

TRANSNET ENGINEERING an Operating Division of **TRANSNET SOC LTD**

[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

Registration Number 1990/000900/30

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION [RFQ] No TE/2025/04/0026/93075/RFQ

FOR THE PROVISION OF THE GARDENING SERVICES AT TRANSNET ENGINEERING MASONS MILL PITERMARITZBURG WAGONS AND LOCOMOTIVES DEPOT FOR 36 MONTHS.

ISSUE DATE:	4 April 2025
CLOSING DATE:	24 April 2025
CLOSING TIME:	11:00 AM SOUTH AFRICAN TIME
SUBMISSION TO:	Transnet e-tender submission portal – see SBD 1 for details
BID VALIDITY PERIOD	180 BUSINESS DAYS

SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM

PART A

INVITATION TO BID

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSNET ENGINEERING, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD

BID NUMBER:	TE/2025/04/0026/93075/RFQ	ISSUE DATE:	04 March 2025	CLOSING DATE:	24 April 2025	CLOSING TIME:	11:00 AM
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DESCRIPTION **FOR THE PROVISION OF THE GARDENING SERVICES AT TRANSNET ENGINEERING MASONS MILL PITERMARITZBURG WAGONS AND LOCOMOTIVES DEPOT FOR 36 MONTHS**

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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.

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

- Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website/Portal using **Google Chrome:** transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net;
- Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER" to register new bidder information and ensure that all mandatory information is completed OR to sign in if already registered;
- Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a bid;
- Respondents are to submit bid documents by uploading them onto the Transnet system against each tender selected. A Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.**
- Bidders should ensure that electronic bid submissions are submitted at least a day before the closing date and bidders should not wait for the last hour before the deadline to submit. This is to enable them to timeously address issues which they may encounter due to internet speed, bandwidth or the size of the number of uploads being submitted. Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of their own technical challenges.
- No late submissions will be accepted.
- Each company must register its own profile using its company details and use the corresponding registered profile to log an intent to bid as well as submitting any bid. Transnet will not accept a bid or will disqualify a bidder who submits a bid in the Transnet e-tender submission through another bidders'/Company's profile. In other words, each bidder must register the intent to bid and submit its bid through its own profile under the same company name that will eventually bid for the tender. No company shall submit a bid on behalf of another company regardless of the company being a subsidiary or holding company.
- In case of a Joint Venture, any of the parties/companies to the Joint Venture may use its registered profile to submit a bid on behalf of the Joint Venture.
- A detailed bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net

BIDDING PROCEDURE / TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

CONTACT PERSON	Angel Mpofana
TELEPHONE NUMBER	031 361 5435
FACSIMILE NUMBER	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Angel.mpofana@transnet.net
SUPPLIER INFORMATION	

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

NAME OF BIDDER					
POSTAL ADDRESS					
STREET ADDRESS					
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
CELLPHONE NUMBER					
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE		NUMBER		
E-MAIL ADDRESS					
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER					
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.					
	TCS PIN		OR	CSD NO:	
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	☐ Yes ☐ No		BBEEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		
Yes, Who was the Certificate issued by					
AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA) AND NAME THE APPLICABLE IN THE TICK BOX	☐	AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA)			
	☐	A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS)			
	☐	A REGISTERED AUDITOR			
	NAME:				
[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?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]		2 ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	☐ Yes ☐ No [IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW]	
Signature of the Bidder			Date:		
QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS					
IS THE BIDDER A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)?			☐ YES ☐ NO		
DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA?			☐ YES ☐ NO		
DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA?			☐ YES ☐ NO		
DOES THE BIDDER HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA?			☐ YES ☐ 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

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

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.
1.7	RESPONDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SELF-REGISTER ON NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CENTRALLY ADMINISTER SUPPLIER INFORMATION FOR ALL ORGANS OF STATE AND FACILITATE THE VERIFICATION OF CERTAIN KEY SUPPLIER INFORMATION. ONLY FOREIGN SUPPLIERS WITH NO LOCAL REGISTERED ENTITY NEED NOT REGISTER ON THE CSD. THE CSD CAN BE ACCESSED AT HTTPS://SECURE.CSD.GOV.ZA/iu

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: _____

SECTION 2: NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1 Responses to RFQ

Responses to this RFQ [**Quotations**] must not include documents or reference relating to any other quotation or proposal. Any additional conditions that the bidder wants to bring to the attention of Transnet must be embodied in an accompanying letter.

