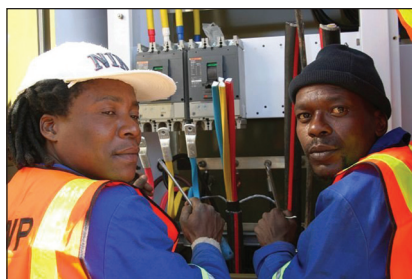
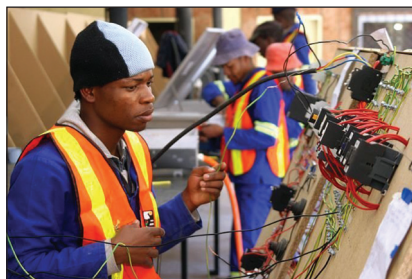


# MINISTER TW NXESI LAUNCHED THE EPWP ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AS PART OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH MONTH



In a concerted effort to address the issue of apprenticeship scarce skills and moving the South African youth forward, the National Department of Public Works (NDPW) led by the Minister of Public Works, TW Nxesi, in partnership with Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (merSETA), and other stakeholders launched the National Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Artisan Development Programme on 26 June 2015 in Emalahleni, Mpumalanga.

This partnership is against the backdrop of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) as a Government initiative aimed at alleviating poverty and unemployment through the provision of training and work opportunities to the poor, unskilled and unemployed South Africans.

**In Phase 1, (109) apprentices (EPWP participants) have been recruited on a 3- to 4-year Artisan Development Programme which encompasses theory and on-the-job training. An additional 221 young people will be recruited in Phase 2 of the Programme in August 2015. A total of 330 young people would have received the Artisan Development training by the end of 2019.**

**In Phase 1 of this Programme which commenced in July 2014, the Department of Higher Education through the National Skills Fund (NSF) has allocated more than R13 million to EPWP for this initiative as part of the National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS 111).**

MerSETA has committed to spend R20 million on the Second Phase of the Programme while the EPWP through NSF will spend R10 million. Collectively Government would have spent R43 million on this Programme by 2019.

This EPWP Artisan Development Programme provides the participants with artisan skills in various trades, such as Autotronic, Boilermaking, Diesel Mechanic, Automotive Electrician, Fitter & Turner, Motor Mechanic, Auto Electrician, Air-conditioning and Refrigeration.

**The companies that are offering experiential training to the EPWP participants are as follows:**

• Volkswagen South Africa (VWSA) • Genrec Engineering • Murray & Roberts (Kusile Project) • Dragon Precision Engineering Estcourt • Powertech Transformers (Pty) Ltd • Rustenburg Toyota • Mafikeng Toyota • PM Trading Connection • Tubular Structural Engineering • Ikhephu Air • SAMIC Engineering Trust • Mmushi Car Service • WIKI Instruments (Pty) Ltd • Motolec • I-Vizion • Masedi E & I Construction • FLSmidth Buffalo (Pty) Ltd • Maemo Motors • Damen Shipyards Cape Town (Pty) Ltd • Senior Flexonics SA • Automax Service & Fitment Centre • Fred's Auto Electrical • Coetzee Hersteldienste • Strado • Thos Begbie & Co • Supreme Auto • WCJ Electrical • Myplas (Pty) Ltd • CFW Industries • Automagneto.



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