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MULTI AWARD WINNER CoGHSTA DOES IT AGAIN FOR LIMPOPO AGAINST ALL ODDS

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The Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) has once again made Limpopo Province proud, by earning the highest score in the annual Public Sector Reporting Awards for the year ended 31 March 2013 from the Southern African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA). The announcement was made during the HOD's forum held this week in the Province, where the Department received the pyramid-shaped glass trophy, the shape of which symbolises the Department's upward pursuit of excellence, according to SAIGA.

As you all know, last year on the 22nd of October 2013, the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs preferred charges against nine of its senior officials.

The pyramid also encloses the concept of three points, drawing a parallel to the so called three Es; effectiveness, efficiency and economy. The chosen material for the trophy is glass: a symbol of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) concept that underlines the reporting function: transparency. The overlaying pyramids of glass indicate that more than one report is produced to make up the financial statements. The Southern African Institute of Government Auditors (SAIGA) introduced a series of important awards in the public sector to recognize the pursuit of excellence in annual reports published by all provincial and national departments. The awards are called the Annual Public Sector Reporting Awards or SAIGA reporting awards. The SAIGA reporting awards have become the public sector reporting benchmark inspiring national and provincial departments to strive for better reports, disclosure and accountability.

The department has since terminated the said tender and its contracts due to non-compliance with prescripts that govern procurement in the public service.

"It is with great pleasure to announce that the Award panel has adjudicated that the report of the Limpopo Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) is the winner in the category for departments in the Limpopo Province. CoGHSTA was allocated a score of 91.58 % with an average of 87.23 for category", announced Prof. Dieter Gloeck, Executive President of SAIGA during the handover.

According to Gloeck, the fact that the statutory performance reporting requirements of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) and the Treasury Regulations provided the South African public with a wealth of information not only about the financial results of the departments in an understandable format, but also gave a detailed account of the objectives which were set and whether or not these objectives were met.

This award comes after CoGHSTA received a Clean Audit bill from the Auditor General for the same financial year, less than a month ago.

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