

Transnet National Ports Authority

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[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP] [SERVICES]

FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER(S) TO CONDUCT ANNUAL BIOFOULING MONITORING IN THE PORT OF RICHARDS BAY, PORT OF DURBAN [EASTERN REGION], PORT OF NGQURA, PORT OF PORT ELIZABETH [CENTRAL REGION], PORT OF MOSSEL BAY, PORT OF CAPE TOWN, AND PORT OF SALDAHNA [WESTERN REGION] FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS FOR TNPA

RFP NUMBER: TNPA/2025/05/0011/95560/RFP

ISSUE DATE: 26 September 2025

CLOSING DATE: 20 October 2025

CLOSING TIME: 16:00

BID VALIDITY PERIOD: 180 Business Days from Closing Date

SUBMISSION TO: Transnet e-tender submission portal

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SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM

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SECTION 2: NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1 INVITATION TO BID

Responses to this RFP [hereinafter referred to as a **Bid** or a **Proposal**] are requested from persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as an **entity**, **Respondent** or **Bidder**].

DESCRIPTION	FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER(S) TO CONDUCT ANNUAL
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	TNPA.
TENDER ADVERT	All Transnet tenders are advertised on the National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal and the Transnet website only. If you receive tender adverts for Transnet in any other platform other than the ones mentioned, it is your duty to verify the authenticity, accuracy, latest updates and reliability of the information with the platforms mentioned. Should both of these media (i.e. National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal or Transnet website) not be available, bidders are advised to check on the other media for advertised tenders.
RFP DOWNLOADING	This RFP may be downloaded directly from National Treasury's e-Tender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za free of charge.
	To download RFP and Annexures:
	Click on "Tender Opportunities";
	Select "Advertised Tenders";
	In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd.
	Once the tender has been in the list, click on the 'Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents.
	The RFP may also be downloaded from the Transnet Portal at https://transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net
COMMUNICATION	Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP on the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website with 10 days after the award has been finalised. All unsuccessful bidders have a right to request for reasons for their bid not being successful. This requested must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form.
	Any addenda to the RFP or clarifications will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website. Bidders are required to check the e-tender portal or Transnet website prior to finalising their bid submissions for any changes or clarifications to the RFP.
	Transnet will not be held liable if Bidders do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of either being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.
BRIEFING SESSION	A non-compulsory Tender Briefing Session will be conducted via Microsoft Teams on 03 October 2025 at 10:00.
CLOSING DATE	20 October 2025 at 16:00
	Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system.
	Generally, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.

	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.
VALIDITY PERIOD	Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, 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 successful bidder(s), the validity of the successful bidder(s)' bid will be deemed to remain valid until a final contract has been concluded. 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. With regard to the validity period of next highest ranked bidders, please refer to Section 2, paragraph 10.12

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

2 FORMAL BRIEFING

A non-compulsory pre-proposal RFP briefing will be conducted via Microsoft Teams on **03 October 2025 at 10h00** for a period of \pm two hours. The briefing session will start punctually and information will not be repeated for the benefit of Respondents joining late.

Despite the briefing session being non-compulsory, Transnet nevertheless encourages all Respondents to attend. Transnet will not be held responsible if any Respondent who did not attend the non-compulsory session subsequently feels disadvantaged as a result thereof.

Bidders can use the meeting link below to join the meeting:

Join the meeting now	Dial in by phone	Join on a video conferencing device
Microsoft Teams Need help? Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 336 728 496 857 0 Passcode: ef9ak6ZG	+27 21 835 5059,,552797244# South Africa, Cape Town Find a local number Phone conference ID: 552 797 244#	Tenant key: teams@transnet.onpexip.com Video ID: 123 496 170 2 More info For organizers: Meeting options Reset dial-in PIN

3 PROPOSAL 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:
 - a) Log on to the Transnet eTenders management platform website/ Portal (transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net)
 - b) Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;
 - c) Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER –to register new bidder information and ensure that all mandatory information is completed) OR;
 - d) to sign in if already registered;
 - e) Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button to submit a bid;
 - f) Submit bid documents by uploading them into the system against each tender selected.
 - g) 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.
 - h) 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.
 - i) No late submissions will be accepted. The bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net
 - j) 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.
 - k) 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.
 - I) 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.
 - m) A detailed bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net

4 RFP INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Please sign documents [sign, stamp and date the bottom of each page] before uploading them on the system. The person or persons signing the submission must be legally authorised by the respondent to do so.
- 4.2 All returnable documents tabled in the Proposal Form [Section 5] must be returned with proposals.
- 4.3 Unless otherwise expressly stated, all Proposals furnished pursuant to this RFP shall be deemed to be offers. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.

