



**NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR COUNCIL**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:  
RESEARCH ON MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT FROM ROAD TO RAIL**

**FUNCTIONALITY CRITERIA IS AS FOLLOWS**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>weighting</b>
5-10 years freight transport, transport economics, freight logistics, land surface transport (preferably road and rail) research experience	25%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the freight logistics supply chain, traffic flow (road and rail) in South Africa and the information which currently exists in this regard (status quo);</li> <li>• . Knowledge of the movement of key agricultural products from source, to nodes to hubs;</li> <li>• Knowledge of the projected industry growth patterns with regards to the agricultural sector;</li> <li>• Knowledge of the industry challenges and 'back to road' strategies;</li> <li>• An understanding of government strategies e.g. Road Freight Strategy, National Transport Policies (Draft White Paper);</li> <li>• Understanding of the role of intermodal facilities for the research objective</li> </ul>	30%

<p>and possible interventions and solutions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of the socio-economic impact which the road to rail objective seeks to achieve;</li> <li>• Knowledge and understanding of the SA development agenda e.g. NDP, IPAP etc.</li> </ul>	
<p>Research team (Principal supported by the team of qualified and experienced individuals who will be working on the research, they should all be available as per the project proposal throughout the project)</p>	15%
<p>Implementation Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear and detailed research methodology (clearly articulating the complementary role of road and rail mode;</li> <li>• Set guidelines and project deliverables;</li> <li>• Prepare Inception Report to outline project modus operandi and projected outcomes;</li> <li>• Project outcomes to be clearly set out from the onset;</li> <li>• Set project schedule/calendar;</li> <li>• Detailed implementation plan, with timeframes.</li> </ul>	20%
<p>Masters in a field associated to the research project (PhD in the field will have added advantage)</p>	10%
<p><b>On a weighting of 100% service provider must obtain 70% and above to be considered</b></p>	
<p><b><u>SUBMISSIONS:</u></b></p> <p>Deadline for Proposals: 18 October 2019 (COB)</p> <p>Proposals sent to <a href="mailto:joyce@nedlac.org.za">joyce@nedlac.org.za</a> and cc <a href="mailto:procurement@nedlac.org.za">procurement@nedlac.org.za</a></p>	