

**TRANSNET SOC LTD**

trading through its operating division, **TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY**

[Registration No. 1990/000900/30]

[hereinafter referred to as **TNPA**]

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION [RFQ] No RB2020/29**

**FOR THE PROVISION OF GROUND MAINTENANCE (GRASS CUTTING AND GARDEN SERVICES)  
AT TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY (TNPA) AT THE PORT OF RICHARDS BAY FOR A  
PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS.**

**ISSUE DATE: 12 MARCH 2021**  
**CLOSING DATE: 23 MARCH 2021**  
**CLOSING TIME: 12:00 PM**  
**BID CLOSING ADDRESS: REFER TO SECTION 1**  
**BID VALIDITY PERIOD: 90 BUSINESS DAYS FROM CLOSING DATE**

**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 4 [COMMUNICATION] BELOW.**

**PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA - ONLY THE FOLLOWING  
RESPONDENTS MAY RESPOND TO THIS RFQ:**

- **RESPONDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED AS EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISES (EME'S)/  
QUALIFYING SMALL ENTERPRISES (QSE'S) WITH A MINIMUM B-BBEE LEVEL OF 2;**

## Section 1: SBD1 FORM

## PART A

## INVITATION TO BID

<b>YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BID FOR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY, A DIVISION TRANSNET SOC LTD</b>							
BID NUMBER:	<b>RB2020/29</b>	ISSUE DATE:	<b>12 MARCH 2021</b>	CLOSING DATE:	<b>23 MARCH 2021</b>	CLOSING TIME:	<b>12h00</b>
DESCRIPTION	<b>PROVISION OF GROUND MAINTENANCE (GRASS CUTTING AND GARDEN SERVICES) AT TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY (TNPA) AT THE PORT OF RICHARDS BAY FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS.</b>						
<b>BID RESPONSE DOCUMENTS MAY BE DEPOSITED IN THE BID BOX SITUATED AT (STREET ADDRESS)</b>							
<b>VENTURA ROAD</b>							
<b>BAYVUE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR [ELWAZINI TENDER BOX]</b>							
<b>TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS AUTHORITY, PORT OF RICHARDS BAY</b>							
<b>RICHARDS BAY, 3900</b>							
<b>BIDDING PROCEDURE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO</b>				<b>TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:</b>			
CONTACT PERSON	<b>THOBILE PHUTINI</b>			CONTACT PERSON	<b>THOBILE PHUTINI</b>		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	<b>035 – 905 3899</b>			TELEPHONE NUMBER	<b>035 – 905 3899</b>		
FACSIMILE NUMBER	<b>035 – 905 3293</b>			FACSIMILE NUMBER	<b>035 – 905 3293</b>		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:Thobile.Phutini@transnet.net">Thobile.Phutini@transnet.net</a>			E-MAIL ADDRESS	<a href="mailto:Thobile.Phutini@transnet.net">Thobile.Phutini@transnet.net</a>		
<b>SUPPLIER INFORMATION</b>							
NAME OF BIDDER							
POSTAL ADDRESS							
STREET ADDRESS							
TELEPHONE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER			
CELLPHONE NUMBER							
FACSIMILE NUMBER	CODE			NUMBER			
E-MAIL ADDRESS							
VAT REGISTRATION NUMBER							
SUPPLIER COMPLIANCE STATUS	TAX COMPLIANCE SYSTEM PIN:		<b>OR</b>	CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE	UNIQUE REGISTRATION REFERENCE NUMBER:	MAAA	
B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE	TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL SWORN AFFIDAVIT		[TICK APPLICABLE BOX] <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>[A B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE/ SWORN AFFIDAVIT (FOR EMES &amp; QSEs) MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR PREFERENCE POINTS FOR B-BBEE]</b>							
<b>1</b> ARE YOU THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES ENCLOSE PROOF]			<b>2</b> ARE YOU A FOREIGN BASED SUPPLIER FOR THE GOODS /SERVICES /WORKS OFFERED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No [IF YES, ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE BELOW ]		

<b>QUESTIONNAIRE TO BIDDING FOREIGN SUPPLIERS</b>	
IS THE ENTITY A RESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)? NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A BRANCH IN THE RSA? NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE A PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
DOES THE ENTITY HAVE ANY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE RSA? <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
IS THE ENTITY LIABLE IN THE RSA FOR ANY FORM OF TAXATION? NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>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.</b>	

## PART B TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

<b>1. TAX COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS</b>	
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.