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- 4.4 Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter. Subject only to clause 15 [Alterations made by the Respondent to Bid Prices] of the General Bid Conditions, paragraph 12 below (Legal Review) and Section 6 of the RFP, alterations, additions or deletions must not be made by the Respondent to the actual RFP documents.
- 4.5 Bidders must not submit information relating to 3rd parties as part of their bid submission unless there is an agreement between the bidder and the 3rd party for the bidder to submit such information, or the bidders have formed a JV/Consortium or the information is relating to a subcontractor. In such instances a JV/Consortium/Subcontracting agreement must be submitted with the bid.

5 JOINT VENTURES OR CONSORTIUMS

Respondents who would wish to respond to this RFP as a Joint Venture [JV] or consortium with B-BBEE entities, must state their intention to do so in their RFP submission. Such Respondents must also submit a signed JV or consortium agreement between the parties clearly stating the percentage [%] split of business and the associated responsibilities of each party. If at the time of the bid submission such a JV or consortium agreement has not been concluded, the partners must submit confirmation in writing of their intention to enter into a JV or consortium agreement should they be awarded business by Transnet through this RFP process. This written confirmation must clearly indicate the percentage [%] split of business and the responsibilities of each party. In such cases, award of business will only take place once a signed copy of a JV or consortium agreement is submitted to Transnet.

Respondents are to note that for the purpose of Evaluation, a JV will be evaluated based on one consolidated B-BBEE score card (a consolidated B-BBEE Status Level verification certificate) 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.

6 COMMUNICATION (CLARIFICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS)

- 6.1 For specific clarification relating to this RFP, an RFP Clarification Request Form should be submitted to [tnpatenderenquiries1@transnet.net] for the attention of Thato Mogorosi before 16:00 on 14 October 2025, substantially in the form set out in Section 8 hereto. In the interest of fairness and transparency, Transnet's response to such a query will be published on the e-tender portal and Transnet website.
- 6.2 Specific complaints relating to this RFP before or after the closing date should be formally submitted by emailing to **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.
- 6.3 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate with **Thato Mogorosi**, at email tmpatenderquiries1@transnet.net on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal.
- 6.4 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.
- 6.5 It is prohibited for Respondents to attempt, either directly or indirectly, to canvass any officer or employee of Transnet in respect of this RFP between the closing date and the date of the award of the business.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 Transnet will publish the outcome of this RFP in the National Treasury e-tender portal and Transnet website with 10 days after the award has been finalised. Respondents are required to check the National Treasury e-tender Portal and Transnet website for the results of the tender process. All unsuccessful bidders have a right to request Transnet to furnish reasons for their bid not being successful. These requests must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form.

7 CONFIDENTIALITY

All information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidence. In this regard Respondents are required to certify that they have acquainted themselves with the Non-Disclosure Agreement. All information related to a subsequent contract, both during and after completion thereof, will be treated with strict confidence. Should the need however arise to divulge any information related to this RFP or the subsequent contract, written approval must be obtained from Transnet.

8 COMPLIANCE

The successful Respondent [hereinafter referred to as the [**Service provider**] shall be in full and complete compliance with any and all applicable laws and regulations.

9 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.

10 DISCLAIMERS

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

- 10.1 modify the RFP's Goods/Services;
- 10.2 award a contract in connection with this Proposal at any time after the RFP's closing date;
- 10.3 award a contract for only a portion of the proposed Goods/Services which are reflected in the scope of this RFP;
- 10.4 split the award of the contract between more than one Supplier/Service provider, as may be explicitly articulated in the conditions or objective criteria to this RFP;
- 10.5 cancel the bid process;

- 10.6 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;
- 10.7 request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 10.8 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 provided for it;
- 10.9 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;
- 10.10 to award the business to the next ranked bidder, provided that he/she is still prepared to provide the required Goods 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 outcome of the tender has been published the outcome of the bid process on the National Treasury etender Portal and Transnet website. Bidders may therefore be requested to advise whether they would still be prepared to provide the required Goods at their quoted price.
- 10.11 Request a bidder 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 use for purpose of record and analysis of ESG compliance.
- 10.12 Where sub-contracting is applied in a tender, conduct due diligence assessment on the sub-contractor(s) and this may entail requesting the bidder to provide further information relating to the sub-contractor(s) or directly requesting the information from the sub-contractor(s) as well as conducting any necessary investigations on the sub-contractor(s) to detect issues of "FRONTING".

Note that Transnet will not reimburse any Respondent for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with its Proposal, whether or not the Respondent is awarded a contract.

11 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. A material deviation from the Standard terms or conditions could result in disqualification.

