

PART T1: TENDERING PROCEDURES

T1.1 TENDER NOTICE AND INVITATION TO TENDER

RFP No. SIW 9000

Transnet Limited trading as Transnet Freight Rail (the employer) invites tenders for the chemical control of vegetation including declared weeds and declared invader plants by means of chemical herbicides on Transnet property (Open lines) in the geographical areas covered by the Infrastructure Depots Vryheid, Ermelo, Empangeni, Durban, Ladysmith and Heidelberg.

The physical address for collection of tender documents is: Level 100, Transnet Freight Rail Tender Advice Centre, Carlton Centre, 150 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.

Tender documents may be collected during working hours after **08:00 on 17 August 2009** and will only be available until **15:00 on Monday, 24 August 2009**.

On payment of an amount of R1,000.00 (per set) to be made to Transnet Freight Rail at the Standard Bank, account number 203158598, branch code 004805, ref no. RFP No. SIW 9000. The official Bank receipt(s) franked with the official Bank stamp to be provided with the collection of a tender document. This amount is not refundable. No tenders will be sold after 15:00 on Monday, 24 August 2009 deadline.

Queries relating to the **administrative issues** of these documents may be addressed to:

Mr. Nico Swart

or

Mr. A P Erasmus

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Tel No. 011-308-3868

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Queries relating to **technical information** may be addressed to:

Mrs. Ingrid Bezuidenhout

Tel No. (011) 773-6540

Fax No. (011) 773-9068

E mail Ingrid.Bezuidenhout@transnet.net

A clarification/site meeting with representatives of the Employer will take place in the Umjantshi C boardroom, ground floor, Inyanda House 2, 15 Girton Road, Parktown, Johannesburg on 25 August 2009 starting at 10h00. Tenderers without a valid tender document in their possession will not be allowed to attend the compulsory site/clarification meeting (Mrs. Ingrid Bezuidenhout tel. nr. (011) 773-6540 could be contacted regarding directions).

Transnet reserves the right to accept the whole or any part of a tender. Transnet also reserves the right to negotiate terms and conditions with all, or a short-listed group of contenders, or the preferred Tenderer, should it be deemed necessary.

This tender closes punctually at **10h00 on Tuesday, 8 September 2009**.

Tenders may only be submitted on the tender documentation that is issued. Telegraphic, telephonic, facsimile and late tenders will not be accepted.

Tenderers are warned that a tender will be liable to disqualification should any attempt be made by a Tenderer either directly or indirectly to canvass any officer(s) or employees of Transnet Limited in respect of a tender between the date the tender is submitted and the date of the award. A Tenderer may, however, at any time communicate with the Chairperson of the Transnet Freight Rail Acquisition Council, at telephone no. 011 308 3860 on any matter relating to his tender.

Envelopes must not contain documents relating to any tender other than that shown on the envelope. *No slips are to be attached to the tender documents. Any additional conditions must be embodied in an accompanying letter. Alterations, additions or deletions must not be made by the Tenderer to the actual tender documents.* Tenders submitted by Tenderers must be neatly bound and the inclusion of loose documents must be avoided.

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

Compliance of tender(s) with Transnet's requirements is the sole responsibility of the Tenderer and any costs incurred in subsequent modifications to or replacement of equipment accepted by Transnet Limited in good faith on the grounds of certified compliance with specified standards by the contractor and in fact found to be inadequate in such respects, will be to the relevant Tenderer's account

BROAD-BASED BLACK ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ("BBBEE")

TRANSNET fully endorses and supports the South African Government's Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Programme and it is strongly of the opinion that all business enterprises have an equal obligation to redress the imbalances of the past. TRANSNET would therefore prefer to do business with business enterprises who share these same values and who are prepared to contribute to meaningful BBBEE initiatives (including and not limited to enterprise development, subcontracting and Joint Ventures) as part of their tender response.

Transnet would accordingly allow a "preference" in accordance with the 10% preference system, as per the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act 5 of 2000 (as amended) to companies who provide a BBBEE accreditation Certificate. All procurement and disposal transactions in excess of R30000 will be evaluated accordingly. All transactions below R30000 will as far as possible be earmarked for EME's.

TRANSNET consequently urges Respondents (Large enterprises and QSE's – see below) to have themselves duly accredited by any one of the Accreditation Agencies [approved](#) by SANAS (South African National Accreditation System, under the auspices of the DTI).

In terms of Government Gazette No. 32094, Notice No. 354 dated 23 March 2009, as from 1 August 2009, only BBBEE accreditation Certificates issued by SANAS approved verification agencies will be valid.

However accreditation certificates issued before 23 March 2009 and which are still within their one (1) year validity period will still be acceptable, until their expiry date provided that the accreditation was done in accordance **with the latest codes (i.e. those promulgated on 9 February 2007).**

BBBEE Accreditation Certificates issued after the published date i.e. 23 March 2009, by a Verification Agency not approved by SANAS, will **NOT** be acceptable as from 23 March 2009.

