



FREE STATE PROVINCIAL GOVAN MBEKI AWARDS 2016

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YEARLY, the Govan Mbeki Awards are held nationally as government celebrates the life of Govan Mbeki who made enormous contribution to the fight for liberation, for equality and for decent human settlements.

The awards seek to showcase excellent work done by the department with special emphasis on its key Outcome 8 programmes. The awards further promote best practice; create healthy competition among contractors while improving delivery of decent human settlements.

Secondly, the awards are meant to motivate all stakeholders in the Human Settlements value chain to accelerate delivery. Through these events we also highlight improved lives of millions of our people; sustainable livelihoods, job opportunities created, quality housing with secure tenure and access to water and sanitation, and other services.

Thirdly, the awards seeks to honour role players in the housing value chain, including developers, contractors, the banking sector, community based organizations, the mining sector, building materials suppliers, professional associations that have committed to partner with government in building sustainable human settlements and making Outcome 8 and Vision 2030 a prospective reality.

The Awards were named after Govan Mbeki in 2006, a decision based on the role he played in human settlements i.e. entering into partnership with key stakeholders to further the cause of building a nation free of inequity.

This year 7 categories will be contested provincially. Almost R660 00 in cash will be shared by winners.

Contested categories are:

BEST INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS UPGRADED PROJECT

The programme focuses on the upgrading of informal settlements providing infrastructure, services, amenities and houses for complete habitable and decent human settlements in order to address alleviation of informal settlements that deny our people decent life.

BEST COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS (CRUs)

These are units for rental by low income earners and mainly for those who do not wish to own homes for various reasons or cannot afford to own homes. Masimong 4, Zamdela 4, Merriespruit CRUs are our current rental homes in this programme with Dark and Silver City in Bloemfontein currently in construction.



ZAMDELA 4 COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, SASOLBURG

BEST RURAL HOUSING PROJECT these our houses built in rural areas ensuring that rural communities also benefit from government programmes. The programme only applies in rural areas where there is communal tenure and requires that tenure rights first be confirmed through the processes prescribed by the Minister of Rural Development of Land Reform.

Communities in QwaQwa, Makholokoeng and Thaba Nchu have benefitted from these programmes.

BEST WOMAN CONTRACTOR. At its core, this category focuses on the government's goal of development of women in the housing construction industry. These are awarded 30% of the budget for the Housing Grant.

This category also recognizes woman contractors who have played a significant role in the residential market and made an impact in the community concerned in a quest to build sustainable human settlements.

As an example, Maono Construction, a woman owned Construction Company recently explored using alternative building technology in construction of a house in Parys. The house was donated to a family that now lives in a warm, beautiful and well designed home. This house is built of custom made concrete slabs versus bricks. The method bodes well for faster provision of quality houses.

BEST INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMME

Government provides the Institutional Subsidy as part of its Housing Subsidy Scheme. The target market here is people earning below R3500, 00 per month. Tenants can have an option to buy, but only after the unit has been in rental for minimum 4 years. It offers a variety of tenure forms excluding immediate individual ownership.



Bokahosane ba bana in Gelukwarts, Kroonstad, for abandoned and abused children has made a difference in the lives of these children who were taken in and given a home.

INTEGRATED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (IRDP) provides for the acquisition of land, servicing of stands for a variety of land uses including commercial, recreational, schools and clinics, as well as residential stands for low, middle and high income groups. The best

Integrated Residential Development Programme seeks to address government's integrated approach to human settlements development and to address other key social issues like mixed housing, development of infrastructure simultaneously as we plan and build housing units etc.

FARM RESIDENCE ASSISTANCE HOUSING

The programme addresses a wide variety of housing needs of people working and residing on farms by providing a flexible package of housing models to suit the local context. In most instances the programme will be applied where the farm residents are required to reside close to their employment.



Winners from the provincial leg of the competition will compete at national level against winners from 8 other provinces. The national awards will be held in November 2016.

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