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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: PARTNERSHIPS FOR CANNABIS INDUSTRIALIZATION

Objective and focus areas of the program

The Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) through the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) and Gauteng Department of Economic Development (GDED) invite all interested parties to submit partnership proposals to form part of the Gauteng Cannabis Industrialization program. The objective of the program is to unlock economic opportunities and job creation through cultivation and processing of hemp and cannabis at an industrial scale.

Focus areas: Potential partners may submit proposals which are aligned to the industrial focal points / enablers which the Gauteng Provincial Government is already activating.

These include:

- Funding and capitalization mechanisms for Cannabis/hemp cultivation, processing, and distribution.
- Exchange, trading, and aggregation platforms for domestic and export markets including certification and quality assurance partnership proposals.
- Aggregation schemes for cultivation and processing linked to quantifiable and verifiable addressable markets for cannabis and hemp products. These aggregation schemes must include deliberate and extensive enterprise and supplier development opportunity pathways which include and enable surrounding communities as value chain partners.
- Cannabis-driven Carbon reduction and Bioremediation program including rehabilitation of compromised Mine Lands.

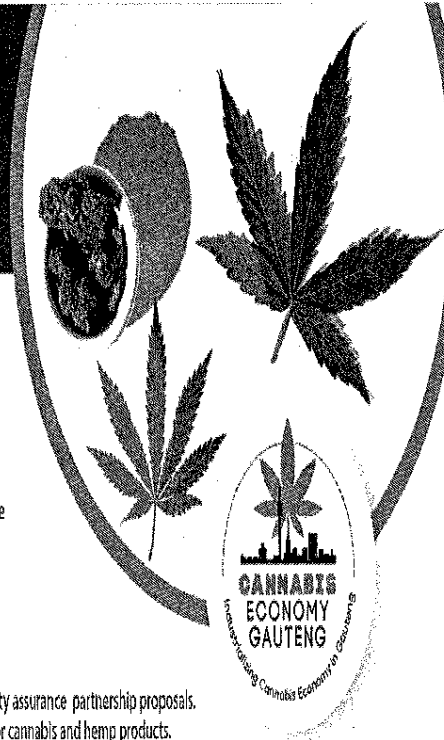
GPG support instruments that can form the basis of such partnership proposals include but are not limited to:

- Leases on state-owned or state-controlled land assets.
- Tenancy in special economic zones or state-owned industrial parks or subsidized tenancy in private industrial facilities.
- Financing partnerships to deploy wholesale capital or other appropriate instruments via Gauteng Enterprise Propeller (GEP) and/or development finance institutions that are in partnership with the province.
- Collaborative funding of key input and administrative costs of proposed partnerships.
- Structured collaboration with other organs of state to manage regulatory or other barriers to cannabis industrialization for specific projects.

Call to action and further information

For more detailed guidelines and the process of application, please visit <https://bit.ly/308yoPt> to complete the RFI form. Documents required for the online application process: CV's, BBBEE certificate / affidavit, tax clearance certificate and proof of CIPC registration as well as a proposal. Submissions will determine eligibility to participate in the accelerated request for proposal to conclude relevant partnerships. All information submitted will be treated as confidential and will not be shared without the consent of the applicant, however non-disclosure agreement will not be entered into.

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