

# CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: APPLICATION TO UTILISE PRODUCTION UNITS WITHIN AGRIPARK (FARMER SUPPORT UNITS) LOCATED WITHIN THE MOGALE CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (GDARDE) and West Rand District Municipality, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) and Mogale City Local Municipality, would like to invite small, medium and micro entrepreneurs (SMMEs) in the agricultural sector who seek to undertake farming at Agri-parks within the Mogale City Local Municipality.

The successful entrepreneur(s) will lease the infrastructure such as hydroponic tunnels and open land for agricultural production in the Agri-Parks and will be liable to pay rental fees determined by relevant municipalities.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This call is targeting entrepreneurs, small enterprises and farmers located within the Mogale City Local Municipality who are interested in leasing production infrastructure within Agri-parks to undertake agri-business at a commercial scale.

The farming enterprise should be able to farm profitably and thereby contribute towards job creation, food and nutrition security.

## REQUIREMENTS:

- SMME (entity) must be registered with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Entity must have a valid Tax clearance certificate.
- Must be a resident of the Mogale City Local Municipality.
- Must be a South African citizen.
- Youth, women and people with disability will be given preference.
- Should have Grade 10 as minimum qualification.
- An agricultural or business qualification will give an added advantage.
- Should have (3–5 years) practical experience in crop production.
- Should demonstrate relevant experience and capability to run a successful enterprise or agribusiness.
- Should submit a comprehensive business proposal which includes marketing plan.
- The enterprise should demonstrate the ability to create jobs to benefit local communities.
- The successful entrepreneur(s) will be responsible for payment of rental fees for the facilities including municipal services such as water, electricity, sanitation and waste.

## DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- Applications by individuals without registered companies.
- Applications by non-citizens of South Africa and MCLM
- Applicants who have benefited from Land Reform Programme.
- Applications by employees of government (public servants).

## CLOSING DATE:

13 September 2023

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