

T1.1 INVITATION TO TENDER: PER PACKAGE FOR OPEN TENDER

1. The N3 Toll Concession (RF) Proprietary Limited (N3TC) hereby invites competitive tenders from the vicinity of the N3 Toll Route to tender for the below mentioned contract.

CONTRACT: N3TC/RM-2025-601 to 607

N3 TOLL ROUTE: CEDARA INTERCHANGE TO HEIDELBERG SOUTH INTERCHANGE MOWING, CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF VEGETATION ON THE N3– PACKAGES 1 to 7

2. Mowing, cutting and removal of vegetation on the N3 is a seasonal activity. The mowing seasonal periods are defined as the general mow that takes place annually between April and June, and the shoulder mow that takes place biannually between November and December and January and February.
3. The Time for Completion is twenty-six (26) months divided into two annual seasonal cycles. The contractor will be required to carry out two general mow activities and five shoulder mow activities during the Time for Completion. N3TC reserves the right to extend the validity of the contract in 12 month increments (One annual seasonal cycle) as mutually agreed between the Parties subject to contractor performance.
4. Tenders will only be accepted from Tenderers meeting the Eligibility Criteria specified below. The attention of Tenderers is also drawn to the Tender Preference Points as contained in the Tender Rules and summarised below.
5. The *Eligibility* criteria are as follows:
 - a. The Applicant shall be either an “Entity”/company, “Joint Venture” (i.e. partnership between two entities) or a “Consortium” (i.e. group of entities). Entities shall have been registered and operationally active at the *Location* for at least one year prior to 1 January 2025.
 - b. All members of the Tenderer Entity, Joint Venture or Consortium shall have their places of business for a specific Contract Package, located not more than 35km from the N3 Toll Route, defined as Location below.
 - c. Companies/ “Entities” shall have black (Black People) shareholding of 50.1% and more.
 - d. Applicants shall be registered with the CIDB for a CE designation and have a CIDB grading of between 3CE and 6CE (inclusive of 3CE and 6CE).
 - e. Applicants shall have proven previous experience of mowing, cutting and removal of vegetation on National Roads projects.
 - f. Applicants shall have proven adequate financial resources.
 - g. Applicants shall be in good standing with the South African Revenue Services.
 - h. Applicants shall be in good standing with the Department of Labour in respect of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act.
6. Definitions
 - a. *Black People*: Individuals who are citizens of the Republic of South Africa, who according to racial classification did not have the right to vote or had restricted voting rights immediately prior to the 1994 elections in South Africa.
 - b. *Location*: The shortest travel distance by road from the *Domicilium Citandi* of Applicants (Head office address) **to any point for a specific Contract Package on the N3 between Cedara Interchange and Heidelberg South Interchange shall be less than 35km**. In the case of Joint Ventures and Consortia, this criteria for eligibility applies to all members of the Joint Venture or Consortium for each specific Contract Package.

Package 1: N3-4 km 1.6 to N3-4 km 61.6 (60 km)	Cedara to Hidcote
Package 2: N3-5 km 0.0 to N3-5 km 54.0 (54 km)	Hidcote to Tugela River
Package 3: N3-6 km 0 to N3-6X km 60.4 (60.4 km)	Tugela River to Van Reenen
Package 4: N3-7X km 0.0 to N3-7X km 63 (63.0 km)	Van Reenen to Meul River
Package 5: N3-8X km 0.0 to N3-9 km 18 (60.8 km)	Meul River to Grootspuit Bridge
Package 6: N3-9 km 18 to N3-9 km 77.2 (59.2 km)	Grootspuit Bridge to Vaal River
Package 7: N3-10 km 0.0 to N3-11 km 15.1 (57.5 km)	Vaal River to Heidelberg South IC

7. Tenderers will be required to provide all of the returnable schedules as required in this Tender Document. The Tender Documents are only available on the N3TC website in .pdf format, and it is the responsibility of the Tenderer to download the complete document for the correct package. The document will be available on the website from 08:00 on 9 June 2025. Forms to be completed will be available on the website in MS Word format and the Pricing Schedule will be available in MS Excel format.
N3TC website address: <http://www.n3tc.co.za/mowing/>
8. There will be no pre-tender meeting. All tender queries must be submitted to the N3TC tender email address and responses will be sent by return email. Written responses will be given to all queries received at least 5 days before the tender closing date.
9. Communication email address: n3mow2025.tender@n3tc.co.za.
10. **The Tender shall be submitted via email to n3mow2025.tender@n3tc.co.za not later than 12:00 on Friday 27 June 2025, the Closing Time (F2.15.1). Late submissions will not be accepted.**
11. Tenderers are to please refer to the Conditions of Tender, and in particular:
 - a. Clause F.3.8 Test for responsiveness.
 - b. Clause F.3.9.4 Tenders below economic viability threshold.
 - c. Clause F.3.11 Evaluation of tender offers. Preference.
 - d. F3.11.2 Method1: Price and Preference Points:
 - i. Price Scoring 80 points.
 - ii. Preference Points 4 points - Equity of tenderer.
 - iii. Preference Points 16 points – location of business.
12. N3TC reserves the right not to accept the tender with the lowest scoring points and/or not to accept any tenders received for any particular Package.