

## T1.1 TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER

### SECTION 1: NOTICE TO TENDERERS

#### 1. INVITATION TO TENDER

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

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| <b>DESCRIPTION</b>                             | For the provision of material, refurbishment and Commissioning of the damaged Lidgetton 11Kv Distribution Substation in Ladysmith for a period of one (1) month.  |
| <b>TENDER DOWNLOADING</b>                      | <p><b>This Tender may be downloaded directly from the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal at <a href="http://www.etenders.gov.za">www.etenders.gov.za</a> and the Transnet website at <a href="https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net">https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net</a> (please use Google Chrome to access Transnet link) <b>FREE OF CHARGE.</b></b></p> <p><b>Tenderers can download the document from 11 May 2023 until 28 June 2023</b></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b><br/>It is the responsibility of the tenderer to ensure downloading or receipt of a complete RFQ all specifications, drawings and annexures</p> |
| <b>COMPULSORY TENDER CLARIFICATION MEETING</b> | <p>A Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting will be conducted at <b>Lidgetton R103, Old main road on 07 June 2023, at 11:00am [11 O'clock]</b> for a period of <math>\pm</math> 2 (two) hours. [Tenderers to provide own transportation and accommodation].</p> <p>The Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting will start punctually, and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Tenderers arriving late.</p>   |

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|                        | <p><b>A Site visit/walk will take place, tenderers are to note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenderers are required to wear safety shoes, goggles, long sleeve shirts, high visibility vests and hard hats.</li> <li>• Tenderers without the recommended PPE will not be allowed on the site walk.</li> <li>• Tenderers and their employees, visitors, clients and customers entering Transnet Offices, Depots, Workshops and Stores will have to undergo breathalyser testing.</li> <li>• All forms of firearms are prohibited on Transnet properties and premises.</li> <li>• The relevant persons attending the meeting must ensure that their identity documents, passports or drivers licences are on them for inspection at the access control gates.</li> </ul> <p>Certificate of Attendance in the form set out in the <b>Returnable Schedule T2.2-01</b> hereto must be completed and submitted with your Tender as proof of attendance is required for a <b>compulsory</b> site meeting and/or tender briefing.</p> <p><b>Address:</b><br/>Lidgetton R103, Old main road</p> <p><b>Co-ordinates:</b><br/>Latitude: -29,43999<br/>Longitude: 30,103644</p> <p><b>Tenderers are required to bring this Returnable Schedule T2.2-01 to the Compulsory Tender Clarification Meeting to be signed by the <i>Employer's</i> Representative.</b><br/><b>Tenderers failing to attend the compulsory tender briefing will be disqualified.</b></p> |
| <b>CLOSING DATE</b>    | <p><b>10:00pm on 28 June 2023</b></p> <p>Tenderers must ensure that tenders are uploaded timeously onto the system. <b>If a tender is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.</b></p>  |
| <b>VALIDITY PERIOD</b> | <p><b>Twelve (12) weeks Business Days from Closing Date: 20 September 2023</b></p> <p>Tenderers are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their tender, at the same terms and conditions, if the internal evaluation process has not been finalised within the validity period. However, once the adjudication body has approved the process and award of the business to the</p>   |

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|  | successful Tenderer(s), the validity of the successful Tenderer(s)' bid will be deemed to remain valid until a final contract has been concluded. |
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## 2. TENDER SUBMISSION

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

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

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

- Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER – for bidder to register their information (must fill in all mandatory information);
- Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER" - to sign in if already registered;
- Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a bid;
- Submit bid documents by uploading them into the system against each tender selected.
- Tenderers are required to ensure that electronic bid submissions are done at least a day before the closing date to prevent issues which they may encounter due to their internet speed, bandwidth or the size of the number of uploads they are submitting. Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of the technical challenges. Please do not wait for the last hour to submit. A Tenderer can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.

b) The tender offers to this tender will be opened as soon as possible after the closing date and time. Transnet shall not, at the opening of tenders, disclose to any other company any confidential details pertaining to the Tender Offers / information received, i.e. pricing, delivery, etc. The names and locations of the Tenderers will be divulged to other Tenderers upon request.

c) Submissions must not contain documents relating to any Tender other than that shown on the submission.

## 3. CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidentiality. In this regard Tenderers are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure

Agreement. All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information gleaned from provision of the Works, which is either directly or indirectly related to Transnet's business, written approval to divulge such information must be obtained from Transnet.