**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:



## 8 Disclaimers

8.1 Respondents are hereby advised that Transnet is not committed to any course of action as a result of its issuance of this RFQ and/or its receipt of a Quotation in response to it. Please note that Transnet reserves the right to:

- modify the RFQ's goods / service(s) and request Respondents to re-bid on any changes;
- reject any Quotation which does not conform to instructions and specifications which are detailed herein;
- disqualify Quotations submitted after the stated submission deadline;
- not necessarily accept the lowest priced Quotation or an alternative bid;
- place an order in connection with this Quotation at any time after the RFQ's closing date;
- award only a portion of the proposed goods / services which are reflected in the scope of this RFQ;
- split the award of the order/s between more than one Supplier/Service Provider should it at Transnet's discretion be more advantageous in terms of, amongst others, cost or developmental considerations;
- cancel the quotation process;
- 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;
- request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 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 provides for it;
- 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;
- award the business to the next ranked bidder, provided that he/she is still prepared to provide the required Goods/Services 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 next ranked bidder(s) were issued with a Letter of Regret. Bidders may therefore be requested to advise whether they would still be prepared to provide the required Goods/Services at their quoted price, even after they have been issued with a Letter of Regret; and
- Transnet reserves the right to negotiate market-related price with the tenderer scoring the highest points or cancel the tender; if the tenderer does not agree to a market related price, negotiate a market related price with the tenderer scoring the second highest points or cancel the tender; if the tenderer scoring the second highest points does not agree to a market related price, negotiate a market related price with the tenderer scoring the third highest points or cancel the tender. If the market related price is not agreed as envisaged in this paragraph Transnet will cancel the tender

## 9 Scope of Work

Refer to annexure A, Price schedule for description of services required.

## 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.

## 11 Security clearance

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

## 12 National Treasury's Central Supplier Database

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. Transnet is required to ensure that price quotations are invited and accepted from prospective bidders listed on the CSD. Business may not be awarded to a respondent who has failed to register on the CSD. 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/>.

## 13 Tax Compliance

Respondents must be compliant when submitting a proposal to Transnet and remain compliant for the entire contract term with all applicable tax legislation, including but not limited to the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and Value Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No. 89 of 1991).

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.

The Tax Compliance status requirements are also applicable to foreign Respondents/ individuals who wish to submit bids.

It is a requirement that bidders grant a written confirmation when submitting this bid that SARS may on an ongoing basis during the tenure of the contract disclose the bidder's tax compliance status and by submitting this bid such confirmation is deemed to have been granted.

Where Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors are involved, each party must be registered on the Central Supplier Database and their tax compliance status will be verified through the Central Supplier Database.

**For this purpose, the attached SBD 1 Form must be completed and submitted as a mandatory returnable document by the closing date and time of the bid.**

## 14 Protection of Personal Data

In responding to this bid, Transnet acknowledges that it may obtain and have access to personal data of the Respondents. Transnet agrees that it shall only process the information disclosed by Respondents in their response to this bid for the purpose of evaluating and subsequent award of business and in accordance with any applicable law. Furthermore, Transnet will not otherwise modify, amend or alter any personal data submitted by

Respondents or disclose or permit the disclosure of any personal data to any Third Party without the prior written consent from the Respondents. Similarly, Transnet requires Respondents to process any personal information disclosed by Transnet in the bidding process in the same manner. The detailed mutual duties of Transnet and the Respondents to protect personal information is contained in paragraph 36 of the General Bid Conditions.

