



MEDIA ALERT AND INVITATION

FREE STATE PROVINCIAL GOVAN MBEKI AWARDS 10 MAY 2013

MEC SM Mlamleli of the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and the Department of Human Settlements, will host the Free State Provincial leg of the annual Govan Mbeki Awards on 10 May 2013 in Bethlehem.

A national initiative guided by the theme: ***Building the future today, together*** the aim of the Govan Mbeki Awards is to showcase excellent work done by the department with special emphasis to the department's programmes to promote best practice in the delivery of the core mandate including Outcome 8 deliverables.

Outcome 8: Sustainable Human Settlements and improved quality of household life

The awards are further set to honour the struggle icon Govan Mbeki for his acclaimed contribution in the fight for decent housing and security of tenure. The awards also seek to acknowledge and motivate all role players in the housing value chain that have committed to partner with government in building sustainable human settlements and making a reality of the Freedom Charter Adage: There shall be Housing, Security and Comfort.

The Awards are to be contested at both Provincial and National level. There are nine (9) categories of the Awards that the department will be participating in, with an additional four (4) MEC's Merit Awards categories as listed below.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

- Best Priority Project
- Best Informal Settlements Upgrading
- Best Community Residential Unit
- Best Contractor in non-Subsidy Market
- Best Institutional Units
- Best Social Housing Project
- Best Youth Contractor
- Best Woman Contractor
- Best Contractor of the Year

MEC'S MERIT AWARDS

- Best Scholarship Student
- Best Performing District
- Best Performing Municipality in the Province
- Best Business Partnership in Human Settlements Development in the Province



Members of the media are invited to attend the event which is to be held as follows:

DATE: 10TH MAY 2013

TIME: 18H00

VENUE: BETHLEHEM

Please indicate your intention to attend earliest (**Monday 06th May 2013**) so we can make arrangement for transport.

ENQUIRIES: Senne Bogatsu: 082 774 1014