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CIDB ERWIC Awards 2025 Celebrate Excellence in Construction



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The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) hosted the prestigious ERWIC Awards last night, 14 August 2025, at the Houghton Hotel in Johannesburg under the theme: "Powering Up Women in Construction." These annual awards honour innovation, leadership, and the outstanding achievements of women and organisations driving transformation in South Africa's construction sector.

The event was graced by the presence of the MECs for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure in Limpopo and the North West, Ernest Rachoene and Gaoage Molapisi. In attendance were various dignitaries from the department and its entities.

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr Dean Macpherson, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the government's commitment to creating an enabling environment for women in the construction sector. Macpherson emphasised government's dedication to rolling out the National Contractor Development Framework, ensuring that all contractor development programmes in South Africa meet proper standards and deliver tangible results.

"Tonight, we are here to show the country that women in construction are leading, delivering, and reshaping the future of this sector. These awards shine a spotlight on achievement, but they equally advance courage, perseverance, and vision. They highlight the determination it takes to succeed in a space that has, for far too long, been closed or unwelcoming to women," said Macpherson.

Recognising exceptional work over the past year, the awards aim to set new standards and inspire women as a powerful force in advancing gender equality within the industry. Since their inception, the ERWIC Awards have evolved to reflect the growing contributions of women in construction.



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