**Transnet urges its clients, suppliers and the general public to report any fraud or corruption to**

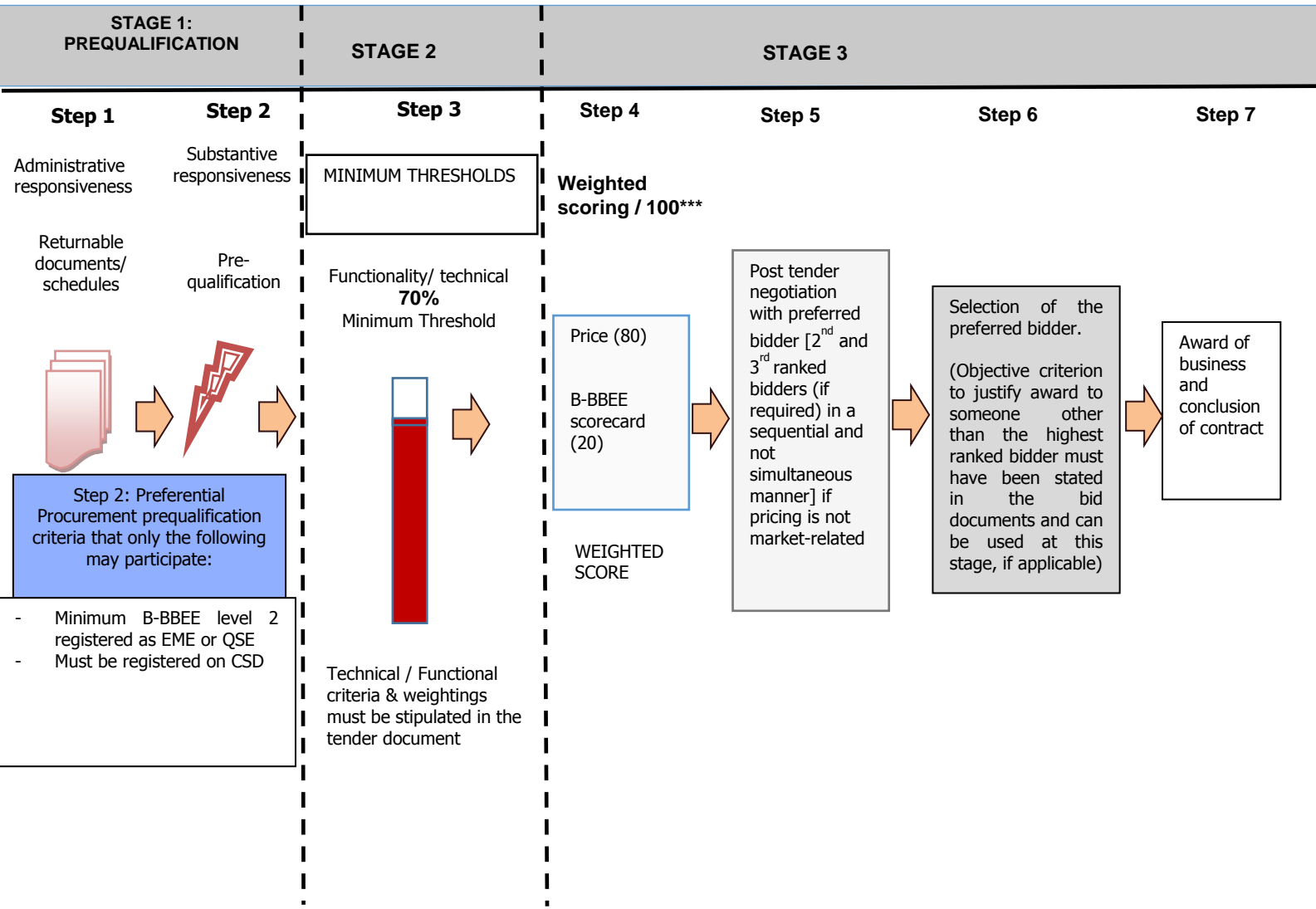
**TIP-OFFS ANONYMOUS: 0800 003 05**

**SECTION 3**

**EVALUATION METHODOLOGY, CRITERIA AND RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

**1 Evaluation Criteria**

Transnet will utilise the following methodology and criteria in selecting a preferred Supplier/Service provider, if so required:



**1.1 STEP ONE: Test for Administrative Responsiveness**

The test for administrative responsiveness will include the following:

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



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

## 1.2 STEP TWO: Test for Substantive Responsiveness to RFQ

The test for substantive responsiveness to this RFQ will include the following:

