CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMMES (EPIP)

Background
The Department of Environmental Affairs, through the Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Programmes (EPIP), is implementing projects that address a myriad of environmental challenges whilst creating the much needed jobs in the environmental sector under the auspices of the Expanded Public Works Programmes (EPWP). The main objectives of the programmes are Better Environmental Management Practices; Job Creation; Skills Development; and Strengthening Support for Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs).

Standard requirements applicable to all focus areas for Infrastructure and Mass Employment Projects:
• The projects must originate from public bodies, including DEA branches, municipalities, public entities, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), co-operatives, other Government Departments, Communal Property Associations (CPAs) and traditional authorities.
• If applicable, the projects must be supported, endorsed and be part of the Municipal Integrated Development Plans (IDPs). A council resolution on each project or a letter of endorsement from the Municipality (signed by an Accounting Officer or delegated authority) is required.
• Projects must be aligned to the objectives of the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS) and or the provincial plans. A letter of support should be obtained from the Provincial Department signed by the delegated authority.
• Should there be a requirement for the exclusive use of land for the project implementation, confirmation of land ownership in a form of a title deed and/or endorsement from the land owner(s) should be obtained in the form of a joint resolution, where applicable.
• The project concept must advance the mandate of DEA and contribute to the development plan of the country.
• In the event that the public entity’s property is maintained by the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Project Proponent/Owning Entity must receive an endorsement for the development from DPW.

Submission of applications:

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS:
25 September 2017 - Youth Employment Programmes (Municipal Support Programme).
13 October 2017 - Working for Land/People and Parks/Biodiversity Economy/Greening and Open Space Management/Working for the Coast (Coastal Infrastructure).

The following documents can be downloaded on the online system and may be used for reference when completing the application forms:
• Application Form Capture Manual;
• Guide to completing the EPIP Project Application Form; and
• EPIP Framework Document for the relevant focus areas and project specifications as set out therein.

In addition to the application form, applicants must also upload supporting documents as required on the online system and all project proposals should be aligned to the EPIP Implementation Models as stipulated in the EPIP Framework Document. Failure to provide this information will result in the application being disqualified.

Note: No hand-delivered/posted/e-mailed/faxed applications will be accepted and correspondence will only be limited to successful project proponents.

For any assistance regarding the online applications, please call the PMIS service desk on 012 399 9003 or email to: pmisservicedesk@environment.gov.za

For any assistance regarding the different focus areas, contact Ms N. Mtalana, tel. 012 399 9660 or email: nmtalana@environment.gov.za

For any assistance regarding Youth Employment Programmes, contact Ms N. Giqwa, tel. 012 399 9684 or email: ngiqwa@environment.gov.za