

30 October 2007

ATT: All Providers, Organisations and Stakeholders who had applied for funding, with reference to Skills Programmes, 18.1 and 18.2

Cc: Machiel van Niekerk
Agriseta CEO

RE: CONFIRMATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR SKILLS PROGRAMMES

Sir/ Madam,

The awarding of Skills Programmes has reference:

We as the Skills Delivery Department are in the process of doing the final allocations for the Skills Programmes for the current year. We are however faced with several challenges in this regard, and therefore are embarking on a transparent selection process for the allocation of the skills programmes. There are challenges we are faced with, which includes the following:

- We have received applications in excess of R157 million rand, and currently have a budget of R5 million.
- With the absence of a Manager in this department, the applications have been stagnant for a while, therefore applications are not a true reflection of the needs within the sector,
- There are applications that have been withdrawn by the applicants,
- The totals of beneficiaries has changed as a result of the time delay,
- Applications do not meet the minimum requirements of the SETA.

In an attempt to finalize this process of approvals, as a matter of urgency, we ask for your co – operation with the following:

- We requesting that you indicate to us if your application is still **valid**. In so doing when we do the allocations, we won't find ourselves in a situation where we allocate funds to a project that has since, for various reasons, not going to continue.

- This measure applies to ALL applications, especially the older applications, as that is where the problem exists.
- We furthermore request that in the event of a single provider who has submitted more than one application, that you should indicate all your applications in order of priority.
- This feedback should reach us no later than **16 November 2007**.
- It should be in the form of a letter, with all the project details as per the original submission. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.** We have all the applications on file, and this exercise is only to confirm your application. Included in this letter should be a brief description of the project, no longer than 2 paragraphs. Please forward letters of confirmation to shaun@agriseta.co.za.
- We urge projects that have specific reference to Land restitution and beneficiaries with disabilities, to table their applications as such.
- Only the projects/providers/employers that respond to this request will be placed onto the list for approvals. All previous applications will then **not be considered**.
- Agriseta will commit to giving written feedback to all applicants by **30 November 2007**.
- If the application is for 18.2 beneficiaries, please be aware that only beneficiaries with access to land, etc, will be considered. In accordance with DoL policy, the project must be able to be sustainable for a minimum of 1 (one) year after training was completed.

In no way feel that your application for funds is not important or not a priority to AgriSETA. We have put this measure in place to benefit all stakeholders so that we can finalize all applications and that the training can commence and be of value to all beneficiaries of training in our sector. We appreciate your understanding of the situation.

Your co – operation in this regard is highly appreciated. If you have any queries, please contact me on 012 325 1655.

Kind regards,

Shaun Starr
Skills Delivery Manager, Agriseta

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