**TRANSNET RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER**

an Operating Division of **TRANSNET SOC LTD**

[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet]**

[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP] [SERVICES]

## FOR THE PROVISION OF RADIOGRAPHIC TESTING SERVICES, FOR THE QUALITY CONTROL OF RAIL THERMITE WELDS ON AN AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BASIS FOR 12 MONTHS

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| **RFP NUMBER** | **TRIM/2026/03/0316/2717/RFP** |
| **ISSUE DATE:** | **06 NOVEMBER 2026** |
| **CLOSING DATE:** | **26 NOVEMBER 2026** |
| **CLOSING TIME:** | **12:00 PM** |
| **BID VALIDITY PERIOD:** | **120 Business Days from Closing Date** |

**SUBMISSION TO:** **Transnet e-tender submission portal – see SBD 1 for details**

**Note to the bidders:**

***Bidders are required to ensure that electronic bid submissions are done at least a day before the closing date to prevent issues which they may encounter due to their internet speed, bandwidth or the size of the number of uploads they are submitting. Transnet will not be held liable for any challenges experienced by bidders as a result of the technical challenges. Please do not wait for the last hour to submit. A Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.***

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**RFP FOR THE PROVISION OF**

**RADIOGRAPHIC TESTING SERVICES, FOR THE QUALITY CONTROL OF RAIL THERMITE WELDS, ON AN AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS**

## SECTION 1: SBD1 FORM

**PART A**

**INVITATION TO BID**

| **YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSNET RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD** | | | | | | | |
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| BID NUMBER: | **TRIM/2026/03/0316/2717/RFP** | ISSUE DATE: | **06 NOVEMBER 2026** | CLOSING DATE: | **26 NOVEMBER 2026** | CLOSING TIME: | **12H00 PM** |
| DESCRIPTION | **PROVISION OF RADIOGRAPHIC TESTING SERVICES, FOR THE QUALITY CONTROL OF RAIL THERMITE WELDS, ON AN AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS** | | | | | | |

**BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

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.

The Transnet Digital Procurement System (TDPS) Supplier Submission Portal can be accessed as follows:

a) Log on to the Transnet eSupplier website/Portal (https://esupplierportal.transnet.net/portal/)

b) Click on "SIGN IN/REGISTER –to register new bidder information and ensure that all (must fill in all mandatory information is completed) OR;

a) - to sign in if already registered;

c) Click on "ADVERTISED TENDERS" to view advertised tenders;

d) Toggle (click to switch) the "Log an Intent" button in order to be able to activate the submission of a bid;

e) Respondents are to submit bid documents by uploading them onto the system against each tender selected. **A Bidder can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.**

**f) Bidders to note that all pricing must be completed in the eSupplier portal, electronic pricing. No paper pricing schedule should be accepted.**

g) 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.

h) No late submissions will be accepted.

i) 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.

j) 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.

k) 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.

L) A detailed bidder guide can be found on the Transnet Portal transnetetenders.azurewebsites.net

| **BIDDING PROCEDURE / TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CONTACT PERSON | Princess Ngubo | | | |
| TELEPHONE NUMBER | 033 8972193 | | | |
| FACSIMILE NUMBER | N/A | | | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS | Princess.ngubo@transnet.net | | | |
| **SUPPLIER INFORMATION** | | | | |
| NAME OF BIDDER | | | | |
| POSTAL ADDRESS | | | | |
| STREET ADDRESS | | | | |
| TELEPHONE NUMBER | CODE | | NUMBER | |
| CELLPHONE NUMBER | | | | |
| FACSIMILE NUMBER | CODE | | NUMBER | |
| E-MAIL ADDRESS | | | | |
| VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER | | | | |

IT IS A CONDITION OF THIS BID THAT THE TAX MATTERS OF THE SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENTS BE IN ORDER, OR THAT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) TO MEET THE RESPONDENTS TAX OBLIGATIONS.

| | TCP PIN | | OR | CSD NO | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS | ☐ Yes<br>☐ No | | **OR** | **BBEEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT** | |
| If Yes, Who was the Certificate issued by? | | | | | |
| AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA) AND NAME THE APPLICABLE IN THE TICK BOX | ☐ | AN ACCOUNTING OFFICER AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE CLOSE CORPORATION ACT (CCA) | | | |
| | ☐ | A VERIFICATION AGENCY ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS) | | | |
| | ☐ | A REGISTERED AUDITOR | | | |
| | | NAME: | | | |

***[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES & QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE B-BBEE ACT]***

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| **1** ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED? | ☐Yes ☐No<br>[IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF] | **2** ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR **THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?** | ☐Yes ☐No<br>[IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONAIRE BELOW ] |
| Signature of the Bidder | …… | Date: | …… |

**QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS**

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| IS THE BIDDER A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? | ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? | ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| DOES THE BIDDER HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? | ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| DOES THE BIDDER HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? | ☐ YES ☐ NO |

**IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THEN IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER FOR A TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS SYSTEM PIN CODE FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE (SARS) AND IF NOT REGISTER AS PER 1.3 BELOW.**