12 SECURITY CLEARANCE

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

TRANSNET URGES ITS CLIENTS, SUPPLIERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO REPORT ANY FRAUD OR CORRUPTION TO

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Website: https://whistleblowersoftware.com/secure/Transnet

SECTION 3: BACKGROUND, OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

1 BACKGROUND

The introduction of invasive aquatic species to new environments by ships has been identified as a major threat to the world's oceans and the conservation of biodiversity. A multitude of marine species, carried either in ships' ballast water or on ships' hulls, may survive to establish a reproductive population in the host environment, becoming invasive, out-competing native species, and multiplying into pest proportions. Biofouling is considered one of the main vectors for bio-invasions and is described as the undesirable accumulation of microorganisms, plants, algae, and animals on submerged structures (especially ships' hulls).

Biofouling on ships entering the ports may result in the establishment of invasive aquatic species, which may pose threats to human, animal, and plant life, economic and cultural activities, and the aquatic environment. In 2018, TNPA approved underwater hull cleaning in South African ports as part of IMO's commitment to reduce climate change, and TNPA is mandated to manage this activity effectively due to the critical role of the port's biodiversity and economic activities.

The affected ports include the Port of Richards Bay, Port of Durban, Port of Ngqura, Port of Port Elizabeth, Port of Mossel Bay, Port of Cape Town, and the Port of Saldanha. TNPA would like to ensure that best practices are employed to manage biofouling risk through robust monitoring of alien invasive species which involves detection of early arrival on time. TNPA is mandated to conduct monitoring of alien invasive species to manage the port's biodiversity and promote the economy through aquaculture and recreational activities.

TNPA seeks to make regional appointment of service providers. The Ports/locations are as follows:

- Western Region (Port of Saldanha, Port of Cape Town, Port of Mossel Bay).
- Eastern Region (Port of Durban, Port of Richards Bay).
- Central Region (Port of Port Elizabeth, Port of Ngqura).

Bidders may quote for any one or a combination of the aforementioned regions. The award per region will be based on the outcome of the price and preference evaluation.

2 EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Whereas Transnet is seeking a partner(s) to provide solutions for its ports nationally, it also seeks to improve its current processes for providing these Goods/Services to its end user community throughout its locations.

The selected Service provider(s) must share in the mission and business objectives of Transnet. These mutual goals will be met by meeting contractual requirements and new challenges in an environment of teamwork, joint participation, flexibility, innovation and open communications. In this spirit of partnership, Transnet and its Supplier/Service provider(s) will study the current ways they do business to enhance current practices and support processes and systems. Such a partnership will allow Transnet to reach higher levels of quality, service and profitability.

Specifically, Transnet seeks to benefit from this partnership in the following ways:

2.1 Transnet must receive reduced cost of acquisition and improved service benefits resulting from the Supplier/Service provider's economies of scale and streamlined service processes.

- 2.2 Transnet must achieve appropriate availability that meets user needs while reducing costs for both Transnet and the chosen Supplier/Service provider(s).
- 2.3 Transnet must receive proactive improvements from the Supplier/Service provider with respect to supply/provision of Goods/Services and related processes.
- 2.4 Transnet's overall competitive advantage must be strengthened by the chosen Supplier/Service provider's leading edge technology and service delivery systems.
- 2.5 Transnet end users must be able to rely on the chosen Supplier/Service provider's personnel for service enquiries, recommendations and substitutions.
- 2.6 Transnet must reduce costs by streamlining its acquisition of Goods/Services, including managed service processes on a Group basis.

3 SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

Refer to **Annexure A** for the detailed Scope of Work.

4 GREEN ECONOMY / CARBON FOOTPRINT

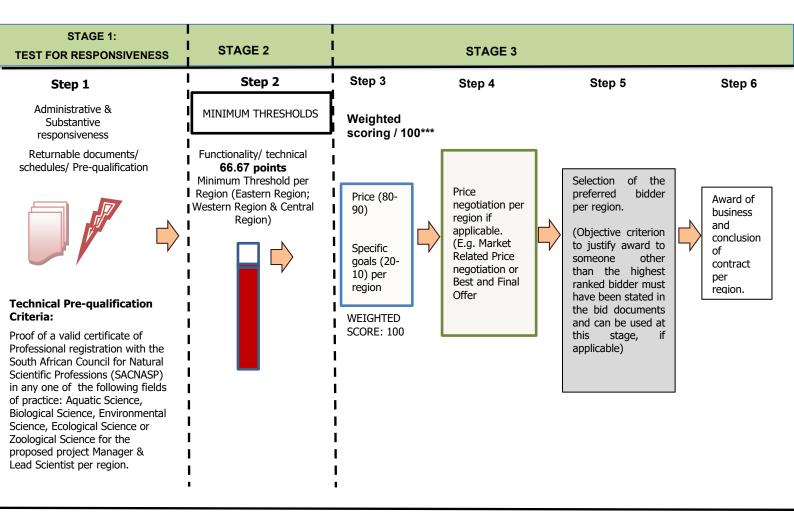
Transnet wishes to have an understanding of your company's position with regard to environmental commitments, including key environmental characteristics such as waste disposal, recycling, and energy conservation. *Please submit details of your entity's policies in this regard.*

5 GENERAL SUPPLIER/SERVICE PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

- 5.1 The Service provider(s) shall be fully responsible to Transnet for the acts and omissions of persons directly or indirectly employed by them.
- 5.2 The Service provider(s) must comply with the requirements stated in this RFP.

