

From: Naadia Ismail <Naadia.Ismail@westerncape.gov.za>

Sent: Saturday, 28 February 2026 13:46

To: Innovation <innovation@capechamber.co.za>

Cc: Deidre Baartman <Deidre.Baartman@westerncape.gov.za>; Julinda Gantana <Julinda.Gantana@westerncape.gov.za>; Isac Smith <Isac.Smith@westerncape.gov.za>; Victor Senna <Victor.Senna@westerncape.gov.za>; Steven Kenyon <Steven.Kenyon@westerncape.gov.za>; Nadia Ebrahim <Nadia.Ebrahim@westerncape.gov.za>; Ezra M Josephs <Ezra.Josephs@westerncape.gov.za>; Valencia Petersen <Valencia.Petersen@westerncape.gov.za>; Bianca Van Zyl <Bianca.VanZyl2@westerncape.gov.za>; Marshalle Frederiks <Marshalle.Frederiks@westerncape.gov.za>

Subject: Submission: Western Cape Government Provincial Treasury Nominations – 2026 Western Cape Economy Innovation Awards (ABF, PCC/ePS, LGBPO)

Dear Mr Lawson

In response to your call for nominations, and following Minister Baartman's direction, the Western Cape Government Provincial Treasury is pleased to submit **three nominations** for the **2026 Western Cape Economy Innovation Awards**. Each nomination includes a completed form, a 3-page explanatory document, and core evidence, aligned to the award criteria.

1) Alternative & Blended Finance (ABF) Framework: A first-of-its-kind provincial framework that unlocks capital beyond the fiscus by combining public funds with private, development and philanthropic finance to accelerate delivery of economic-enabling infrastructure and social programmes. The Framework establishes a policy architecture, a 14-stage project preparation & approval process, a screened ABF pipeline, and new governance (TPLCC & PLCC), integrated with the budget cycle (MTEF) and IDMS/WCIIP stage gates, ensuring legal compliance, affordability, and investor-ready projects.

2) Procurement Client Centre (PCC), (including eProcurement System (ePS) & Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank (WCSEB)): A transversal procurement-modernisation that reduces red tape and lowers the cost of doing business with the Province. PCC integrates ePS (automated RFQ engine across departments) with WCSEB (single annual compliance submission, one point of truth) and an advisory/helpdesk service with multilingual guides and roadshows. It rationalises bid documentation (WCBD 4/8/9 → single 6-page WCBD-4, ±60% reduction), supports ±9,000–12,000 compliant suppliers, and enables 35,000+ RFQs annually across 13 departments, broadening SMME participation and improving competitiveness.

3) Local Government Budget Performance Overview (LGBPO): An insight-driven, public-facing annual review that translates municipal budget performance into an accessible narrative covering all 30 municipalities. Developed entirely in-house at zero external cost, the publication is Cabinet-endorsed as an annual accountability tool and has already informed the 2025/26 municipal budget cycle and adjustments. Headline results in the 2023/24 review include 25/30 municipalities above 95% revenue collection, R13.94 bn capital spending and a R3.66 bn provincial cash surplus, signals that improve business confidence, tariff predictability and infrastructure planning across the province.

Evidence note (important)

For this initial submission, we have attached only the core primary evidence for each nomination, namely:

- the ABF Framework policy document,
- the LGBPO publication, and
- the PCC Service Charter.

There is substantially more corroborating evidence (dashboards, usage statistics, governance artefacts, planning linkages, process documentation, training/engagement materials, etc.) that we are excited and ready to share should our nominations be shortlisted or if the adjudication panel requests further detail. We have these materials curated and can provide them promptly.

Please confirm receipt of the three nominations and advise if any additional information or a different packaging of attachments is preferred.

Thank you to you and the Cape Chamber for providing this platform to recognise innovations that strengthen the Western Cape's business environment, investment readiness and job creation.

Regards

Naadia Ismail

Director: Strategic and Operational Management Support
Provincial Treasury
Western Cape Government

Third Floor, Room 3-30, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town, 8001;
Private Bag X9165, Cape Town, 8000

Tel: +27(0)21 483 3479

Mobile: +27(0) 84 420 8063

Email: Naadia.Ismail@westerncape.gov.za

Website: www.westerncape.gov.za



"All views or opinions expressed in this electronic message and its attachments are the view of the sender and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Western Cape Government (the WCG). No employee of the WCG is entitled to conclude a binding contract on behalf of the WCG unless he/she is an accounting officer of the WCG, or his or her authorised representative. The information contained in this message and its attachments may be confidential or privileged and is for the use of the named recipient only, except where the sender specifically states otherwise. If you are not the intended recipient you may not copy or deliver this message to anyone."