



Appendix (i)

GENERAL BID CONDITIONS - SERVICES

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1 DEFINITIONS

Where the following words or phrases are used in this Agreement, such words or phrases shall have the meaning assigned thereto in this clause, except where the context clearly requires otherwise:

- 1.1 **Bid** shall mean a Respondent's tendered response / proposal to a Transnet RFP or RFQ;
- 1.2 **Bid Document(s)** shall mean a reference to a Request for Proposal or Request for Quotation;
- 1.3 **Day** shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;
- 1.4 **Respondent(s)** shall mean a respondent/bidder to a Bid Document;
- 1.5 **RFP** shall mean Request for Proposal;
- 1.6 **RFQ** shall mean Request for Quotation;
- 1.7 **RFX** shall mean RFP or RFQ, as the case may be;
- 1.8 **Services** shall mean the services required by Transnet as specified in its Bid Document;
- 1.9 **Service Provider** shall mean the successful Respondent;
- 1.10 **Tax Invoice** shall mean the document as required by Section 20 of the Value-Added Tax Act, 89 of 1991, as may be amended from time to time;
- 1.11 **Transnet** shall mean Transnet SOC Ltd, a State Owned Company; and
- 1.12 **VAT** shall mean Value-Added Tax in terms of the Value-Added Tax Act, 89 of 1991, as may be amended from time to time.

2 GENERAL

All Bid Documents and subsequent contracts and orders shall be subject to the following general conditions as laid down by Transnet and are to be strictly adhered to by any Respondent to this RFX.

3 SUBMISSION OF BID DOCUMENTS

- 3.1 A Bid, which shall hereinafter include reference to an RFP or RFQ, shall be submitted to Transnet no later than the closing date and time specified in accordance with the directions issued in the Bid Documents. Late Bids will not be considered.
- 3.2 Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope in accordance with the instructions indicated in the Bid Documents with the Bid number and subject marked on the front of the envelope.
- 3.3 The Respondent's return address must be stated on the reverse side of the sealed envelope.

4 USE OF BID FORMS

- 4.1 Where special forms are issued by Transnet for the submission of Bids, Respondents are required to submit their Bids by completion of the appropriate sections on such official forms and not in other forms or documents bearing their own terms and conditions of contract. Non-compliance with this condition may result in the rejection of a Bid.
- 4.2 Respondents must note that the original Bid forms must be completed for submission and not a reprocessed copy thereof.

- 4.3 Only if insufficient space has been allocated for a particular response may a Respondent submit additional information under separate cover using its company's letterhead. This must be duly cross-referenced in the RFX.

5 BID FEES

- 5.1 A non-refundable fee may be charged for Bid Documents, depending on the administrative cost of preparing and issuing such Bid Documents.
- 5.2 Only Respondents that have paid the Bid fee and provided proof of payment when submitting their Bid will be considered.

6 VALIDITY PERIOD

- 6.1 Respondents must hold their Bid valid for acceptance by Transnet at any time within the requested validity period after the closing date of the RFX.
- 6.2 Respondents may be requested to extend their validity period for a specified additional period. In such instances, Respondents will not be allowed to change any aspect of their Bid, unless they are able to demonstrate that the proposed change(s) is as a direct and unavoidable consequence of Transnet's extension of the validity period.

7 SITE VISIT / BRIEFING SESSION

Respondents may be requested to attend (i) a site visit where it is considered necessary to view the site prior to the preparation of Bids, or (ii) an RFX briefing session when Transnet deems it necessary to provide Respondents with additional information relevant to the compilation of their Bids. When such visits or sessions are indicated as compulsory in the Bid Document, Respondents are obliged to attend these meetings as failure to do so will result in their disqualification.

8 CLARIFICATION BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE

Should clarification be required on any aspect of the RFX before the closing date, the Respondent must direct such queries to the contact person identified in the Bid Document.

