

Excellence awarded in the public sector

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THE third annual Public Sector Excellence Awards took place at the Sandton Sun.

The excellence awards recognised individuals and entities in the public sector that have shown dedication and achieved results.

The winners were selected from public polls where 1 500 randomly selected individuals were engaged in face-to-face interviews.

Advocate Thuli Madonsela, Public Protector of South Africa and the keynote speaker, said, "Excellence in this context is seen as decisions and actions that improve the lives of the people and the use of public resources with true accountability.

"These are the unsung heroes and heroines who make us proud to be South Africans. We invite communities to play an active role in transforming the state into one that serves them best."

There were four award categories which included sector excellence, effectiveness and service orientation, the grand prix of public sector excellence and the lifetime achievement awards for distinguished public service. The South African Revenue

Service had the best performance, receiving four awards including the prestigious grand prix award in the organisation sub-category for the third year in a row.

The grand prix winner is selected based on public feedback and filtered according to delivery on institutional mandate, governance and management, prudent use of public money, transformation, service delivery, accountability and national and global recognition by other independent institutions and peers.

Award winners:

Lifetime achievement for distinguished public service:

Dr Brigalia Ntombenhlophe Bam and Dr Samuel Mkhethi Motsuenyane

Grand prix public sector

excellence:

Organisation - Sars Public service campaign Department of Health for HIV/ Aids awareness

Effectiveness and service orientation:

Leadership (state owned entities) - Sars

Leadership (government departments) - Basic Education
Community engagement (state owned entities) - Telkom SA

Community engagement (government departments) - Basic Education

Service orientation (state owned entities) - Sars

Service orientation (government departments) - Social Development

Sector Excellence:

Transport - South African Airways (SAA)

Finance - Sars

Communication - SABC

Legal - Commission for

Conciliation, Mediation and

Arbitration (CCMA)

Tourism - Airports Company

South Africa (Acasa)

Energy and minerals - Eskom

Training, research and

development - South African

Bureau of Standards

See more photos of award winners on www.looklocal.co.za

Honoured... Dr Brigalia Ntombenhlophe Bam receives the lifetime achievement award from Riah Phiyega.