# PART B
# TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

| 1. | **TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS** |
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| 1.1 | BIDDERS MUST ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS. |
| 1.2 | BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR UNIQUE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (PIN) ISSUED BY SARS TO ENABLE THE ORGAN OF STATE TO VERIFY THE TAXPAYER'S PROFILE AND TAX STATUS. |
| 1.3 | APPLICATION FOR TAX COMPLIANCE STATUS (TCS) PIN MAY BE MADE VIA E-FILING THROUGH THE SARS WEBSITE WWW.SARS.GOV.ZA. |
| 1.4 | BIDDERS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A PRINTED TCS CERTIFICATE TOGETHER WITH THE BID. |
| 1.5 | IN BIDS WHERE UNINCORPORATED CONSORTIA / JOINT VENTURES / SUB-CONTRACTORS ARE INVOLVED, EACH PARTY MUST SUBMIT A SEPARATE TCS CERTIFICATE / PIN / CSD NUMBER. |
| 1.6 | WHERE NO TCS IS AVAILABLE BUT THE BIDDER IS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD), A CSD NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED. |
| 1.7 | RESPONDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SELF-REGISTER ON NATIONAL TREASURY'S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD) WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CENTRALLY ADMINISTER SUPPLIER INFORMATION FOR ALL ORGANS OF STATE AND FACILITATE THE VERIFICATION OF CERTAIN KEY SUPPLIER INFORMATION. ONLY FOREIGN SUPPLIERS WITH NO LOCAL REGISTERED ENTITY NEED NOT REGISTER ON THE CSD. THE CSD CAN BE ACCESSED AT HTTPS://SECURE.CSD.GOV.ZA/. |

**NB: FAILURE TO PROVIDE / OR COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTICULARS MAY RENDER THE BID INVALID**.

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER: ……

CAPACITY UNDER WHICH THIS BID IS SIGNED: ……

(Proof of authority must be submitted e.g. company resolution)

DATE:_____

## 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**].

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| **DESCRIPTION** | **Provision of Radiographic Testing Services, for the quality control of rail thermite welds, on an as and when required basis for a period of twelve (12) months** [**Services**] |
| **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.<br>To download RFP and Annexures:<br>• Click on "Tender Opportunities";<br>• Select "Advertised Tenders";<br>• In the "Department" box, select Transnet SOC Ltd.<br>Once the tender has been in the list, click on the 'Tender documents" tab and process to download all uploaded documents.<br><br>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<br>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.<br>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** | No – Compulsory briefing<br>Refer to paragraph 2 for details. |
| **CLOSING DATE** | **Thursday on the 26th November 2026**<br>Bidders must ensure that bids are uploaded timeously onto the system.<br>Generally, if a bid is late, it will not be accepted for consideration.<br><br>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.<br>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 |

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| | 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.<br><br>NB! In accordance with Section 217 of the Constitution, the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), the Preferential Procurement Regulations, the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), and applicable National Treasury Instructions, each bidder is **strictly permitted to submit only one proposal or offer per bid invitation**, unless expressly stated otherwise in the bid documents. |
| **VALIDITY PERIOD** | **120 Business Days from Closing Date**<br>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.<br><br>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.<br><br>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 formal briefing session will not be held but should Respondents have specific queries they should email these to the Transnet employee(s) indicated in paragraph 6 *[Communication]* below:

## 3 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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## 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.

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.

## 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.

COMMUNICATION (CLARIFICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS)

5.1 For specific clarification relating to this RFP, an RFP Clarification Request Form should be submitted to [**Princess Ngubo**] before **12 PM on 23 November 2026**, 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.

5.2 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.

5.3 After the closing date of the RFP, a Respondent may only communicate with the Prudence Nkabinde (Secretariat), at telephone number **011-584-0821**, email prudence.nkabinde@transnet.net on any matter relating to its RFP Proposal.

5.4 Respondents are to note that changes to its submission will not be considered after the closing date.

5.5 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.

5.6 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.

5.7 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. This requested must be directed to the contact person stated in the SBD 1 form

## 6 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.

## 7 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.

## 8 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.

## 9 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:

9.1 modify the RFP's Goods/Services;

9.2 award a contract in connection with this Proposal at any time after the RFP's closing date;

9.3 award a contract for only a portion of the proposed Goods/Services which are reflected in the scope of this RFP;

9.4 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;

9.5 cancel the bid process;

9.6 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;

9.7 request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;

9.8 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;

9.9 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;

9.10 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 e-tender 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.

9.11 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.

9.12 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.

## 10 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.

## 11 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**



# SECTION 3: BACKGROUND, OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

## 1 BACKGROUND

The Central Region is operated and maintained by Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager (TRIM) and consists of six depots (Isando, Vereeniging, Krugersdorp, Heidelberg, Ladysmith, and Durban) responsible for maintaining railway infrastructure that supports the transportation of various goods under the CAB and SAC business units. The region has a Single-Track Kilometre (STK) of 7800km which requires regular maintenance in accordance with applicable governing standards and specifications.

Given the high operational demands, the infrastructure; including rails, sleepers, fastening systems, and thermite welds; must be rigorously maintained to prevent failures, optimize efficiency, and ensure safety. Any weld failure on this network could lead to severe derailments, disrupting imports and exports of automotives and general freight, which can incur significant economic losses.

Thermite welding is the primary method used to join the rail; however, thermite welds are prone to specific defects, including lack of fusion, porosity, inclusions, shrinkage cavities, and cracks. If undetected, these defects can lead to premature weld failures, track misalignments, and derailments.

To mitigate these risks, TRIM enforces strict quality control through Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) methods, such as Radiographic Testing (RT): Historically used to identify volumetric defects like porosity and inclusions

## 2 EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Transnet is calling for proposals from experienced service providers with a proven track record for the provision of Radiographic Testing Services, for the quality control of rail thermite welds, on an as and when required basis for a period of twelve (12) months.

The purpose of this scope is to define the technical and operational requirements for the provision of Radiographic Testing (RT) services for thermite welds across various Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager depots. The services form part of the infrastructure quality assurance programme aimed at maintaining rail integrity, ensuring operational safety, and supporting compliance with applicable statutory requirements.