6 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Transnet will utilise the following methodology and criteria in selecting a preferred Service provider.



NB: Evaluation of the various stages will normally take place in a sequential manner. However, in order to expedite the process, Transnet reserves the right to conduct the different steps of the evaluation process in parallel. In such instances the evaluation of bidders at any given stage must not be interpreted to mean that bidders have necessarily passed any previous stage(s).

6.1 STEP ONE: Test for Administrative and Substantive Responsiveness

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

Administrative responsiveness check	RFP Reference
Whether the Bid has been lodged on time	Section 1 paragraph 3
Whether all Returnable Documents and/or schedules [where applicable] were completed and returned by the closing date and time	Section 5
Verify the validity of all returnable documents	Section 5
Verify if the Bid document has been duly signed by the authorised respondent	All sections

•	Whether any general and legislation qualification criteria set by Transnet, have been met	All sections
•	Whether the Bid contains a priced offer	Section 4 - Quotation Form
•	Whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given	All Sections
	Check for substantive responsiveness	RFP Reference
•	Whether any general and legislative qualification criteria set by Transnet have been met	All sections including: Section 2 paragraphs, 2.2 General Bid Conditions clause 20
•	Whether the Bid contains a priced offer as prescribed in the pricing and delivery schedule	Section 4
•	Whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given	All Sections
•	Whether any Technical Pre-qualification Criteria have been met as follows: Proof of a valid certificate of Professional registration with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) in any one of the following fields of practice: Aquatic Science, Biological Science, Environmental Science, Ecological Science or Zoological Science for the proposed Project Manager & Lead Scientist per region.	Section 3 – paragraph 6.1

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

6.2 STEP TWO: Minimum Threshold 66.67 points for Technical Criteria per region.

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

Technical Evaluation Criteria	Points Weightings
Company Experience Reference Letters	10
Qualification & Experience	
Project Manager Qualifications	15
Project Manager CV	15
Lead Marine/ Aquatic Scientist Qualification	10
Lead Marine/Aquatic Scientist	15
Marine Technician Qualification	10
Marine Technician CV	5
Method Statement	20
Total Weighting:	100
Minimum qualifying score required:	66.67

Respondents may provide a technical response to any one or a combination of the following three regions.

- Western Region (Port of Saldanha, Port of Cape Town, Port of Mossel Bay).
- Eastern Region (Port of Durban, Port of Richards Bay).
- Central Region (Port of Port Elizabeth, Port of Nggura).

Technical evaluation will be conducted out of 100 points per region. Respondents will be required to achieve a minimum threshold of 66.67 points per region.

A Respondent's compliance with the minimum functionality/technical threshold per region will be measured by their responses to **Annexure B** – **Technical Evaluation**.

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.

Respondents are to note that any foreign/ international qualifications submitted as part of the bid response must be accompanied by a certificate of evaluation issued by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) for each foreign /international qualification submitted.

Respondents must complete the tables on page 26 - 27 of the RFP document, clearly indicating the region(s) respondents are bidding for and the proposed resources per region.

The minimum threshold for technical/functionality [Step Two] must be met or exceeded per region for a Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Three for final evaluation per region.

6.3 STEP THREE: Evaluation and Final Weighted Scoring per region.

a) **Price Criteria** [Weighted score 90 or 80 points]:

Evaluation Criteria	RFP Reference
Commercial offer	Section 4

Transnet will utilise the following formula in its evaluation of Price:

$$PS = 80 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin}\right) OR PS = 90 \left(1 - \frac{Pt - Pmin}{Pmin}\right)$$

Where:

Ps=Score for the Bid under considerationPt=Price of Bid under considerationPmin =Price of lowest acceptable Bid

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- b) **Specific Goals** [Weighted score 20 or 10 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.

6.4 SUMMARY: Applicable Thresholds and Final Evaluated Weightings

Thresholds	Minimum Threshold
Technical / functionality per region	66.67

Evaluation Criteria	Final Weighted Scores
Price	80 or 90
Specific goals – Scorecard	20 or 10
TOTAL SCORE:	100

6.5 STEP FOUR: Price Negotiations per region (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,
 - o 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).