9 COMMUNICATION AFTER THE CLOSING DATE

After the closing date of a Bid [i.e. during the evaluation period] the Respondent may only communicate with the Secretary of the relevant Acquisition Council.

10 UNAUTHORISED COMMUNICATION ABOUT BIDS

Where Bids are submitted to the Secretary of an Acquisition Council, Respondents may at any time communicate with the Secretary on any matter relating to its Bid but, in the absence of written authority from the Secretary, no communication on a question affecting the subject of a Bid shall take place between Respondents or other potential service providers or any member of the Acquisition Council or official of Transnet during the period between the closing date for the receipt of the Bid and the date of the notification of the successful Respondent(s). A Bid, in respect of which any such unauthorised communication has occurred, could be disqualified.

11 RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

All returnable documents listed in the RFX Documents must be submitted with Respondent's Bid. Failure to submit mandatory returnable schedules / documents will result in disqualification. Failure to submit other schedules / documents may result in disqualification.

12 DEFAULTS BY RESPONDENTS

12.1 If the Respondent, after it has been notified of the acceptance of its Bid fails to:

- a) enter into a formal contract when called upon to do so within such period as Transnet may specify; or
- b) accept an order in terms of the Bid;
- c) furnish satisfactory security when called upon to do so for the fulfilment of the contract; or
- d) comply with any condition imposed by Transnet,

Transnet may, in any such case, without prejudice to any other legal remedy which it may have, proceed to accept any other Bid or, if it is necessary to do so, call for Bids afresh, and may recover from the defaulting Respondent any additional expense incurred by Transnet in calling for new offers or in accepting a less favourable offer.

12.2 If any Respondent, who has submitted a Bid and/or concluded a contract with Transnet [hereinafter referred to as the **Service Provider**], or in the capacity of agent or subcontractor who has been associated with such Bid or contract:

- a) has withdrawn such Bid after the advertised date and hour for the receipt of Bids; or
- b) has, after having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid, failed or refused to sign a contract when called upon to do so in terms of any condition forming part of the Bid Documents; or
- c) has carried out any contract resulting from such Bid in an unsatisfactory manner or has breached any condition of such contract; or
- d) has offered, promised or given a bribe in relation to the obtaining or the execution of such contract; or
- e) has acted in a fraudulent or improper manner or in bad faith towards Transnet or any government department or towards any public body, company or person; or
- f) has made any misleading or incorrect statement either
 - (i) in the affidavit or certificate referred to in clause 18 [*Notice to Unsuccessful Respondents*]; or
 - (ii) in any other document submitted as part of its Bid submission and is unable to prove to the satisfaction of Transnet that
 - it made the statement in good faith honestly believing it to be correct; and
 - before making such statement, it took all reasonable steps to satisfy itself of its correctness; or
- g) caused Transnet damage, or to incur costs in order to meet the Service Provider's requirements which could not be recovered from the Service Provider;
- h) has litigated against Transnet in bad faith;

- i) has been found guilty by a court of law, tribunal or other administrative body of a serious breach of any law, during the preceding 5 [five] years;
 - j) has been included as a company or person prohibited from doing business with the public sector on National Treasury's database of Restricted Suppliers or Register of Bid Defaulters;
- then a Bid from any such Respondent shall be disqualified and the person, enterprise or company [including any directors] shall, subject to clause 12.3 below, be disqualified from bidding for any Transnet business through its "blacklisting" process.

12.3 Any person or enterprise or company against whom a decision to blacklist has been taken, may make representations to the Chief Financial Officer of Transnet SOC Ltd, whose decision shall be final.

12.4 Any disqualification [**Blacklisting**] imposed upon any person or enterprise or company, may also apply to any other enterprise under the same or different names of disqualified persons or enterprise or company [or associates thereof] and may also be applied to any agent or employee of the person or enterprise or company concerned.

