

Call for Transaction Advisors for a Eco-Tourism PPP in the Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve, Eastern Cape

The Eastern Cape Parks Board seeks a transaction advisor for a feasibility study and possible PPP process management for the Geelhoutbos Tourism Development in the Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve, Eastern Cape Province.

The Eastern Cape Parks has identified the need for a Public Private Partnership (PPP) at Geelhoutbos Tourism Development in Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve as one of the initiatives in its quest to commercialise some aspects of its nature reserves.

In accordance with the relevant National Treasury regulations and *National Treasury's PPP Manual* and *Standardised PPP Provisions*, a suitably skilled and experienced transaction advisor is required to assist the Eastern Cape Parks with:

- the feasibility study for Treasury Approval: I
- production of all bid documents, including draft PPP Agreement, for Treasury Approval: IIA
- PPP procurement and value-for-money report for Treasury Approval: IIB
- negotiated PPP agreement and PPP agreement management plan for Treasury Approval: III
- a close-out report and case study.

The procurement phase will be decided by the Eastern Cape Parks only on completion of the feasibility study, and the Eastern Cape Parks reserves the right to end the transaction advisor contract on completion of the feasibility study.

The contract for these services will be with a single transaction advisor, and all other team members must be hired by the transaction advisor via subcontract or joint venture.

High quality expertise and experience is required in:

- financial analysis and project finance
- legal
- PPPs
- negotiations
- BEE
- Development of tourism PPPs in a protected area

Bids will be evaluated in terms of applicable procurement legislation, on technical, BEE and price considerations, and will include interviews with short-listed bidders before selection.

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Bid documents will be made available upon payment of a non refundable fee of R350.00. These documents can be obtained from the offices of the Eastern Cape Parks Board, 6 St Marks Road, Southernwood, East London, or can be e-mailed to applicants upon request. Payment can be made in cash, on collection of the bid documents or by electronic transfer to the following account: *“Eastern Cape Parks Board, First National Bank, Bhisho, Branch number - 210619, Account Number - 52640059434,”* Bidders who pay by electronic transfer must use the bid number as a reference number and fax proof of payment to 086 6185 444 prior to the collection of the bid documents.

All queries must be directed to Ntombi Mkosana at ntombi.mkosana@ecparks.co.za or on 043 705 4400 / 079 890 2251.

Closing date: 05 October 2009 at 12h00