

Tender Number:	TPL/2024/07/0002/71877/RFP
Bid Name :	FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SPECIALIST CONSULTANT FOR THE TRANSNET PIPELINES NETWORK STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK
Revision no.	1



No.	Date	Clarification Question	Transnet Response	Revised document attached
1	2024-07-11	For the technical prequalification, you want an ECSA certificate, but do you then also require the renewal notification because certificate does not have an end date, but you are required as Pr.Eng and Pr. Tech to renew registration every five years so you get recertified or re-registered. So do you require just the certificate or do you require the updated status to see if you are still registered or not?	TPL requires an ECSA certificate with the registration number which will be used to verify the validity of the membership.	
2	2024-07-11	Are there any size limitations on the electronic system for uploading documents?	Tenderers can upload 30mb per upload and multiple uploads are permitted.	
3	2024-07-11	Can we call this study a prefeasibility study to understand if it is feasible to have these interconnections as it is said that the 24 inch was not designed to have interconnections, therefore can this be called a prefeasibility study?	In many aspects this study can be considered to be a pre-feasibility in particular to the known request for interconnection as highlighted in the vicinity of Camperdown. The general feasibility of similar and future requests to guide TPL would become the strategic framework going forward.	
4	2024-07-11	The scope of service states "Such decisions should be based on credible market demand determinations" Will this information be shared as it seems TPL has collected a few enquiries?	Pertinent information available to TPL in the form of known requests for interconnection etc. will be shared with the successful bidder. The market demand determinations referred to in the scope refer to identifying where potential distribution nodes along the existing transmission network should be considered.	
5	2024-07-11	The previous person asked about market demand determinations. Does this include a market analysis?	Yes - TPL requires to understand if potential new distribution nodes do exist and the location thereof to guide consideration of requests for interconnection.	
6	2024-07-11	Approach Paper - Are we going to be given the information on the pipeline and the pipeline route, because we will need the information to come up with the approach paper or is a high level approach paper on how we would execute the study be acceptable as the information may be confidential?	The approach paper is a high level document where the methodology to be employed to arrive at the required outcomes is to be clearly demonstrated.	
7	2024-07-11	Operational Considerations - On the planning level what level is TPL referring to? Is it pipeline scheduling or is it more on the strategic level?	The planning referred to talks to the operational efficiencies of the pipeline operations including batch sizing, number of interfaces created etc.	
8	2024-07-11	The subweight for the Senior Engineer is only weighted as five (5) but they have most number of hours estimated for the study, what is the thinking behind that?	No particular reason for the lower sub-weighting of 5 of the Senior Engineer. The importance of the Senior Engineer is in no way diminished as is also forms part of the pre-qualification requirements.	
9	2024-07-11	In terms of personnel does it have to be separate people? For example to Business Analyst and Financial analyst - does it have to be two (2) people or will TPL accept one (1) person if they meet the criteria for both portfolios?	Even though this was communicated as acceptable at the briefing session. After consultation with SCM, it is advisable that bidders are to propose two separate resources as per RFP as one resource cannot be evaluated twice for different roles, and also they are to price as per the pricing schedule for the two separate resources.	
10	2024-08-11	Hydraulic Model a) How will the base data be made available to the consultant? Will it be provided in GIS shapefile format or another format? b) Does TPL have a preferred hydraulic analysis software package, or is there flexibility in the choice of software?	a) ArcGIS shapefiles as 'base data' will be made available as required to the successful bidder in assistance for the transmission line hydraulic studies. Previous hydraulic studies will also be shared as well as line profiles with the successful bidder. b) Previous hydraulic study reports used Stoner SPS software. TPL does currently not have a preferred software package.	
11	2024-08-11	Business Analyst a) What specific qualifications is TPL seeking for the business analyst role? b) Would an engineering degree, supported by relevant experience, be considered an acceptable qualification for this role?	a) Any relevant business related qualification failing which b) Consideration will be as per RFP requirements. If the bidder does not possess the relevant qualification they will be scored zero and will be scored accordingly for relevant experience.	
12	2024-08-11	Financial Analyst a) What specific qualifications is TPL seeking for the financial analyst role? b) Would an engineering degree, supported by relevant experience, be considered an acceptable qualification for this role?	a) Any relevant business related qualification failing which b) Consideration will be as per RFP requirements. If the bidder does not possess the relevant qualification they will be scored zero and will be scored accordingly for relevant experience.	