

# AQUACULTURE CLUSTER – CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), an entity of the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI); was established in terms of the TIA Act, 2008 (Act No. 26 of 2008), to promote the development and exploitation, in the public interest, of discoveries, inventions, innovations and improvements.

## PURPOSE OF THE CALL

TIA and the DSI are calling for submission of proposals for the Bio-Innovation Aquaculture Cluster Programme, under the Agricultural Bio-Innovation Partnership Programme (ABIPP) focusing primarily on the development of innovative products, processes and services that seek to address challenges in the aquaculture industry/value chain

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

### Consortiums comprising of:

- Start-up companies
- Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)
- Private Individuals
- Science Councils (SCs)
- Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- Any other recognized legal entities in South Africa

### Applications will be assessed against:

1. Details on the proposed technology innovation in any of aquaculture subsectors (Abalone, Aquaponics, Bivalve Shellfish, Marine Finfish, Trout, Tilapia, Catfish and any other related).
2. **Intellectual property (IP):** specific description of what the IP is, IP management strategy, IP ownership, proof of freedom to operate (if available).
3. **Commercial:** Market analysis and business model.
4. **Budget:** Budget in alignment to the project plan and include SA regulatory aspects.
5. **Team:** Transformed and capable teams to execute project plan.
6. **Multi-stakeholder collaboration:** consortium formations; transformation initiatives; innovation; technology dissemination; skills development; socio and or economic impact, etc.
7. Co-funding availability.
8. Socio and /economic impact.

### Applicants applying for funding must meet the following mandatory requirements:

1. Applicants must be South African citizens with valid identity documents.
2. Applicants must in a form of consortiums. Lead Applicant to disclose consortium members on the application form and provide agreements during due diligence phase, where applicants are in a consortium.
3. Already existing legal entities:
  - Must be or in the process of registering with CIPC or relevant body.
  - Must be or in the process of registering on National Treasury's Central Supplier Database (CSD).
4. Primary technology development activities must be operated within South Africa.
5. For foreign-owned IP; it should be licensed or assigned to a local institution/entity – Lead Applicant must provide proof during due diligence phase.
6. Proof of co-funding – disclose amount on the application form and provide proof during due diligence phase.
7. Applicants must attend compulsory briefing session.

## CLOSING DATE

The completed proposals must be submitted through the portal <http://gms.tia.org.za/funding> on or before **20 May 2022 at 17:00**. No late applications will be accepted.

For further information regarding the call for proposal, please contact Dr. Xolisa Melamane on [xolisa.melamane@tia.org.za](mailto:xolisa.melamane@tia.org.za) and/or to our Customer Service on [customerservice@tia.org.za](mailto:customerservice@tia.org.za)

## COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION

Compulsory briefing sessions will be conducted via Microsoft Teams (link will be shared upon RSVP); to facilitate and assist applicants to understand the Call requirements. The briefing sessions will take place on the following dates; **(Gauteng, North West, Limpopo, Northern Cape and Mpumalanga – 11 April 2022) and (KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Eastern Cape and Western Cape – 12 April 2022)** from 10h00 to 13h00.

Individuals who are **interested to attend the compulsory briefing session**, must send RSVP to Ms. Kholofelo Ledoka: [kholofelo.ledoka@tia.org.za](mailto:kholofelo.ledoka@tia.org.za) by no later than **07 April 2022**.



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