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### PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN EPWP TO MUNICIPALITIES

North West MEC for Public Works, Mr Howard Yawa yesterday announced that his department is to render technical support to municipalities to enhance implementation of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). MEC Yawa made the announcement at the Bophirima Region EPWP Certification Award Function held at the Public Works Regional Offices in Vryburg.

The announcement follows a meeting the Head of the Department, Mr Obakeng Mongale, senior managers of the department including EPWP Coordinators from the provincial and national department recently held with all Municipal Manager across the province.

The technical support includes among others assistance with identification of suitable EPWP projects for implementation, project designing, contract documentation, streamlining and adaptation of municipal policies and procedures towards EPWP and the setting of targets for training and job creation.

Speaking at the Certification Awarding function for 128 beneficiaries drawn from Taung, Vryburg, Mothibistadt and Ganyesa, MEC Yawa said, " We are of the view that the technical support will enhance the implementation of EPWP for us to meet our provincial targets for job creation."

The first seven municipalities to benefit from the technical support are Bophirima District Municipality, Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality,



Madibeng, Matlosana, Merafong, Moses Kotane and Rustenburg Local Municipalities.

The event ended on a high note with MEC Yawa officially opening the training hall for the Public Works Bophirima Regional Office built by some of the beneficiaries. As the MEC said, “The quality of the building bears testimony of the high standard of training the beneficiaries received. As skilled entrants in the construction sector we expect from them in projects that they would be involved nothing less than quality workmanship showcased here today.”

The blissful event was graced by amongst others, the Mayor for the Naledi Local Municipality Dr Ruth Mompoti, Kgosi Lefatshe Mankuroane of the Batlhaping Ba-Ga Phuduhucwane Traditional Council, Councillors from different municipalities within the Bophirima Region, representatives of the business sector, senior government officials and training providers.

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