

TRANSNET



TENDER NO. : EFT-4414244-001 E

**Transnet Freight Rail (RME)
Procurement Reception Area
Cnr. North Reef and Jet Park Road
ELANDSFONTEIN**

NAME OF TENDERER : _____

ADDRESS : _____

TEL : _____ **FAX :** _____

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NEC3 Term Service Contract (TSC)

entered into by and between

Transnet SOC Ltd

Registration Number 1990/000900/30
(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

and

TBA

(hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor")

Description of the works: Provision of OHTE Resources and Substation Upgrade- Vryheid to Piet Retief on an as and when required basis.

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T1.1 Tender Notice and Invitation to Tender

Transnet SOC Ltd invites tenderers to bid for a tender for Provision of OHTE Resources and Substation Upgrade at Vryheid to Piet Retief.

Preferences are offered to tenderers who are in possession of a valid SANAS approved BBBEE certificate.

The physical address for collection of tender documents is:

Transnet Freight Rail (RME)
Cnr. North Reef & Jet Park Road
Elandsfontein
1406

Documents may be collected during working hours after **08h00 on Monday 3rd December 2012.**

Queries relating to the issue of these documents may be addressed to

Mrs Estelle Dunn
Tel No 011 878 7111
Vax No. 086 683 3442
Email Estelle.dunn@transnet.net

A **compulsory clarification** meeting with representatives of the Employer will take place at:

Transnet Freight Rail(RME)
Cnr. North Reef and Jet Park Road
Elandsfontein

On Friday 7th December 2012 starting at 10h00.

The closing time for receipt of tenders is **12h00 on Wednesday 9th January 2013.**

Telegraphic, telephonic, facsimile, e-mail and late tenders will not be accepted.

Tenders may only be submitted on the tender documentation that is issued.

Requirements for sealing, addressing, delivery, opening and assessment of tenders are stated in the Tender Data.



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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS
AND INTENTION TO TENDER**

(To be returned within 3 days after receipt)

VAX TO: Transnet Freight Rail Project No.: C.4414244-001
Vax No. 086 683 3442 Tender No.: EFT-4414244-001 E
Attention: Robert Magolego Closing Date:

For: Provision of OHTE Resources and Substation Upgrade at Vryheid/Piet Retief

We: Do wish to tender for the work and shall return our tender by the due date above **Check Yes**
Do not wish to tender on this occasion and herewith return all your documents received **No**

REASON FOR NOT TENDERING:

COMPANY'S NAME, ADDRESS, CONTACT, PHONE AND FAX NUMBERS

SIGNATURE : _____

TITLE: _____

F.2.7	The arrangements for a compulsory clarification meeting are as stated in the Tender Notice and Invitation to Tender.
	Tenderers must sign the attendance list in the name of the tendering entity. Addenda will be issued to and tenders will be received only from those tendering entities appearing on the attendance list.
F.2.12	No alternative tender offers will be considered
F.2.13.3	Parts of each tender offer communicated on paper shall be as an original, plus 1 (one) copies.
F.2.13.5	The Employer’s details and address for delivery of tender offers and identification details that are to be shown on each tender offer package are:
	Location of tender box
	Physical address: TRANSNET FREIGHT RAIL (RME)
	Identification details: Cnr. North Reef & Jet Park Road, Elandsfontein
	The tender documents must be submitted in a sealed envelope labelled with:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Project Name: OHTE Upgrade ▪ The Tender Number: EFT 4414244-001 ▪ The Tender Description: Provision of OHTE Resources and Substation Upgrade-Vryheid to Piet Retief
	Documents must be marked for the attention of: The Contracts Administrator: Estelle Dunn
F.2.13.9	Telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile or e-mailed tender offers will not be accepted. Prior arrangement on the submittal of large tender documents should be made with the Contracts Administrator.
F.2.15	The closing time for submission of tender offers is as stated in the Tender Notice and Invitation to Tender.
F.2.16	The tender offer validity period is 8 weeks
F.2.18	Provide, on request by the <i>Employer</i> , any other material information that has a bearing on the tender offer, the tenderer’s commercial position (including notarized joint venture agreements), preferencing arrangements, or samples of materials, considered necessary by the <i>Employer</i> for the purpose of a full and fair risk assessment. Should the tenderer not provide the material, or a satisfactory reason as to why it cannot be provided, by the time for submission stated in the <i>Employer’s</i> request, the <i>Employer</i> may regard the tender offer as non-responsive.
F.2.20	If requested, submit for the <i>Employer’s</i> acceptance before formation of the contract, all securities, bonds, guarantees, policies and certificates of insurance required in terms of the conditions of contract identified in the Contract Data. (The format is included in Part T2.2 of this procurement document).
F.2.22	Return all retained tender documents within 28 day after the expiry of the validity period

