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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

DISTRICT SKILLS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



ALFRED NZO AGRI-PARKS PROGRAMME

CALLING BENEFICIARIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISTRICT SKILLS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Alfred Nzo Development Agency (ANDA) in partnership with the Alfred Nzo District Municipality (ANDM) and the Department of Higher Education and Training – (National Skills Fund) have forged a partnership to implement an NQF Level 2 skills development programme, focusing on Mixed Farming.

The overall objective of the programme is to fulfill the District economic development goal of “*generating wealth for ANDM communities*” through the provision of relevant skills development programmes that will essentially build capabilities and enhance the skills levels of ANDM SMMEs.

The purpose of the training programme is to provide skills to beneficiaries participating in the District Agri-Parks Programme and other agricultural development programmes taking place in the District. Beneficiaries who have applied for assistance in the District Agri-Parks Programme, who meet the following minimum requirements are therefore encouraged to apply. It must be noted that beneficiaries participating in other District Agricultural Programmes are also encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for support, beneficiaries must satisfy all the mandatory requirements as set out below:

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- ❖ Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region, where proof of business residence must be attached
- ❖ Preference will be given to historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs)
 - Black women/Youth/People living with disabilities
- ❖ A member participating in the programme must have passed Grade 9/Standard 7 and must attach proof (report card or sworn affidavit stating when grade 9 or standard 7 was passed)
- ❖ Preference will be given to beneficiaries who have applied to participate in the ANDM Agri-Parks Programme

In the event where an interested party has not applied for or is not participating in any Agricultural programme, an extension has been granted for the District Agri-Parks programme where the following eligibility criteria must be met:

1. YELLOW MAIZE PRODUCTION - CATERGORY 1 (AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS)

ANDM is issuing a call for the production of yellow maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of 50 ha will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries:

- Agricultural projects (that are unregistered), implementing crop production within ANDM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

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Eligibility and selection criteria:

To be eligible for support, projects must satisfy all the mandatory requirements as set out below:

- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- A project must be registered at least within three months after it acquired the support and registered in terms of the South African Co-operatives Act of 2005 and small business act or any other appropriate business form.
- A project must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and constitution (if a co-operative). The documents must be acquired at least within three months after it acquired the support from ANDM.
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have access to or ownership of a minimum of 5 ha and maximum of 10ha.
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Fenced land will be an added advantage
- Must be biased towards women, youth and people with disabilities.
- Must have potential to create job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- Entity must be competitive advantageous.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

2. YELLOW MAIZE CATERGORY 2 (SEMI-COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

ANDM is issuing a call for the production of yellow maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **300 ha** will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Semi-commercial farmers within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing crop production in ANDM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible for support, semi-commercial farmers must satisfy all the mandatory requirements as set out below:

- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Must be a farmer within the ANDM constituency.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and a constitution (if a co-operative).
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have a minimum of 20 ha and a maximum of 49ha .
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Farm land must be fenced.
- Must have at least 5 employees and have a potential to create more sustainable job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

3. YELLOW MAIZE CATEGORY 2 (FARMERS WITH THEIR OWN MECHANISATION IMPLEMENTS)

ANDM is issuing a call for the production of yellow maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **50 ha** will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Agricultural SMMEs (including co-operatives) with farm assets (tractor/s with all implements) from within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing crop production in ANDM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible for support, semi-commercial farmers must satisfy all the mandatory requirements as set out below:

- Must have a tractor/s with cropping implements suitable for maize production.
- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Must be a farmer within the ANDM constituency.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and a constitution (if a co-operative).
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have a minimum of 20 ha and a maximum of 49ha.
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Farm land must be fenced.
- Must have at least 5 employees and have a potential to create more sustainable job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

4. YELLOW MAIZE CATEGORY 3 (COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

ANDM is issuing a call for the production of yellow maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **100 ha** will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Commercial farmers from within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing crop production within ANDM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for support, semi-commercial farmers must satisfy all the mandatory requirements as set out below:

- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Must be a commercial farmer within the ANDM constituency.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).