#### **4. DISCLAIMERS**

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

- 4.1. Award the business to the highest scoring Tenderer/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another tenderer.
- 4.2. Not necessarily accept the lowest priced tender or an alternative Tender;
- 4.3. Go to the open market if the quoted rates (for award of work) are deemed unreasonable;
- 4.4. Should the Tenderers be awarded business on strength of information furnished by the Tenderer, which after conclusion of the contract is proved to have been incorrect, Transnet reserves the right to terminate the contract;
- 4.5. Request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 4.6. Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Tenderer to the tender rates after the closing date;
- 4.7. Verify any information supplied by a Tenderer by submitting a tender, the Tenderer/s hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to the Transnet to do so;
- 4.8. Conduct the evaluation process in parallel. The evaluation of Tenderers at any given stage must therefore not be interpreted to mean that Tenderers have necessarily passed any previous stage(s);
- 4.9. Unless otherwise expressly stated, each tender lodged in response to the invitation to tender shall be deemed to be an offer by the Tenderer. The Employer has the right in its sole and unfettered discretion not to accept any offer.

- 4.10. Not be held liable if tenderers do not provide the correct contact details during the clarification session and do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.
- 4.11. Transnet reserves the right to exclude any Tenderers from the tender process who has been convicted of a serious breach of law during the preceding 5 [five] years including but not limited to breaches of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, as amended. Tenderers are required to indicate in tender returnable on T2.2-43, [**Breach of Law**] whether or not they have been found guilty of a serious breach of law during the past 5 [five] years.
- 4.12. Transnet reserves the right to perform a risk analysis on the preferred tenderer to ascertain if any of the following might present an unacceptable commercial risk to the employer:
- *unduly high or unduly low tendered rates or amounts in the tender offer;*
  - *contract data of contract provided by the tenderer; or*
  - *the contents of the tender returnables which are to be included in the contract.*

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

## 6. NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

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

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

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

**RFQ CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM**

**RFQ No: SIM22030CIDB/ CRAC-ELS-40031**

RFQ deadline for questions / RFQ Clarifications: **12:00pm 14 June 2023**

TO: Transnet SOC Ltd  
ATTENTION: Governance, Transnet Freight Rail Tender Office  
EMAIL: [Prudence.Nkabinde@transnet.net](mailto:Prudence.Nkabinde@transnet.net)  
Cc: [Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net](mailto:Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net)  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate whether this query is general in nature and applicable to all service categories Yes ☐ No ☐

1. For all clarification questions **prior** to the tender closing date and time, direct the communication to the RFQ Administrator at [Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net](mailto:Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net)
2. For all clarification questions **after** the tender closing date and time, direct the communication to:

TO: Transnet SOC Ltd  
ATTENTION: Governance, Transnet Freight Rail Tender Office  
EMAIL: [Prudence.Nkabinde@transnet.net](mailto:Prudence.Nkabinde@transnet.net)  
Cc: [Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net](mailto:Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net)  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST FOR RFQ CLARIFICATION**

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SIGNED at \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF TENDERER

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SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

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Transnet Freight Rail  
RFQ Number: SIM 22030CIDB (CRAC-ELS-40031)  
Description of the Works: For the provision of material, refurbishment and  
Commissioning of the damaged Lidgetton 11Kv Distribution Substation in Ladysmith for  
a period of one (1) month



**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS AND INTENTION TO TENDER AND ATTEND  
TENDER BRIEFING**

**(To be returned: By 12:00pm 05 June 2023)**

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| RETURN TO: Transnet Freight Rail  | Project No.:         | SIM22030CIDB (CRAC-ELS-40031) |
| Fax No. <b>N/A</b>  | Tender No.:          | SIM22029CIDB (CRAC-ELS-40031) |
| Attention: <a href="mailto:Lerato.morailane@transnet.net">Lerato.morailane@transnet.net</a> | Tender Closing Date: | <b>23 June 2023</b>           |
| <a href="mailto:Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net">Phumudzo.Gadivhana@transnet.net</a>        |                      |                               |

**For the provision of material, refurbishment and Commissioning of the damaged Lidgetton  
11Kv Distribution Substation in Ladysmith for a period of one (1) month.**

**Check**

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| <b>We: Do wish to tender</b> for the work and shall return our tender by the due<br>date above  | <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Do not wish to tender</b> on this occasion and herewith return all your<br>documents receive | <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  |

**Company Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Company  
Representative**\_\_\_\_\_

**Designation**\_\_\_\_\_

**Address**\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Number**\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address**\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

***NB: Bidders are required to return this document after downloading the tender document from the National Treasury  
eTender Publication Portal at [www.etenders.gov.za](http://www.etenders.gov.za) or [www.transnetfreightrailtr.net/Supplier/Pages/Tenders.aspxso](http://www.transnetfreightrailtr.net/Supplier/Pages/Tenders.aspxso)  
that all clarifications can be sent to them.***