2.1 The scope is limited to the following:

- Execution of Radiographic Testing (RT) on newly cast and in-service Thermite welds,
- Evaluation and classification of weld defects using internationally recognised acceptance criteria,
- Marking and traceability of all welds tested,
- Provision of a mobile darkroom and digital image scanning system,
- Provision of labourers: Flagman, Data captures on an as and when required basis,
- Secure digital data capture and reporting using cloud-based software,
- Management of radiation safety, equipment handling, and documentation in line with National Nuclear Regulator requirements,
- Training and supervision of TRIM depot personnel.

2.2 The following minimum technical requirements shall be complied to by potential Bidder/s

- Accreditation and Certification: Bidders shall demonstrate compliance with all requirements related to the use, transport and storage or Radioactive isotopes in accordance with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) and South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) requirements for Industrial Radiography.
- Personnel shall be certified according to ISO 9712 and/ or ASNT-TC-1A recommended practice, and all flag man shall be in possession of an afford on track protection (AOTP) certificate from an accredited institute.
- Bidder shall have an ISO 17020 accreditation in the context of NDT.
- Potential Bidder shall own and maintain specialized NDT equipment for RT and have a proven track record with rail testing.
- Bidders shall provide access to a cloud-based mobile application and web dashboard for capturing, storing, and analysing NDT raw data, with real-time upload, weld specific data presentation, dashboard interface, and full data ownership and access.

2.3 Data entry software

The tenderer shall use a secure, cloud-based mobile application and web dashboard for the capture, storage, and presentation of all NDT test results for Radiographic Testing (RT). The software shall fulfil the following minimum requirements:

- Real-Time Data Upload and Access

Test results shall be uploaded in real time, or immediately once connectivity is restored.

- TRIM personnel with access must be able to log in and access live status updates and test results at any time.

- Weld-Specific Data Presentation, each test record shall include:

- GPS location coordinates
- Date and time of test
- Photograph of the weld at time of testing
- Weld identifier (e.g., stencil number, weld code, etc.)
- Test method used (e.g., RT, UT)
- Inspector name
- Result summary (pass/fail, defect type and severity(C1-C3))

- Interactive Dashboard

The system shall include a dashboard interface accessible to TRIM to:

- View the overall condition of all welds tested.
- Filter by location, weld stencil, date, result, or inspector.
- Generate and download custom reports if needed.

- Data Ownership, Access and Retention

- All test data remains the property of TRIM.
- TRIM must retain full and unrestricted access to the system and data during and after contract expiry. Where the system is licensed, the supplier shall ensure continued access for a defined transition period and provide complete data exports in standard formats for migration.
- The service provider must ensure secure, role-based access and provide full administrative rights to TRIM for the 12 months contract duration and any agreed post expiry or transition period.

• Digital-Only Reporting

- Hard copy or paper-based reports shall not be accepted
- All test records shall be stored digitally and be exportable in standard formats (e.g.PDF, Excel) upon request.

2.5 Level of Skill/Personnel requirements

Quantity of Technicians and relevant level of competence

| | **Description** | **Quantity** |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Certified and Authorised Level III Radiographic Testing Technician | One (1) as and when required |
| 2 | Certified and Authorised Level II Radiographic Testing Technician | Six (6) as and when required |
| 3 | Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) | One (1 |
| 4 | Assistant Radiation Protection Officer (ARPO) | One (1 |
| 5 | Fist Aider | Six (6) as and when required |
| 6 | Certified Flag Men/Women | Twelve (12) As and when required |

The contract shall cover all the yards, closure rails and the mainline maintained by the Central Region track maintenance depots

a) Isando
b) Krugersdorp
c) Vereeniging
d) Heidelberg
e) Ladysmith
f) Durban

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:

2.6 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.

2.7 Transnet must achieve appropriate availability that meets user needs while reducing costs for both Transnet and the chosen Supplier/Service provider(s).

2.8 Transnet must receive proactive improvements from the Supplier/Service provider with respect to supply/provision of Goods/Services and related processes.

2.9 Transnet's overall competitive advantage must be strengthened by the chosen Supplier/Service provider's leading-edge technology and service delivery systems.

2.10 Transnet end users must be able to rely on the chosen Supplier/Service provider's personnel for service enquiries, recommendations and substitutions.

2.11 Transnet must reduce costs by streamlining its acquisition of Goods/Services, including managed service processes on a Group basis.

## 3 SCOPE OF REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of this scope is to define the technical and operational requirements for the provision of Radiographic Testing (RT) services for thermite welds across various Transnet Rail Infrastructure Manager depots. The services form part of the infrastructure quality assurance programme aimed at maintaining rail integrity, ensuring operational safety, and supporting compliance with applicable statutory requirements.

