




The Cape Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Cape Higher Education Consortium

WESTERN CAPE ECONOMY INNOVATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM 2026

Please complete this nomination form accurately, completely but succinctly.

1. Contact details

Nominator (Person)	Nominating Organisation	Signature	Date	e-mail address
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Nominated Person	Nominated Organisation	Sub-sector one of the following: Private Sector or Academia or Public Sector or Non-Profit	Cell phone number	e-mail address
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2. Short description

+100 word description of what the innovation / solution is and who needs to be recognised for which parts of the solution.

(e.g. new service /product /solution /regulation /infrastructure /institutional capacity)

The innovation is the implementation of the WCDHW Energy Services Company (ESCO) Contract and Project to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions at WCDHW hospitals. The reduced energy consumption will contribute to energy resilience in the Western Cape Province and promote the WCDHW Race to Zero Climate Change Strategic Plan. The ESCO Contract is a Shared Savings Contract. The ESCO invests in energy efficiency interventions at WCDHW hospitals and will recover the investment via the maintenance period of typically 10 years. So doing promoting the “Ease of Doing Government”. The ESCO Project is also transformational as it fundamentally removes a binding

constraint and unlocks new economic opportunities (e.g. ending business disruption from load-shedding). The ESCO Project is supplemented by the WCDHW Solar PV Program.

3. Detailed description

Please answer all the questions (a) to (j) below, and place answers in the prescribed place as indicated in the table below (to construct a results chain):

- a. What is the target business group/s that this innovation serves and improves?
- b. How many of these target businesses have already utilised this new solution?
- c. How did these businesses access and receive the new solution?
- d. What did this new solution help these businesses become better at?
- e. How did this help to improve their business performance? *Increased sales, lower costs, increased investment, increased employment, increased exports?*
- f. What exactly is this new innovative solution?
- g. What makes it new, compared what existed before? (Novelty in the WC economy)
- h. What makes it better than what existed before?
- i. How is/was the new solution made available to the target market / business group?
- j. What will ensure that the financial viability / sustainability of providing the innovative solution and the beneficial consequences remain intact over this period? *E.g. profitable business with enduring competitive advantage in the market.* What is the expected longevity of this this solution? *E.g. 5yrs, 10 yrs, 10+ years*

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<p>f. The ESCO Contract is a Shared Savings Contract.</p> <p>g. The ESCO, not WCDHW, invests capital in energy initiatives.</p> <p>h. The ESCO invests capital at its own risk</p>	<p>i. The ESCO Contract was finalized through an open formal bid</p> <p>c. ESCO Contract participation informed by Energy Audits.</p>	<p>a. WCDHW Hospitals</p> <p>b. Six (6)</p> <p>d. Improved energy resilience</p> <p>e. Lower energy costs resulting in savings on operational budget.</p>	<p>j. As per the contract, the ESCO invests in energy efficiency interventions and will recover the investment via the maintenance period of typically 10 years</p>

4. Declaration of Evidence to verify results chain

What supporting evidence can you provide to verify the results stated above are as stated?

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What evidence can be provided? e.g. Records, reports, peer reviews, and so forth	ESCO record of skills transfer and employment of local SMME's	ESCO Project Dashboard	ESCO Project Dashboard	Beaufort West Hospital ESCO Proposal

5. Select the best category of award for this innovation

Sector	Award	Mark with "X"
Public Sector	6 x Catalytic innovations that contribute to growth.	x
Public Sector	1 x Provincial- or National-government systemic innovation most impactful on economic growth	
Public Sector	1 x Municipal (LM+DM) innovation that is impactful on growth of their local economy	
Public Sector	1 x Public-sector innovation, enhancing good governance.	
Safety & Security	1 x Innovation enhancing precinct safety & security.	
Labour Market	1 x Labour market efficacy award Reducing impediments to increased employment.	
Academia	1 x Research most impactful on competitiveness of Industry	
Academia	1 x Tertiary education best aligned to Industry / market needs	
Academia	1 x Most successful start-up / spin out	
Academia	1 x Entrepreneurship development in higher education	
Industry Sector Bodies	1 x Institution/s strengthening stakeholder cooperation to enhance competitiveness of their Industry.	
Organised Business	1 x Institution/s strengthening stakeholder cooperation to enhance competitiveness of their business precincts.	

6. Check that you completed all that is necessary.

7. Submit this documented and/or video recorded to innovation@capechamber.co.za.

Thank you for helping us discover and celebrate the champions shaping a better WC economy!