

GEP Expression of Interest Acknowledgement

Subject: GEP Business Mentors and BDS Service Providers

Dear Business Mentor and BDS Service Provider,

Thank you for submitting your Expression of Interest (EOI) for the GEP **Business Mentor and BDS Service Providers** with a closing date of 4 May 2026.

This email confirms that the Accreditation Coordinator have received the respondents' submissions. We appreciate the time and effort invested in preparing your response.

Our management team will now evaluate all submissions against the criteria set out in the initial call for EOIs, including accessibility and technical capacity.

Please note the next steps:

- **Initial Review for integrity and compliance:**
To establish the validity and status of the CSD and Company Registration. Please be advised that the CSD registration remains active, as this is a prerequisite for any further progress in our selection and accreditation process.

We expect to conclude the preliminary screening by 29 May 2026.

- **Accreditation Process:**
The Accreditation Team will evaluate submitted proposals for alignment with the GEP service offering.
- **Request for Additional Information/ Further Engagement:**
Our Administrative Assistants may request respondents to submit additional information, or a request for proposals (RFP), or an invitation for further engagement.

Please Note: Due to the volume of interest, only respondents who have submitted complete proposals will be contacted regarding the outcome of the evaluation.

You may monitor or make a follow up regarding the progress and status of our accreditation process by sending an email to BDSadvisors@gep.co.za

Thank you for your interest in partnering with the GEP to drive sustainable MSME development.

Kind regards,

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