## 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.*

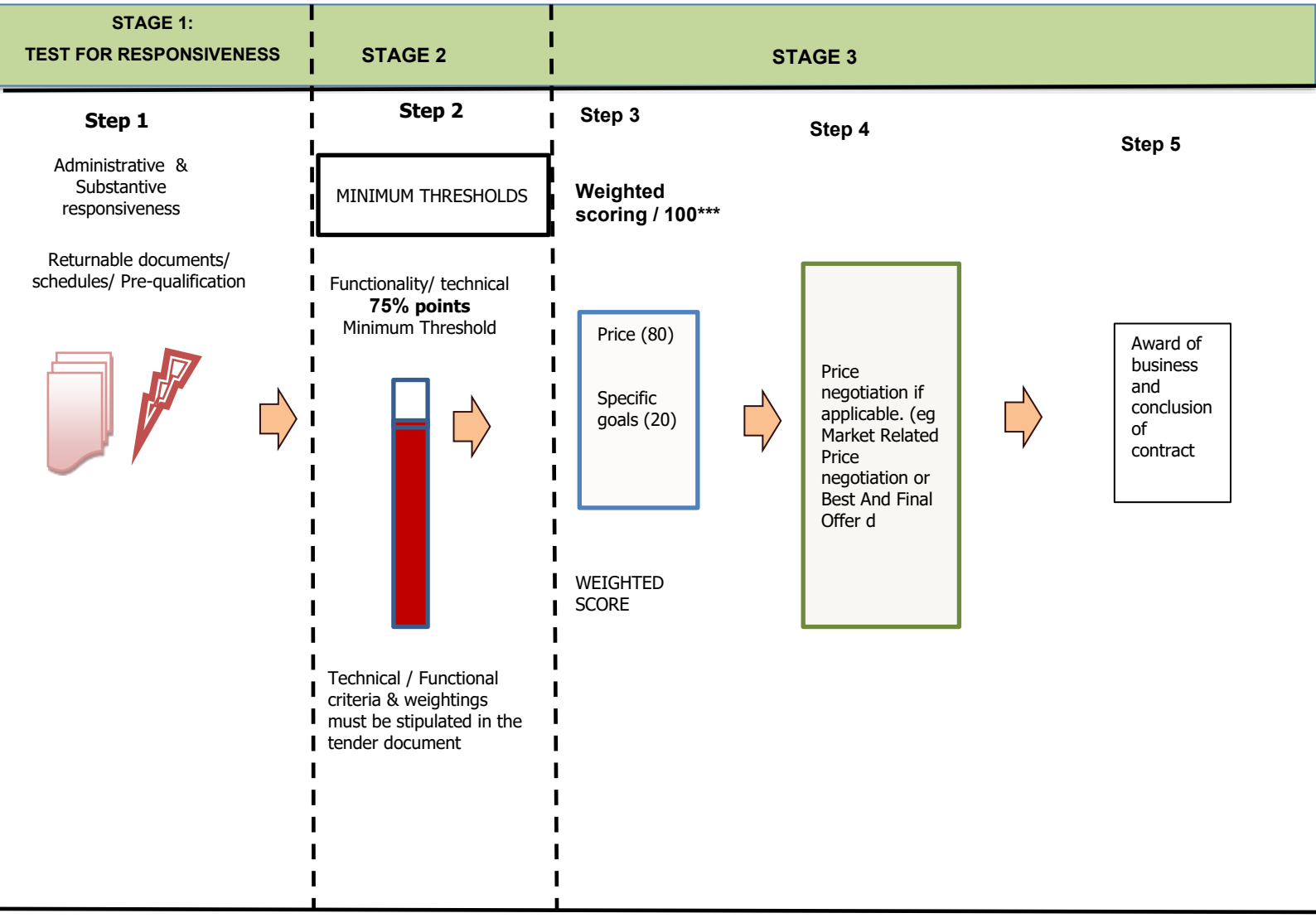
## 5 GENERAL SERVICE PROVIDER OBLIGATIONS

5.6 The Service provider(s) shall be fully responsible to Transnet for the acts and omissions of persons directly or indirectly employed by them.

5.7 The Service provider(s) must comply with the requirements stated in this RFP.

## 6 EVALUATION METHODOLOGY [INDICATE APPROPRIATE CRITERIA - REMOVE / ADD WHERE NECESSARY]

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).

### 6.6 STEP ONE: Test for Administrative and Substantive Responsiveness

The test for administrative responsiveness will include the following:

| Administrative and Substantive 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 | *TDPS* |
| • Whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given | *All Sections* |
| • Whether any Technical Pre-qualification Criteria/minimum requirements have been met as follows:<br>- Technical compliance to TRIM Radiography Testing of Thermite Welds Scope of works (40%)<br>- Ownership of Data Entry Software or Application (20%)<br>- Delivery Lead Time (How long does it take to supply services to Transnet) (10%)<br>- Bidder experience in conducting radiography Testing within the Railway Industry (previous 5 - 10 years' experience) (30%) | *Section 3 (Scope of Work)* |
| • Whether any general and legislation qualification criteria set by Transnet, have been met | *All sections including Section 2 paragraphs, 2.2, 6, 11.2, General Bid Conditions clause 20* |

***The test for responsiveness [Step One] must be passed for a Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Two for further pre-qualification***

### 6.7 STEP TWO: Minimum Threshold 75% points for Technical Criteria

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

| Technical Evaluation Criteria | Points Weightings | Scoring guideline |
|---|---|---|
| **Technical compliance to TRIM Radiography Testing of Thermite Welds Scope of works**<br>Bidders to provide the following evidence to indicate personnel competency:<br>1. Signed declaration letter: stipulating that the bidder will ensure compliance to specification. The bidder is required | **40%** | **(40%)**<br>1. Submitted signed declaration letter.<br><br>2.**Personnel certificate**<br>- ≥ Six (6) RTII personnel certificates, |