2 Formal Briefing

A compulsory pre-proposal site meeting and/or RFQ briefing will be conducted at **Transnet site (Moses Mabhidha Road) between Mthembu Builders and Hulamin, Pietermaritzburg**, on **11 April 2025**, at **10:00** for a period of $\pm$ 5 hours. [Respondents to provide own transportation and accommodation]. The briefing session will start punctually, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents arriving late.

- 2.1 *A Certificate of Attendance in the form set out in Section 7 hereto must be completed and submitted with your Proposal as proof of attendance is required for a **compulsory** site meeting and/or RFQ briefing.*
- 2.2 Respondents failing to attend the compulsory RFQ briefing will be disqualified. The certificate of attendance and/or the attendance register will be used as proof/evidence of attendance.
- 2.3 Respondents are encouraged to bring a copy of the RFQ to the site meeting and/or RFQ briefing.
- 2.4 Bidders are required to confirm their attendance and to send their contact details including the number of representatives (where applicable) to the following address: Angel.Mpofana@transnet.net. This is to ensure that Transnet may make the necessary arrangements for the briefing session.

3 Communication (Clarifications and Complaints)

- 3.1 Specific clarification queries relating to this RFQ before the closing date of the RFQ should be submitted to [Angel Mpofana before **11:00 am on 14 April 2025**. In the interest of fairness and transparency Transnet's response to such a query will then be made available to other bidders.
- 3.2 Specific complaints relating to this RFQ before or after the closing date should be formally submitted by emailing groupscmcomplaints@transnet.net. Once the complaint has been submitted, the Transnet SCM Complaints office will acknowledge your complaint and send you a complaint form for completion.
- 3.3 It is prohibited for Respondents to attempt, either directly or indirectly, to canvass any officer or employee of Transnet in respect of this RFQ between the closing date and the date of the award of the business.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 The outcome of the process will be communicated, via email, to all bidders as soon as the process is concluded. Should a bidder not receive any communication from Transnet 30 days after the expiry of the validity period of this bid, the bidder can consider its bid not being successful. All unsuccessful bidders have a right to request Transnet to furnish reasons for their bid not being successful. This requested must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form

4 Legal Compliance

The successful Respondent shall be in full and complete compliance with any and all applicable national and local laws and regulations.

5 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.

6 Changes to Quotations

Changes by the Respondent to its submission will not be considered after the closing date and time.

7 Binding Offer

Any Quotation furnished pursuant to this Request shall be deemed to be an offer. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.

8 Disclaimers

- 8.1 Respondents are hereby advised that Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFQ and/or its receipt of a Quotation in response to it. Please note that Transnet reserves the right to:
 - modify the RFQ's goods / service(s);
 - award only a portion of the proposed goods / services which are reflected in the scope of this RFQ;
 - split the award of the order/s between more than one Supplier/Service Provider as may be explicitly articulated in the conditions or objective criteria to this RFQ;
 - cancel the quotation process;

- 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;
- request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 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 provides for it;
- 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;
- award the business to the next ranked bidder, provided that he/she is still prepared to provide the required Goods/Services 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 next ranked bidder(s) were notified of their bid being unsuccessful. Bidders may therefore be requested to advise whether they would still be prepared to provide the required Goods/Services at their quoted price.
- 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.
- A bidder may be requested to furnish further information relating to its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standing at any stage of the procurement or contracting process. This information may not be used for purposes of evaluation and/or disqualify bidder, but may be used for purpose of record and analysis of ESG compliance.

9 Specification/Scope of Work

AS PER THE ATTACHED SCOPE OF WORK REFERENCE NO: FAI_ASSET_DBN_SPEC_019 ANNEXURE M.

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.

11 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.

IF YOU **DON'T** REPORT IT, YOU **SUPPORT** IT!