6.6 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:

- 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 order to benefit other suppliers in the market;
- The bidder:
- bidder(s) is not in good standing with Transnet National Ports Authority due to a poor track record of past performance with Transnet SOC Ltd and or Transnet National Ports Authority;
- there is clear, uncontrived and/or overwhelming evidence and/or facts that the bidder has or continues to be in breach of any of the provisions contained in the Integrity Pact (Annexure E);

- the appointment of the bidder would result in a negative impact on Transnet's Return on Investment;
- is undergoing a process of being restricted by Transnet or other state institution that Transnet may be aware of,
- can, as necessary and in relation to the proposed contract, demonstrate that he or she possesses the professional and technical qualifications, professional and technical competence, financial resources, equipment and other physical facilities, managerial capability, reliability, experience and reputation, expertise and the personnel, to perform the contract,
- has the legal capacity to enter into the contract
- 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,
- complies with the legal requirements, if any, stated in the tender data and
- is able, in the option of the employer to perform the contract free of conflicts of interest.

6.7 STEP SIX: Award of business and conclusion of contract per region

- Immediately after approval to award the contract has been received, the successful bidder(s) will be informed of the acceptance of his/their Bid by way of a Letter of Award. Thereafter the final contract will be concluded with the successful Respondent(s). where applicable.
- Alternatively, 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.

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SECTION 4: PRICING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Respondents are required to complete the pricing schedule attached hereto as **Annexure C**.

Respondents are to note that Transnet will round off final pricing scores to the nearest 2 (two) decimal places.

Notes to Pricing:

- a) Bidder must complete pricing for all regions tendered for.
- b) Bidder must ensure that the pricing is inclusive of all related cost, any cost not specified in the pricing scheduled will not be considered/accepted by Transnet.
- c) 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 RFP;
 - (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 RFP;
 - (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 RFP.

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

- d) Prices must be quoted in South African Rand inclusive of VAT.
- e) Disbursements not specifically priced for will not be considered/accepted by Transnet. The overall cost quoted shall be inclusive of all travel and accommodation costs that will be required to complete the scope of work in full per respective region (where applicable). Accommodation and Flights shall be arranged at Government Rates (3-star accommodation) and Economy Class Flights and Basic Car Hire (Group B). Disbursements will be reimbursed at cost price upon presentation of an undisputed invoice. Any disbursement invoiced that is not in line with aforementioned guidelines will not be accepted by Transnet for payment. Bidders may be required to provide a detailed breakdown of projected disbursement costs upon request by Transnet prior to finalisation of award.
- f) To facilitate like-for-like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with the pricing schedule attached as **Annexure C** and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule could result in a bid being declared non-responsive.
- g) Respondents, if awarded the contract, are required to indicate that their prices quoted for Year 1 would be kept firm and fixed. Escalations for Year 2 and Year 3 must be capped at CPI projection percentages 4.2% and 4.3% respectively. The contract price for Year 2 and Year 3 will be revised based on actual CPI movement at the anniversary of the contract (start of Year 2 and Year 3 respectively). The indices published in Statistics SA Publication P0141 will be used to calculate the actual annual escalation of prices.

YES	

1. DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACT INFORMATION

PRICES TENDERED

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** Closely to a DPIP/FPPO 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 Role **Shareholding** Registration **Status** in the **Entity Entity** Number (Mark applicable % the **Business Business** option with an X) (Nature of **Active Non-Active** interest/ Participation) 1 2 3

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.

2. PRICE REVIEW

The successful Respondent(s) [the Service provider] will be obliged to submit to an annual price review. Transnet will be benchmarking this price offering(s) against the lowest price received as per a benchmarking exercise. If the Service provider's price(s) is/are found to be higher than the benchmarked price(s), then the Service provider shall match or better such price(s) within 30 [thirty] calendar days, failing which the contract may be terminated at Transnet's discretion or the particular item(s) or service(s) purchased outside the contract.

3. RISK

Respondents must elaborate on the control measures put in place by their entity, which would mitigate the risk to Transnet pertaining to potential non-performance by the Respondent, in relation to:

3.2 Continuity of supply	Continuity of supply:						
3.3 Compliance with the	e Occupational Health and Safety A	Act, 85 of 1993:					
GNED at	on this day of	20					
GNATURE OF WITNESSES	ADDRESS O	F WITNESSES					
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GNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUT	THORISED REPRESENTATIVE:						
AME:							

Respondent's Signature

SECTION 5: PROPOSAL FORM AND LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

I/We_ <i>[name</i>	<u> </u>	of	entity,	company,	close	corporation	or	partnership]	of	[full	address]
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any expense to which it may have been put in calling for Proposals afresh and/or having to accept any less favourable Proposal.

Furthermore, I/we agree to a penalty clause/s which will allow Transnet to invoke a penalty against us for non-compliance with material terms of this RFP including the delayed delivery of the Goods/Services due to non-performance by ourselves, , etc.