| Technical Evaluation Criteria | Points Weightings | Scoring guideline |
|---|---|---|
| to submit a letter signed by the Director or similar capacity per company resolution.<br><br>2. **Personnel Certification**<br>- Radiography Testing (RT) Level 2 Certificate<br>- Radiography Testing (RT) Level 3 Certificate<br>- Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) certificate and Assistant Radiation Protection Officer (ARPO) certificate<br>- Flagmen certificates (AOTP)<br><br>3. **Certification**<br>- ISO17020 Certificate in Non-Destructive Testing<br>- IS09001 Quality Management System (QMS) Certificate for provision of non-destructive testing services | | - One (1) RTIII personnel certificate,<br>- ≥One (1) RPO certificate and ≥One (1) ARPO certificate,<br>- ≥ twelve (12) Flagmen certifications,<br><br>3. **Certification**<br>- ISO17020 certificate in Non-Destructive Testing<br>- ISO9001 Quality Management System Certification for provision of non-destructive testing services<br>**(0%)**<br>Failure to submit all required documents or submit anything less than what is stipulated above. |
| **Ownership of Data Entry Software or Application**<br>The Bidder must have an existing, fully functional digital reporting system for non-destructive testing (Radiography Testing) applicable to Thermite welds.<br>This system must capture and display all weld test data, weld photos, films and result summaries via a mobile application and web-based dashboard in real time. Full data ownership must remain with Transnet. | **20%** | **(20%)**<br>Submission of a declaration letter confirming:<br>- software or App ownership and<br>- stipulating that Transnet will retain data ownership and access beyond the contract duration (12 months) in a licence-free software<br><br>2. Submission of images images/Screenshot of a fully functional, existing mobile & web platform with the below listed features:<br><br>- Real-time data capturing and synchronisation,<br>- GPS location tracking,<br>- Photo Capture and Attachement,<br>- Interactive Dashboard<br><br>**(0%)**<br>Failure to submit all required documents or submit anything less than what is stipulated above. |
| **Delivery Lead Time (How long does it take to supply services to Transnet)**<br>The bidder shall submit a letter committing to a delivery lead time. The lead time shall be from the date of PO issue. | **10%** | **(10%)**<br>Submitted a service delivery commitment letter on the company's official letterhead, meeting the required delivery lead time of ≤ 1 week.<br>Submitted a compliant Services delivery commitment letter, delivery lead time (≤ 1 week)<br>**(8%)**<br>Submitted a compliant Services delivery commitment letter, delivery lead time (>1 week≤2 weeks) |

| Technical Evaluation Criteria | Points Weightings | Scoring guideline |
|---|---|---|
| | | **(5%)**<br>Submitted a compliant Services delivery commitment letter, delivery lead time (>2 weeks≤3 weeks)<br><br>**(2%)**<br>Submitted a compliant Services delivery commitment letter, delivery lead time (> 3 weeks)<br><br>**(0%)**<br>Failure to submit all required documents or submit anything less than what is stipulated above. |
| **Bidder experience in conducting radiography Testing within the Railway Industry (previous 5 - 10 years' experience)**<br>The bidder shall provide proof of experience in the form of signed reference letters (From clients) and a signed project close-out certificate<br>All documents shall be signed and shall indicate the following:<br>Client and supplier company details<br>- Companies' addresses,<br>- Companies' representatives,<br>- Project/ contract title and/or scope,<br>- Project/ contract duration in terms of dates,<br>- Contract/ project budget | **30%** | **(30%)**<br>Four (4) relevant and compliant project references are required. Each project reference to comprise of a reference letter and the corresponding project close-out certificate. Both documents must be submitted for each reference to be considered compliant and eligible for scoring.<br>**(25%)**<br>Three (3) relevant and compliant reference letters and corresponding project close-out certificates provided<br>**(15%)**<br>Two (2) relevant and compliant reference letters and corresponding project close-out certificate provided<br>**(10%)**<br>One (1) relevant and compliant reference letters and corresponding project close-out certificate provided<br>**(0%)**<br>Failure to submit all required documents or submit anything less than what is stipulated above. |
| **Total Weighting:** | **100** | |
| **Minimum qualifying score required:** | 75% | |

*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.*

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

### 6.8 STEP THREE: Evaluation and Final Weighted Scoring

a) **Price and Specific Goals** [Weighted score 80 points]:

| Evaluation Criteria | RFP Reference |
|---|---|
| • Commercial offer | *TDPS* |

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

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

Where:

*Ps* = Score for the Bid under consideration
*Pt* = Price of Bid under consideration
*Pmin* = Price of lowest acceptable Bid

b) **Specific Goals [**Weighted score 20 point]

- 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.

### 6.9 SUMMARY: Applicable Thresholds and Final Evaluated Weightings

| Thresholds | Minimum Threshold |
|---|---|
| Technical | 75% |

| Evaluation Criteria | Final Weighted Scores |
|---|---|
| Price | 80 |
| Specific goals - Scorecard | 20 |
| **TOTAL SCORE:** | **100** |

### 6.10 STEP FOUR: Price Negotiations (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,

- 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).

### 6.11 STEP FIVE: Award of business and conclusion of contract

- 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.

## SECTION 4: PRICING AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE

I/We_____

hereby offer to supply the goods/services at the prices quoted in the Price Schedule (TDPS), in accordance with the conditions related thereto.

I/We agree to be bound by those terms and conditions in:

- the Standard RFP Terms and Conditions for the Supply of Goods or Services to Transnet; and
- any other standard or special conditions embodied in this Request for Proposal.

I/We accept that unless Transnet should otherwise decide and so inform me/us, this Proposal [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence], together with Transnet's acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding contract between Transnet and me/us. I/We further agree that if, after I/we have been notified of the acceptance of my/our Proposal, I/we fail to deliver the said goods/service/s within the delivery lead-time quoted, Transnet may, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, cancel the order and recover from me/us any expenses incurred by Transnet in calling for Proposals afresh and/or having to accept any less favourable offer.

### Price Schedule

**Bidders to note that all pricing must be completed in the e-Supplier portal, electronic pricing. No paper pricing schedule shall be accepted.**

I/We Acknowledge that an electronic pricing schedule for goods and/or services will be completed in the Transnet eSupplier portal in line with the scope of work requirements.

