

SAPOA, DPW partner for skills development training

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The South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) has partnered with the Department of Public Works' (DPW) Property Management Trading Entity (PMTE) for skills development

The PMTE's mandate includes the provision of accommodation and rendering of expert built environment services to user departments at national government level. It is, among other things, also responsible for the planning, acquisition, management and disposal of immovable assets under the custody of the DPW. High on the list of priorities is increasing the knowledge and skills amongst its employees, with a commitment to improving service delivery.

The partnership, set to roll out for two years between PMTE and SAPOA, will involve the facilitation of training and development by SAPOA, aimed at improving skills and capabilities of PMTE employees.

Tailored programmes

A total of 400 employees will benefit from tailored programmes aligned to their personal development plans. The programmes include Facilities Management, Property Management, Certificate for Commercial Property Practitioners, and Professional Development Programme. SAPOA have enlisted Wits University, University of Pretoria and University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business to facilitate these.

About the strategic partnership, Neil Gopal, CEO of SAPOA says, "As SAPOA, we are honoured to be partnering with PMTE on this opportunity. Our educational efforts are aimed at ensuring that the content of our programmes are aligned to industry needs, and, raising employability and competence of the practitioners in the industry. Formidable partnerships such as these is in line within our vision to be committed to actively and responsibly representing, promoting and protecting the interests of our member's commercial activities within the property industry and further extends to educating the future generations of South Africa, resulting in benefits such as empowerment, education and training".