

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT

The **East London Industrial Development Zone SOC Ltd** is the operator of the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ), an entity which exists to help manufacturers to become globally competitive through the development and efficient management of a modern, purpose-built industrial location, which offers investing industries a streamlined business environment enhanced by a range of supporting services. The zone is already operational and currently houses a number of manufacturers that supply products for the local and international markets.

The Science and Technology Park (STP), a component of the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) has been established to contribute towards increasing the competitive and comparative advantages of the zone as an investment destination through the utilization of innovation. The STP is supporting research and technology development, thus enhancing the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) initiatives in the Eastern Cape Province while at the same time supporting the development of SMMEs in various industries within the ELIDZ and Eastern Cape Province at large.

The STP is supporting the development of entrepreneurs (SMMEs) with a specific focus on the sectors that the ELIDZ is driving, namely: Automotive, Advanced Manufacturing, Digital economy, Sustainable energy, Agri-industry, Aquaculture and Logistics. The ELIDZ-STP provides support services for new and small businesses targeting black-owned, women and youth-owned businesses in the following services: prototype development, research, and business development support services.

SCOPE OF WORK

The STP is seeking suitably qualified SMMEs, entrepreneurs and innovators to respond to this Expression of Interest (EOI), for the Development of their Prototype within the ELIDZ Science & Technology Park.

Reference No.	Description / Name	Closing Date
2026 EOI-STP- 01	PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT	18 September 2026 at 12h00

BRIEFING MEETING:

Note: NON-COMPULSORY ONLINE BRIEFING MEETING. **Date:** 25 August 2026 | **Time:** 10am – 11am

Meeting ID: 362 592 016 379 022 and **Passcode:** fb2mc9nE

BID CONDITIONS:

Respondents are required to submit:

- Company registration documents and ELIDZ procurement handbook with their EOI.
- 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.

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 RFP documents will be available for download on **14 August 2026 at 12h00 (Noon)** at www.elidz.co.za under **Opportunities >> Tenders**.

To make a tender submission for an open tender you must have completed the registration process before and have an active login account. Navigate to <https://tenderportal.elidz.co.za> and login with your credentials captured as part of the registration process.

It will be the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that the tender/bid reaches the ELIDZ. All tender/bids documents are to be submitted online at <https://tenderportal.elidz.co.za> before the closing date and time of 12h00, 18 September 2026. Only PDF documents must be uploaded with a maximum size limit of 30MB per file. No tenders are to be submitted at the ELIDZ premises and No late tenders will be accepted. Hard copy document submission will not be considered.

EOI ENQUIRIES:

Queries relating to this EOI proposal may be addressed to Anathi Mzantsi via email to anathi@elidz.co.za. **Closing date for Queries: 01 September 2026.**

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