Enterprises will be rated by such Accreditation Agencies based on the following:

(a) **Large Enterprises (i.e. annual turnover >R35 million):**

- Rating level based on all 7 (seven) elements of the BBBEE scorecard
- Enterprises to provide BBBEE certificate and detailed scorecard (to be renewed annually)

(b) **Qualifying Small Enterprises – QSE (i.e. annual turnover >R5 million but <R35 million):**

- Rating based on any 4 (four) of the elements of the BBBEE scorecard
- Enterprises to provide BBBEE certificate and detailed scorecard (to be renewed annually)

(c) **Exempted Micro Enterprises – EME (i.e. annual turnover <R5m are exempted from being rated or verified):**

- Automatic BBBEE Level 4 rating, irrespective of race ownership, i.e. 100% BBBEE recognition
- Black ownership >50% or Black Women ownership >30% automatically qualify as Level 3 BBBEE rating, i.e. 110% BBBEE recognition
- EME's should provide documentary proof of annual turnover (i.e. audited financials) plus proof of Black ownership if Black ownership >50% or Black Women ownership >30% (to be renewed annually) from their Auditors / Accounting Officers

In addition to the above, Respondents who wish to enter into a Joint Venture (JV) or subcontract portions of the contract to BBBEE companies must state in their Tenders / Proposals the percentage of the total contract value which would be allocated to such BBBEE companies, should they be successful in being awarded any business. A rating certificate in respect of such BBBEE JV-partners and/or sub-contractors, as well as a breakdown of the distribution of the aforementioned percentage allocation must also be furnished with the tender response to enable Transnet to evaluate / adjudicate on all tenders received on a fair basis.

Each Respondent is required to furnish proof of its BBBEE status (Certificate and Detailed Scorecard) as stipulated above to TRANSNET

Turnover: Indicate your company's most recent annual turnover:

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- If annual turnover <R5m, please attach auditors / accounting officers letter confirming annual turnover and percentage black ownership as well as Black Women ownership
- If annual turnover >R5m please attach BBBEE certificate and detailed scorecard from an accredited rating agency.

The DTI has created an online **B-BBEE Registry** (<http://www.dti.gov.za>) in order to provide a central and standardized source of the B-BBEE status of all entities, and to facilitate the flow of this information amongst entities by providing a Unique Profile Number (UPN) per each listing. Existing and prospective suppliers are therefore urged to list their B-BBEE status on the DTI Registry. Hence, entities verified by DTI, will receive the following benefits:

- Their BBBEE status will be verified and confirmed by the DTI, before listing on the Registry
- Listing on the Registry will provide suppliers the option to market themselves on the DTI B-BBEE Opportunities Network. This is a search engine that is designed to help businesses find B-BBEE compliant entities who match specific requirements in terms of the nature of services/goods provided, region, B-BBEE status or other search criteria.

Transnet supports this DTI initiative and will use the DTI Registry to verify prospective and existing suppliers' BBBEE credentials.

Kindly provide Transnet with your DTI B-BBEE UNIQUE PROFILE NUMBER with all tender submissions.

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Failure to submit your BBEE information in terms of 14.3 and/or 14.5 (above) will result in a score of zero being allocated for BBEE evaluation.

Suppliers and Tenderers are requested to duly complete the Supplier Declaration Form (SDF) and provide all the relevant supporting attachments as requested. Failure to provide the following may disqualify your tender submission:-

1. Duly completed SDF
2. Current tax clearance certificate

The Supplier and Tenderer shall furnish proof of the above to Transnet.

Transnet at its sole discretion may decide to allow certain price preferences in order to uplift the historically disadvantaged in terms of the PPPFA (Act 5 of 2000).

Transnet insists on honesty and integrity beyond reproach at all times and will not tolerate any form of improper influencing, bribery, corruption, fraud, or any other unethical conduct on the part of bidders/ Transnet employees. If, in the opinion of Transnet's Chief Operating Officer, a tenderer/contractor/ supplier has or has caused to be promised, offered or given to any Transnet employee, any bribe, commission, gift, loan, advantage or other consideration, Transnet shall be entitled to revoke the tender / contract by following its internal policies that govern the Exclusion process. In such an event Transnet will be entitled to place any Tenderer/Contractor/Supplier who has contravened the provisions of Transnet's business ethics on its List of Excluded Tenderers. This List will also be distributed to all other State Owned Enterprises and Government Departments.

Transnet invites its valued suppliers to report any allegations of fraud, corruption or other unethical activities to Transnet Tip-offs Anonymous, at any of the following addresses/contract numbers :-

- Toll free anonymous hotline – 0800 003 056
- Email – Transnet@tip-offs.com
- Fax number – 0800 007 788
- Freepost DN 298, Umhlanga Rocks, 4320

Confidentiality is guaranteed.