I/we agree that non-compliance with any of the material terms of this RFP, including those mentioned above, will constitute a material breach of contract and provide Transnet with cause for cancellation.

ADDRESS FOR NOTICES

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern any contract created by the acceptance of this RFP. The *domicilium citandi et executandi* shall be a place in the Republic of South Africa to be specified by the Respondent hereunder, at which all legal documents may be served on the Respondent who shall agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Republic of South Africa. Foreign Respondents shall, therefore, state hereunder the name of their authorised representative in the Republic of South Africa who has the power of attorney to sign any contract which may have to be entered into in the event of their Proposal being accepted and to act on their behalf in all matters relating to such contract.

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contract.	
Respondent to indicate the details of its domicilium citandi et executandi hereunder:	
Name of Entity:	
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Facsimile:	
Address:	
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NOTIFICATION OF AWARD OF RFP	
As soon as possible after approval to award the contract(s), the successful Respondent [the Supplied	er/Servic

As soon as possible after approval to award the contract(s), the successful Respondent [the Supplier/Service provider] will be informed of the acceptance of its Proposal. Transnet will also publish the outcome of the tender, including successful and unsuccessful bidders, in the National Treasury e-tender portal. Any unsuccessful bidder has a right to request reasons for the bid not to be successful and Transnet has a duty to provide those reasons on receipt of the request from the bidder.

VALIDITY PERIOD

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

NAME(S) AND ADDRESS / ADDRESSES OF DIRECTOR(S) OR MEMBER(S)

The Respondent must disclose hereunder the full name(s) and address(s) of the director(s) or members of the company or close corporation [C.C.] on whose behalf the RFP is submitted.

(i)	Registration number of company / C.C		
(ii)	Registered name of company / C.C		
(iii)	Full name(s) of director/member(s)	Address/Addresses	ID Number(s)

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	Failure to provide all these Mandatory Returnable Documents at the Closing Date and time of this RFP <u>will</u> result in a Respondent's disqualification.
Returnable Documents Used for Scoring	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.
Essential Returnable Documents	Failure to provide essential Returnable Documents <u>will</u> result in Transnet affording Respondents a further opportunity to submit by a set deadline. Should a Respondent thereafter fail to submit the requested documents, this may result in a Respondent's disqualification.

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 so indicating [Yes or No] in the tables below:

MANDATORY RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS	SUBMITTED [Yes/No]
SECTION 4 : Pricing and Delivery Schedule per respective region(s) tendered for	
Proof of a valid certificate of Professional registration with the South African Council for	
Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) in any one of the following fields of practice:	
Aquatic Science, Biological Science, Environmental Science, Ecological Science or	
Zoological Science for the proposed project Manager & Lead Scientist per region.	

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 so indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
Respondent's valid proof of evidence to claim points for compliance with Specific Goals	
requirements as stipulated in Section 9 of this RFP.	
Respondents' submission of documentary evidence in response to Annexure B , technical	
evaluation criteria.	

c) Essential Returnable Documents:

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

ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS & SCHEDULES	SUBMITTED [Yes or No]
In the case of Joint Ventures, a copy of the Joint Venture Agreement or written confirmation of the intention to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement	
Section 1: SBD1 Form	
SECTION 5: Proposal Form and List of Returnable Documents	
SECTION 6: Certificate Of Acquaintance with RFP, Terms & Conditions & Applicable Documents	
SECTION 7: RFP Declaration and Breach of Law Form	
SECTION 8: RFP Clarification Request Form	
SECTION 9: Specific Goals Points Claim Form	
SECTION 10: Certificate of Attendance of Non-Compulsory RFP Briefing	
SECTION 11: Protection of Personal Information	
Central Supplier Database (CSD) Report	
SARS Tax Compliance Pin	

Essential Returnable Documents: Proposed Key Resources Region selection

Bidders are required to indicate in the table below which region they're bidding for:

Region	Indicate Selection with an X
Western Region	
Eastern Region	
Central Region	

Bidders are required to indicate in the table below the names of Project Manager & Lead Scientist per region.

Region	Indicate Manager	name	of	Project	Indicate Scientist	Name	of	Lead
Western Region								
Eastern Region								
Central Region								

Bidders must ensure that Proof of a valid certificate of Professional registration with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) in any one of the following fields of practice: Aquatic Science, Biological Science, Environmental Science, Ecological Science or Zoological Science for the proposed project Manager & Lead Scientist per region. Refer to mandatory criteria cited in Section 3 paragraph 6.1 of the RFP document.

Essential Returnable Documents: Proposed Key Resources

In addition to submission of copies of CVs and qualifications for the key personnel, the bidder is required to furnish the details of the proposed key personnel in the table below:

No.	Key Resources: Name and Surname	Proposed Role (Project Manager/Aquatic Scientist/Marine Technician)	Qualification(s)	Applicable Region
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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 RFP. 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.