13 CURRENCY

All monetary amounts referred to in a Bid response must be in Rand, the currency of the Republic of South Africa [**ZAR**], save to the extent specifically permitted in the RFX.

14 PRICES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

14.1 Prices which are quoted subject to confirmation will not be considered.

14.2 Firm prices quoted for the duration of any resulting order and/or contract will receive precedence over prices which are subject to fluctuation if this is in Transnet's best interests.

15 ALTERATIONS MADE BY THE RESPONDENT TO BID PRICES

All alterations made by the Respondent to its Bid price(s) prior to the submission of its Bid Documents must be done by deleting the incorrect figures and words where required and by inserting the correct figures and words against the items concerned. All such alterations must be initialled by the person who signs the Bid Documents. Failure to observe this requirement may result in the particular item(s) concerned being excluded in the matter of the award of the business.

16 EXCHANGE AND REMITTANCE

16.1 The Respondent should note that where the whole or a portion of the contract or order value is to be remitted overseas, Transnet shall, if requested to do so by the Service Provider, effect payment overseas directly to the foreign principal of such percentage of the contract or order value as may be stipulated by the Respondent in its Bid Documents.

16.2 In instances where an overall Rand agreement cannot be concluded Transnet would request the Respondent to give favourable consideration to obtaining forward exchange cover on the foreign currency portion of the contract at a cost that is acceptable to Transnet to protect itself against any currency rate fluctuation risks for the duration of any resulting contract or order.

16.3 The Respondent who desires to avail itself of the aforementioned facility must at the time of bidding furnish the information called for in the *Exchange and Remittance* section of the Bid Documents and also furnish full details of the principals to whom payment is to be made.

- 16.4 The South African Reserve Bank's approval is required before any foreign currency payments can be made to or on behalf of Respondents.
- 16.5 Transnet will not recognise any claim for adjustment of the order and/or contract price if the increase in price arises after the date on which agreement on an overall Rand contract has been reached.
- 16.6 Transnet reserves the right to request a pro-forma invoice/tax invoice in order to ensure compliance with the contract and Value-Added Tax Act no. 89 of 1991 [**VAT Act**].

17 ACCEPTANCE OF BID

- 17.1 Transnet does not bind itself to accept the lowest priced or any Bid.
- 17.2 Transnet reserves the right to accept any Bid in whole or in part.
- 17.3 Upon the acceptance of a Bid by Transnet, the parties shall be bound by these General Bid Conditions and any contractual terms and/or any schedule of "Special Conditions" or otherwise which form part of the Bid Documents.
- 17.4 Where the Respondent has been informed by Transnet per fax message or email of the acceptance of its Bid, the acknowledgement of receipt transmitted shall be regarded as proof of delivery to the Respondent.

18 NOTICE TO UNSUCCESSFUL RESPONDENTS

Unsuccessful Respondents shall be advised in writing that their Bids have not been accepted as soon as possible after the closing date of the Bid. On award of business to the successful Respondent all unsuccessful Respondents shall be informed of the name of the successful Respondent and of the reason as to why their Bids have not been successful.

19 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

- 19.1 The Service Provider shall adhere to the Terms and Conditions of Contract issued with the Bid Documents, together with any schedule of "Special Conditions" or otherwise which form part of the Bid Documents.
- 19.2 Should the Respondent find any conditions unacceptable, it should indicate which conditions are unacceptable and offer amendments/ alternatives by written submission on its company letterhead. Any such submission shall be subject to review by Transnet's Legal Counsel who shall determine whether the proposed amendments/ alternative(s) are acceptable or otherwise, as the case may be.

20 CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 20.1 The contract documents will comprise these General Bid Conditions, the Terms and Conditions of Contract and any schedule of "Special Conditions" which form part of the Bid Documents.
- 20.2 The abovementioned documents together with the Respondent's Bid response will constitute the contract between the parties upon receipt by the Respondent of Transnet's letter of award / intent, subject to all additional amendments and/or special conditions thereto as agreed to by the parties.
- 20.3 Should Transnet inform the Respondent that a formal contract will be signed, the abovementioned documents together with the Respondent's Bid response [and, if any, its covering letter and any subsequent exchange of correspondence] as well as Transnet's Letter of Intent, shall constitute a binding contract until the final contract is signed.