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

**Notes to Pricing:**

a) 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.

b) Prices must be quoted in South African Rand inclusive of VAT.

c) Any disbursement not specifically priced for will not be considered/accepted by Transnet.

d) To facilitate like-for-like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this pricing schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule could result in a bid being declared non-responsive.

e) Prices are to be quoted on a delivered basis to ..... .

f) Please note that should you have offered a discounted price(s), Transnet will only consider such price discount(s) in the final evaluation stage if offered on an unconditional basis.

g) In respect of incoterms conditions, if applicable, please refer to paragraph 25 of the General Bid Conditions which is attached to the RFQ as Annexure B.

h) Respondents, if awarded the contract, are required to indicate that their prices quoted would be kept firm and fixed for the contract duration. [Not to be confused with bid validity period Section 2, clause 1]

| | |
|---|---|
| **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 to a DPIP/FPPO** | | **Closely 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 of Entity / Business** | **Role in the Entity / Business** (Nature of interest/ Participation) | **Shareholding %** | **Registration Number** | **Status** (Mark the applicable option with an X) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | **Active** | **Non-Active** |
| 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. "AS AND WHEN REQUIRED" CONTRACTS

2.1 Purchase orders will be placed on the Service provider(s) from time to time as and when Goods/Services are required.

2.2 Transnet reserves the right to place purchase orders until the last day of the contract for deliveries to be effected, within the delivery period / lead time specified, beyond the expiry date of the contract under the same terms and conditions as agreed upon.

2.3 Delivery requirements may be stipulated in purchase orders and scheduled deliveries may be called for. However, delivery periods and maximum monthly rates of delivery offered by the Respondents will be used as guidelines in establishing lead times and monthly delivery requirements with the Supplier.

2.4 Where scheduled deliveries are required, the delivery period(s) specified must be strictly complied with, unless otherwise requested by Transnet. Material supplied earlier than specified may not be paid for or may be returned by Transnet, with the Supplier being held liable for all expenses so incurred, e.g. handling and transport charges.

2.5 If the delivery period offered by the Respondents is subject to a maximum monthly production capacity, full particulars must be indicated in Section 4 *[Pricing and Delivery Schedule]*

2.6 The Respondent must state hereunder its annual holiday closedown period [if applicable] and whether this period has been included in the delivery lead time offered:

_____

2.7 Respondents are required to indicate below the action that the Respondent proposes to take to ensure continuity of supply during non-working days or holidays.

_____

## 3. NATIONAL RAILWAY SAFETY REGULATOR ACT

In compliance with the National Railway Safety Regulator Act, 16 of 2002, the successful Respondent [**the Supplier**] shall ensure that the Goods to be supplied to Transnet, under the terms and conditions of a contract between the parties, comply fully with the specifications as set out in Annexure ..... *[Specifications and Drawings]* of this RFP, and shall also adhere to railway safety requirements and/or regulations [as applicable]. Permission for the engagement of a subcontractor by the Supplier, as applicable, both initially and during the course of a contract, shall be subject to a review of the capability of the proposed subcontractor to comply with the specified railway safety requirements and/or regulations. The Supplier and/or its

subcontractor shall grant Transnet access, during the term of the contract, to review any safety-related activities, including the coordination of such activities across all parts of the organisation.

**Accepted:**

| **YES** | | **NO** | |
|---|---|---|---|

## 4. SERVICE LEVELS

4.1 An experienced national account representative(s) is required to work with Transnet's procurement department. [No sales representatives are needed for individual department or locations]. Additionally, there shall be a minimal number of people, fully informed and accountable for this agreement.

4.2 Transnet will have quarterly reviews with the Service provider's account representative on an on-going basis.

4.3 Transnet reserves the right to request that any member of the Service provider's team involved on the Transnet account be replaced if deemed not to be adding value for Transnet.

4.4 The Service provider guarantees that it will achieve a 95% [ninety-five per cent] service level on the following measures:

a) Random checks on compliance with quality/quantity/specifications

b) On-time delivery

If the Service provider does not achieve this level as an average over each quarter, Transnet will receive a 1.5% [one and a half per cent] rebate on quarterly sales payable in the next quarter

4.5 The Service provider must provide a telephone number for customer service calls.

4.6 Failure of the Service provider to comply with stated service level requirements will give Transnet the right to cancel the contract in whole, without penalty to Transnet, giving 30 [thirty] calendar days' notice to the Service provider of its intention to do so.

**Acceptance of Service Levels:**

| **YES** | | **NO** | |
|---|---|---|---|

## 5. TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

5.1 Respondents shall indicate whether they would be committed, for the duration of any contract which may be awarded through this RFP process, to participate with Transnet in its continuous improvement initiatives to reduce the total cost of ownership [**TCO**], which will reduce the overall cost of transportation Goods/Services and related logistics provided by Transnet's operating divisions within South Africa to the ultimate benefit of all end-users.

**Accepted:**

| **YES** | | **NO** | |
|---|---|---|---|

If "yes", please specify details in paragraph 6.2 below.

5.2 Respondents must briefly describe their commitment to TCO and continuous improvement initiatives and give examples of specific areas and strategies where cost reduction initiatives can be introduced. Specific areas and proposed potential savings percentages should be included. Additional information can be appended to the Respondent's Proposal if there is insufficient space available below.