- F.2.23 The tenderer is required to submit with his tender:
1. an **original** or a **certified copy** of a **valid** Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services;
 2. A valid SANAS B-BBEE accreditation certificate, and
 3. Letter of good standing with the compensation commissioner.

Note: Refer to Section T2.1 for List of Returnable Documents

F.3.4 The time and location for opening of the tender offers are:
 Time 12h05 on 9th Janua 2013.
 Location : Cnr. North Reef & Jet Park Road, Elandsfontein.

F.3.11.5 The procedure for the evaluation of responsive tenders is Method 4

The value of W_2 is 60. The score for financial offer is calculated using Formula 2 (Option 2) where W_1 is the percentage score given to financial offer and equals 100 minus W_2 .

The score for quality and financial offer is to be combined, before the addition of the score for preference, as follows:

$$W_C = W_3 \times \frac{(1 + (S - S_m))}{S_m}$$

Where W_3 is the number of tender evaluation points for quality and financial offer and equals:

- 1) 90 where the financial value inclusive of VAT of all responsive tenders received have a value in excess of R1 000 000; or
- 2) 80 where the financial value inclusive of VAT of one or more responsive tender offers equals or is less than R1 000 000.

S is the sum of score for quality and financial offer of the submission under consideration

S_m is sum of the score for quality and financial offer of the submission scoring the highest number of points

Up to 100 minus W_3 tender evaluation points will be awarded to tenderers who complete the preferencing schedule and who are found to be eligible for the preference claimed.

F.3.11.3 The quality criteria and maximum score in respect of each of the criteria are as follows:

Quality criteria	Maximum number of points
Availability of Equipment	25
Management and CVs of Key Persons	25
Health and Safety	25
Previous Experience	25
Maximum possible score for quality (W_Q)	100

Each evaluation criteria will be assessed in terms of six indicators – no response, poor, less than acceptable, acceptable, above acceptable and excellent. Scores of 0, 20, 40, 60, 80 or 100 will be allocated to no response, poor, satisfactory, good and very good, respectively. The scores of each of the evaluators will be averaged, weighted and then totalled to obtain the final score for quality. (See CIDB Best Practice Guideline #4)

Score	Prompt for judgement
0	Failed to address the question / issue
20	A detrimental response / answer / solution – limited or poor evidence of skill / experience sought or high risk that relevant skills will not be available
40	Less than acceptable – response / answer / solution lacks convincing evidence of skill / experience sought or medium risk that relevant skills will not be available.
60	Acceptable response / answer / solution to the particular aspect of the requirements and evidence given of skill / experience sought
80	Above acceptable – response / answer / solution demonstrating real understanding of requirements and evidence of ability to meet it.
100	Excellent – response / answer / solution gives real confidence that the tenderer will add real value.

The scores of each of the evaluators will be averaged, weighted and then totalled to obtain the final score for quality.

Should the BBBEE rating not be provided, Transnet reserves the right to award no points and/or declare the tender void. Transnet also reserves the right to carry out an independent audit of the tenderers scorecard components at any stage from the date of close of the tenders until completion of the contract.

Tenderers with no accreditation will score zero points for preferencing.

