

Join the GEP Business Mentor & Business Development Support (BDS) Service Provider Database

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The Gauteng Enterprise Propeller (GEP) invites experienced professionals, industry experts, and enterprise development organisations to register on the GEP Business Mentor and Business Development Support (BDS) Service Provider Database.

GEP plays a critical role in driving inclusive economic growth, supporting township enterprises, and strengthening the sustainability of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across Gauteng. To enhance the quality of support provided to funded enterprises, GEP is expanding its network of qualified mentors and specialised BDS providers who can deliver high-impact enterprise development services.

Through this initiative, GEP aims to connect MSMEs with experienced professionals who can guide business growth, improve operational performance, and support enterprises in accessing new markets, finance, and investment opportunities.

Business Mentors Required

GEP is seeking experienced business professionals who can provide strategic mentorship and guidance to emerging and growth-oriented enterprises.

Minimum Requirements

- A minimum of 5 years' relevant industry experience
- Demonstrated track record in business development, entrepreneurship, or enterprise growth
- Experience in mentoring, coaching, or advising businesses

Priority Sector Expertise

Mentors with expertise in the following sectors are particularly encouraged to apply:

- Manufacturing and Industrialisation
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Green Economy and Circular Economy initiatives
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

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Key Mentorship Focus Areas

Selected mentors will assist MSMEs with:

- Investor readiness and financial preparedness
- Strategic business growth and scaling
- Market access and supply chain integration
- Operational and financial management improvement
- Business model refinement and innovation

Expected Commitment

Mentors will typically be required to dedicate approximately 5–8 hours per month, depending on programme needs and enterprise requirements.

Business Development Support (BDS) Service Providers Required

GEP also invites qualified consulting firms, training institutions, and enterprise development organisations to register as Business Development Support (BDS) service providers.

These providers will support MSMEs through structured training programmes, advisory services, and specialised business development interventions.

BDS Services may Include.

- Business skills training and capacity development
- Financial management and bookkeeping systems
- Business compliance and governance support
- Marketing and digital transformation support
- Operational efficiency improvement
- Market readiness and export preparedness

Development Impact

BDS providers will play a vital role in helping MSMEs:

- Improve sustainability and financial resilience
- Access new market opportunities

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- Strengthen operational and management capacity
- Become competitive suppliers within value chains



How to Register

Interested individuals and organisations are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to be considered for inclusion in the GEP database.

Step 1: Prepare Your Documentation

Ensure you have the following documents available:

- Updated Company Profile or Professional CV
- CIPC Registration Documents (for companies)
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate from SARS
- B-BBEE Certificate or Affidavit (where applicable)
- Proof of Central Supplier Database (CSD) registration

Step 2: Submit Your Expression of Interest

Submit your application and supporting documentation to:

BDSadvisors@gep.co.za

Compliance Requirement

Please note that all service providers must be registered on the National Treasury Central Supplier Database (CSD) to be eligible for formal appointment in line with public procurement regulations.

Partner with GEP to Empower Gauteng's Entrepreneurs

By joining the GEP mentor and BDS provider network, you will contribute to building a stronger entrepreneurial ecosystem, supporting enterprise growth, and advancing inclusive economic development across the province.

If you are passionate about developing entrepreneurs, strengthening MSMEs, and driving economic transformation, we invite you to partner with GEP and make a meaningful impact.

Together, we can unlock the potential of Gauteng's entrepreneurs.

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