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**6. 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:

6.1 **Quality and specification of Goods/Services delivered:**

_____

_____

6.2 **Continuity of supply**:

_____

_____

6.3 **Compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993:**

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6.4 **Compliance with the National Railway Safety Regulator Act, 16 of 2002:**

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SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20___

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES

1 _____

Name _____

2 _____

Name _____

ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

_____

_____

_____

_____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

## SECTION 5: PROPOSAL FORM AND LIST OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

I/We_____

*[name of entity, company, close corporation or partnership]* of *[full address]*

_____

_____

carrying on business trading/operating as

_____

represented by_____

in my capacity as _____

being duly authorised thereto by a Resolution of the Board of Directors or Members or Certificate of Partners, dated _____to enter into, sign execute and complete any documents relating to this proposal and any subsequent Agreement. The following list of persons are hereby authorised to negotiate on behalf of the abovementioned entity, should Transnet decide to enter into Post Tender Negotiations with highest ranked bidder(s).

| FULL NAME(S) | CAPACITY | SIGNATURE |
|---|---|---|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

I/We hereby offer to supply/provide the abovementioned Goods/Services at the prices quoted in the schedule of prices in accordance with the terms set forth in the documents listed in the accompanying schedule of RFP documents.

I/We agree to be bound by those conditions in Transnet's:

(i) Master Agreement (which may be subject to amendment at Transnet's discretion if applicable);

(ii) General Bid Conditions; and

(iii) any other standard or special conditions mentioned and/or embodied in this Request for Proposal.

I/We accept that unless Transnet should otherwise decide and so inform me/us in the letter of award, this Proposal [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence], together with Transnet's acceptance thereof shall constitute a binding contract between Transnet and me/us.

Should Transnet decide that a formal contract should be signed and so inform me/us in a letter of award [the **Letter of Award**], this Proposal [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence] together with Transnet's Letter of Award, shall constitute a binding contract between Transnet and me/us until the formal contract is signed.

I/We further agree that if, after I/we have been notified of the acceptance of my/our Proposal, I/we fail to enter into a formal contract if called upon to do so, or fail to commence the supply/provision of Goods/Services within 2 [two] weeks thereafter, Transnet may, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, recover from me/us

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.

Respondent to indicate the details of its *domicilium citandi et executandi* hereunder:

Name of Entity:

_____

Facsimile: _____

Address: _____

_____

**NOTIFICATION OF AWARD OF RFP**

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 120 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)

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**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 will 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 will 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) 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]** |
|---|---|
| **Valid proof of Respondent's compliance to Specific Goal requirements stipulated in Section 9 of this RFP**<br>B-BBEE Level of contributor – Level 1 or 2<br>- B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline | |
| At least 30% Black Woman Owned Entities<br>- B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline | |
| At least 50% Black Youth Owned Entities<br>- Certified copy of ID Documents of the Owners and B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn-Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline | |

| **RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING** | **SUBMITTED [Yes or No]** |
|---|---|
| EME /QSE Entities that are at least 51% Black owned<br>- B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline | |
| **Technical evaluation criteria returnable:**<br>**Technical compliance to TRIM Radiography Testing of Thermite Welds Scope of works (40%**)<br>Bidders to provide the following evidence to indicate personnel competency:<br>1. Signed declaration letter: stipulating that the bidder will ensure compliance to specification. The bidder is required to submit a letter signed by the Director or similar capacity per company resolution.<br>2. **Personnel Certification**<br>- Radiography Testing (RT) Level 2 Certificates<br>- Radiography Testing (RT) Level 3 Certificate<br>- Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) certificate and Assistant Radiation Protection Officer (ARPO) Certificate<br>- Flagmen certificates (AOTP)<br>3. **Certificates**<br>- ISO17020 Certificate in Non-Destructive Testing<br>- IS09001 Quality Management System (QMS) Certificate for provision of non-destructive testing | |
| **Ownership of a Data Entry Software or Application (20%)**<br>The Bidder must have an existing, fully functional digital reporting system for non-destructive testing (Radiography Testing) applicable to Thermite welds.<br>This system must capture and display all weld test data, weld photos, films and result summaries via a mobile application and web-based dashboard in real time. Full data ownership must remain with Transnet<br>Submission of a declaration letter confirming:<br>- software or App ownership and<br>- stipulating that Transnet will retain data ownership and access beyond the contract duration (12 months) in a licence-free software | |
| **(Delivery Lead Time) How long does it take to supply services to Transnet (10%)**<br>The bidder shall submit a letter committing to a delivery lead time. The lead time shall be from the date of PO issue. | |
| **Bidder experience in conducting radiography Testing within the Railway Industry (30%)**<br>The bidder shall provide proof of experience in the form of signed reference letters (From clients) and a signed project close-out certificate<br>All documents shall be signed and shall indicate the following: Client and supplier company details - Companies' addresses, Companies' representatives, Project/ contract title and/or scope, Project/ contract duration in terms of dates, contract/ project budget. | |

**b) 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] |
|---|---|
| SECTION 1: SBD1 Form | |
| SECTION 5: RFP Declaration Certificate of Acquaintance & Breach of Law Form with RFP | |
| SECTION 6: Specific Goals Points Claim Form | |
| SECTION 7: RFP Clarification Request Form | |
| SECTION 8: Protection of Personal Information | |
| Tax Clearance Certificate or electronic access PIN obtained from SARS's new Tax Compliance Status (TCS) system [Consortia / Joint Ventures must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate for each party] | |
| Proof of CSD registration | |

**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.

SIGNED at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20___

SIGNATURE OF WITNESSES ADDRESS OF WITNESSES

1 _____ _____

Name _____ _____

2 _____ _____

Name _____ _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT'S AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: _____

NAME: _____

DESIGNATION: _____

## 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 | Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact |
| 3 | Non-disclosure Agreement |

**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:

1. 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

8. If such a relationship as indicated in paragraph 7, exists, the Respondent 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, 1996 (Constitution) 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 If a person is 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 DECLARATION ON EMPLOYMENT BY ORGAN OF STATE

13.1 Is the bidder, or any of its directors / trustees / shareholders / members / partners of the bidder employed by an Organ of State as defined in section 239 of the Constitution? **YES/NO**

13.1.1. If YES, furnish particulars of the names, individual identity numbers, in the table below.

| Full Name | Identity Number | Name of Organ of State |
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13.2 Do you, or any person connected with the bidder, have a relationship with any person who is employed by the procuring institution? **YES/NO**

13.2.1. If so, furnish particulars:

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13.3 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? **YES/NO**

13.3.1. If so, indicate all companies registered in the CSD in the table below:

| **Supplier registration number (MAAA)** | **Status (active/inactive/deleted)** |
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## 14 GENERAL DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, (name)…… in submitting the accompanying bid, do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

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 to be false.

