verify if the Bid document has been duly signed by the authorised respondent

 Respondent's Signature

 Date and Company Stamp

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

Respondents must submit with their responses to this RFI, **as a minimum requirement**, all the returnable documents indicated below with a [✓]. All Sections must be signed and dated by the Respondent.

Minimum Requirements - Returnable Documents	Submitted [✓]
SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM	
SECTION 2 : Notice to Respondents	
SECTION 3 : RFI Scope of Requirements	
SECTION 4 : Transnet's RFI Information	
Specification	
Technical Evaluation Criteria	
Valid proof of Respondent's compliance to B-BBEE requirements (Valid B-BBEE certificate or Sworn Affidavit) stipulated in Section 7 of this RFI	
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 6 : Certificate Of Acquaintance with RFI, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents	
SECTION 7 : B-BBEE Preference Claim Form	
SECTION 9: SBD 4 - Bidder's Disclosure	
SECTION 11: Protection of Personal Information	

CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The 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 this RFI process.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20____

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Respondent's Signature_____
Date and Company Stamp

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

SECTION 6 : CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFI, TERMS & CONDITIONS & APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

By signing these RFI documents, the Respondent is deemed to acknowledge that he/she has made himself/herself thoroughly familiar with all the conditions governing this RFI, including those contained in any printed form stated to form part hereof including but not limited to the documents stated below. Transnet SOC Ltd will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such term or condition.

1	Transnet's General Bid Conditions
2	Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact
3	Non-disclosure Agreement
4	Specifications and drawings attached to this RFI

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in this RFI 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 RFI 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 RFI documents included in the RFI 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 and Company Stamp

SECTION 7 : B-BBEE PREFERENCE 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 Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment [**B-BBEE**] Status Level of Contribution.

NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2022.

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 Respondent to submit a B-BBEE Verification 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 bid.
- 1.3 The purchaser reserves the right to require of a bidder, 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) **"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;
- (e) **"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act"** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (f) **"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);
- (g) **"functionality"** means the ability of a bidder to provide goods or services in accordance with specification as set out in the bid documents
- (h) **"Price"** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts.
- (i) **"Proof of B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor"**
- i) the B-BBBEE 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.

- (j) **"QSE"** means a Qualifying Small Enterprise as defined by Codes of Good Practice under section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (k) **"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.

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

4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION

- 4.1 In terms of Transnet SCM Policy on preferential procurement and Procurement Manuals, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

- 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	<p>Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency</p> <p>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)</p> <p>[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.]</p>

EME¹	<p>Sworn Affidavit signed by the authorised EME representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths confirming annual turnover and black ownership</p> <p>Certificate issued by CIPC (formerly CIPRO) confirming annual turnover and black ownership</p> <p>Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency only if the EME is being measured on the QSE scorecard</p>
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- 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 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 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:

- What percentage of the contract will be subcontracted.....%
- The name of the sub-contractor.....
- The B-BBEE status level of the sub-contractor.....
- Whether the sub-contractor is an EME.

(*Tick applicable box*)

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

Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at least 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 paragraph 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 7, 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

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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.

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SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS.....

SECTION 8: RFI CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

RFI No: TE/2023/07/0033/35940

Deadline for RFI clarification submissions: Before **15:00 am on 14 July 2023**

TO: Transnet SOC Ltd

ATTENTION: Octavia Thibela

EMAIL octavia.thibela@transnet.net

DATE:

FROM:

RFI Clarification No *[to be inserted by Transnet]*

REQUEST FOR RFI CLARIFICATION:

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SECTION 9: SBD 4 - BIDDER'S DISCLOSURE

1 PURPOSE OF THE FORM

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.

2 Bidder's declaration

- 2.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners or any person having a controlling interest² in the enterprise, employed by the state? **YES/NO**
- 2.1.1. 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

- 2.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

2.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:

² 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.

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- 2.3 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

- 2.3.1. If so, furnish particulars:
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3 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:

- 3.1 I have read and I understand the contents of this disclosure;
- 3.2 I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this disclosure is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
- 3.3 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 consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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.

³ 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.

3.7 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 1, 2 and 3 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 and Company Stamp

SECTION 10: CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OF COMPULSORY/NON-COMPULSORY RFI BRIEFING

[not applicable]

It is hereby certified that –

1. _____
2. _____

Representative(s) of _____ [name of entity]
attended the RFI briefing in respect of the proposed Goods / Services to be rendered in terms of this RFI on
_____20____

_____ TRANSNET’S REPRESENTATIVE	_____ RESPONDENT’S REPRESENTATIVE
DATE _____	DATE _____
	EMAIL _____

NOTE:
This certificate of attendance must be filled in duplicate, one copy to be kept by Transnet and the other copy to be kept by the Respondent.

SECTION 11: 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 RFI, 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 RFI 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 RFI, 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 RFI (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 RFI, the Respondent is hereby consenting to the processing of their personal information for the purpose of this RFI 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 RFI 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/infoereg/>, click on contact us, click on complaints.IR@justice.gov.za