

Transnet seeks to develop citrus terminal at Durban port

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A dedicated cold chain terminal facility is seen as a “green shoots” development that could immeasurably aid South Africa’s citrus exports. Source: Cape Business News

Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) has called for terminal operators to express their interest in developing, financing and managing a facility to handle citrus and other fruit at the Port of Durban.

TNPA said it was calling on interested parties to respond to its Request for Proposals (RFP) for a terminal operator “to design, develop, finance, construct, operate, maintain and transfer a multi-purpose terminal for the handling of citrus and other fruit.

It includes break bulk cargo” at the port’s Maydon Wharf Precinct.

Maydon Wharf is the main precinct for general cargo and has been developed in phases since the early twentieth century.

The precinct extends over approximately 145 hectares with 15 common-user berths and has annual cargo capacity of more than seven million tons.

“Responses to the RFP will assist TNPA in responding to potential investors in the agricultural industry,” TNPA said.

“Bidders are required to submit bid responses for the exclusive right to complete the financing, refurbishment, procurement of terminal equipment, operation, maintenance, and transfer of the facility to TNPA after the concession period of 25 years.”

RFP documents can be accessed from the National Treasury’s e-tender portal www.etenders.gov.za and the Transnet website: www.transnet.net

The submission deadline for responses to the RFP is 26 January 2024 at 16:00.

Queries for clarification in respect of this RFP may be sent to PODMWRFPCT@TRANSNET.NET

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