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### **NORTH WEST EPWP PROJECTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION**

The implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) by the North West Department of Public Works received recognition at the 2006/07 Impumelelo Innovation Awards held last Saturday in Cape Town.

The Integrated Modimola EPWP Project and the Semelela Brickmaking and Paving Project dominated the Star Award Category and were awarded certificates in recognition of their exceptional contribution to poverty reduction and community development. Both Projects were among thirty projects nominated nationwide by the Impumelelo innovation Trust.

“It was not an easy work for the judges to nominate the projects because all projects are good but at the end best projects were chosen, said Chairman of Impumelelo Innovations Award Trust Dr Franklin Sonn”

Impumelelo innovations Awards Trust is a non-governmental organisation that rewards innovations in government and public-private partnerships that reduce poverty and address key developmental issues of national concern.

In her Keynote address, the Executive Mayor for Cape Town, Ms Helen Zille congratulated the North West Department of Public Works for winning and further said that private sector involvement in both Projects showed that the government has good relations with non-government organisations and the public private sectors.



In congratulating the Project Management Teams for the achievements, an overjoyed MEC Yawa said, "The commitment of all involved in the projects has defied the pessimism with which the Projects were viewed in their initial Pilot stages. We are humbled and challenged by this recognition to maintain the standard we have set ourselves to make a difference in service delivery."

He further said, " We still believe that the success of the Modimola EPWP Project is underrated and that other provinces could benefit from the unique and integrated strategy we have adopted to maximise the impact and sustainability of our intervention in poverty stricken areas,"

Meanwhile, MEC Yawa is to award certificates to EPWP graduates from the Central Region at a certification function to be held on Tuesday 20 February 2007 at the Barolong Boo-Ratshidi Community Hall in Mafikeng. The event is scheduled to commence at 12H00.

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