Tender offers will only be accepted if:

- a) the tenderer submits **an original valid** Tax Clearance Certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services or has made arrangements to meet outstanding tax obligations;
- b) the tenderer submits a letter of intent from an insurer undertaking to provide the Performance Bond to the format included in Part T2.2 of this procurement document
- c) the tenderer is registered with the Construction Industry Development Board in an appropriate contractor grading designation;
- d) the tenderer or any of its directors/shareholders is not listed on the Register of Tender Defaulters in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act of 2004 as a person prohibited from doing business with the public sector;
- e) the tenderer has not:
 - i) abused the Employer's Supply Chain Management System; or
 - ii) failed to perform on any previous contract and has been given a written notice to this effect;
- f) the tenderer has completed the Compulsory Enterprise Questionnaire and there are no conflicts of interest which may impact on the tenderer's ability to perform the contract in the best interests of the Employer or potentially compromise the tender process and persons in the employ of the state are permitted to submit tenders or participate in the contract;
- g) the tenderer is registered and in good standing with the compensation fund or with a licensed compensation insurer;
- h) the Employer is reasonably satisfied that the tenderer has in terms of the Construction Regulations, 2003, issued in terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993, the necessary competencies and resources to carry out the work safely.

F.3.18 The number of paper copies of the signed contract to be provided by the Employer is 1 (one).

SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The upswing in growth in the last decade, followed by the global recession in 2008, as well as persistently high unemployment and social inequality, forced the South African government to re-evaluate its growth strategy. This led to the development of a revised growth framework, the New Growth Path (NGP). The NGP aims to enhance growth, employment creation and equity, through the identification of strategies that will enable South Africa to grow in a more equitable and inclusive manner and promote the development of new industry to attain South Africa's developmental agenda.

In order to achieve this, the NGP focuses on:

- Increasing employment intensity of the economy
- Increasing the responsiveness of infrastructure and addressing competitiveness
- Balancing spatial development of rural areas and poorer provinces
- Reducing the carbon intensity of the economy
- Creating opportunities in changing regional and global environments
- Enabling transformation that benefits a wider range of social actors in society e.g. workers, rural communities, women etc.

Tenderers must submit a Supplier Development Plan (SDP) which clearly indicates the following benefits:

- Acceleration of localisation and transformation of local business by promoting technology transfer, skill development and job creation
- Focused regional development
- Increase in local content – security of supply, reduced cycle times, reduced exposure to foreign currency and reduction of supply chain costs (over time)
- Transformation of supplier dominance from large international or traditionally white owned business to locally owned and black owned suppliers

The SDP will be incorporated in the eventual Contract and will be managed as part of the Contractors deliverables in terms of the contract. The final SDP will be submitted and agreed to by Transnet and Tenderers must clearly indicate in their Pricing Schedule the cost of implementation hereof. Financial penalties will be included in the contract and be imposed based on the Pricing Schedule for non-compliance with the SDP.

T1.3 CIDB Standard Conditions of Tender

January 2009 Edition



As published in Annexure F of the CIDB Standard for Uniformity in Construction Procurement in Board Notice 12 of 2009 in Government Gazette No 31823 of 30 January 2009

F.1 General

F.1.1 Actions

F.1.1.1 The employer and each tenderer submitting a tender offer shall comply with these conditions of tender. In their dealings with each other, they shall discharge their duties and obligations as set out in F.2 and F.3, timeously and with integrity, and behave equitably, honestly and transparently, comply with all legal obligations and not engage in anticompetitive.

F.1.1.2 The employer and the tenderer and all their agents and employees involved in the tender process shall avoid conflicts of interest and where a conflict of interest is perceived or known, declare any such conflict of interest, indicating the nature of such conflict. Tenderers shall declare any potential conflict of interest in their tender submissions. Employees, agents and advisors of the employer shall declare any conflict of interest to whoever is responsible for overseeing the procurement process at the start of any deliberations relating to the procurement process or as soon as they become aware of such conflict, and abstain from any decisions where such conflict exists or recuse themselves from the procurement process, as appropriate.

Note: 1) A conflict of interest may arise due to a conflict of roles which might provide an incentive for improper acts in some circumstances. A conflict of interest can create an appearance of impropriety that can undermine confidence in the ability of that person to act properly in his or her position even if no improper acts result.

2) Conflicts of interest in respect of those engaged in the procurement process include direct, indirect or family interests in the tender or outcome of the procurement process and any personal bias, inclination, obligation, allegiance or loyalty which would in any way affect any decisions taken.

F.1.1.3 The employer shall not seek and a tenderer shall not submit a tender without having a firm intention and the capacity to proceed with the contract.

F.1.2 Tender Documents

The documents issued by the employer for the purpose of a tender offer are listed in the tender data.

F.1.3 Interpretation

F.1.3.1 The tender data and additional requirements contained in the tender schedules that are included in the returnable documents are deemed to be part of these conditions of tender.