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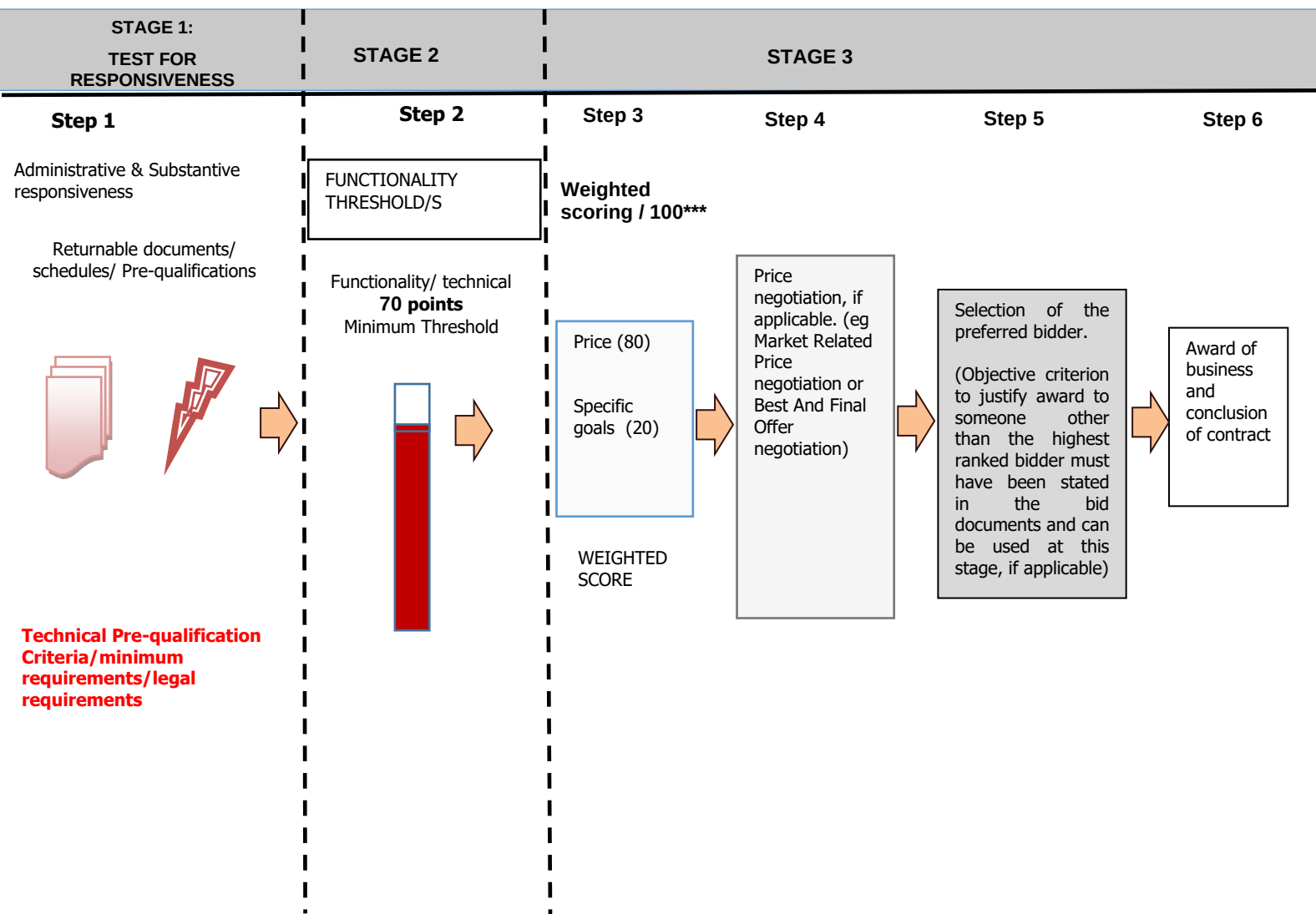
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SECTION 3 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY, CRITERIA AND RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

1 Evaluation Criteria

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



1.1 STEP ONE: Test for Administrative and Substantive Responsiveness

The test for administrative and Substantive responsiveness will include the following:

Administrative & Substantive responsiveness check	RFQ Reference
• Whether the Bid has been lodged on time	
• Whether all Returnable Documents and/or schedules [where applicable] were completed and returned by the closing date and time	<i>Section 3</i>
• Verify the validity of all returnable documents	<i>Section 3</i>
• Verify if the Bid document has been duly signed by the authorised respondent	<i>All sections</i>