<b>Check for substantive responsiveness</b>	<b>RFQ Reference</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether any general pre-qualification criteria set by Transnet, have been met</li> </ul>	<i>All sections including: Section 2 paragraphs 2.2, 3</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the Bid contains a priced offer</li> </ul>	<i>Section 4 - Quotation Form</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the Bid materially complies with the scope and/or specification given</li> </ul>	<i>All Sections</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether any set prequalification criteria for preferential procurement have been met:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Sworn affidavits /B-BBEE Certificate</b> - Respondents to submit sworn affidavits or BEE certificates with a minimum B-BBEE status level of 2 and an EME/QSE; and</li> <li>– <b>CSD Report</b> - Respondents must be registered with the national treasury's central supplier database.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Section 2 - Paragraph 3</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether any other set pre-qualification criteria for the bid have been set:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Completion of schedule of quantity in full</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

***The test for substantive responsiveness [Step Two] must be passed for a Respondent's proposal to progress to Step Three for further evaluation***

**1.3 STEP THREE: Minimum Threshold 70% for Technical Criteria (Refer to Annexure B)**

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

Technical Evaluation Criteria	Weightings	Sub-Criteria	Sub-Weight
<b>2.1. Experience:</b> Tenderer to provide a minimum of four signed letters of reference from companies on that company's letterhead where the tenderer has successfully completed work of a similar nature; the following information to be contained on the letters, client contact details, start and end date of the contract; the contract value and the area of work undertaken during the past eight years. Minimum contract period must not be less than six months and minimum area must not be less than 100 ha per month.	20	2.1.1 One signed letter of reference submitted	5
		2.1.2 Two signed letters of reference submitted	10
		2.1.3 Three signed letters of reference submitted	15
		2.1.4 Four or more signed letters of reference submitted	20
<b>2.2. List of Personal Protective Equipment</b> Tenderer to provide a detailed list of PPE to be utilised for this contract.	20	2.2.1 List submitted with a minimum of five (5) PPE required to undertake this contract.	10
		2.2.2 List submitted with a minimum of ten (10) PPE required to undertake this contract.	20
<b>2.3. Operator Certification</b> Tenderer to provide proof of certification for operators	20	2.3.1 Proof of certification for a minimum of x 5 brush cutter operators submitted.	5
		2.3.2 Proof of certification for x 1 chainsaw operator submitted.	5
		2.3.3 Proof of certification for x 1 pruner operator submitted.	5
		2.3.4 Proof of certification for x 1 tractor with slasher operator submitted.	5
<b>2.4 Method Statement</b> Tenderer to provide a detailed method statement (including safety) for the following	20%	2.4.1 Detailed method statement for one activity submitted	5

Technical Evaluation Criteria	Weightings	Sub-Criteria	Sub-Weight
activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass cutting (tractor cutting)</li> <li>• Brush cutting</li> <li>• Tree felling</li> <li>• Branch pruning</li> <li>• Cleaning of storm water channels</li> </ul>		2.4.2 Detailed method statement for two activities submitted	10
		2.4.3 Detailed method statement for three activities submitted	15
		2.4.4 Detailed method statement for four or more activities submitted	20
<b>2.5 Localization</b> Tenderer to provide utility bill or letter from appointed Councillor as proof of business location	20	2.5.1 Business location of tenderer is within 70km of the Port	20
		2.5.2 Business location of tenderer is more than 70km but less than 100km from the Port	10
		2.5.3 Business location of tenderer is more than 100km of the Port	5
<b>Total Weighting:</b>	<b>100</b>		
<b>Minimum qualifying score required:</b>	70%		

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 Three] must be met or exceeded for a Respondent's Proposal to progress to Step Four for final evaluation***

#### 1.4 STEP FOUR: Evaluation and Final Weighted Scoring

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

Evaluation Criteria	RFQ Reference
• Commercial offer	<i>Section 4</i>

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) **Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment criteria** [Weighted score 20 points]
- B-BBEE - current scorecard / B-BBEE Preference Points Claims Form
  - Preference points will be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table indicated in Section 4.1 of the B-BBEE Preference Points Claim Form.

### 1.5 STEP FIVE: Post Tender 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. A final evaluation will be conducted in terms of 80/20 and the contract will be negotiated and awarded to the successful Respondent(s).