F.1.3.2 These conditions of tender, the tender data and tender schedules which are only required for tender evaluation purposes, shall not form part of any contract arising from the invitation to tender.

F.1.3.3 For the purposes of these conditions of tender, the following definitions apply:

- a) **conflict of interest** means any situation in which:
 - i) someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests which make it difficult to fulfill his or her duties impartially;
 - ii) an individual or organisation is in a position to exploit a professional or official capacity in some way for their personal or corporate benefit; or
 - iii) incompatibility or contradictory interests exist between an employee and the organisation which employs that employee.
- b) **comparative offer** means the tenderer's financial offer after all tendered parameters that will affect the value of the financial offer have been taken into consideration in order to enable comparisons to be made between offers on a comparative basis
- c) **corrupt practice** means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of the employer or his staff or agents in the tender process; and
- d) **fraudulent practice** means the misrepresentation of the facts in order to influence the tender process or the award of a contract arising from a tender offer to the detriment of the employer, including collusive practices intended to establish prices at artificial levels
- e) **organisation** means a company, firm, enterprise, association or other legal entity, whether incorporated or not, or a public body
- f) **quality (functionality)** means the totality of features and characteristics of a product or service that bear on its ability to satisfy stated or implied needs

F.1.4 Communication and employer's agent

Each communication between the employer and a tenderer shall be to or from the employer's agent only, and in a form that can be readily read, copied and recorded. Communications shall be in the English language. The employer shall not take any responsibility for non-receipt of communications from or by a tenderer. The name and contact details of the employer's agent are stated in the tender data.

F.1.5 The employer's right to accept or reject any tender offer

F.1.5.1 The employer may accept or reject any variation, deviation, tender offer, or alternative tender offer, and may cancel the tender process and reject all tender offers at any time before the formation of a contract. The employer shall not accept or incur any liability to a tenderer for such cancellation and rejection, but will give written reasons for such action upon written request to do so.

F.1.5.2 The employer may not subsequent to the cancellation or abandonment of a tender process or the rejection of all responsive tender offers re-issue a tender covering substantially the same scope of work within a period of six months unless only one tender was received and such tender was returned unopened to the tenderer.

F.1.6 Procurement procedures

F.1.6.1 General

Unless otherwise stated in the tender data, a contract will, subject to F.3.13, be concluded with the tenderer who in terms of F.3.11 is the highest ranked or the tenderer scoring the highest number of tender evaluation points, as relevant, based on the tender submissions that are received at the closing time for tenders.

F.1.6.2 Competitive negotiation procedure

F.1.6.2.1 Where the tender data require that the competitive negotiation procedure is to be followed, tenderers shall submit tender offers in response to the proposed contract in the first round of submissions. Notwithstanding the requirements of F.3.4, the employer shall announce only the names of the tenderers who make a submission. The requirements of F.3.8 relating to the material deviations or qualifications which affect the competitive position of tenderers shall not apply.

F.1.6.2.2 All responsive tenderers, or not less than three responsive tenderers that are highest ranked in terms of the evaluation method and evaluation criteria stated in the tender data, shall be invited in each round to enter into competitive negotiations, based on the principle of equal treatment and keeping confidential the proposed solutions and associated information. Notwithstanding the provisions of F.2.17, the employer may request that tenders be clarified, specified and fine-tuned in order to improve a tenderer's competitive position provided that such clarification, specification, fine-tuning or additional information does not alter any fundamental aspects of the offers or impose substantial new requirements which restrict or distort competition or have a discriminatory effect.

F.1.6.2.3 At the conclusion of each round of negotiations, tenderers shall be invited by the employer to make a fresh tender offer, based on the same evaluation criteria, with or without adjusted weightings. Tenderers shall be advised when they are to submit their best and final offer.

F.1.6.2.4 The contract shall be awarded in accordance with the provisions of F.3.11 and F.3.13 after tenderers have been requested to submit their best and final offer.

F.1.6.3 Proposal procedure using the two stage-system

F.1.6.3.1 Option 1

Tenderers shall in the first stage submit technical proposals and, if required, cost parameters around which a contract may be negotiated. The employer shall evaluate each responsive submission in terms of the method of evaluation stated in the tender data, and in the second stage negotiate a contract with the tenderer scoring the highest number of evaluation points and award the contract in terms of these conditions of tender.

