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The Medium Term Strategic Framework of Government has laid a concrete foundation upon which the manifesto of the governing party will be fully implemented and its objectives realised to ensure a better life for all.

The Department of Public Works, as a leader in the provision of government building infrastructure in the Province, is again called upon to play a critical role in providing an enabling environment for the effective and efficient implementation of social and economic infrastructure in the context of the Medium Term Strategic Framework so as to improve service delivery. Furthermore, the role of the department as a catalyst for economic development through transforming the Property sector and the coordination of the implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme will enable the Province to contribute enormously in the creation of decent work opportunities, skills provision and the redistribution of wealth.

The enactment of Government Immovable Asset Management Act, No.19 of 2007(GIAMA) and the adoption of the Property Management Strategy requires that the Department restructure in order to encompass the new mandates. GIAMA in particular affords government an opportunity to improve service delivery through a structured immovable asset management plan and thereby promote implementation of properly costed maintenance and operational programmes. In the same context, the Department of Public Works, as the custodian of all immovable assets in the Province, will continue to provide and manage land and buildings on behalf of the Provincial Government of Limpopo within the ambit of the Government Immovable Asset Management Act.

Through the Infrastructure Delivery Improvement Programme (IDIP) that is aimed at improving infrastructure delivery in the Province, the department has developed a service delivery model which seeks to assist in focusing its project management services in addressing challenges on construction sites in order to deliver infrastructure within time, quality and cost. The introduction of IDIP has also provided the necessary assistance in unlocking bottlenecks in the planning and delivery processes of infrastructure development.

In an endeavour to reduce poverty and half unemployment by 2014, the department will continue with the National Youth Service Programme. In this regard, the department will ensure that government buildings and related infrastructure continue to be maintained in a manner that will also be beneficial to the Province's Youth in terms of skills training.

The Department has identified the Maintenance Programme as one of the key drivers of the Expanded Public Works Programme. As we continue to maintain our buildings, we will ensure that maintenance is done in a labour intensive manner.

Greening the Limpopo Province is an initiative mandated by the Premier in order to mitigate the effects of global warming. In this program the goal is to plant one million trees annually until 2014. The project is run in partnership with Organized Business, Government and Communities using principles of the Expanded Public Works Programme.

The department is also assigned the responsibility to coordinate the effective functioning of the Infrastructure Development Cluster of Government. The Infrastructure Development Cluster will assist in coordinating integrated planning and implementation of infrastructure in the Province.

The Limpopo Construction Cost Centre of the CIDB is operational from the premises of the department to assist contractors with the registration process as well as other problems they may be experiencing, through a contractor development programme whose main aim is to increase the capacity, equity, ownership, sustainability, quality and performance of registered contractors. This will raise the contribution of the contractors to the provincial economy.

The department presents this Five Year Strategic Plan which sets out key policy priorities with the conviction to deliver on our mandate.

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