

RFP CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS -RECEIVED FROM DIFFERENT BIDDERS

Questions

- ❖ As we are a quarry (Mine),we have to comply with the mine Health and Safety Act no. 29 of 1996 and Regulations, which are administered by the Principal Inspector at the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy, not the Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993.
- ❖ The RFP requires a response in terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act no 85 of 1993,which is administered by the Department of Health of Labour, even though the material requirement are from mines (quarries)
- ❖ Hence we are of the view that a requirement in the RFP in terms of Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993 is in error for this bid

Answer

- The Health and Safety Annexures were erroneously included in the Tender pack, and they have now been removed as per the addendum which was uploaded on the Portal on 30 January 2024

Question

- ❖ the tender was issued on 14th December 2023; the following day was a public holiday and mines had effectively closed for the end of the year holidays.
- ❖ They only re-opened on 8th January 2024. This took away 14 business days within which one could not do any engagement towards the start of these JV negotiations.
- ❖ If you consider the holiday season, you'd realise that the tender could only be completed in about 18 days. From where I sit, and given the volume of work involved in preparing a response – one gets a sense that this was not sufficient time to prepare an adequately responsive bid.
- ❖ I therefore appeal to you and those in authority to reconsider the closing date of 31th January 2024, and perhaps provide an extension of no less than 12 more additional business days. This will enable bidders at least a full calendar month to prepare their responses.

Answer

- ❖ Extension of the Closing date has been granted
- ❖ The date has been extended to 13 February 2024

Questions

- ❖ Kindly advise on how to fill Section 10: Certificate of Attendance and please advise if its necessary to download and send all the Annexures or just Annexure G for pricing?

Answer

- ❖ It is hereby certified that –
- **Names of person(representative) attending the Briefing**
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Representative(s) of ___Name of the Company ___**Company that that attended the briefing**_____ *[name of entity]*

attended the RFP briefing in respect of the proposed Goods/Services to be rendered in terms of this RFP on **dates attended** _____ 20_24_

TRANSNET'S REPRESENTATIVE

RESPONDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE

DATE _____

DATE: on **which briefing attended.**

EMAIL: **address for the
representative of the company**

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.

Question

- ❖ we would love to participate in bidding for RFP NUMBER HOAC_HO-43230, please share the relevant information with regards submitting this RFP, email address where this document must be returned to.

Answer

- ❖ Page 4, Section 1,SBD1 Part A, under bid response documents submission indicates that the bid can be uploaded to the below highlighted Transnet System

BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION

RESPONDENTS ARE TO UPLOAD THEIR BID RESPONSE PROPOSALS ONTO THE TRANSNET SYSTEM AGAINST EACH TENDER SELECTED (please refer to section 2, paragraph 3 for a detailed process on how to upload submissions):

<https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net>

Question

- ❖ As far as H&S is concerned, we operates under the Mine Health and Safety Act and reports to the Department of Minerals and Energy.
- ❖ Should we not comply with this Act we will lose our mining licence, in addition to this we are members of ASPASA and we participate in annual H&S audits as well as Environmental audits, our quarries obtain 5 star ratings which indicates compliance with the MHSA.
- ❖ Is it still necessary to submit the documentation as requested on the RFQ?

Answer

- ❖ The Health and Safety Annexures were erroneously included in the Tender pack, and they have now been removed as per the addendum which was uploaded on the Portal on 30 January 2024

Question

- ❖ Kindly provide direction or clarity on how bidders obtain approved quarry technical certificates from Transnet as it is a requirement to meet the minimum technical criteria threshold.

Answer

- ❖ The bidders will get that information from the quarries.
- ❖ Yes, bidders must meet the minimum technical requirements.

Question

- ❖ Washing of ballasts – like before we have a 20 000 litre water truck to wash the ballast. Is this acceptable?

Answer

- ❖ In responding to this question, bidders are advised to refer to Annexure F2.

Question

- ❖ Annexure G6 – tender assessment criteria – what needs to be submitted now in the tender? And how should it be presented in the submission?

Answer

- ❖ All annexure documents with regards to Health and Safety have been removed ,this includes Annexure G6

Question

- ❖ Negotiation stage – what aspects could possibly want to be negotiated at that stage?

Answer

- ❖ Price,
- ❖ Delivery lead time
- ❖ Terms and Conditions

Question

- ❖ Creating of job – what is Transnet's expectation? Will there be an audit process to track the job created through the tender?

Answer

- ❖ Transnet expects that suppliers must commit to job creation if awarded business. If a supplier fails to commit at tender submission, zero points will be awarded and if successful, job created will be negotiated during negotiations time and will form part of the contractual obligations. ESD will be responsible for monitoring working with Contract Management to ensure that this committed is executed and evidence provided for verification.

Question

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- ❖ SSB is a correspondent of G2 with the same grading as SB equally with the PI content between 3% - 10%.

Answer

- ❖ **SSB (Specialised sub-ballast)** and **SB (Sub-ballast)** are two different layers of the formation. Therefore, they should both be priced separately.