F.1.6.3.2 Option 2

F.1.6.3.2.1 Tenderers shall submit in the first stage only technical proposals. The employer shall invite all responsive tenderers to submit tender offers in the second stage, following the issuing of procurement documents.

F.1.6.3.2.2 The employer shall evaluate tenders received during the second stage in terms of the method of evaluation stated in the tender data, and award the contract in terms of these conditions of tender.

F.2 Tenderer's obligations

F.2.1 Eligibility

F.2.1.1 Submit a tender offer only if the tenderer satisfies the criteria stated in the tender data and the tenderer or any of his principals, is not under any restriction to do business with employer.

F.2.1.2 Notify the employer of any proposed material change in the capabilities or formation of the tendering entity (or both) or any other criteria which formed part of the qualifying requirements used by the employer as the basis in a prior process to invite the tenderer to submit a tender offer and obtain the employer's written approval to do so prior to the closing time for tenders.

F.2.2 Cost of tendering

Accept that, unless otherwise stated in the tender data, the employer will not compensate the tenderer for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a tender offer, including the costs of any testing necessary to demonstrate that aspects of the offer complies with requirements.

F.2.3 Check documents

Check the tender documents on receipt for completeness and notify the employer of any discrepancy or omission.

F.2.4 Confidentiality and copyright of documents

Treat as confidential all matters arising in connection with the tender. Use and copy the documents issued by the employer only for the purpose of preparing and submitting a tender offer in response to the invitation.

F.2.5 Reference documents

Obtain, as necessary for submitting a tender offer, copies of the latest versions of standards, specifications, conditions of contract and other publications, which are not attached but which are incorporated into the tender documents by reference.

F.2.6 Acknowledge addenda

Acknowledge receipt of addenda to the tender documents, which the employer may issue, and if necessary apply for an extension to the closing time stated in the tender data, in order to take the addenda into account.

F.2.7 Clarification meeting

Attend, where required, a clarification meeting at which tenderers may familiarise themselves with aspects of the proposed work, services or supply and raise questions. Details of the meeting(s) are stated in the tender data.

F.2.8 Seek clarification

Request clarification of the tender documents, if necessary, by notifying the employer at least five working days before the closing time stated in the tender data.

F.2.9 Insurance

Be aware that the extent of insurance to be provided by the employer (if any) might not be for the full cover required in terms of the conditions of contract identified in the contract data. The tenderer is advised to seek qualified advice regarding insurance.

F.2.10 Pricing the tender offer

F.2.10.1 Include in the rates, prices, and the tendered total of the prices (if any) all duties, taxes (except Value Added Tax (VAT), and other levies payable by the successful tenderer, such duties, taxes and levies being those applicable 14 days before the closing time stated in the tender data.

F.2.10.2 Show VAT payable by the employer separately as an addition to the tendered total of the prices.

F.2.10.3 Provide rates and prices that are fixed for the duration of the contract and not subject to adjustment except as provided for in the conditions of contract identified in the contract data.

F.2.10.4 State the rates and prices in Rand unless instructed otherwise in the tender data. The conditions of contract identified in the contract data may provide for part payment in other currencies.

F.2.11 Alterations to documents

Do not make any alterations or additions to the tender documents, except to comply with Instructions issued by the employer, or necessary to correct errors made by the tenderer. All signatories to the tender offer shall Initial all such alterations. Erasures and the use of masking fluid are prohibited.

F.2.12 Alternative tender offers

F.2.12.1 Unless otherwise stated in the tender data, submit alternative tender offers only if a main tender offer, strictly in accordance with all the requirements of the tender documents, is also submitted as well as a schedule that compares the requirements of the tender documents with the alternative requirements that are proposed.

F.2.12.2 Accept that an alternative tender offer may be based only on the criteria stated in the tender data or criteria otherwise acceptable to the employer.

F.2.13 Submitting a tender offer

F.2.13.1 Submit one tender offer only, either as a single tendering entity or as a member in a joint venture to provide the whole of the works, services or supply identified in the contract data and described in the scope of works, unless stated otherwise in the tender data.