• Whether any general and legislation qualification criteria set by Transnet, have been met	<i>All sections</i>
• Whether the Bid contains a priced offer	<i>Section 4 - Quotation Form</i>
• Whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given	<i>All Sections</i>

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

1.2 STEP TWO: Minimum Threshold 70 points for Technical Criteria

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

No.	TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (The technical evaluation will be used as a threshold. All bidders who do not meet the minimum threshold of 70 points will not proceed to the final stage of evaluation.)	Weightings
1.1	<u>Job Execution Plan</u> Defines and outlines how the contractor intends to satisfy the requirement of providing the gardening service, specified in the tender document. It typically describes the specific target goals of the project as well as how and when the contractor / team intends to accomplish them, including timelines. <u>Health, Safety and Environmental Management file</u> • Project Plan and timelines (from receipt of letter of award / purchase order to submission of health, safety and environmental management file to Risk Management Department, and approval) 0 - 4 working days - 5 points • Project Plan and timelines (from receipt of letter of award / purchase order to submission of health, safety and environmental management file to Risk Management Department, and approval) more than 4 working days - 0 <u>Delivery of tools/equipment and chemicals on site and commencement of gardening work</u> • Project Plan (from approval of health, safety and environmental management file to Delivery of brush cutters, rakes, weed poison, etc, on site and commencement of work) 0 - 5 working days - 10 points • Project Plan (from approval of health, safety and environmental management file to Delivery of brush cutters, rakes, weed poison, etc, on site and commencement of work) 6 - 10 working days - 5 points • Project Plan (from approval of health, safety and environmental management file to Delivery of brush cutters, rakes, weed poison, etc, on site and commencement of work) More than 10 working days - 0 (Note: Project Plan must be submitted either in excel or MS project format).	15 points
1.2	<u>Methodology</u> • The methodology responds to the scope of work (provision of gardening services) and outline the proposed approach from commencement leading to the completion of the project. • The method statement is a set of principles and practices that will guide in organizing this project. <u>Methodology topics</u> • Methodology shall be provided with full details of items such as work time (knock on time, tea time, lunch time and knock off time), toolbox/safety talks, PPE, chemicals (weed killer), contingency plan (e.g. plan around public transport strike, sick/absent staff members), cutting grass and trees along railway lines and boundary fences, 1.5m clearance from	35 points

