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MPUMALANGA BEGINS PROCESSES TO RECOGNISE CONSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE A drive to be delivered through the Govan Mbeki Human Settlements Awards.

Efforts by stakeholders within the construction and development sectors will once again come under the spotlight in the next two months. The Mpumalanga Department of Human Settlements is undertaking a process to recognize the achievements made by all its stakeholders in playing a significant role in service delivery through the Govan Mbeki Human Settlements Awards. The awards are an initiative that seeks to honour all partners within the built industry in partnering with government to deliver proper human settlements as defined by the broadened mandate of the department of delivering integrated and sustainable human settlements.

The implementation of the awards was approved by the Minister and the entire Provincial MECs forum called MINMEC in March 2006 aimed to show case and demonstrate excellent work done by Department with special emphasis to the Department's Programmes, and further promotes best practices in the delivery of the core mandate including outcome 8 deliverables. The awards are meant to motivate all stakeholders in the Human Settlements space to harness the human and other resources in accelerating delivery.

Lastly they honour role players in the human settlements value chain, including developers, building contractors, banking sector, community based organisations, mining sector, building materials suppliers, professional associations that have committed to partner with government in building sustainable human settlements and making the millennium development goals achievable by 2014. The awarding of the best categories will be in line with government outcomes 8 objectives on the following categories:

- Best Provincial Department in performance category
- Best Metropolitan Municipality
- Best Informal Settlement Upgraded project
- Best Rental Stock Project
- Best People's Housing Process project
- Best Priority Project
- Best finance linked subsidy

The provinces will deal with five categories catering for programmes excluding the best provincial and best metropolitan category which will be awarded at a National Level. Other categories will be awarded in a form of merit awards inclusive of:

- Accredited Municipalities
- Best Contractors Project in the non-subsidy market by NHBRC
- Students who were awarded bursaries and have completed their studies and due for placement in the Department.
- Best Women Contractor
- Best Youth Contractor

The Department envisages coordinating and engaging all the potential participants or stakeholders this month (March) with a view to hold the awards ceremony late in April 2012

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