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MEC MASEMOLA ON ROAD SHOW TO CONSULT ON LIMPOPO CONTRACTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Department of Public Works led by MEC Namane Dickson Masemola, in a surge to reposition the contractor and construction management, embarked on a road show to do things differently.

In the two months MEC Masemola has been with the Department his mission has been to move with speed on issues of infrastructure delivery. Fresh from signing a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Independent Development Trust (IDT) relating to infrastructure delivery support, MEC Masemola met with organised associations of contractors belonging to the South African Women in Construction (SAWIC); National African federated chambers of Commerce and Industry in construction (NAFCON) and the National Black Contractors and Trades Forum (NEBCAT) to consult on the Limpopo Contractor Development Programme (LCDP), a concept which the Department has brainstormed on in an attempt to resuscitate contractors as they are the people that assist government in the delivery of infrastructure, "We have been brainstorming on how best to reinstate construction to be one of the key elements....our main aim is to see people in Limpopo glowing." This Masemola said in reference to what he would want to see when contractors get tenders, make profit deliver quality infrastructure and in turn benefitting the overall citizens of Limpopo.

The consultation process was staged in order to get input from the contractors on how the development programme can best be rolled out and also look at models that can be followed. This road-show, which will also be taken to other districts in the province and be presented to municipalities and other construction bodies, is important for Public works as it will help build and rectify mistakes that were committed during such a developmental programme launched in the past known as Sakhasonke, which during its implementation it was realised that the programme needed to be remodelled in order to achieve the intended goals.

Lessons learned from Sakhasonke have been incorporated in the new model for the contractor development programme which some of the outcomes of this programme have been outlined as follows:

- To improve performance of contractors in terms of quality
- Improve the grading status of contractors
- Create sustainable contracting enterprise
- Increase the number of black, women, disabled and youth owned companies

The contractor's present expressed gratitude to MEC Masemola and the Department for the consultation process as it proved to them that they are being considered as departmental stakeholders in decision making processes which involve them.

All inputs were taken and would be worked into the concept document before implementation of programme commences.



EPWP Skills Transfer

After 10 years since its launch, the (EPWP) Expanded Public Works Programme' through National Youth Service (NYS) continues with an increase in the number of young people that are participating on the programme. This is a government initiative programme under EPWP that offers temporary work opportunities for young people between age of 18 and 35 especially the unemployed, unskilled and disadvantaged. The Limpopo Department of Public Works for the financial year 2013/14 has appointed



Learners maintaining entrance at the legislature



NYS cleaning MEC residence

hundred and twenty NYS Horticulture under Landscaping programme, through District Municipalities of the province and deploy them in the five Districts. Sekhukhune District has sixty Horticulturists that assist and enhance the landscaping

within various governments building in the landscaping of the district office, legislature and the MEC's residence by weeding, pruning, design and beautifying the garden within the government complex.

EXCO meets the people



MEC, HOD and Ms Mathabatha listening to a grade 1 learner reading

As service delivery continues, the newly Limpopo Provincial Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha held September 2013 Executive Outreach Programme (EXCO) to interact with community Mafefe village, Lepelle –Nkunpi Local Municipality on service delivery challenges. The premier was accompanied by Members of the Executive Council from provincial legislature to obtain first-hand information from the community. The MEC for Limpopo department of Public Works, Namane Dickson Masemola was deployed at the small school of Mashabasha Primary.

According to the School Governing Body (SGB) Mrs

Thobejane, the school was established in 1982 with 380 learners from nearby villages and currently is left with 180 learners, 5 educators. School Principal Mr Modiba shared some of challenges with the MEC for Public Works, such as water shortage, no admin block, toilets, learners' transport from nearby villages and Rural allowance for teachers the challenges derails the moral of educators.



Principal Mr. Modiba explaining to HOD and MEC during facility walkabout

Also the school had scoped two trophies during love life district completion in sport. In his remarks MEC Namane Dickson Masemola said "All you're concerns and challenges will report and addressed by the premier and as for shortage of water, LDPW will sent team to inspect the current borehole and able to assist the school".

Heritage Month

September marks the annual Heritage Month in South Africa.

Heritage Month recognises aspects of South African culture which are both tangible and intangible: creative expression such as music and performances, our historical inheritance, language, the food we eat as well as the popular memory.

This theme for 2013 - **Reclaiming, Restoring and Celebrating our Living Heritage** - is a call to recognise the importance of our tangible heritage; our museums, commemorative sites and interpretation centers, in building an inclusive society.

In trying to celebrate the diverse cultural heritage that makes up a rainbow nation, the departmental employees (those who can) are encouraged to wear their traditional clothing on 18 September 2013 in remembrance of fallen heroes and to celebrate our diversity.

Source: Internet

DEPARTMENTAL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNERS



PROFILE

My name is Lucy Shikwambana. I'm from Phalaborwa in the village called Majeje in Mopani District. In 2008

-2010 i went to Phalaborwa Campus which is now Mopani SE FET College where I did level 2, 3 and 4 in Office Administration for three years. I also have a N6 certificate in Management Assistant and now I am currently doing experiential learning with the Department of Public Works.