No.	TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (The technical evaluation will be used as a threshold. All bidders who do not meet the minimum threshold of 70 points will not proceed to the final stage of evaluation.)	Weightings														
	infrastructure, cutting 20m high, 4m (horizontal length) trees to 2m height., assurance of quality of work, supervision of work, plan on working during December and January months, plan on working during raining days, submission of payment claim/invoice, dates of staff salary payments, compliance with all legislation relevant to gardening and hygiene services (e.g. National minimum wage act 9 OF 2018, Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993, etc.). <table><tr><th>Criterion: Methodology, including quality control and assurance.</th><th>Scoring</th></tr><tr><td>No information provided, or submission of no substance/ irrelevant information provided. Less than 7 methodology topics covered.</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>The technical approach and/ or methodology is poor/ is unlikely to satisfy project objectives or requirements. The Tenderer has misunderstood certain aspects. 8 methodology topics covered.</td><td>5 points</td></tr><tr><td>The technical approach is tailored to address the specific project objectives and methodology. The approach does adequately deal with the critical characteristics of the project. The project plan and risk is to be managed etc is tailored to the key aspects of the programme. 9 methodology topics covered.</td><td>10 points</td></tr><tr><td>The technical approach is tailored to address the specific project objectives and methodology. The approach does adequately deal with the critical characteristics of the project. The project plan and risk is to be managed etc is tailored to the key aspects of the programme. 10 to 12 methodology topics covered.</td><td>10 points</td></tr><tr><td>The approach is tailored to address the specific project objectives and methodology and is sufficiently flexible to accommodate changes that may occur during execution. The project plan and approach to managing risk etc is tailored to the critical characteristics of the project. The programme is good and has allowed for all critical aspects. 13 to 15 methodology topics covered.</td><td>25 points</td></tr><tr><td>Over above meeting the good rating, the important issues are approached in an innovative and efficient way, indicating that the tenderer has excellent knowledge of working state of the art approaches. The programme is well throughout and makes allowance for all key issues. More than 15 methodology topics covered.</td><td>35 points</td></tr></table>	Criterion: Methodology, including quality control and assurance.	Scoring	No information provided, or submission of no substance/ irrelevant information provided. Less than 7 methodology topics covered.	0	The technical approach and/ or methodology is poor/ is unlikely to satisfy project objectives or requirements. The Tenderer has misunderstood certain aspects. 8 methodology topics covered.	5 points	The technical approach is tailored to address the specific project objectives and methodology. The approach does adequately deal with the critical characteristics of the project. The project plan and risk is to be managed etc is tailored to the key aspects of the programme. 9 methodology topics covered.	10 points	The technical approach is tailored to address the specific project objectives and methodology. The approach does adequately deal with the critical characteristics of the project. The project plan and risk is to be managed etc is tailored to the key aspects of the programme. 10 to 12 methodology topics covered.	10 points	The approach is tailored to address the specific project objectives and methodology and is sufficiently flexible to accommodate changes that may occur during execution. The project plan and approach to managing risk etc is tailored to the critical characteristics of the project. The programme is good and has allowed for all critical aspects. 13 to 15 methodology topics covered.	25 points	Over above meeting the good rating, the important issues are approached in an innovative and efficient way, indicating that the tenderer has excellent knowledge of working state of the art approaches. The programme is well throughout and makes allowance for all key issues. More than 15 methodology topics covered.	35 points	
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1.3	<u>Specific knowledge</u> Track record in provision of gardening services. Bidders to provide evidence to demonstrate work previously done and track record. This may include brochures, reports, company profile and references (with contact number(s) to indicate company's capability and previous relevant experience. <u>Reference letters / completion certificates</u> Only records for completed projects will be accepted, the projects shall have been done within the past 10 years (from date of completion of project(s) to tender closing date). Reference letters or completion certificates to have contactable references, are acceptable. • 4 or more submitted reference letters or completion certificates - 35 points • 3 submitted reference letters or completion certificates - 20 points • 2 submitted reference letters or completion certificates - 15 points • 1 submitted reference letter or completion certificate - 10 points • 0 submitted reference letters or completion certificates - 0 Each reference letter or completion certificate shall have 2 dates (date of project completion and date showing as to when the letter was signed), otherwise it will not be acceptable and zero (0) score will be allocated. Each reference letter or completion certificate shall have contactable contact person(s) and	35 points														

No.	TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (The technical evaluation will be used as a threshold. All bidders who do not meet the minimum threshold of 70 points will not proceed to the final stage of evaluation.)	Weightings
	working contact numbers, otherwise it will not be acceptable and zero (0) score will be allocated. Each reference letter or completion certificate shall be in the letterhead of the previous client, otherwise it will not be acceptable and zero (0) score will be allocated.	
1.4	Registration/affiliation The tenderer shall submit the certified copy of proof of registration as PCO to apply herbicides for industrial weed control issued in accordance with the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No 36 of 1947). 1.1 Submitted certified copy of proof of registration as pest control operator - 15 points 1.2 No submission of a certified copy of proof of registration - 0	15 points

Total Weighting:	100 points
Minimum qualifying score required:	70 points

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 TWO] must be met or exceeded for a Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Four for final evaluation

1.3 STEP THREE: Evaluation and Final Weighted Scoring

a) **Price Criteria** [Weighted score 80 points]:

Evaluation Criteria	RFP Reference
• Commercial offer	<i>Section 4</i>
• Commercial discounts ¹ • Price adjustment conditions / factors • Exchange rate exposure • Disbursements	<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

¹ Only unconditional discounts will be taken into account during evaluation. A discount which has been offered conditionally will, despite not being taken into account for evaluation purposes, be implemented when payment is effected

P_t = Price of Bid under consideration

P_{min} = 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 4.1 of the specific goals Claim Form.

1.4 STEP FOUR: Price 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 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).

1.5 STEP FIVE: 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:

- Skills Transfer and Capacity Building for Transnet;
- Impact on Transnet's Return On Investment;
- Rotation of Suppliers to promote opportunities for other suppliers, by overlooking a supplier that has been awarded business repeatedly overtime, in the same commodity, in order to benefit other suppliers in the market;
the bidder is undergoing a process of being restricted by Transnet or other state institution that Transnet may be aware of,
- the bidder is 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,
- the bidder is unable, as objectively determined by Transnet, to perform the contract free of conflicts of interest.
- 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
- reputational and brand risks.

