

REF: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL [RFP] No TNPA/2023/11/0021/51386/RFP

DESCRIPTION:

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE REVIEW OF THE TRANSNET NATIONAL PORTS PLAN AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) MONTHS

NON-COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

BRIEFING SESSION DATE: 06/03/2024

LAST UPDATED: 08/03/2024

BRIEFING NOTE 1

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

No.	Question	Answer
During Briefing Session		
1.	On Annexure A: Technical evaluation criteria for Key Resource Experience under the sub-criterion for "Economist", will Transnet consider experience in forecasting and other related economics jobs?	Yes, Transnet will consider Port specific volume forecasting and other port related economics experience. <i>Refer to the updated Annexure A: Technical evaluation Criteria and Addendum 1 dated 08 March 2024.</i>
2.	On Annexure A: Technical evaluation criteria for Key Resource Experience under the sub-criterion for "Industrial Engineer", will Transnet consider Process Engineers as they do the same work with the Industrial Engineer and have the required experience?	Yes, Transnet will consider Process Engineers or Civil Engineers with extensive experience and knowledge in Port Capacity calculations. <i>Refer to the updated Annexure A: Technical evaluation Criteria and Addendum 1 dated 08 March 2024.</i>
3.	Section 3.1.2.6 of the RFP document "Traffic Management Plan" does it include water side?	Yes, the traffic management plan will include water side and Vessel Forecast Plan for (Short, Medium, and Long-term).
4.	Will Transnet share the green port/hydrogen strategy as part of the information to be provided by TNPA as per section 3.7 of the RFP document.	The green port/ hydrogen strategy is still a draft and will be shared with the successful bidder once approved.

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5.	On section 3.1.2.5 of the RFP document, are there bidders expected to develop the commodity strategies or they are expected to review and align the current commodity strategies?	There are existing commodity strategies, the successful bidder will be expected to review and align the current commodity strategies.
6.	Section 3.1.1.6.3 of the RFP document indicate that capacity validation exercise must be done utilising the TNPA simulation software, will training be provided for this software and who will bear the cost?	The service provider should use or be able to use Anylogic Simulation Software as they will be required to do the capacity validation using Transnet internal software for ease of updates and amendments. This is a standard software therefore, no training will be provided by TNPA, however service provider will be expected to have knowledge and understanding of Anylogic Simulation Software and its usage.
7.	Regarding the international qualifications, can the NQF requirements be submitted once the bidder is appointed as it is difficult to obtain this information?	No, in case of international qualifications, the qualification must be submitted with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) certificate of evaluation, confirming the NQF level at the closing date and time of the RFP.
8.	Is the project duration flexible? As the project is complex and it is only for a period of ten (10) months?	Transnet will provide final confirmation regarding the flexibility of the project duration in briefing note 2 that will be published on 11 March 2024.
9.	Regarding the B-BBEE specific goals, what percentage of work must be allocated for black ownership and black women ownership?	Bidders must refer to section 3.1 of the B-BBEE preference points claim form for the allocation of the specific goals points to the bidding company.
10.	Will other experience capacity specialists without Industrial Engineering be considered?	Yes, Transnet will consider experience in port capacity calculations. Refer to the updated Annexure A: Technical evaluation Criteria.
	NB: Bidders must check the etender portals regularly for any updates.	