- Must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and a constitution (if a co-operative).
- Be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have a minimum of 50 ha and more.
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Farm land must be fenced.
- All farm directors must be involved on day to day activities
- Must have at least 10 employees and have a potential to create more sustainable job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

5. WHITE MAIZE PRODUCTION CATEGORY 2 (SEMI-COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

ANDM has issued a call for the production of white maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **200 ha** will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Semi-commercial farmers from within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing crop production within ANDM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for application, applicants (semi-commercial farmers) must;

- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Must be a farmer within the ANDM constituency.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and a constitution (if a co-operative).
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have a minimum of 20 ha and a maximum of 49ha.
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Farm land must be fenced.
- Must have at least 5 employees and have a potential to create more sustainable job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

6. POTATO PRODUCTION CATEGORY 1&2 (AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS & SEMI-COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

ANDM is issuing a call for the production of potato to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **50 ha** will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Agricultural SMMEs that are unregistered or registered within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing potato production within ANDM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for applicants must satisfy all the mandatory requirements as set out below:

- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), with a tax clearance certificate/pin
- If not registered, a project must be registered at least within three months after it acquired the support and registered in terms of the South African Co-operatives Act of 2005 or small business act or any other appropriate business form.
- A project/SMME must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and constitution (if a co-operative). The documents must be acquired at least within three months after it acquired the support from ANDM.
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have access to or ownership of a minimum of 5 ha and maximum of 10ha.
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Fenced land will be an added advantage
- Must be biased towards women, youth and people with disabilities.
- Must have potential to create job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

7. SWEET POTATO PRODUCTION CATEGORY 1&2 (AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS & SEMI-COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

ANDM is issuing a call for the production of sweet potato to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **50 ha** will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Agricultural SMMEs that are unregistered or registered within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing potato production within ANDM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria:

In order to be eligible for application, applicants 1&2 (Agricultural Projects & Semi-Commercial Farmers) must:

- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), with a tax clearance certificate/pin
- If not registered, a project must be registered at least within three months after it acquired the support and registered in terms of the South African Co-operatives Act of 2005 or small business act or any other appropriate business form.
- A project/SMME must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and constitution (if a co-operative). The documents must be acquired at least within three months after it acquired the support from ANDM.
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have access to or ownership of a minimum of 5 ha and maximum of 10ha.

- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Fenced land will be an added advantage
- Must be biased towards women, youth and people with disabilities.
- Must have potential to create job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

8. VEGETABLE (CABBAGE) PRODUCTION CATEGORY 1 & 2 (AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS & SEMI-COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

ANDM is issuing a call for the production of vegetables (cabbage & Spinach) to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **40 ha** will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Agricultural SMMEs that are unregistered or registered within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing vegetable production within ANDM and that demonstrates potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for application, applicants 1&2 (Agricultural Projects & Semi-Commercial Farmers) must;

- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), with a tax clearance certificate/pin
- If not registered, a project must be registered at least within three months after it acquired the support and registered in terms of the South African Co-operatives Act of 2005 or small business act or any other appropriate business form.
- A project/SMME must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and constitution (if a co-operative). The documents must be acquired at least within three months after it acquired the support from ANDM.
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have access to or ownership of a minimum of 5 ha and maximum of 10ha.
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Fenced land will be an added advantage
- Must be biased towards women, youth and people with disabilities.
- Must have potential to create job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

9. DRY BEAN PRODUCTION CATEGORY 2 (SEMI-COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

ANDM is issuing a call for the production of dry beans to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **100 ha** will be ploughed in this category.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Agricultural SMMEs (including co-operatives) that are semi-commercial farmers from within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing crop production or dry beans production within ANDM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for support, semi-commercial farmers must satisfy all the mandatory requirements as set out below:

- Must be an initiative within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Must be a farmer within the ANDM constituency.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and a constitution (if a co-operative).
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have a minimum of 20 ha and a maximum of 49ha.
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Farm land must be fenced.
- Must have at least 5 employees and have a potential to create more sustainable job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R1800** per hectare towards procurement of inputs or mechanization processes.

Deadline for Applications

The deadline for the submission of applications: **Friday, 11 October 2019 at 4:30pm – Submitted to the following address:**

Alfred Nzo Development Agency
Umzimvubu Goats Complex
Hospital Road
Mount Ayliff
4735

Detailed Information

All application forms and guidelines be obtained from ANDA Offices or downloaded in Alfred Nzo Development website www.anda.org.za or www.andm.gov.za further more please can contact the following office:

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