EXPECTATIONS

I am expecting to use this opportunity to gain knowledge and the necessary experience through the Department of Public Works. Furthermore to be able to interact, conduct myself in professional manner and familiarize myself with government, prescripts while carrying out day to day responsibilities and this will help me to be marketable within the Public Works and outside the other department.

MY EXPERIENCE SO FAR

The experience that I have gained so far:

- Telephone etiquette
- I have learned how to use e-mail in the office of the HOD
- How to receive client in a professional and polite manner
- I've learned how to deal with confidential documents
- How to record incoming and outgoing documents
- I know how to do the commitment register requisition book
- I have gained typing skills

MOTTO

Good things come to those who wait & its never too late to get educated.



PROFILE

My name is Frida Morongoa Mothiba. I have completed

my studies in Public Management at Capricorn FET and I am currently doing my experiential training here at Public Works for the duration of 18months in order to obtain my Diploma.

EXPECTATIONS

My expectations are that the Department of Public Works help me acquire the needed practical work skills, teach me more, help develop my knowledge in anyway possible in order to become a good Public Manager future wise.

EXPERIENCE

My experience so far has been effective because I now know how to take minutes and write memorandums. I expect to learn more as time goes by and I'm certain it will be a worthy experience to me as a future Public Manager.

BEST MOMENTS

First day at work, getting to meet new people and introduced to the new boss.

CHALLENGES

No computer, no phone (essential needed office equipment)

MOTTO

Do not procrastinate because time lost is never regained.



PROFILE

I'm Nethengwe Ndwakhulu Emmanuel. I did a Certificate in Office Administra-

tion at PC Training Business College through institute of certified bookkeepers and I also did a Diploma in Management Assistant at Pretoria Technical College. I'm currently studying Diploma in Logistic and Supply Chain Management through Intec College. I'm now working at Public Works as a Personal Assistant.

EXPECTATIONS

I expect to see myself as a permanent worker here at Public Works. I would like to continue working for this Department and provide services to our people of Limpopo Province and build a better place of all. I see myself growing in this department; opportunities to further my studies and promotion. I want to see the success of this Department and rated the best Department in terms of its performance. Employees working together with peace and love for one another by that we can achieve the organizational goals.

MY EXPERIENCE SO FAR

I can say up to so far I know what is expected from me, hoe the department operates day by day. How records are controlled and how clients are treated. The process and sprite to work as a team and respect to one another. A wise man use to tell me "what happens at the mountain stay at the mountain" he was right, even in the business world in order to make it to the top you must keep your out world from your business world. The secret of the department must be safe at all times no lose talk to a friend or any one. Keep it simple like the way I do business first and fun later. Separate work and your private life. We learn everyday to be better people.....**Continues**

BEST MOMENTS

The first day when started to work at public works, it was my best moment because public work is one of the biggest department in South Africa. This department is like a mother to other department it server other departments with services where necessary. Being a member here in Public Work it means a lot to me I highly appreciate it, is like a dream come true. I was introduced to introduced to different people from different backgrounds, which I like most you learn new things and know other peoples culture.

Challenges

As we know people we leave with challenges each an everyday we face the unexpected, for me I take challenges as opportunities I don't run from any challenge. I don't hold at the past but I hold in the future. Here at the workplace I can say with no doubt the is few challenges that I have across much as being treated with no respect, you have to remember we come from different cultures, races, religions that's why we have different values and goals, so you have to do good things to other people so that they do good to you. I n my case I don't provoke any one in respect of race, age and gender. Another issue is not being given chance to express and show your full potential and being underestimated. Some people will even tell you negative things which can break you into pieces; this negativity does not make me weak in fact it makes me stronger. Because I know where I come from and where I'm going.

DEPARTMENTAL BURSARY HOLDERS



PROFILE

I am Palesa Mathonsi. I studied civil Engineering N.Diploma at the Central University of Technology, in Free State. I am a Bursary Holder under dpw.

EXPECTATIONS

My expectations is to gain experience in the field of civil engineering and to learn more about construction as a whole.

BEST MOMENTS

best moments was the first time i went to site because that is where civil engineering work .

EXPERIENCE

So far i have gained experience in completing the bill of quantities, payment certificate and i'm hoping to gain more as times goes on

CHALLENGES-

I haven't met any challenges so far

MOTTO

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them" Walt Disney

Trust God for what is not as if it were, until it becomes reality.. Stay blessed



PROFILE

I am Ndzivalelo Matselele, I'm a bursary holder who studied Construction Management from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU).

EXPECTATIONS

My expectations is to gain the relevant experience in the construction field, as required for me to be registered as a professional,

BEST MOMENTS

Traditionally construction industry has been dominated by men with very few women involved in the industry, so when i met other women it was a best moment.

MOTTO

"Perseverance, secret of all triumphs" Victor Hugo



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VISION

A leader in the provision and management of land and buildings.

MISSION

Optimal utilization of resources in the provision and management of provincial land and buildings and the coordination of Expanded Public Works Programme.

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"Remember the values

Happy people

Professionalism"

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