### 1.6 STEP SIX: Objective Criteria (if applicable)

Transnet reserves the right to award the business to the highest scoring bidder/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another bidder. The objective criteria Transnet may apply in this bid process include:

- Geographical location.

### 1.7 STEP SEVEN: Award of business and conclusion of contract

- Immediately after approval to award the contract has been received, the successful or preferred bidder(s) will be informed of the acceptance of his/their Quotation by way of a Letter of Award. Thereafter the final contract will be concluded with the successful Respondent(s).
- Otherwise, a final contract will be concluded and entered into with the successful Bidder at the acceptance of a letter of award by the Respondent.

## 2 Validity Period

Transnet requires a validity period of ninety [90] days from the closing date of this RFQ.

Bidders are to note that they may be requested to extend the validity period of their bid, on 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.

## 3 Disclosure of Prices Quoted

Respondents are to note that, on award of business, Transnet is required to publish the tendered prices and preferences claimed of the successful and unsuccessful Respondents *inter alia* on the National Treasury e-Tender Publication Portal, ([www.etenders.gov.za](http://www.etenders.gov.za)), as required per National Treasury Instruction Note 01 of 2015/2016.

**4 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 the quotation based on the consequences of non-submission as indicated below:

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

**All Returnable Sections, as indicated in the header and footer of the relevant pages, must be signed, stamped and dated by the Respondent.**

**a) Mandatory Returnable Documents**

Respondents are required to submit with their Quotations the **Mandatory Returnable Documents**, and also to confirm submission of these documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the tables below:

<b>Mandatory Returnable Documents</b>	<b>Submitted [Yes or No]</b>
SECTION 1: SBD1 Form	
SECTION 4 : Quotation Form	
Respondents with a minimum B-BBEE status level of 2 and registered as EMEs and QSEs, respondents to submit proof i.e. Sworn Affidavit or Valid B-BEE Certificate	
Respondents who are registered with the national treasury's CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE	
Completion of schedule of quantity in full	
ANNEXURE B : Technical Submission/Questionnaire (Technical Criteria)	
Similar Related Experience:	
Organisational Structure, Capacity Resource, Operational Plan And Health And Safety Compliance	
Method Statement	
Proof of Business Location Of Tenderer:	

**b) Returnable Documents Used for Scoring**

In addition to the requirements of section (a) above, Respondents are further required to submit with their Proposals the following **Returnable Documents Used for Scoring** and also to confirm submission of these documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

<b>RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS USED FOR SCORING</b>	<b>SUBMITTED [Yes or No]</b>
<p><b>Similar Related Experience:</b></p> <p>Tenderer to provide a minimum of four signed letters of reference from companies on that company's letterhead where the tenderer has successfully completed work of a similar nature; the following information to be contained on the letters, client contact details, start and end date of the contract; the contract value and the area of work undertaken during the past eight years. Minimum contract period must not be less than six months and minimum area must not be less than 100 ha per month.</p>	
<p><b>List of Personal Protective Equipment</b></p> <p>Tenderer to provide a detailed list of PPE to be utilised for this contract.</p>	
<p><b>Operator Certification</b></p> <p>Tenderer to provide proof of certification for operators</p>	
<p><b>Method Statement</b></p> <p>Tenderer to provide a detailed method statement (including safety) for the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass cutting (tractor cutting)</li> <li>• Brush cutting</li> <li>• Tree felling</li> <li>• Branch pruning</li> </ul> <p>Cleaning of storm water channels</p>	
<p><b>Localization</b></p> <p>Tenderer to provide utility bill or letter from appointed Councillor as proof of business location</p>	
<b>FOR DETAILED TECHNICAL CRITERIA PLEASE REFER TO ANNEXURE B</b>	

**c) Essential Returnable Documents:**

Over and the above the requirements of section (a) and (b) mentioned above, Respondents are further required to submit with their Proposals the following **Essential Returnable Documents** and also to confirm submission of these documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

<b>ESSENTIAL RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS &amp; SCHEDULES</b>	<b>SUBMITTED [Yes or No]</b>
In the case of Joint Ventures, a copy of the Joint Venture Agreement or written confirmation of the intention to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement	
SECTION 5: Certificate of Acquaintance with RFQ Documents	
SECTION 6: RFQ Declaration and Breach of Law Form	
SECTION 7: B-BBEE Preference Claim Form	
SECTION 8: SBD 9 - Certificate Of Independent Bid Determination	
Supplier Declaration Form	

**5 CONTINUED VALIDITY OF RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS**

The successful Respondent will be required to ensure the validity of all returnable documents, including but not limited to its valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate, for the duration of any contract emanating from this RFQ. 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.

