

MARKET SOUNDING AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

This Market Sounding and Stakeholder Engagement is issued by the Tshwane Economic Development Agency ("TEDA"), a Municipal Entity of the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality ("the City"), for the establishment of an Agro-processing hub ("the Hub") in the Rayton area, situated close to the N4 corridor in the east of the City.

The objectives for the establishment of the Hub include local job creation and socio-economic development, incubation of peri-urban agricultural activity, emerging farmer, supplier, processor and agri-business development.

TEDA seeks to enter into a strategic partnership with a suitable private party to establish and operate the Hub. Such private party should preferably be an established retailer, wholesaler or processor, who is able to demonstrate access to market, has commensurate experience and a good financial standing to work with TEDA to establish the Hub. The suitable private party should preferably use the Hub and supporting operations as a conduit to actively develop emerging suppliers and processors in the local area and surrounds.

The City and TEDA are undertaking the market sounding and engagement exercise to gain insight into the private sector's perspectives and preferences with regards to the structuring of the transaction as well as the potential provision of performance-based financial support in exchange for contracting with- and development of emerging suppliers and processors. This is an open call for responses and does not constitute any formal procurement.

Suitable private parties are requested to confirm their interest via e-mail to teda.ppm@tshwane.gov.za, quoting "Tshwane Agro-Processing Hub" in the subject line and confirming the name of the private party, the nature of the business as well as the contact details of the representative. Alternatively, telephone registration could be achieved through calling TEDA offices at 012 358 6552, or walk-in registration at TEDA offices, 5th Floor, Anker Building, 1279 Mike Crawford Road, Centurion. The closing date for registration is **30 October 2019**. Subsequently, registered parties will be invited to a workshop to be held at TEDA offices. The date, time and venue of the workshop will only be shared with representatives of registered parties.

DISCLAIMER

This market sounding and engagement should not be construed as creating an obligation on the part of TEDA to enter into any contract, or to serve as a basis for any claim whatsoever for reimbursement of costs for efforts expended. The scope of this Request may be revised at the sole option of TEDA at any time. TEDA will not be bound by any responses or by any statements or representations, whether oral or written, that may be made by TEDA representatives. TEDA will be free from any liability resulting from the use or implied use of the information submitted in any response unless such information is explicitly agreed to be confidential and is the subject of a Non-disclosure Agreement between TEDA and the Respondent. Submission of a response shall constitute the Respondent's acknowledgment and acceptance of all the requirements in this Request for Expression of Interest.

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND TERMS

Code of Ethics

From registration and confirmation of interest until the conclusion of any procurement process by TEDA, the respondent shall not engage in any conduct that would be seen as improperly influencing TEDA's decision.

The exchange or offering of any money, gift item, personal service or unusual hospitality by either party is expressly prohibited. This prohibition is equally applicable to either party's officers, employees, agents or immediate family members. Failure to comply with this policy will disqualify the respondent from participation.

Preparation Costs

The respondent will be solely responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in the preparation and presentation of its response to this Market Sounding and Engagement including, without limitation, market research and attendance meetings, if applicable.

Compliance with Applicable Legislation

Registration and confirmation of interest shall constitute the Respondent's acknowledgment and acceptance of all its provisions, including a warranty that such response and any potential subsequent contract negotiations has to comply in full with South African Legislation.