



# **MINISTRY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

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## **MEDIA INVITE**

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### **PUBLIC WORKS MEC CHRISTIAN MARTIN TO SIGN A SKILLS DEVELOPMENT MoU WITH THE CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION & TRAINING AUTHORITY (CETA)**

All members of the media are invited to join Eastern Cape Public Works MEC Christian Martin when he will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA). At the core of the MoU's agenda will be issues relating to Public Works and CETA's co-operation in extending construction skills development opportunities to both employed and unemployed people within the Eastern Cape.

The MoU's objectives speak to the aims of the Skills Development Act of 1998. The act aspires to develop the skills of the South African workforce and to improve the quality of life of workers and their prospects of work; to improve productivity in the workplace and the competitiveness of employers and to promote self-employment.

Already 170 learners are being signed up for ABET training and shortly dozens of others for scarce building skills will also be signed up and CETA will work closely with Public Works in terms of the EPWP and Accelerated Professional and Trade Competency Development Programme (APTCoD) programmes.

MEC Martin said the Department of Public Work's commitment to skills development is reflected in APTCoD, "which is specifically designed to address the challenge of skills shortage and to empower the youth of the province within the built environment".

APTCoD focus on unemployed technical graduates as well as trainee artisans from various institutions of higher learning including FET Colleges that the Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with.

CETA Eastern Cape Regional Manager Lance Ledingham commented by saying: "The signing of this MoU is part of a broader strategy by CETA and the Department of Public Works to achieve the National Skills Development Strategy targets to ensure sufficient skills for the Construction Sector not only within the Eastern Cape but South Africa as a whole. Further MoU's are planned for other Government Departments in the Eastern Cape in the future."

**Date: Thursday, 12 February 2009**

**Time: 12h00**

**Venue: Public Works Regional Office, corner of Albany & Westbourne Roads, Port Elizabeth**

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