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Respondent's Signature

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Date & Company Stamp

**SECTION 4**  
**QUOTATION FORM**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- the Standard RFQ Terms and Conditions for the Master Agreement;
- any other standard or special conditions embodied in this Request for Quotation.

I/We accept that unless Transnet should otherwise decide and so inform me/us, this Quotation [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 Quotation, 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 Quotations afresh and/or having to accept any less favourable offer.

**Price Schedule**

I/We quote as follows for the goods/services required, on a "delivered nominated destination" basis, including VAT:

**Please refer to annexure A for a Price Schedule.**



**Delivery Lead-Time from date of purchase order:** \_\_\_\_\_ **[days/weeks]**

*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 RFQ;
  - (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 RFQ;
  - (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 RFQ.

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

- b) All Prices must be quoted in South African Rand, inclusive of VAT
- c) Any disbursement not specifically priced for above will not be considered/accepted by Transnet.
- d) To facilitate like-for-like comparison bidders must submit pricing strictly in accordance with this price schedule and not utilise a different format. Deviation from this pricing schedule will result in a bid being disqualified.
- e) 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.

**SECTION 5**  
**CERTIFICATE OF ACQUAINTANCE WITH RFQ DOCUMENTS**

**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 RFQ. 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 will recognise no claim for relief based on an allegation that the Respondent overlooked any such condition or failed properly to take it into account in calculating tendered prices or any other purpose:**

1. Transnet's General Bid Conditions
2. Standard RFQ Terms and Conditions for the supply of Goods or Services to Transnet
3. Transnet's Supplier Integrity Pact
4. Non-disclosure Agreement
5. Supplier Declaration Form and all supporting documents (first time vendors only). Alternatively, for all existing vendors, please complete the table below under the heading "Existing vendors".

Existing vendors: existing vendors are required to confirm whether all the information (e.g. company address, contact details, banking details, etc.) relating to the existing vendor number is still correct at the time of submission of this bid or update their information in the table below:

<b>Transnet Operating Division [e.g. TFR, TE, etc]</b>	<b>Vendor Number</b>	<b>Information still current [tick if applicable]</b>	<b>Information change [indicate detail of change/s &amp; attach appropriate proof]</b>

Should the Bidder find any terms or conditions stipulated in any of the relevant documents quoted in the RFQ 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 the Standard terms or conditions could result in disqualification.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date & Company Stamp

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 AND BREACH OF LAW FORM**

NAME OF ENTITY: \_\_\_\_\_

We \_\_\_\_\_ do 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 RFQ Clarification purposes;
2. we have received all information we deemed necessary for the completion of this Request for Quotation [**RFQ**];
3. we have been provided with sufficient access to the existing Transnet facilities/sites and all relevant information relevant to the Supply of the Goods as well as Transnet information and Employees, and has 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 RFQ from Transnet sources, other than information formally received from the designated Transnet contact(s) as nominated in the RFQ documents;
5. we have complied with all Obligations of the Bidder/Supplier as indicated in paragraph 3 of the Transnet Supplier Integrity Pact which includes but is 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;
6. we are satisfied, insofar as our entity is concerned, that the processes and procedures adopted by Transnet in issuing this RFQ and the requirements requested from Bidders in responding to this RFQ have been conducted in a fair and transparent manner;
7. we declare that a family, business and/or social relationship **exists / does not exist** [delete as applicable] between an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity and an employee or board member of Transnet including any person who may be involved in the evaluation and/or adjudication of this Bid;
8. we declare that an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder of our entity **is / is not** [delete as applicable] an employee or board member of the Transnet;
9. In addition, we declare that an owner / member / director / partner / shareholder/employee of our entity **is / is not** [delete as applicable] a former employee or board member of Transnet in the past 10 years. I further declare that if they were 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 RFQ; and
10. If such a relationship as indicated in paragraph 7, 8 and/or 9 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]***

11. 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.