F.2.13.2 Return all returnable documents to the employer after completing them in their entirety, either electronically (if they were issued in electronic format) or by writing legibly in non-erasable ink.

F.2.13.3 Submit the parts of the tender offer communicated on paper as an original plus the number of copies stated in the tender data, with an English translation of any documentation in a language other than English, and the parts communicated electronically in the same format as they were issued by the employer.

F.2.13.4 Sign the original and all copies of the tender offer where required in terms of the tender data. The employer will hold all authorized signatories liable on behalf of the tenderer. Signatories for tenderers proposing to contract as joint ventures shall state which of the signatories is the lead partner whom the employer shall hold liable for the purpose of the tender offer.

F.2.13.5 Seal the original and each copy of the tender offer as separate packages marking the packages as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY". Each package shall state on the outside the employer's address and identification details stated in the tender data, as well as the tenderer's name and contact address.

F.2.13.6 Where a two-envelope system is required in terms of the tender data, place and seal the returnable documents listed in the tender data in an envelope marked "financial proposal" and place the remaining returnable documents in an envelope marked "technical proposal". Each envelope shall state on the outside the employer's address and identification details stated in the tender data, as well as the tenderer's name and contact address.

F.2.13.7 Seal the original tender offer and copy packages together in an outer package that states on the outside only the employer's address and identification details as stated in the tender data.

F.2.13.8 Accept that the employer will not assume any responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the tender offer if the outer package is not sealed and marked as stated.

F.2.13.9 Accept that tender offers submitted by facsimile or e-mail will be rejected by the employer, unless stated otherwise in the tender data.

F.2.14 Information and data to be completed in all respects

Accept that tender offers, which do not provide all the data or information requested completely and in the form required, may be regarded by the employer as non-responsive.

F.2.15 Closing time

F.2.15.1 Ensure that the employer receives the tender offer at the address specified in the tender data not later than the closing time stated in the tender data. Accept that proof of posting shall not be accepted as proof of delivery.

F.2.15.2 Accept that, if the employer extends the closing time stated in the tender data for any reason, the requirements of these conditions of tender apply equally to the extended deadline.

F.2.16 Tender offer validity

F.2.16.1 Hold the tender offer(s) valid for acceptance by the employer at any time during the validity period stated in the tender data after the closing time stated in the tender data.

F.2.16.2 If requested by the employer, consider extending the validity period stated in the tender data for an agreed additional period with or without any conditions attached to such extension.

F.2.16.3 Accept that a tender submission that has been submitted to the employer may only be withdrawn or substituted by giving the employer's agent written notice before the closing time for tenders that a tender is to be withdrawn or substituted.

F.2.16.4 Where a tender submission is to be substituted, submit a substitute tender in accordance with the requirements of F.2.13 with the packages clearly marked as "SUBSTITUTE".

F.2.17 Clarification of tender offer after submission

Provide clarification of a tender offer in response to a request to do so from the employer during the evaluation of tender offers. This may include providing a breakdown of rates or prices and correction of arithmetical errors by the adjustment of certain rates or item prices (or both). No change in the competitive position of tenderers or substance of the tender offer is sought, offered, or permitted.

Note: Sub-clause F.2.17 does not preclude the negotiation of the final terms of the contract with a preferred tenderer following a competitive selection process, should the Employer elect to do so.

F.2.18 Provide other material

F.2.18.1 Provide, on request by the employer, any other material that has a bearing on the tender offer, the tenderer's commercial position (including notarized joint venture agreements), preferencing arrangements, or samples of materials, considered necessary by the employer for the purpose of a full and fair risk assessment. Should the tenderer not provide the material, or a satisfactory reason as to why it cannot be provided, by the time for submission stated in the employer's request, the employer may regard the tender offer as non-responsive.

F.2.18.2 Dispose of samples of materials provided for evaluation by the employer, where required.

F.2.19 Inspections, tests and analysis

Provide access during working hours to premises for inspections, tests and analysis as provided for in the tender data.

F.2.20 Submit securities, bonds, policies, etc.

If requested, submit for the employer's acceptance before formation of the contract, all securities, bonds, guarantees, policies and certificates of insurance required in terms of the conditions of contract identified in the contract data.

F.2.21 Check final draft

Check the final draft of the contract provided by the employer within the time available for the employer to issue the contract.

