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Department to recognize excellence within municipalities

The Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs will host the 6th annual Vuna awards at Buffalo City Hall on the 26th of November 2008, at 18h00 in the evening.

The Municipal Performance Excellence Awards known as Vuna awards is an initiative of the Provincial and Local Government (DPLG) in partnership with the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and the National Productivity Institute.

The purpose of these awards is to encourage municipalities to improve their performance and thereby contribute to the practical realisation of the objective of creating a better life for all. Through participating in the Vuna Awards, all municipalities will be challenged to achieve higher levels of performance. Critically best practices identified during the evaluation phase of the Vuna Awards will be disseminated to all municipalities in order to facilitate shared learning.

The competition will be contested according to different municipal categories with the overall provincial winners proceeding to compete at a national level.

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