



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM
AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

INVITATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR KZN CANNABIS AND HEMP COMMERCIALISATION PROGRAMME

The KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) led by MEC Siboniso Duma, has prioritized the inclusive commercialization of cannabis and hemp.

In line with the provincial Cannabis Commercialization Strategy, the department will be implementing the Cannabis and Hemp Commercialization Program (CHCP). At the core of the program is the stimulation and attraction of public and private-sector investment towards the growth and development of the cannabis industry which is focused on the high-end of the value-chain. The department therefore, invites proposals for “*financial and or non-financial*” support from SMMEs and enterprises that are involved in the beneficiation of the cannabis/hemp.

Proposals are therefore expected to align with government’s wider objectives in the commercialization of cannabis and hemp, such as:

- *Broadening the participation of the indigenous cannabis growers in the sector’s value-chain;*
- *Enhancement of the SMMEs’ competitiveness, innovation and value-addition;*
- *“Crowding-in” of public and private sector investments into the cannabis/hemp sector;*
- *Creation of new job opportunities; poverty reduction and inclusive growth of the cannabis sector.*

The submitted proposals must be specific in terms of the targeted sub-sectors of the cannabis industry and products/commodities thereof.

Proposals must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Exact geographic location of a business/enterprise;
- Proof of Company Registration/NGO/ Co-operative;
- Bankable business plan/proposal with detailed agro-processing/beneficiation activities,
- Budget plans/financial projections for a period of at least three (3) years;
- Exact financial/non-financial projections/needs requested from the department;

- Certified copies of the IDs of members or shareholders.

Note: *Preference will be given to project activities that will have a positive economic impact within the rural areas and townships of KZN. Furthermore, proposals that are either received from PDI's, Women, Youth, Disabled people and Cooperatives and are for the sustainable benefit of the aforementioned groupings of individuals will positively influence the decision.*

Proposals window will be opened for 3 weeks from the date of the official placement of the advertisement of call for proposals, the proposals will be opened from the **19th of June 2023 – 10th of July 2023**. Submit your proposals in a sealed envelope directly to:

270 Jabu Ndlovu Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3201 by **10th of July 2023**, closing at **16h00**, For ***the attention of the Acting Deputy Director General: Trade, Sector and Tourism Development Services***. For more information contact mbongiseni.ndlela@kznedtea.gov.za and/or nqobile.hlabisa@kznedtea.gov.za.

Only KZN based organisations/companies may apply.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO BRIEFING FOR THIS CFP.