Respondent's Signature	Date & Company Starr

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SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES		ADDRESS OF WITNESSES	
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SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S	AUTHORISED REPRESENTATI	VE:	
NAME:	····		
DESIGNATION:			

Respondent's Signature

SECTION 6: RFQ DECLARATION CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE & BREACH OF LAW FORM WITH RFP

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 RFP. 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 SOC Ltd 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 for the purpose of calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:

1	Transnet's General Bid Conditions
2	Master Agreement and SLA attached
3	Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact
4	Non-disclosure Agreement
5	Scope of Work (Annexure A) attached to this RFP

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 RFP unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead, attached to its submitted Bid. Any such submission shall be subject to review by Transnet's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be. A material deviation from any term or condition may result in disqualification.

Bidders accept that an obligation rests on them to clarify any uncertainties regarding any bid to which they intend to respond on, before submitting the bid. The Bidder agrees that he/she will have no claim or cause of action based on an allegation that any aspect of this RFP was unclear but in respect of which he/she failed to obtain clarity.

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

SECTION 7: RFP DECLARATION AND BREACH OF LAW FORM

We hereby certify that:

- Transnet has supplied and we have received appropriate responses to any/all questions [as applicable] which
 were submitted by ourselves for RFP Clarification purposes;
- 2. We have received all information we deemed necessary for the completion of this Request for Proposal [RFP];
- 3. We have been provided with sufficient access to the existing Transnet facilities/sites and any and all relevant information relevant to the Goods/Services 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 RFP from Transnet sources, other than information formally received from the designated Transnet contact(s) as nominated in the RFP documents;
- 5. We are satisfied, insofar as our entity is concerned, that the processes and procedures adopted by Transnet in issuing this RFP and the requirements requested from Bidders in responding to this RFP have been conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
- 6. We have complied with all obligations of the Bidder/Supplier as indicated in the Transnet Supplier Integrity 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;
- 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 RFP; and

If such a relationship as indicated in paragraph 7, exists, the Res	spondent 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 declarations 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 interest¹ 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	a relatio	nship	with	any
	person v	who is e	employe	d by the pr	ocuri	ing i	nstitutio	n?				

YES/NO

¹ 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.

13.	2.1. If so, furnish particulars:	
13.3	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?)
13.	3.1. If so, furnish particulars:	
DEC	CLARATION	
	he undersigned, (name) in submitting the accompanyi, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:	ng
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 a complete in every respect;	nc
14.	3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However, communication betwee partners in a joint venture or consortium ² will not be construed as collusive bidding.	
14.	4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with a competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulused to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products services to which this bid invitation relates.	las oid,
14.	5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding the contract.	
14.	6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidd with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and duri the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by to institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference this bid.	ing the

² 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.

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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.

BREACH OF LAW

Respondent's Signature

We further hereby certify that *I/we* (the bidding entity and/or any of its directors, members or partners) *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:

DATE OF BREACH:	
- -urthermore, I/we acknowledge th	nat Transnet SOC Ltd reserves the right to exclude any Respondent from the
oidding process, should that perso	on 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	AS WITNESS:
duly authorised hereto	
Name:	Name:
Position:	Position:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Registration No of Company/CC
bate.	

Respondent's Signature

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SECTION 8: RFP CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

RFP No: TNPA/2025/05/0011/95560/RFP				
RFP deadline for questions / RFP Clarifications: Before 16:00 on 14 October 2025				
TO:	Transnet SOC Ltd			
ATTENTION:	Thato Mogorosi			
EMAIL	tnpatenderenquiries1@transnet.net			
DATE:				
FROM:				
RFP Clarification N	No [to be inserted by Transnet]			
	REQUEST FOR RFP CLARIFICATION			
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SECTION 9: 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).
 - the 90/10 system for requirements with a Rand value above R50 000 000 (all applicable taxes included).
- 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 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:
 - (a) Price;
 - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution; and
 - (c) Any other specific goal determined in Transnet preferential procurement policy.
- 1.4 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	POINTS
PRICE	80/90
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION	
 B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor 1 or 2 - (12 or 6 Points) EME or QSE 51% Black Owned Entities – (8 or 4 Points) 	20/10
Total points for Price and Specific Goals must not exceed	100

- 1.5 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of evidence for any of the specific goals together with the bid will be interpreted to mean that preference points are not claimed.
- 1.6 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) "Ownership" means 51% black ownership
- (e) "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;
- (f) **"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act"** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (g) **"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);
- (h) **"Functionality"** means the ability of a bidder to provide goods or services in accordance with specification as set out in the bid documents
- (i) "Price" includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts.
- (i) "Proof of B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor"
 - i) the B-BBBEE status level certificate issued by an authorised body or person;
 - ii) a sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice; or
 - iii) any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act.
- (k) "QSE" means a Qualifying Small 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);
- (I) "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.
- (m) "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 OR 90/10 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

