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Our galaxy brings home more than vintage top-drawer Platinum....

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North West Public Works department last night (Thurs) won the most prestigious, Platinum Award, for the best 2007 performing department in the province.

This was in addition to three more that were scooped during a glittering ceremony held at the Convention Centre, Mafikeng, last night. More about this later.

Ten departments, including the Office of the Premier were vying for the Platinum Award which is likened to a top-drawer award in the Premier Service Excellence Awards.

One of the judges, Cynthia Chishimba, said no department deserved the award other than Public Works.

She said that department proved to have a very strong management and staff, worked as a team and integrated the Batho Pele Principles well in its strategic plan.

“Compared to other departments, Public Works has got very strong regions in Bojanala and Bophirima. The impact these regions are making on the ground, is quite wide and their (Public Works) involvement of the community in their programmes is good,” Chishimba said.

Turning to the other three awards, the department walked away with silver and bronze in the Best Performing Directorate category.

The awards went to both Bophirima (Vryburg) and Bojanala (Rustenburg) regions respectively. The department’s school renovation programme in Bojanala also won silver in the Best Performing Programme category.

These annual awards are designed to recognise project teams, business units and institutions which highlight the provincial government's commitment to the philosophy of Batho Pele and transformation of service delivery.

They also aim to establish, promote and maintain high levels of service standards, qualities and dedication to the work of government; to encourage a culture of selflessness and dedication in public service.

In celebrating the department's success, MEC Jerry Thibedi said:

“These awards are an embodiment of commitment and dedication displayed by all of us at Public Works. People have to work hard for them not for personal glory but help improve the kind of service we give to our citizens in the true spirit of Batho Pele,” he said.

Addressing the event, Premier Edna Molewa said the hard work displayed by public servants was critical for the advancements of the province economic growth targets.

“It is on the basis of standards beyond the ordinary that we shall maintain our upward economic growth, thus making our Provincial Growth and Development Strategy more than just a document but a palpable reality for our citizen,” Molewa said.

She added and acknowledged however that the provincial government still had a lot to do in terms of certain areas of service delivery.

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