21 LAW GOVERNING CONTRACT

The law of the Republic of South Africa shall govern the contract created by the acceptance of a Bid. The *domicilium citandi et executandi* shall be a place in the Republic of South Africa to be specified by the Respondent in its Bid 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. A foreign Respondent shall, therefore, state in its Bid the name of its authorised representative in the Republic of South Africa who is empowered to sign any contract which may be entered into in the event of its Bid being accepted and to act on its behalf in all matters relating to the contract.

22 IDENTIFICATION

If the Respondent is a company, the full names of the directors shall be stated in the Bid. If the Respondent is a close corporation, the full names of the members shall be stated in the Bid. If the Respondent is a partnership or an individual trading under a trade name, the full names of the partners or of such individual, as the case may be, shall be furnished.

23 CONTRACTUAL SECURITIES

- 23.1 The successful Respondent, when called upon to do so, shall provide security to the satisfaction of Transnet for the due fulfilment of a contract or order. Such security shall be in the form of an advanced payment guarantee [APG] and/or a performance bond [Performance Bond], as the case may be, to be furnished by an approved bank, building society, insurance or guarantee corporation carrying on business in South Africa.
- 23.2 The security may be applied in whole or part at the discretion of Transnet to make good any loss or damage which Transnet may incur in consequence of a breach of the contract or any part thereof.
- 23.3 Such security, if required, shall be an amount which will be stipulated in the Bid Documents.
- 23.4 The successful Respondent shall be required to submit to Transnet or Transnet's designated official the specified security document(s) within 30 [thirty] Days from the date of signature of the contract. Failure to return the securities within the prescribed time shall, save where prior extension has been granted, entitle Transnet without notice to the Service Provider to cancel the contract with immediate effect.
- 23.5 Additional costs incurred by Transnet necessitated by reason of default on the part of the Service Provider in relation to the conditions of this clause 23 will be for the account of the Service Provider.

24 DELETION OF ITEMS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM BID

The Respondent must delete items for which it does not wish to tender.

25 VALUE-ADDED TAX

- 25.1 In respect of local Services, i.e. Services to be rendered in the Republic of South Africa, the prices quoted by the Respondent are to be exclusive of VAT which must be shown separately at the standard rate on the Tax Invoice.
- 25.2 In respect of foreign Services rendered:
- a) the invoicing by a South African Service Provider on behalf of its foreign principal rendering such Service represents a Service rendered by the principal; and

- b) the Service Provider's Tax Invoice(s) for the local portion only [i.e. the "commission" for the Services rendered locally] must show the VAT separately.

26 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS REGARDING PAYMENT

26.1 Method of Payment

- a) The attention of the Respondent is directed to the Terms and Conditions of Contract which set out the conditions of payment on which Bid price(s) shall be based.
- b) However, in addition to the foregoing the Respondent is invited to submit offers based on alternative methods of payment and/or financing proposals.
- c) The Respondent is required to give full particulars of the terms that will be applicable to its alternative offer(s) and the financial merits thereof will be evaluated and taken into consideration when the Bid is adjudicated.
- d) The Respondent must, therefore, in the first instance, tender strictly in accordance with clause 26.1a) above. Failure to comply with clause 26.1a) above may preclude a Bid from further consideration.

NOTE: The successful Respondent [the **Service Provider**], where applicable, shall be required to furnish a guarantee covering any advance payments, as set out in clause 23 above [*Contractual Securities*].