14.3 The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor.

14.4 In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications, prices, including methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices, market allocation, the intention or decision to submit or not to submit the bid, bidding with the intention not to win the bid and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.

14.5 The terms of the accompanying bid have not been, and will not be, disclosed by the bidder, directly or indirectly, to any competitor, prior to the date and time of the official bid opening or of the awarding of the contract.

14.6 There have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements made by the bidder with any official of the procuring institution in relation to this procurement process prior to and during the bidding process except to provide clarification on the bid submitted where so required by the institution; and the bidder was not involved in the drafting of the specifications or terms of reference for this bid.

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 ABOVE IS CORRECT.

I ACCEPT THAT THE PROCURING INSTITUTION MAY REJECT THE BID OR RTAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST ME IF THIS DECLARATION IS FALSE.

…….. ……..

Signature Date

…… ……

Designation Name of bidder

**BREACH OF LAW**

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:

NATURE OF BREACH:

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DATE OF BREACH:_____

Furthermore, I/we acknowledge that Transnet SOC Ltd reserves the right to exclude any Respondent from the bidding process, should that person 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<br>_____<br>duly authorised hereto | AS WITNESS: |
|---|---|
| Name: | Name: |

| | |
|---|---|
| Position: | Position: |
| Signature: | Signature: |
| Date: | Registration No of Company/CC |
| Place: | Registration Name of Company/CC |

## SECTION 8: RFP CLARIFICATION REQUEST FORM

RFP No: TRIM/2026/03/0316/2717/RFP

RFP deadline for questions / RFP Clarifications: Before 12h00 PM on 23 November 2026

| | |
|---|---|
| TO: | Transnet ail Infrastructure Manager |
| ATTENTION: | Princess Ngubo |
| EMAIL | [princess.ngubo@transnet.net] |
| DATE: | _____ |
| FROM: | _____ |
| | _____ |

RFP Clarification 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.**

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### 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); and
- 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** |
| **SPECIFIC GOALS**<br>**B-BBEE Level of contributor – Level 1 or 2** | **5** |
| **At least 30% Black Woman Owned Entities** | **5** |
| **At least 50% Black Youth Owned Entities** | **5** |
| **EME /QSE Entities that are at least 51% Black owned** | **5** |
| **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.

(j) **"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);

(l) **"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 PREFERENCE POINT SYSTEMS

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

80/20

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

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 (20)** |
|---|---|
| B-BBEE Level of contributor – Level 1 or 2 | 5 |
| At least 30% Black Woman Owned Entities | 5 |
| At least 50% Black Youth Owned Entities | 5 |
| EME /QSE Entities that are at least 51% Black owned | 5 |
| Non-Compliant and/or B-BBEE Level 3-8 contributors | 0 |

## 4. EVEDINCE 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 | B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline |
| 30% Black Women Owned Entities | B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline |
| +50% Black Youth Owned Entities | Certified copy of ID Documents of the Owners and B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn- Affidavit / B-BBEE CIPC Certificate (in case of JV, a consolidated scorecard will be accepted) as per DTIC guideline |
| EME or QSE 51% Black Owned | B-BBEE Certificate / Sworn-Affidavit / CIPC Certificate |

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<br>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)<br>[Sworn affidavits must substantially comply with the format that can be obtained on the DTI's website at www.dti.gov.za/economic_empowerment/bee_codes.jsp.] |
| **EME**[1] | Sworn Affidavit signed by the authorised EME representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths confirming annual turnover and black ownership<br>Certificate issued by CIPC (formerly CIPRO) confirming annual turnover and black ownership<br>Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency only if the EME is being measured on the QSE 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.

4.5 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 DECLARATION**

5.1 Bidders who claim points in respect of B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution must complete the following:

**6. B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION CLAIMED**

6.1 B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution: . = ……(maximum of 20 points)

(Points claimed in respect of paragraph 6.1 must be in accordance with the table reflected in paragraph 4.1 and must be substantiated by relevant proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor.

**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-contractor.....
iv) Whether the sub-contractor is an EME or QSE.
***(Tick applicable box***)

| YES | | NO | |
|---|---|---|---|

v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with any of the following enterprises:

| : 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

- ☐ Partnership/Joint Venture / Consortium
- ☐ One person business/sole propriety
- ☐ Close corporation
- ☐ Company
- ☐ (Pty) Limited

[TICK APPLICABLE BOX]

8.5 DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

……
……

8.6 COMPANY CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Manufacturer
- ☐ Supplier
- ☐ Professional Service provider
- ☐ Other Service providers, e.g. transporter, etc.

[*TICK APPLICABLE BOX*]

8.7 Total number of years the company/firm has been in business:……

8.8 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;

ii) 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;

(d) 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.

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| WITNESSES<br>1. ……..<br>2. …… | ……<br>SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)<br>DATE: ……..<br>ADDRESS…….. |

## SECTION 10: PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION (For normal contract)

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 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

**Respondents are required to provide consent below:**

| **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.

Signature of 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