1.6 STEP SIX: Award of business and conclusion of contract

- Immediately after approval to award the contract has been received, the successful or preferred bidder(s) will be informed of the acceptance of his/their Quotation by way of a Letter of Award. Thereafter the final contract will be concluded with the successful Respondent(s), where applicable.
- Alternatively, the acceptance of a letter of award by the Successful Respondent will constitute the final contract read together with their RFQ response and the Standard Terms and Conditions. This will be stated in the letter of award.

2 Validity Period

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

Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, on 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.

3 Disclosure of contract information

Prices Quoted

Respondents are to note that, on award of business, Transnet is required to publish the outcome of the RFQ and information of the successful Respondents *inter alia* on the National Treasury e-Tender Publication Portal, (www.etenders.gov.za), as required per National Treasury Instruction Note 09 of 2022/2023.

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						

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

4 Returnable Documents

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

Mandatory Returnable Documents	<i>Failure to provide all these Mandatory Returnable Documents at the Closing Date and time of this RFQ <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 may result in Transnet affording Respondents a further opportunity to submit by a set deadline, where applicable. 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 indicating [Yes or No] in the tables below:

Mandatory Returnable Documents	Submitted [Yes or No]
SECTION 4: Quotation Form	
SECTION 7: Certificate of Compulsory Site Briefing Meeting Attendance	

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 indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
Valid proof of Respondent's compliance to Specific Goal requirements stipulated in Section 6 of this RFQ	
ANNEXURE L - Technical Submission	
• Job Execution Plan • Methodology • Specific knowledge • Registration/Affiliation	

c) Essential Returnable Documents:

Respondents are further required to submit the following **Essential Returnable Documents** with their RFQ and to confirm submission of these documents by indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS & SCHEDULES	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
Latest Financial Statements signed by your Accounting Officer or latest Audited Financial Statements plus 2 previous years	
B-BBEE Level of contributor – Level 1 or Level 2 – B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline	
SECTION 5: RFQ DECLARATION, CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE & BREACH OF LAW FORM	
SECTION 6: SPECIFIC GOALS POINTS CLAIM FORM	

SECTION 7: CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OF COMPULSORY/NON-COMPULSORY RFQ BRIEFING	
SECTION 8: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION	
SECTION 1: SBD1 Form	

5 CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

The successful Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents for the duration of any contract emanating from this RFQ. 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.

SECTION 4

QUOTATION FORM

I/We _____

hereby offer to supply the goods/services at the prices quoted in the Price Schedule below, in accordance with the conditions related thereto.

I/We agree to be bound by those terms and conditions in:

- the Standard RFQ Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods or Services to Transnet; and
- any other standard or special conditions embodied in this Request for Quotation.

I/We accept that unless Transnet should otherwise decide and so inform me/us, this Quotation [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. I/We further agree that if, after I/we have been notified of the acceptance of my/our Quotation, I/we fail to deliver the said goods/service/s within the delivery lead-time quoted, Transnet may, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, cancel the order and recover from me/us any expenses incurred by Transnet in calling for Quotations afresh and/or having to accept any less favourable offer.

Price Schedule

I/We quote as follows for the goods/services required, on a "delivered nominated destination" basis, including VAT:

No	Deliverable/Description of Services	Unit of Measure	No of Resources	Unit Rate per Hour (excl. VAT)	Total (excl. VAT) [ZAR]
1	Gardening Services for Masons Mill Pietermaritzburg Wagons & Locomotives	36 Month	3		
2	Supervisor	36 Month	1		
TOTAL PRICE, exclusive of VAT:					
VAT 15% (if applicable)					
Disbursement					
Unconditional Discount(s)					
Total Inclusive of VAT (where applicable)					

Delivery Lead-Time from date of purchase order: _____ [days/weeks]

Respondent's Signature

Date & Company Stamp

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 RFQ;
 - (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 RFQ;
 - (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 RFQ.

If a market-related price is not agreed with the Respondent scoring the third highest points, Transnet must cancel the RFQ.