**BREACH OF LAW**

12. We further hereby certify that *I/we 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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 _____ duly authorised hereto	AS WITNESS:
Name:	Name:
Position:	Position:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Registration No of Company/CC _____
Place:	Registration Name of Company/CC _____

**SECTION 7****B-BBEE PREFERENCE 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 Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment [**B-BBEE**] Status Level of Contribution.

Transnet will award preference points to companies who provide valid proof of their B-BBEE status using either the latest version of the generic Codes of Good Practice or Sector Specific Codes (if applicable).

**NB: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, BIDDERS MUST STUDY THE GENERAL CONDITIONS, DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE IN RESPECT OF B-BBEE, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PREFERENTIAL PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, 2017.**

**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
- 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 The 80/20 preference point system will be applicable to this tender.
- 1.4 Preference points for this bid shall be awarded for:
- (a) Price; and
  - (b) B-BBEE Status Level of Contribution.
- 1.5 The maximum points for this bid are allocated as follows:

	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTOR</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total points for Price and B-BBEE must not exceed</b>	<b>100</b>

- 1.6 Failure on the part of a bidder to submit proof of B-BBEE status level of contributor together with the bid will be interpreted to mean that preference points for B-BBEE status level of contribution are not claimed.
- 1.7 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) **"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;

- (e) **"Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act"** means the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 (Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (f) **"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);
- (g) **"functionality"** means the ability of a bidder to provide goods or services in accordance with specification as set out in the bid documents;
- (h) **"Price"** includes all applicable taxes less all unconditional discounts.
- (i) **"Proof of B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor"** means:
- 1) B-BBEE status level certificate issued by an unauthorised body or person;
  - 2) A sworn affidavit as prescribed by the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice;
  - 3) Any other requirement prescribed in terms of the B-BBEE Act.
- (j) **"QSE"** means a Qualifying Small EEnterprise in terms of a Codes of Good Practice under section 9 (1) of the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 ( Act No. 53 of 2003);
- (k) **"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.

### 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:

$$P_s = 80 \left( 1 - \frac{P_t - P_{\min}}{P_{\min}} \right)$$

Where

- $P_s$  = Points scored for comparative price of bid under consideration
- $P_t$  = Comparative price of bid under consideration
- $P_{\min}$  = Comparative price of lowest acceptable bid

### 4. POINTS AWARDED FOR B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION

- 4.1 In terms of Regulation 6 (2) and 7 (2) of the Preferential Procurement Regulations, preference points must be awarded to a bidder for attaining the B-BBEE status level of contribution in accordance with the table below:

B-BBEE Status Level of Contributor	Number of points (80/20 system)
1	20
2	18
3	14
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2

Non-compliant contributor	0
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4.2 The table below indicates the required proof of B-BBEE status depending on the category of enterprises:

<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>B-BBEE Certificate &amp; Sworn Affidavit</b>
<b>Large</b>	Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency
<b>QSE</b>	Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency Sworn Affidavit signed by the authorised QSE representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths confirming annual turnover and black ownership (only black-owned QSEs - 51% to 100% Black owned) [Sworn affidavits must substantially comply with the format that can be obtained on the DTI’s website at <a href="http://www.dti.gov.za/economic_empowerment/bee_codes.jsp">www.dti.gov.za/economic_empowerment/bee_codes.jsp</a> .]
<b>EME</b>	Sworn Affidavit signed by the authorised EME representative and attested by a Commissioner of Oaths confirming annual turnover and black ownership Certificate issued by CIPC (formerly CIPRO) confirming annual turnover and black ownership Certificate issued by SANAS accredited verification agency only if the EME is being measured on the 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.

4.6 A person awarded a contract may not sub-contract more than 25% of the value of the contract to any other enterprise that does not have an equal or higher B-BBEE status level than the person concerned, unless the contract is sub-contracted to an EME that has the capability and ability to execute the sub-contract.

4.7 Bidders are to note that the rules pertaining to B-BBEE verification and other B-BBEE requirements may be changed from time to time by regulatory bodies such as National Treasury or the DTI. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to ensure that his/her bid complies fully with all B-BBEE requirements at the time of the submission of the bid.

