



AgriSETA Accredited Training Providers are invited to submit an

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

to participate in the “FarmTogether” programme

BACKGROUND

The AgriSETA, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), developed an innovative learning programme aimed at small agricultural cooperative members (even those who are illiterate) to develop their understanding and skill in successfully managing their respective cooperatives as sustainable businesses.

This learning programme makes extensive use of simulation, role play and visual effects and the learners during a range of facilitated sessions, in an interactive manner, engage in the planning and management of their cooperatives as potential business units.

This initiative is named the “FarmTogether” programme.

THE TASK

AgriSETA has ring fenced an amount of discretionary funds to train 42 selected facilitators from our accredited training provider pool as FarmTogether Facilitators. DAFF has the intention to, in the next three years to reach out to at least 250 small agricultural cooperatives and 5 250 beneficiaries. The Department has budgeted extensively for this intervention.

In order to be able to assist DAFF in the roll-out of this programme, apart from the initial 42 FarmTogether Facilitators, AgriSETA is planning to budget on an annual basis over the next 3 years to train as many of its accredited provider pool’ facilitators as possible to enable us and the Department to massify this project.

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME

Selected facilitators will be exposed to formal training as well as practical experience. The duration of the training is 9 days which exists of:

- one day orientation,
- 5 days training (phase 1) in week 1;
- 3 days training (phase 2) during week 7.

Each facilitator will then engage in a full practical implementation with an agricultural cooperative. The duration of this practical implementation is 17 days spread over a period of time (approximately 8 weeks) whereafter successful participants will be certificated and will then be able to be contracted by the Department or AgriSETA as FarmTogether facilitators.

INVITATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Accredited training providers are invited to express their interest to be trained as facilitators in the FarmTogether programme. The following criteria will apply;

- Providers **MUST** be accredited by AgriSETA (primary accreditation or those who received extension of scope from AgriSETA)
- A maximum of 2 (most likely 1) facilitator per accredited provider will be accepted on this initial programme
- Accredited providers must demonstrate that they have extensive experience in working with small agricultural cooperatives. Submit a motivation not exceeding 3 pages illustrating your relevance to this initiative
- The accredited provider must submit the names of the one or two facilitators it proposes to be trained. The names must be accompanied with comprehensive CVs of the proposed individuals.
- The facilitator proposed must have experience in farm management and farm finances
- Accredited providers must indicate their provinces of preference (maximum of two provinces may be proposed)
- The facilitators should be able to converse in the languages of the provinces it intends to work.
- Accredited providers must include a signed statement that they will carry the cost of the travel and accommodation expenses incurred by their staff nominated and accepted on this development programme.
- Accredited providers must include a signed statement that, if their application is successful, the proposed facilitator(s) will be available to attend a full day pre-training briefing session on 21 July 2010 in Pretoria on the provider's cost.

ADMINISTRATION

AgriSETA will carry the cost of remunerating the master trainer and each successful facilitator will receive a FarmTogether Facilitator's kit valued at R2 500 sponsored by AgriSETA. However, all travel and accommodation cost will be for the account of the accredited provider.

Expressions of interest meeting all the requirements as listed under "invitation" above, should be submitted on or prior to Friday 16 July 2010.

An internal panel will consider the submissions and will select 42 facilitators (maximum two per provider).

All submissions should be directed at;

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(e-mailed proposals will be preferred)

Note:

It is the intention of AgriSETA to expand this programme over the next three years and with subsequent calls for expression of interest, those that have already participated will initially be excluded in order for AgriSETA to, over time, engage as many of its accredited providers as possible.