

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER

SECTION 1: NOTICE TO TENDERERS

1. INVITATION TO TENDER

Responses to this Tender [hereinafter referred to as a **Tender**] are requested from persons, companies, close corporations or enterprises [hereinafter referred to as a Tenderer].

DESCRIPTION	Geotechnical Investigations for the increase in electricity supply capacity to the Port of Durban
TENDER ISSUE DATE	This Tender issue date is 10 December 2020 and must be downloaded directly from the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za FREE OF CHARGE .
INTENTION TO TENDER / SITE INSPECTION	<p>Tenderers are to please indicate their intention to respond to this tender by completing Returnable Schedule: T2.2-00 and sending it to: Bernadette.Wexler@transnet.net by 17 December 2020. This is to ensure that any required communication (e.g. addenda to the tender) in relation to this tender reaches those intending to respond. Transnet will not be held liable if Tenderers do not respond by this date and do not receive the latest information regarding this Tender as a result thereof.</p> <p>There will be no clarification meeting / site inspection.</p>
CLARIFICATION PRESENTATION	<p>There will not be a Clarification Meeting.</p> <p>Any clarifications are to be mailed to: bernadette.wexler@transnet.net, and all responses will be loaded on the National Treasury eTender Publication Portal at www.etenders.gov.za.</p>
CLOSING DATE	<p>12h00 on 26 January 2021</p> <p>Tenderers must ensure that tenders are delivered timeously to the correct address. If a tender is late or delivered to the incorrect address, it will not be accepted for consideration.</p> <p>There will not be a Public Opening. The Tender Opening Register will be made available on request.</p>

2. TENDER SUBMISSION

Tender Offers must be sealed and addressed as follows:

The Secretariat, Acquisition Council

RFP No: **2126401-796**

Description: **Geotechnical Investigations for the increase in electricity supply capacity to the Port of Durban**

Closing date and time: **26 January 2021 at 12h00**

Closing address: *[Refer to options in paragraph 3 below]*

All submissions must reflect the return address of the Tenderer on the reverse side.

3. DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS FOR TENDER

3.1 Delivery by hand

If delivered by hand, the sealed submission must be deposited in the tender box, which is located at the address of the Transnet tender box location and must be addressed as follows:

**THE SECRETARIAT, DIVISIONAL ACQUISITION COUNCIL
TRANSNET TENDER BOX
Transnet National Port Authority
Queens Warehouse, Reception
237 Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Durban
South Africa**

The measurement of the "tender slot" are 400mm wide x 100mm high, and Tenderers must please ensure that tender documents or files are no larger than the above dimensions. Tenders which are too bulky [i.e. more than 100mm thick] must be split into two or more files, and placed in separate envelopes, each such envelope to be addressed as required in paragraph 0 above.

3.2 Dispatch by courier

If dispatched by courier, the envelope must be addressed as follows and delivered to the Office of The Secretariat, Transnet National Acquisition Council and a signature obtained from that Office:

**THE SECRETARIAT, DIVISIONAL ACQUISITION COUNCIL
TRANSNET TENDER BOX
Transnet National Port Authority
Queens Warehouse, Reception
237 Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Durban
South Africa**

3.3 The tender offers to this tender will be opened as soon as possible after the closing date and time. Transnet shall not, at the opening of tenders, disclose to any other company any confidential details pertaining to the Tender Offers / information received, i.e. pricing, delivery, etc. The names and locations of the Tenderers will be divulged to other Tenderers upon request.

- 3.4 Submissions must not contain documents relating to any Tender other than that shown on the submission.

4. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information related to this RFP is to be treated with strict confidentiality. In this regard Tenderers 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 gleaned from provision of the Works, which is either directly or indirectly related to Transnet's business, written approval to divulge such information must be obtained from Transnet.

5. **DISCLAIMERS**

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

- 5.1. Award the business to the highest scoring Tenderer/s unless objective criteria justify the award to another tenderer.
- 5.2. Not necessarily accept the lowest priced tender or an alternative Tender;
- 5.3. Go to the open market if the quoted rates (for award of work) are deemed unreasonable;
- 5.4. Should the Tenderers be awarded business on strength of information furnished by the Tenderer, which after conclusion of the contract is proved to have been incorrect, Transnet reserves the right to terminate the contract;
- 5.5. Request audited financial statements or other documentation for the purposes of a due diligence exercise;
- 5.6. Not accept any changes or purported changes by the Tenderer to the tender rates after the closing date;
- 5.7. Verify any information supplied by a Tenderer by submitting a tender, the Tenderer/s hereby irrevocably grant the necessary consent to the Transnet to do so;
- 5.8. Conduct the evaluation process in parallel. The evaluation of Tenderers at any given stage must therefore not be interpreted to mean that Tenderers have necessarily passed any previous stage(s);
- 5.9. Unless otherwise expressly stated, each tender lodged in response to the invitation to tender shall be deemed to be an offer by the Tenderer. The Employer has the right in its sole and unfettered discretion not to accept any offer.
- 5.10. Not be held liable if tenderers do not provide the correct contact details during the clarification session and do not receive the latest information regarding this RFP with the possible consequence of being disadvantaged or disqualified as a result thereof.
- 5.11. Transnet reserves the right to exclude any Tenderers from the tender process who has been convicted of a serious breach of law during the preceding 5 [five] years including but not limited to breaches of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, as amended. Tenderers are required to indicate

in Tender Returnable Document **T2.2-17: Breach of Law** whether or not they have been found guilty of a serious breach of law during the past 5 [five] years.

6. Transnet will not reimburse any Tenderer for any preparatory costs or other work performed in connection with this Tender, whether or not the Tenderer is awarded a contract.

7. NATIONAL TREASURY’S CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE

Tenderer 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. The CSD can be accessed at <https://secure.csd.gov.za/>. Tenderer are required to provide the following to Transnet in order to enable it to verify information on the CSD:

Supplier Number:

and

Unique registration reference Number:

8. Tender Closing Location

Queens Warehouse, 237 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Durban





**Transnet urges its clients, suppliers and the general public
to report any fraud or corruption to
TIP-OFFS ANONYMOUS: 0800 003 056 OR Transnet@tip-offs.com**