**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 IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 1.4 AND 6.1**

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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
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- v) Specify, by ticking the appropriate box, if subcontracting with an enterprise in terms of Preferential Procurement Regulations,2017:

<b>Designated Group: An EME or QSE which is at last 51% owned by:</b>	<b>EME √</b>	<b>QSE √</b>
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		
<b>OR</b>		
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**

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**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-BBEE status level of contribution indicated in paragraphs 4.1 and 6.1 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 4.1 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 the B-BBEE status level of contributor has been claimed or obtained on a fraudulent basis or any of the conditions of contract have not been fulfilled, 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.

<p><b>WITNESSES</b></p> <p>1. ....</p> <p>2. ....</p>
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<p>.....</p> <p><b>SIGNATURE(S) OF BIDDERS(S)</b></p> <p>DATE: .....</p> <p>ADDRESS .....</p> <p>.....</p>
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**SECTION 8: SBD 9- CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

1. Section 4 (1) (b) (iii) of the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998, as amended, prohibits an agreement between, or concerted practice by, firms, or a decision by an association of firms, if it is between parties in a horizontal relationship and if it involves collusive bidding (or bid rigging). Collusive bidding is a per se prohibition meaning that it cannot be justified under any grounds. Bid rigging (or collusive bidding) occurs when businesses, that would otherwise be expected to compete, secretly conspire to raise prices or lower the quality of goods and / or services for purchasers who wish to acquire goods and / or services through a bidding process. Bid rigging is, therefore, an agreement between competitors not to compete.
2. Transnet will take all reasonable steps to prevent abuse of the supply chain management system and to:
  - a. disregard the bid of any bidder if that bidder, or any of its directors have abused the institution's supply chain management system and or committed fraud or any other improper conduct in relation to such system.
  - b. cancel a contract awarded to a supplier of goods and services if the supplier committed any corrupt or fraudulent act during the bidding process or the execution of that contract.
3. This SBD serves as a certificate of declaration that would be used by institutions to ensure that, when bids are considered, reasonable steps are taken to prevent any form of bid-rigging.
4. In order to give effect to the above, the following certificate of Bid Determination (SBD 9) must be completed and submitted with the bid:

**CERTIFICATE OF INDEPENDENT BID DETERMINATION**

I, the undersigned, in submitting the accompanying bid:

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(Bid Number and Description)

in response to the invitation for the bid made by:

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(Name of Institution)

do hereby make the following statements that I certify to be true and complete in every respect:

I certify, on behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_ that:

(Name of Bidder)

1. I have read and I understand the contents of this Certificate;
2. I understand that the accompanying bid will be disqualified if this Certificate is found not to be true and complete in every respect;
3. I am authorized by the bidder to sign this Certificate, and to submit the accompanying bid, on behalf of the bidder;
4. Each person whose signature appears on the accompanying bid has been authorized by the bidder to determine the terms of, and to sign the bid, on behalf of the bidder;
5. For the purposes of this Certificate and the accompanying bid, I understand that the word "competitor" shall include any individual or organization, other than the bidder, whether or not affiliated with the bidder, who:
  - a. has been requested to submit a bid in response to this bid invitation;
  - b. could potentially submit a bid in response to this bid invitation, based on their qualifications, abilities or experience; and
  - c. provides the same goods and services as the bidder and/or is in the same line of business as the bidder
6. The bidder has arrived at the accompanying bid independently from, and without consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor. However communication between partners in a joint venture or consortium<sup>3</sup> will not be construed as collusive bidding.
7. In particular, without limiting the generality of paragraphs 6 above, there has been no consultation, communication, agreement or arrangement with any competitor regarding:
  - a. prices;
  - b. geographical area where product or service will be rendered (market allocation)
  - c. methods, factors or formulas used to calculate prices;
  - d. the intention or decision to submit or not to submit, a bid;
  - e. the submission of a bid which does not meet the specifications and conditions of the bid; or
  - f. bidding with the intention not to win the bid.

- 8. In addition, there have been no consultations, communications, agreements or arrangements with any competitor regarding the quality, quantity, specifications and conditions or delivery particulars of the products or services to which this bid invitation relates.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.

.....  
Signature

.....  
Date

.....  
Position

.....  
Name of Bidder