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## PUBLIC WORKS HOSTS MINISTERIAL CAREER EXPO IN SECUNDA, MPUMALANGA TO EXPOSE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILT INDUSTRY CAREERS

Public Works Minister Thulas Nxesi cordially invites you to a Career Expo in Secunda, in Mpumalanga province. The Expo will be held on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 at the Thomas Nhlabathi High School at 09:30 – 13:00. Mpumalanga MEC for Education and Public Works, Roads and Transport MEC's are expected to accompany the Minister during the event.

The purpose of the Expo is to expose and provide career guidance opportunities to grade 11 and 12 pupils to enable them to make informed career choices when they complete their matric and subsequently enrol for their tertiary education. The school was adopted by the National Department of Public Works and forms part of the Public Works Schools programme aimed at capacitating the built environment skills pipeline intervention and creation of an adequate scarce skills pool of learners to enable them to obtain built environment qualifications at the University. The Expo targets learners from different schools in the Gert Sibande District Municipality. The learners will benefit from presentations delivered by Public Works officials and various stakeholders from institutions of higher learning, SETAs, private sector and Government departments will share their expertise with the learners.

The expo will contribute in addressing the chronic shortage of scarce skills in the built industry through the nurturing, mentorship and development of young people to enable them to become fully fledged professionals.

This also articulates Government's commitment to nurture and empower young people to make well informed decisions. It also contributes towards capacitating the national scarce skills' pool that will ultimately play a role in alleviating poverty and curbing unemployment.

The Minister and the MEC's will interact with the learners and the media to highlight the significance of exposing young people to built industry career opportunities.

Your attendance will be highly appreciated.

Date:9 April 2019Time:09:30 - 13:00

Venue: Thomas Nhlabathi High School, Mpumalanga province.

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