



CALL for Proposals: Ref-JF001

The Development Bank of Southern Africa, on behalf of the South African Government, calls for prospective project sponsors to submit *concept proposals* for funding through the **Jobs Fund**. Proposals may be submitted by private or public sector organisations, including but not limited to business enterprises or associations, non-governmental organisations, government departments, municipalities, public entities or development finance institutions, operating within the borders of South Africa.

The Jobs Fund will co-finance projects with demonstrated potential to contribute significantly to job creation. The Fund will operate on challenge fund principles. This means that project allocations will be based on an open, competitive process. The aim of the fund is to operate as a catalyst for innovation and investment in activities which directly contribute to long-term employment creation.

The Jobs Fund will consider proposals in four broad areas:

- i. **Enterprise Development** – investments in product development, local procurement, marketing support, equipment upgrading or enterprise franchising.
- ii. **Infrastructure Investment** – local infrastructure investment projects such as light manufacturing enterprise zones, local market and business hub facilities, critical transport and communication links and upgrading of infrastructure services.
- iii. **Support for Work Seekers** – support programmes with a particular focus on unemployed young people such as job search projects, training activities and support for career guidance and placement services.
- iv. **Institutional Capacity Building** – projects aimed at strengthening institutions through which jobs are created or overcoming institutional barriers to job creation.

Further information on the Jobs Fund, application forms and project assessment criteria are available on the Jobs Fund website: www.jobsfund.org.za

Deadline for submission: 31 July 2011

Enquiries should be addressed to info@jobsfund.org.za or on toll free number 0861 00 3272 from 08h00 – 16h30, Monday to Friday.