F.2.22 Return of other tender documents

If so instructed by the employer, return all retained tender documents within 28 days after the expiry of the validity period stated in the tender data.

F.2.23 Certificates

Include in the tender submission or provide the employer with any certificates as stated in the tender data.

F.3 The employer's undertakings

F.3.1 Respond to requests from the tenderer

F.3.1.1 Unless otherwise stated in the tender Data, respond to a request for clarification received up to five working days before the tender closing time stated in the Tender Data and notify all tenderers who drew procurement documents.

F.3.1.2 Consider any request to make a material change in the capabilities or formation of the tendering entity (or both) or any other criteria which formed part of the qualifying requirements used to prequalify a tenderer to submit a tender offer in terms of a previous procurement process and deny any such request if as a consequence:

- a) an individual firm, or a joint venture as a whole, or any individual member of the joint venture fails to meet any of the collective or individual qualifying requirements;
- b) the new partners to a joint venture were not prequalified in the first instance, either as individual firms or as another joint venture; or
- c) in the opinion of the Employer, acceptance of the material change would compromise the outcome of the prequalification process.

F.3.2 Issue Addenda

If necessary, issue addenda that may amend or amplify the tender documents to each tenderer during the period from the date that tender documents are available until three days before the tender closing time stated in the Tender Data. If, as a result a tenderer applies for an extension to the closing time stated in the Tender Data, the Employer may grant such extension and, shall then notify all tenderers who drew documents.

F.3.3 Return late tender offers

Return tender offers received after the closing time stated in the Tender Data, unopened,(unless it is necessary to open a tender submission to obtain a forwarding address), to the tenderer concerned.

F.3.4 Opening of tender submissions

F.3.4.1 Unless the two-envelope system is to be followed, open valid tender submissions in the presence of tenderers' agents who choose to attend at the time and place stated in the tender data. Tender submissions for which acceptable reasons for withdrawal have been submitted will not be opened.

F.3.4.2 Announce at the meeting held immediately after the opening of tender submissions, at a venue indicated in the tender data, the name of each tenderer whose tender offer is opened and, where applicable, the total of his prices, preferences claimed and time for completion for the main tender offer only.

F.3.4.3 Make available the record outlined in F.3.4.2 to all interested persons upon request.

F.3.5 Two-envelope system

F.3.5.1 Where stated in the tender data that a two-envelope system is to be followed, open only the technical proposal of valid tenders in the presence of tenderers' agents who choose to attend at the time and place stated in the tender data and announce the name of each tenderer whose technical proposal is opened.

F.3.5.2 Evaluate the quality of the technical proposals offered by tenderers, then advise tenderers who remain in contention for the award of the contract of the time and place when the financial proposals will be opened. Open only the financial proposals of tenderers, who score in the quality evaluation more than the minimum number of points for quality stated in the tender data, and announce the score obtained for the technical proposals and the total price and any preferences claimed. Return unopened financial proposals to tenderers whose technical proposals failed to achieve the minimum number of points for quality.

F.3.6 Non-disclosure

Not disclose to tenderers, or to any other person not officially concerned with such processes, information relating to the evaluation and comparison of tender offers, the final evaluation price and recommendations for the award of a contract, until after the award of the contract to the successful tenderer.

F.3.7 Grounds for rejection and disqualification

Determine whether there has been any effort by a tenderer to influence the processing of tender offers and instantly disqualify a tenderer (and his tender offer) if it is established that he engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices.

F.3.8 Test for responsiveness

F.3.8.1 Determine, after opening and before detailed evaluation, whether each tender offer properly received:

- a) complies with the requirements of these Conditions of Tender,
- b) has been properly and fully completed and signed, and
- c) is responsive to the other requirements of the tender documents.

F.3.8.2 A responsive tender is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the tender documents without material deviation or qualification. A material deviation or qualification is one which, in the Employer's opinion, would:

- a) detrimentally affect the scope, quality, or performance of the works, services or supply identified in the Scope of Work,
- b) significantly change the Employer's or the tenderer's risks and responsibilities under the contract, or
- c) affect the competitive position of other tenderers presenting responsive tenders, if it were to be rectified.

F.3.8.3 Reject a non-responsive tender offer, and not allow it to be subsequently made responsive by correction or withdrawal of the non-conforming deviation or reservation.