A maximum of 80 or 90 points is allocated for price on the following basis:

$$Ps = 80\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min}\right)$$
 or $Ps = 90\left(1 - \frac{Pt - P\min}{P\min}\right)$

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)	Number of points allocated (90/10)
B-BBEE Level of contributor (1 or 2)	12	6
EME or QSE 51% Black Owned Entities	8	4
Non-Compliant and/or B-BBEE Level 3-8 contributors	0	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 Certificate / Sworn - Affidavit / CIPC B-BBEE
B-BBEE Level 1 or 2	Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will
	be accepted) as per DTIC guidelines
	B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn - Affidavit / CIPC B-BBEE
EME or QSE 51% Black Owned Entities	Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will
	be accepted) as per DTIC guidelines

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
EME ³	the DTI's website at www.dti.qov.za/economic empowerment/bee codes.jsp.] 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 OSE scorecard

- 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.
- A person will not be awarded points for B-BBEE status level if it is indicated in the bid documents that such a bidder intends sub-contracting more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not qualify for at least the points that such a bidder qualifies for, unless the intended sub-contractor is an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

5.	BID	DECL	ARATI	ON
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5.1	Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution i	must complete	the following:
6.	B-BBEE SPECIFIC GOALS POINTS CLAIMED		
6.1	B-BBEE Specific Goals Points Claimed: . = (maximum of 10 OR 20 points)		
	(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 6.1 must be in accordance with the 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of control of the substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of control of the substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of control of the substantial of the substan		ed in paragraph
7.	SUB-CONTRACTING		
7.1	Will any portion of the contract be sub-contracted?		
	(Tick applicable box)		
	YES NO		
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-contractoriv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE. (Tick applicable box)		
	YES NO	- Callandar and	
	v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with any of th	e following ent	erprises:
	: An EME or QSE which is at last 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		
	 Υ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium Υ One person business/sole propriety Υ Close corporation Υ Company Υ (Pty) Limited [ΤΙCΚ ΑΡΡΙΙCΑΒΙΕ ΒΟΧ] 		
8.5	DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES		
8.6	COMPANY CLASSIFICATION		

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- Y Manufacturer
- Υ Supplier
- Υ Professional Supplier/Service provider
- Υ Other Suppliers/Service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

- 8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:.....
- I/we, the undersigned, who is / are duly authorised to do so on behalf of the company/firm, certify that the points claimed, based on the B-BBE status level of contribution 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;
 - 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 1.4 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 a bidder submitted false information regarding its B-BBEE status level of contributor or any other matter required in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2022 which will affect or has affected the evaluation of a bid the purchaser may, in addition to any other remedy it may have
 - (a) disqualify the person from the bidding process;
 - (b) recover costs, losses or damages it has incurred or suffered as a result of that person's conduct;
 - (c) cancel the contract and claim any damages which it has suffered as a result of having to make less favourable arrangements due to such cancellation;
 - 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.

WI	TNESSES	
1		SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)
2		DATE:
		ADDRESS

SECTION 10: CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OF NON-COMPULSORY RFP BRIEFING

It is hereby certified that –	
1.	
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Representative(s) of	
	ct of the proposed Goods/Services to be rendered in terms of
this RFP on20	
TRANSNET'S REPRESENTATIVE	RESPONDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE
DATE	DATE
	EMAN
	EMAIL
NOTE:	
This certificate of attendance must be filled in du	uplicate, one copy to be kept by Transnet and the other copy
to be kept by the bidder.	

SECTION 11: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 1. The following terms shall bear the same meaning as contemplated in Section 1 of the Protection of Person information act, No.4 of 2013.("POPIA"):
 - consent; data subject; electronic communication; information officer; operator; person; personal information; processing; record; Regulator; responsible party; special information; as well as any terms derived from these terms.
- 2. Transnet will process all information by the Respondent in terms of the requirements contemplated in Section 4(1) of the POPIA:
 - Accountability; Processing limitation; Purpose specification; Further processing limitation; Information quality; Openness; Security safeguards and Data subject participation.
- 3. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, in relation to personal information that will be processed pursuant to this RFP, 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 RFP 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 RFP, 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 RFP (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

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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 RFP, the Respondent is hereby consenting to the processing of their personal information for the purpose of this RFP and further confirming that they are aware of their rights in terms of Section 5 of POPIA

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 RFP is complete, accurate, not misleading, is up to date and may be updated where applicable.

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Signature of F	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

Respondent's Signature