

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

DEVELOPMENT AND INCUBATION SUPPORT OF AGRO-PROCESSING INNOVATION IDEAS/PROTOTYPES/PRODUCTS

The Science and Technology Park (STP) component of the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) was established to contribute towards the ELIDZ's vision of becoming a catalyst for growing a strong regional industrial base, supported by a business ecosystem that serves to extend the global competitiveness of local industries.

The ELIDZ Science and Technology Park in partnership with the Department of Economic Development Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) and the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) call on all Eastern Cape Agro-innovation entrepreneurs with ideas/products/prototypes that need support to respond to this Expression of Interest (EOI).

Through this call, Eastern Cape entrepreneurs, SMMEs and/or Start-Ups will have the opportunity to get support for technology/product development, market testing, demonstration and validation in real market and operational settings, thereby enabling exploitation and market uptake of locally developed innovative products and technology solutions.

The EOI is aimed at facilitating an enabling environment for the advancement of technology innovation and commercialisation by adopting a value chain approach which is in line with the Eastern Cape Provincial agro Industry Development Plan which also aims to drive economic growth and socio-economic development in the province.

SCOPE OF WORK:

The ELIDZ-STP and its partners seeks to provide incubation support to agro-processing innovation start-ups, innovators, and entrepreneurs in the Eastern Cape.

Reference No.	Description / Name	Closing Date / Time
2022-EOI-STPECAIIC-008	EOI – Development and incubation support of agro-processing innovation ideas/prototypes/products	25 February 2022 at 12:00

BRIEFING MEETING:

NOTE: There will be a **Virtual Briefing Clarification Meeting**, applicants may use this link to join the briefing meeting on **10 February 2022: Join conversation (microsoft teams)**. All queries will be forwarded directly to Anathi Mzantsi via email to anathi@elidz.co.za or 087 3728258. Questions relating to the EOI will be accepted until **16h00 on the 16 February 2022**.

BID CONDITIONS:

- Respondents are required to submit:
- Valid SARS PIN or Tax Clearance Certificate with their submission.
 - Verified original or certified B-BBEE Certificate. Companies with annual turnover less than R10 million to submit an accountant letter confirming turnover, preference to be given to SMMEs with the lowest turnover.
 - Company registration documents and ELIDZ procurement handbook with their EOI.
 - CSD registration report with MAAA number.
 - Company Profile, Curriculum Vitae (CV), qualifications, and reference letter.

EVALUATION:

The evaluation will be guided by the East London Industrial Development Zone procurement policy. Points will be awarded based on Technical Functionality Matrix/Criteria.

Score breakdown:

- 100 Points for Technical Functionality

All respondents not providing compulsory responsive documentation and with functionality scoring less than 70%, will not be considered for the next stage of evaluation.

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT & SUBMISSION:

The EOI document will be available for download at no cost on **28 January 2022 10h00 (morning)** from the East London Industrial Development Zone website: www.elidz.co.za under **Opportunities >> Tenders**.

Hand delivery and electronic submission are both accepted. The proposal must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" with the name/address of submitting member/s and the EOI Proposal reference number. They must be deposited in the tender box in ELIDZ's Head offices, **East London Industrial Development Zone Head Office Building, Lower Chester Road, Sunnyridge, and East London** on or before **12h00 on Friday, 25 February 2022**.

Email must be submitted to Anathi Mzantsi via e-mail to anathi@elidz.co.za, subject line on the email should be marked as "2021-EOI-STPECAIIC-007 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND INCUBATION SUPPORT OF AGRO-PROCESSING INNOVATION IDEAS/ PROTOTYPES/ PRODUCTS".

ELIDZ will not be responsible for EOI proposals placed in an incorrect tender box. No late EOIs will be accepted. Only original EOI proposals will be accepted. The complete set of EOI proposal documentation must be returned with the submission and only original intact EOI proposal will be considered. Telegraphic, telephonic, telex and facsimile tenders will not be accepted.

Please note, Individuals with agro-innovations and technology that need support are welcome to apply for this programme. However, those who are eligible for support, will need to register their companies on Central Supplier Database (CSD) before they can receive support.

EOI ENQUIRIES:

Queries relating to this EOI proposal may be addressed to: Ms. Anathi Mzantsi
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