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Youth Contractor tops the Provincial Govan Mbeki Awards

Ganyesa – A youth contractor emerged the best contractor at the 2016 Bokone Bophirima Govan Mbeki Awards which were held at Ganyesa village. The purpose of the awards which were held in the village for the second time as part of Village, Townships and Small Dorpies - VTSD approach by the provincial government, is to promote and re-enforce a culture of excellence within the housing sector in the delivery of integrated human settlements and restoration of dignity for all South Africans.

The awards are also intended to encourage all stakeholders in the sector to respond systematically and foster a culture of producing quality housing and service delivery for all.

Tumelo Mokone (32) who is the founding member of Andisa Consulting could not hold his excitement after winning the Best Youth Contractor of the year award and took piston two in the Best Community Residential Unit category. "We are happy that also this year we managed to register another win which also puts us in housing construction map. This is the reaffirmation that young black contractors are able to tap into the market and make it like any other housing developer. We are in charge and we are here to stay" said Mokone.

The following are categories and contractors that won the awards:

- Youth contractor – Andisa Consulting
- Informal settlements – Marabella Project
- Best rural housing project – Tawana Business Project
- Best woman contractor – Motheo Construction
- Best CRU - Motheo Construction
- Best farm Resident Housing Programme – Urban Dynamics

Beautified, Clean and Enhanced Neighbourhood Project - Agisanang Township
Developers
Best Performing Region - Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati

The Best Woman Contractor, Lettie of Motheo Consulting said: “If we could build in Marikana where we experienced a lot of challenges in the community, we can build anywhere in the country because we were able to resolve all the community issues which stalled our project several times. Involving local contractors especially women also assist to successfully complete the project”

MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements Galaletsang Gaolaolwe said: “We remain proud as the province and we appreciate the good work done by contractors in building quality houses for our people in Bokone Bophirima and we will continue to sustain the quality work through Saamwerk-Saamtrek philosophy. The Department will also continue to take this prestigious occasion to our Villages, Township and Small Dorpies to boost local village economies as pronounced by the fifth administration led by Premier Supra Mahumapelo”.

Winners of different categories will compete at the National Govan Mbeki Awards to be held Durban around November later this year.

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