

Transnet freight rail, a division of

TRANSNET SOC LTD

Registration Number 1990/000900/30

[hereinafter referred to as **Transnet**]

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION PTH 52500

**FOR THE SUPPLY OF: -LL400 Modems,
S119C 54 V DC 19" AC Power Supplies,
M12V 105FT Batteries**

**FOR DELIVERY TO: Transnet Freight Rail Infra.
Glen Fourie TEL 041 507 4069
c/o Broad & Patterson dr
Deal Party
Port Elizabeth**

ISSUE DATE: 10.09.2013

CLOSING DATE: 20.09.2013

CLOSING TIME: 16h00

Section 1
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Quotations which must be completed as indicated in Section 2 of this RFQ are to be submitted as follows:

METHOD: [email / fax]
Email: Babalwa.myozolo@transnet.net Fax: 041 994 2024 or 011 584 0485

CLOSING VENUE: [email address/fax]
Bidders to confirm with Babalwa that e mail/fax was received on
TEL 041 994 2042

1 Responses to RFQ

Responses to this RFQ [**Quotations**] must not include documents or reference relating to any other quotation or proposal. Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter.

2 Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment [B-BBEE]

Transnet fully endorses and supports the Government's Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Programme and it would therefore prefer to do business with local business enterprises who share these same values. Transnet will accordingly allow a "preference" to companies who provide a B-BBEE Verification Certificate. All procurement transactions will be evaluated accordingly.

2.1 B-BBEE Scorecard and Rating

As prescribed in terms of the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), Act 5 of 2000 and its Regulations, Respondents are to note the following:

- Proposals will be evaluated on price which will be allocated 80 points and preference which will be allocated 20 points, dependent on the value of the Goods
- The 80/20 preference point system applies where the acquisition of the Goods will be less than R1 000 000.00.
- If the 80/20 preference point system is stipulated and all Bids received exceed R1 000 000.00, the RFP will be cancelled

In compliance with the Government Gazette No 34612, Notice No. 754 dated 23 September 2011, as from 1 October 2011 valid B-BBEE Verification Certificates must be issued by:

- a) Verification Agencies accredited by the South African National Accreditation System [SANAS]; or
- b) Registered Auditors approved by the Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors [IRBA], in accordance with the approval granted by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Enterprises will be rated by such agencies based on the following:

- c) **Large Enterprises** [i.e. annual turnover greater than R35 million]:
 - Rating level based on all seven elements of the B-BBEE scorecard
- d) **Qualifying Small Enterprises – QSE** [i.e. annual turnover between R5 million and R35 million]:

- Rating based on any four of the elements of the B-BBEE scorecard

e) **Exempted Micro Enterprises – EME** [i.e. annual turnover less than R5 million]:

In accordance with B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice [Statement 000, Section 4], any enterprise with an annual total revenue of R 5 million or less qualifies as an EME.

- Automatic rating of B-BBEE Level 4 irrespective of race or ownership
- Black ownership greater than 50% or Black Women ownership greater than 50% automatically qualify as B-BBEE Level 3

Sufficient evidence to qualify as an EME would be a certificate (which may be in the form of a letter) from an auditor or accounting officer or a certificate from a Verification Agency accredited by SANAS. The certificate must confirm the company's turnover, black ownership / black female ownership and B-BBEE status level.

Respondents are required to furnish proof of the above to Transnet. [i.e. a detailed scorecard as stipulated above in respect of Large Enterprises and QSEs, or a certificate in respect of EMEs].

Transnet will accordingly allocate a maximum of **20 [twenty] points** in accordance with the **80/20** preference point system prescribed in the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPPFA), Act 5 of 2000 and its Regulations to the Respondent's final score based on an entity's B-BBEE scorecard rating.

N.B. Failure to submit a B-BBEE certificate, which is valid as at the Closing Date of this RFP, will result in a score of zero being allocated for B-BBEE.

[Refer Section 3, Vendor Application Form, for Returnable Documents required]

2.2 Further Recognition Criteria N/A

a) Further Recognition Criteria (Current)

As a pre-qualification criterion, certain minimum requirements with regard to the Respondent's CURRENT B-BBEE status at the time of submission of their bid must be met. These minimum requirements will be measured based on the extent to which the Respondent's current black ownership, management control and employment equity meets or exceeds certain minimum targets. Please note that a Respondent's ownership, management control and employment equity at the time of the submission of the bid, may differ from that which is reflected in the B-BBEE scorecard. When claiming that the minimum targets for FRC (Current) has been met, the Respondent must reflect his B-BBEE status at the time of submitting the bid. Supporting documentation may be requested in this regard. The minimum requirements for this RFP for FRC (Current) are stipulated in the table below:

PREQUALIFICATION CRITERIA	MINIMUM COMPLIANCE TARGET (%) AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE ORGANISATION
Further Recognition Criteria (Current):	
Black Ownership %
Black Management Control %
Employment Equity %

N.B. Failure to achieve the minimum prequalification targets allocated for FRC (Current) for any one of the criteria listed above at the closing date of this tender will result in disqualification.

Respondents are required to complete and submit their FRC Claim Form for FRC (Current) attached hereto as Annexure..... with their Proposals. [Refer Section for further instructions]

Note: Should a JV be envisaged, the principal Respondent is required to submit the required responses as indicated above.