26.2 Conditional Discount

Respondents offering prices which are subject to a conditional discount applicable for payment within a specific period are to note that the conditional period will be calculated from the date of receipt by Transnet of the Service Provider's month-end statement reflecting the relevant Tax Invoice(s) for payment purposes, provided the conditions of the order or contract have been fulfilled and the Tax Invoice is correct in all respects in terms of the contract or order. Incomplete and/or incorrect Tax Invoices shall be returned and the conditional discount period will be recalculated from the date of receipt of the correct documentation.

27 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

27.1 Period Contracts

It will be a condition of any resulting contract/order that the delivery period embodied therein will be governed by the provisions of the Terms and Conditions of Contract.

27.2 Progress Reports

The Service Provider may be required to submit periodical progress reports with regard to the delivery of the Services.

27.3 Emergency Demands as and when required

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the rendering of the Services covered by the Bid are required at short notice for immediate delivery, the Service Provider will be given first right of refusal for such business. If it is unable to meet the desired critical delivery period, Transnet reserves the right to purchase such services as may be required to meet the emergency outside the contract if immediate delivery can be offered from any other source. The "*Total or Partial Failure to Perform the Scope of*

Services” section in the Terms and Conditions of Contract will not be applicable in these circumstances.

28 SPECIFICATIONS AND COPYRIGHT

28.1 Specifications

The Respondent should note that, unless notified to the contrary by Transnet or a designated official by means of an official amendment to the Bid Documents, it is required to tender for the Services strictly in accordance with the specifications supplied by Transnet.

28.2 Copyright

Copyright in plans, drawings, diagrams, specifications and documents compiled by the Service Provider for the purpose of contract work shall be governed by the *Intellectual Property Rights* section in the Terms and Conditions of Contract.

29 BIDS BY OR ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN RESPONDENTS

29.1 Bids submitted by foreign principals may be forwarded directly by the principals or by its South African representative or agent to the Secretary of the Acquisition Council or to a designated official of Transnet according to whichever officer is specified in the Bid Documents.

29.2 In the case of a representative or agent, written proof must be submitted to the effect that such representative or agent has been duly authorised to act in that capacity by the principal. Failure to submit such authorisation by the representative or agent shall disqualify the Bid.

29.3 When legally authorised to prepare and submit Bids on behalf of their principals not domiciled in the Republic of South Africa, representatives or agents must compile the Bids in the names of such principals and sign them on behalf of the latter.

29.4 South African representatives or agents of a successful foreign Respondent must when so required enter into a formal contract in the name of their principals and must sign such contract on behalf of the latter. In every such case a legal Power of Attorney from their principals must be furnished to Transnet by the South African representative or agents authorising them to enter into and sign such contract.

- a) Such Power of Attorney must comply with Rule 63 [Authentication of documents executed outside the Republic for use within the Republic] of the Uniform Rules of Court: Rules regulating the conduct of the proceedings of the several provincial and local divisions of the Supreme Court of South Africa.
- b) The Power of Attorney must be signed by the principal under the same title as used in the Bid Documents.
- c) If a Power of Attorney held by the South African representative or agent includes matters of a general nature besides provision for the entering into and signing of a contract with Transnet, a certified copy thereof should be furnished.
- d) The Power of Attorney must authorise the South African representative or agent to choose the *domicilium citandi et executandi* as provided for in the Terms and Conditions of Contract.

29.5 If payment is to be made in South Africa, the foreign Service Provider [i.e. the principal, or its South African agent or representative], must notify Transnet in writing whether, for payment by electronic funds transfer [**EFT**]:

- a) funds are to be transferred to the credit of the foreign Service Provider's account at a bank in South Africa, in which case the name and branch of such bank shall be furnished; or
- b) funds are to be transferred to the credit of its South African agent or representative, in which case the name and branch of such bank shall be furnished.

30 CONFLICT WITH BID DOCUMENT

Should a conflict arise between these General Bid Conditions and the Bid Document issued, the conditions stated in the Bid Document shall prevail.

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