



RFP FOR: DESIGN (INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING), BUILD, INSTALL, TEST AND COMMISSION OF THE 3 MW SOLAR PV PLANT THAT INCLUDES 1.5 MWH BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FOR A PERIOD OF 7 YEARS (2 YEARS FOR CONSTRUCTION & 5 YEARS FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE) AT THE PORT OF EAST LONDON

QUESTIONS RELATING TO TNPA/2024/02/0033/55398/RFP

Question

1. We would like to submit a BBBEE certificate from the Transport Sector. Could you please confirm if this will be acceptable for this tender?

Response:

Please refer to Addendum 03

Question

2. Can we be provided with clarity regarding the BBBEE certificate issued in terms of the construction sector. The solar industry does not form part of construction how will this be treated?

Response

If you are a contractor your certificate should be registered in terms of the construction sector codes. If the works falls within the definitions of works as per CIDB and CIDB includes electrical works then its firmly within the construction sector codes. If there is a specific challenge pertaining this, Tenderers are encouraged to submit their enquiries via the TNPA tenderenquiries3@transnet.net .

Question

3. We currently hold a CIDB 8 but have only 1MW experience in Zimbabwe. Our chosen EPC contractor has a lower CIDB grading but possesses significant solar experience. We are considering signing an exclusive supply agreement with the EPC and adding them to the BID without forming a Joint Venture (JV). Will their experience be considered as part of our submission under these circumstances?

Response:

The requirement is a contractor grading of 7EP or higher, please state your class of works in order for a correct response to be given.

Question

4. Additionally, we noticed that the **Online Portal** does not provide an option to submit questions online. Could you please advise on the correct platform or procedure for submitting our questions? Please see the attached image for reference.

Response:

Please note all enquiries relating to this tender should only be sent via email to TNPA tenderenquiries3@transnet.net



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Question

5. In order to conduct a thorough feasibility study costing we will require access to site, will Transnet make the certain sites available to those interested?

Response:

The date for the additional site access was granted on the 25 September from 9 am till 2pm and communicated with all.

Question

6. Will an addendum be issued regarding the non inclusion of PMI as part of the registrations for a Construction Manager? This is needed in order to clarify the contradiction as the technical prequalification states that the Construction Manager needs to be registered with SACPCMP however, the scoring thereof under the technical evaluation mentions PMI registration

Response:

Addendum 03 was issued to correct this.

Question

7. Will native files be accepted for upload on the Transnet system?

Response:

The system does not accept native files. A PDF will need to be uploaded, and the schedule must be as clear as possible in order to make sense of the information.

Question

8. As a JV, if we submit different certificates (key personnel) will we score points since we will be forming JV with different companies.

Response:

If proof of a signed JV agreement is attached with your submission then you will score the necessary points based on the evidence provided. However 0 points will be allocated if there is no JV agreement.

Question

9. One of the criteria's mentions the PV site not the BESS site. Is the BESS not important?

Response

The criteria for previous experience requires experience of both grid-tied solar PV and BESS.



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Question

- 10.** Are there any local labourers that will be considered for the project? Should the locals stop the project demanding protection fee, can Tenderers filter in an element of protection fee into their tendered price?

Response

Transnet cannot dictate which local labourers to use, that is the duty of the Tenderer to identify their chosen SMME. Unfortunately, Transnet cannot entertain element of protection fee.

Question

- 11.** Is the 2 years within the project duration only allocated for construction?

Response

The two years is for design (includes feasibility study and environmental authorization) and construction.

Question

- 12.** Will it be possible for Transnet to allow Tenderers access to the site before closing date? Can a contact number or person be allocated for those interested?

Response

Refer to response on Question 5.

Questions

- 13.** Is Transnet going to provide a safety agent for this project?

Response

The contract must provide the safety agent for the project.

Question

- 14.** What will be the time for schedule approval upon award, will it be 7 days?

Response

The estimated time for approve is working 7 days.

Question

- 15.** Clarity is sought on the technical prequal, why is the project manager not included but is included under the technical evaluation?

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Response

The project manager is not a prequalification but has three (3) points allocated. This is because the site construction manager and project manager require SACPCMP registration which is the same registration required for the site construction.

Question

- 16.** Can JV's submit individual B-BBEE if all members are level 1 and 2 as per the specific goals as getting consolidated BBBEE certificates can be time consuming?

Response

Tenderers who intend on forming a JV should provide a consolidated B-BBEE certificate whether or not they all are level 1 or 2. Tenders will not be disqualified but will however score 0 points for failure of not submitting a consolidated certificate.

Question

- 17.** Given the risk of a JV, would it be best to rather subcontract rather than JV?

Response

If the bidding Tenderer has a CIDB grading of less than 7EP, a subcontractor cannot be used to improve your grading. Bidders of less than 7 EP should form JV's in order to meet the required grading. If Tenderers are subcontracting it should be ensured that the necessary returnable documents are completed as these will be checked. Tenderers must ensure they use the CIDB JV calculator to ensure they meet the required grading. There is a CIDB requirements stating that where the works falls within the definition of construction works, that work should be done by CIDB registered subcontractors. Therefore, Tenderers should not be subcontracting to non CIDB registered contractors if the works falls within construction works.

Question

- 18.** Should the Tenderers final offer include the provisional sum as mentioned by Transnet that it does not belong to the Contractor?

Response

As per the structure of the activity schedule the total inclusive of the provisional sum should be carried over to the form of offer.

Question

- 19.** On the functionality evaluation criteria T2.2-07 Environmental Management. Please advise if we are ISO14001 certified can we attach our ISO certificate or we need to attach all the documents required under this section?

Response

Bidders are to attach all the documents required under this section as per the scoring requirements inclusive of the ISO certificate.



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- 20.** Should the project subcontractors be based in East London? How will this be verified? The project risk due to speciality can be compromised by limiting subcontracting to a specific location due to the highly specialised skills required for the project. Does Transnet have a database list of skilled contractors in this field that they can provide?

Response

Please refer to response given on Question 10