3 Communication

- a) Respondents are warned that a response will be liable for disqualification should any attempt be made by a Respondent either directly or indirectly to canvass any officer(s) or employee of Transnet in respect of this RFQ between the closing date and the date of the award of the business.
- b) A Respondent may, however, before the closing date and time, direct any written enquiries relating to the RFQ to the following Transnet employee:

Name: Daphne Visser

Email: Daphne.Visser@transnet.net

- c) Respondents may also, at any time after the closing date of the RFQ, communicate with the Secretariat of the Transnet Acquisition Council (Admin Support Office) on any matter relating to its RFQ response:

Telephone 041-9942042

Email Babalwa.myozolo@transnet.net

TAX CLEARANCE

The Respondent's original valid Tax Clearance Certificate must accompany the Quotation. Failure to provide this document with the RFQ submission will result in disqualification.

4 VAT Registration

The valid VAT registration number must be stated here: _____ *[if applicable].*

5 Legal Compliance

The successful Respondent shall be in full and complete compliance with any and all applicable national and local laws and regulations.

6 Changes to Quotations

Changes by the Respondent to its submission will not be considered after the closing date and time.

7 Pricing

All prices must be quoted in South African Rand on a fixed price basis, excluding VAT.

8 Prices Subject to Confirmation

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

9 Negotiations

Transnet reserves the right to undertake post-tender negotiations with selected Respondents or any number of short-listed Respondents.

10 Binding Offer

Any Quotation furnished pursuant to this Request shall be deemed to be an offer. Any exceptions to this statement must be clearly and specifically indicated.

11 Disclaimers

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;
- reject all Quotations, if it so decides;
- 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 / service/s which are reflected in the scope of this RFQ;
- split the award of the order/s between more than one Supplier/Service Provider; or
- make no award at all.

Transnet reserves the right to lower the threshold for Technical by % [..... percent] if no Bidders pass the predetermined minimum threshold or if only one bidder passes the threshold. This right will be exercised in Transnet's sole discretion. **N/A**

In addition, Transnet reserves the right to exclude any Respondent from the bidding 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. Respondents are required to indicate below whether or not they have been found guilty of a serious breach of law during the past 5 [five] years:

I/We _____ do hereby certify that *I/we have/have not been* 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.

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.

12 Respondent's Samples N/A

Only in cases when the Respondent submits a sample(s) of the goods / products / material quoted for, the sample(s) must be endorsed with the RFQ number and description and forwarded on or before the deadline date to the following addressee:

.....

13 Evaluation Criteria

Transnet will utilise the following criteria [not necessarily in this order] in choosing a Supplier/Service Provider, if so required:

- **Administrative responsiveness** - Completeness of response and returnable documents
- **Substantive responsiveness** – Prequalification criteria, if any, must be met
- Technical threshold of %: Compliance to specification / quality, previous performance, delivery lead-time **N/A**
- Weighted evaluation based on 80/20 preference point system:
 - Pricing and price basis [firm] - whilst not the sole factor for consideration, competitive pricing and overall level of unconditional discounts¹ will be critical

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-BBEE status of company

¹ Only unconditional discounts will be taken into account during evaluation. A discount which has been offered conditionally will, despite not being taken into account for evaluation purposes, be implemented when payment is effected.

Preference points will 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	16
4	12
5	8
6	6
7	4
8	2
Non-compliant contributor	0

14 Validity Period

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

This RFQ is valid until _____

15 Banking Details

BANK: _____

BRANCH NAME / CODE: _____

ACCOUNT HOLDER: _____

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

16 Company Registration

Registration number of company / C.C. _____

Registered name of company / C.C. _____

17 Disclosure of Prices Quoted

Respondents must indicate here whether Transnet may disclose their quoted prices and conditions to other Respondents:

YES NO

18 Returnable Documents

Returnable Documents means all the documents, Sections and Annexures, as listed in the tables below.

- a) Respondents are required to submit with their Quotations the **Mandatory Returnable Documents**, as detailed below.

Failure to provide all these Returnable Documents may result in a Respondent's disqualification. Respondents are therefore urged to ensure that all these Documents are returned with their Quotations.

All Sections, as indicated in the footer of each page, must be signed, stamped and dated by the Respondent. Please confirm submission of these mandatory Returnable Documents by so indicating [Yes or No] in the table below:

Returnable Documents	Submitted [Yes or No]
SECTION 1 : Notice to Bidders	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate [RSA Large Enterprises and QSEs] Note: failure to provide a valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate at the closing date and time of the tender will result in an automatic score of zero being allocated for B-BBEE scorecard 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valid B-BBEE certificate from auditor, accounting officer or SANAS accredited Verification Agency [RSA EMEs] Note: failure to provide a valid B-BBEE Verification Certificate at the closing date and time of the tender will result in an automatic score of zero being allocated for B-BBEE scorecard 	
SECTION 2 : Quotation Form	
<p>SECTION 3: Vendor Application Form IF SUPPLIER IS NOT A VENDOR WITH TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original cancelled cheque or bank verification of banking details • Certified copies of IDs of shareholder/directors/members [as applicable] • Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation [CM29/CM9 name change] • Certified copy of share certificates [CK1/CK2 if C.C.] • Entity's letterhead • Certified copy of VAT Registration Certificate [RSA entities only] • Certified copy of valid Company Registration Certificate [if applicable] • Original valid Tax Clearance Certificate [Consortia / Joint Ventures / Sub-contractors must submit a separate Tax Clearance Certificate for each party] 	
SECTION : Further Recognition Criteria Current	N/A
ANNEXURE : Technical Submission/Questionnaire	N/A