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DURBAN - Excellence and best practices in the provision of decent human settlements were recognised last night when various municipalities and contractors across KwaZulu-Natal vied for the coveted top prize during this year's Govan Mbeki Awards (GMA) ceremony.

The entrants were competing in various categories at a glittering ceremony held at Greyville Events and Conference Venue.

Among the 10 categories included the Best Informal Settlement Upgrade Project, Best Social Housing Project, Best Rural Housing Project, Best Accredited Municipalities, MEC's Merit Award as well as the Best Student Award

Formerly known as the Govan Mbeki Human Settlements Awards, the GMA is a special programme initiated and led by the National Department of Human Settlements.

The Awards were named after the late struggle stalwart Govan Mbeki in 2006 based on the role he played in human settlements, partnering with key partners in order to further the cause of building a nation free of inequality.

In addition to show-casing and demonstrating excellent work done by the Department, the Awards also promote best practices in the delivery of the core mandate of the Department while simultaneously motivate and honour all stakeholders and role players in the human settlement value chain.

These include developers, building contractors, the banking sector, community-based organisations, building material suppliers and professional associations of consulting engineers and quantity surveyors.

Last night's GMA ceremony were graced by the presence of KwaZulu-Natal First Lady and Mayor of uThungulu District Municipality Mrs Thembeke Mchunu, the host MEC for Human Settlements and Public Works Ravi Pillay and Mayors from various KwaZulu-Natal towns and cities

Winners in last night's ceremony will represent KwaZulu-Natal in their respective categories at the National Govan Mbeki Awards Ceremony scheduled to be held on August 13th at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Last night's ceremony took place against the background of an aggressive accelerated housing provision programme by the Provincial Human Settlements Department.

The KwaZulu-Natal Human Settlements Department goes to this year's National Govan Mbeki Awards as defending champions following last year's historic almost sweeping of all stakes winning that culminated in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal being the overall Best Performing Province in housing provision in all of the nine provincial Human Settlements Department.

"KZN goes into this year's national awards in August as the defending champion still fully energised but with the competition from eight other provinces nipping at our heels. Beyond the top prize, KwaZulu-Natal had last year also scooped a record eight awards at the prestigious gathering," noted MEC Pillay.

The winners in the competing categories are as follows:

- Best Informal Settlements Upgrade Project – Groutville Priority 5 Project in KwaDukuza Municipality
- Best Social Housing Project – Avoca Hills Social Housing Project in eThekweni Municipality
- Best Woman Contractor in the Subsidy Market – Zikhulise Cleaning, Maintenance and Transport CC
- Best Contractor in the Non-Subsidy Market - Ntokozweni Developers (PTY) LTD in Mnambithi-Ladysmith Municipality
- Best Rural Housing Project – Matimatolo Rural Housing Project in Umvoti Municipality

- MEC's Award for Best Implementing Agent – Ingcolosi Consulting Engineers
- MEC's Award for Best Operation Sukuma Sakhe Contractor – Brocon-MIANDS JV
- MEC's Award for Best Achiever Student – Peter Phakamile, Ntombifuthi Constance Zuma, Hlengiwe Queen Kunene, Lawrence Samukelo Masondo and Pepetual Halala Mngomezulu
- Best Accredited Municipality Level 1 – Hibiscus Coast Municipality
- Best Accredited Municipality Level 2 – uMhlathuze Municipality

All the above winners will represent KwaZulu-Natal in their respective categories in the National Govan Mbeki Awards Ceremony in Cape Town on the 13th of August.

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