



## **Ten (10) of our colleagues received recognition certificates...**

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Ten (10) officials from the North West Public Works department were among the sixteen (16) who were today awarded recognition certificates for a job well-done for managing departmental stores, using the Inventory Management System.

The other six (6) were from the provincial Department of Finance.

The system is a model which involves the management of such stores, which stock up in items such as stationery, cleaning and maintenance material. The management of such stores includes the full cycle of management from the purchasing until the issuing of such items to the user.

According to Director: Supply Chain Management Josy Scholtz, officials who understood how the system works, were selected from the Head Office, Regional and District Offices to share experiences with those who struggled with it.

“This was an intervention to correct the usage of specific stores in the Department. It helped officials who struggled with the system to get the ‘problematic’ stores on to the expected standards of well-managed stores,” she said.

She added that the financial value of the stores was high hence it was important to ensure that a proper audit trail existed and that the monitoring and control of the items was done in a professional way.

Handing over the certificates, Head of Department Mr Obakeng Mongale urged employees to always go beyond the line of duty and work hard.

He commended the Supply Chain Management directorate, saying such partnerships (with the Finance Department) could help the province achieve its goals.

Sumi Seloro, a store officer at the Madikwe District Office who assisted officials who struggled with the system hailed the move by the department, citing that he had attained more skills than he had envisaged.

“The knowledge I have been able to attain and impart to other colleagues will undoubtedly make our work more accurate,” he said.

Project leader Financial Systems at the Department of Finance Mr Albert Louw highlighted that the I.M system was the first project of it’s kind that his department had worked on with other departments.

“This has been a good initiative by the Department of Public Works and we would like to see more departments following their lead,” he said.

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