

Request for Proposal (RFP) Description:

FOR THE DETECTION AND MAPPING OF UNDERGROUND SERVICES AT THE PORT OF EAST LONDON
FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS.

RFP NUMBER: TNPA/2025/09/0004/106220/RFP

All Questions and Answers from 02 December 2025 to 08 December 2025

NON-COMPULSORY CLARIFICATION MEETING 02 December 2025		
#	Question	Answer
1.	On the programme in terms of the provision for blocks manual how are we going to estimate as at this point we cannot quantify them, in terms of infusing them in the programme of works.	The Programme you are proposing is the works that should be carried out for the scope of works and should not take into consideration at this stage any deviations or unplanned events. So, if you are expecting to come to the site and the manuals are unblocked, you need to stipulate in your submission that you based your programme on A B and C., therefore your sequence of events will not be hindered in any way based on what you submitted. But you need to clearly stipulate on what you have based it on so that we can take into consideration, when the successful service provider is appointed we will note as a risk item on a schedule and put mitigation measures in place possible prior to the contract being awarded to ensure that there is a smooth flow of works as per the programmes.
2.	On the Previous experience in your references letters do you accept the references from the projects completed from private sector or you only need project completed on public sector	Regarding the reference letters it can be private, and it can also be public as long as there are valid contact details of the clients so that it can be verifiable.
3.	What informs the need of a Professional Land Surveyor as the project seems to be of a	It is in our understanding that in terms of the work that we want the service provider to do the Land surveyor is required in terms of identifying the exact appropriate

	<p>tacheometric survey without any cadastral survey services according to the scope of work and considering that the site belongs to Transnet. According to the work reservation clause of the SAGC, this kind of work can be done by any registered professional, i.e., from a survey technician, surveyor or PLS.</p>	<p>positions of that underground utility. And once these are captured they will provide locations or coordinates, and produce accurate information so once that is done, they will also provide us with side information that has the side boundaries as well as the existing features and this certified professional will be the one who is accountable, and will be the one doing the approvals for the work and also making sure that the surveys controls points and survey verification is done. Yes there are some other professionals within the survey space but as the client we have chosen the Land Surveyor to be the one who will be leading in the project as you have seen that there are three professionals that we have requested for but the Land Surveyor will be the one who will be the accountable person that will be signing off the drawings at the end when submitting the information.</p>
4.	<p>Why would the point system be equivalent for the registered professional to a candidate engineer, because if then the candidate engineer is given the same opportunity we also have the survey technicians or any survey professionals so we have different categories within SAGC and we also have different work reservations that informs who is responsible for what kind of a job, so when it comes to cadastral surveys and detection of the underground services or any other infrastructure or the Topographic survey for that matter any registered professional can do that and that is in accordance with</p>	<p>The two differences here are that we want the Professional Land Surveyor to have a minimum of 5 years' experience and professional registration but when it comes to the candidate civil engineer, we do not want a professional registered civil engineer. So, if we were to ask for candidate for both, the experience would have been more for the land Surveyor. But since the land surveyor has professional registration the experience is kept at the same.</p>

	the work reservation clause for the Geomatical Councils works.	
5.	I just want to get clarity on the submissions for the supplier portal, because there is a new supplier Portal, are we submitting to the new one or the old one will still be available	The old Portal will still be available, and the steps to submitting your tenders document are stipulated in the RFP document.
6.	In terms of the letters is it allowed to submit the letters from the same client with different projects. Will it be considered a different letter or because they are coming from the same client you will accept one.	Yes letters will be allowed as it will be different projects with different project numbers.
7.	What contract governs this contract; I have picked up that you guys refer to NEC.	It's the NEC contract
8.	On 5.4 deliverables, you guys indicated on 5.4.7 that you need dimensional models of all existing services identified. I am not sure if you guys understand the implication of that statement, it means all underground services that will be picked, you need the 3D modelling of such services. Also, the biggest one is I have not picked in the tender documents whether what category of class for this service detection, remember there is class A, B and C, and all those have implication on the deliverables that you are going to have.	So, in terms of the 3D model, it is only requested for the services within the tunnel not for all services within the Port that you will be picking up. In terms of the classes, that is why we have the methodology. So on the methodology that's where you need to stipulate which class that correspond with the level of details that we have put in on the scope of works for example if we go to the scope of works and the level of detail that is required for the service , then that will help you in terms of determining which class you should go for, for example when it comes to sewer we need the direction of law, we need the invert levels , the sewer sums and all the information required as well as the diameters of the pipe and the pipe class for services such as water and storm water are also provided on the scope of works, so when you will be completing the Method statement and the pricing you need to go through the

		scope of work so that you know the level of detail that that is required.
9.	So in the absence of test pitting on the BOQ even though the scope stipulated that they would require information such as material of the pipe, diameters of all the services, I am not sure if how that item will be addressed so obviously for us to deliver such information we would need to do trial pit to verify the diameters of materials of whatever services detecting regardless of presenting the data as a 3D model or not we still require such information unless if we are going to follow , I saw somewhere where its says if we need this information where possible, so if that case meaning your water pipes will not have such information, only your sewer, your storm water will be able to tell what kind of material and the size of whatever things will be detecting	<p>The main request to the service providers is to align your programme, your method statement according to the scope. So, if you see that we are requesting pipe materials then you know that trial pits are a requirement, price for them, because you know, the outcome that is expected is pipe materials as well and how you get that is through trial pit or opening of manuals.</p> <p>Over and above that it is still available for potential service providers to visit the site and get an understanding of site context and condition and note any limitations or any further information that will inform the submission that they will need to do, so that they can compile and present an informed estimate</p>
Clarification Questions from 03 December 2025 to 08 December 2025		
10.	It was indicated on the briefing that we can go to site just to get a feel and familiarize ourselves with the site, who do we arrange with for a site visit	If you need to visit the site, you can make an appointment by E-mailing us on the E-mail provided in the RFP document the name of your company and the name of the person who will be representing your company a date and time will be set for you to come and visit the site.

11.	Scope indicates that all bulk needs to show, diameters, material of the services, inverts, levels and cover levels, to achieve this level of detailing one will need test pitting which might have a huge financial impact on the total bill, more especially because it is not indicated on the BOQ	As indicated in the briefing session the trial pits shall be deemed to have been included in your rates. Refer to Scope of Works, Section 3.6, first bullet, last sentence:
12.	Can we also get clarification on service clashing, what is the allowable space between services which will be classified as service clash	The clearance shall be between 300mm to 600mm depending on the pipe diameter and type of service. The final clearance requirements shall be confirmed with the appointed service provider