INVITATION TO ALL FREE STATE YOUTH TO APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN TABALAZA 2018



What is Tabalaza?

Tabalaza is a platform created to links Free State businesses to potential investors/venture capitalists and to other private and public sector institutions that support SMMEs. It comprises of:

- Pitching at district level,
- Skills development,
- Funding.
- Pitching at Provincial level (to investors/venture capitalists).

Theme: "Investing in youth, investing in the future."

Entry Requirements

The entry period will be between 11th June 2018 to 03rd August 2018)

- The age limit for entry is 18 35 years
- Entries should be in the following sectors:
 - Manufacturing
 - o Mining
 - Transport (logistics)
 - Tourism
 - o ICT and
 - Services (excluding catering, salons, chesanyamas)

Entry Criteria

For adjudication purposes, entrants must attach a business plan/profile containing the following information:

- Financial projections/financial statement,
- Market plan and letters of intent where possible,
- Business plan must include the executive summary and detailed components,
- Up-to-date regulatory and sector compliance documents including ID, CIPC registration documents,
- Outline equipment and machinery required to grow the business.

Pre-conditions

Tabalaza insists on several critical pre-conditions, including that all entrants' businesses are:

- Free State-based.
- Viable and sustainable.
- Promoting job creation,

Terms and Conditions

- Shortlisted must avail themselves for 3 days boot-camp before pitching.
- Top 3 businesses in each district must be willing to go through a 3 months business skill development programme.
- Businesses owned by government officials should not apply.
- Any prior government support should be declared.

Evaluation Process:

- Following the closing date, all entries will be verified and evaluated at district level.
- The top 10 entries in each district will pitch to a panel of judges.
- Top 3 enterprises from the pitching sessions will be awarded equipment worth the price money indicated below.
- Finalists (3 per district) will pitch at a provincial pitching session.

Grand Prizes

The winners will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Price: equipment worth **R250 000.00**
- 2nd Price: equipment worth **R150 000.00**
- 3rd Price: equipment worth **R100 000.00**
- Business skills development programmes (3 months

Submission of Applications and Queries

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