- b) All Prices must be quoted in South African Rand, inclusive of VAT
- c) Any disbursement not specifically priced for will not be considered/accepted by Transnet.
- d) To facilitate like-for-like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this price schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule could result in a bid being disqualified.
- e) Please note that should you have offered a discounted price(s), Transnet will only consider such price discount(s) in the final evaluation stage if offered on an unconditional basis.
- f) In respect of incoterms conditions, if applicable, please refer to the General Bid Conditions which is attached to the RFQ as Annexure K

SECTION 5

RFQ DECLARATION, CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE & BREACH OF LAW FORM

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 RFQ. 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 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 in calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:

1. Transnet's General Bid Conditions
2. Standard RFQ Terms and Conditions for the supply of Goods or Services to Transnet
3. Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact
4. 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 RFQ 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 the Standard terms or conditions could result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid to which they intend to respond, 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 RFQ was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

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

We 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 RFQ Clarification purposes;
2. We have received all information we deemed necessary for the completion of this Request for Quotation [RFQ];
3. We have been provided with sufficient access to the existing Transnet facilities/sites and all relevant information relevant to the Supply of the Goods 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 RFQ from Transnet sources, other than information formally received from the designated Transnet contact(s) as nominated in the RFQ documents;
5. We have complied with all obligations of the Bidder/Supplier as indicated in the Transnet Supplier Integrity Pact 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;
6. We are satisfied, insofar as our entity is concerned, that the processes and procedures adopted by Transnet in issuing this RFQ and the requirements requested from Bidders in responding to this RFQ have been conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
7. 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 RFQ; and
8. If such a relationship as indicated in paragraph 7 exists, the Respondent is to complete the following section:

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 declaration may be used by Transnet and/or its affiliates to verify the correctness of the information provided.

9. 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 interest² 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

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:

.....
.....

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.

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 consortium³ will not be construed as collusive bidding.
- 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.

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.

15 BREACH OF LAW

We further hereby certify that *I/we 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 _____

SECTION 6: 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
- 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 Either the 80/20 preference point system will be applicable to this tender.
- 1.4 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:
- (a) Price;
 - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.
 - (c) Any other specific goal determined in Transnet preferential procurement policy.
- 1.5 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

		POINTS
PRICE		80
B-BBEE Level of contributor – Level 1 or 2	5 Points	
51% Black Youth Owned	5 Points	
Entities Owned by People with Disabilities	5 Points	
30% Black Women Owned	5 points	
Non-Compliant and/or B-BBEE Level 3-8 contributors	0	
		20
Total points for Price and Specific Goals must not exceed		100

- 1.6 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of specific goals together with the bid will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.

- 1.7 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) **"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"** means:
 - 1) B-BBEE status level certificate issued by an unauthorised body or person;
 - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
 - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act.
- (j) **"QSE"** means a Qualifying Small Enterprise in terms of a 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.
- (l) **"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

Ps = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration
Pt = Comparative price of bid under consideration
Pmin = 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 or 2)	5 points
51% Black Youth Owned Entities	5 points
Entities Owned by People with Disability (PWD)	5 points
30% Black women-owned entities	5 points
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
30% Black Women Owned Entities	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
51% Black Youth Owned Entities	Certified copy of ID Documents of the Owners and B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline
Entities Owned by People with Disability (PWD)	Certified copy of ID Documents of the Owners / Doctor's note and /or EEA1 form confirming the disability

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 .]

EME⁴	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
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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

- 6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: . = (maximum of 5 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 enterprises below:

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**

.....
.....

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-BBEE status level of contribution 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 4.1 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 the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, 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.

.....

SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)

DATE:

ADDRESS

.....

SECTION 7

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OF COMPULSORY/NON-COMPULSORY RFQ BRIEFING

It is hereby certified that –

1. _____

2. _____

Representative(s) of _____ *[name of entity]*

attended the site meeting / RFQ briefing in respect of the proposed Goods/Services to be rendered in terms of this RFQ on _____ 20____

TRANSNET'S REPRESENTATIVE

RESPONDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE

DATE _____

DATE _____

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 bidder.

SECTION 8

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 RFQ, 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 RFQ 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 RFQ, 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 RFQ (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 RFQ, the Respondent is hereby consenting to the processing of their personal information for the purpose of this RFQ 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 RFQ 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