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JDA RECOGNISED FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AT THE 88TH IMESA/CESA EXCELLENCE AWARDS



The Johannesburg Development Agency (JDA) has once again demonstrated its commitment to sustainable and inclusive infrastructure development, earning three recognitions at the 88th IMESA/CESA Excellence Awards, held during the IMESA Conference & Exhibition in East London on Tuesday, 28 October.

The JDA's projects received accolades across multiple categories, reaffirming the agency's role in shaping a resilient and future-ready Johannesburg:

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**Naledi Clinic:
Second Place – Community Upliftment and Job Creation**

The [Naledi Clinic](#) emerged in second place in the Community Upliftment and Job Creation category. The facility stands as a beacon of accessible healthcare and community empowerment. The facility not only enhances primary healthcare services but also contributed significantly to local job creation and skills development during construction.

Implemented by the JDA on behalf of the City's Health Department, the clinic was designed as a compact, modern healthcare facility that prioritizes efficiency, sustainability, and a welcoming environment for both patients and staff.

**Orange Grove Rehabilitation and Upgrade:
Third Place – Environment and Climate Change**

The [Orange Grove Rehabilitation and Upgrade of the Eastern Stormwater Channel and Adjoining Stormwater Systems project](#) underscores the JDA's commitment to climate resilience and environmental sustainability through innovative stormwater management that mitigates flooding, protects infrastructure, and restores ecological balance in the area.

The project emerged in third place in the Environment and Climate Change category. . The project's primary scope entailed rehabilitation and upgrade of the eastern stormwater channel from chainage 0 to chainage 480.

As part of the JDA enlisted the expertise of landscape architects to draft and supervise the park's rehabilitation during construction. This approach ensured the restoration of Patterson Park and also introduced enhancements such as new walkway links, modernized play equipment, and green elements like solar-powered charging docks and lighting.

**Vlakfontein Public Transport Facility:
Third Place – Community Upliftment and Job Creation**

[Vlakfontein Public Transport Facility](#), undertaken on behalf of the City's Transport Department, emerged in third place in the Community Upliftment and Job Creation. It was the JDA's objective of delivering this public infrastructure project through labour-intensive methods, promoting job creation and income generation via an Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) approach.

The JDA has implemented this facility and ensured that the community benefitted from the construction. A total of 14 local SMMEs and 8 local labourers were appointed, with the total SMME expenditure exceeding R5 million.

The Vlakfontein Public Transport Facility serves as a critical mobility hub, improving public transport access while creating employment and supporting small enterprises within the local economy.

These recognitions were presented at the opening function of the 88th IMESA Conference & Exhibition, held under the theme "Sustainable Engineering Solutions." The awards celebrate outstanding achievements in municipal engineering and highlight projects that enhance community wellbeing through innovation, excellence in design, and technical performance.

“These recognitions reflect the JDA’s dedication to delivering impactful infrastructure that improves lives, creates jobs, and builds resilience in our communities,” said Themba Mathiba, CEO of the Johannesburg Development Agency.

“We extend our appreciation to the [Engineering Centre of Excellence Unit](#) in the Office of the Chief Operations Officer within the City of Johannesburg for their continued collaboration and technical partnership with the JDA. These awards are a shared achievement that highlights the strength of collaboration across the City’s infrastructure value chain,” he added.

The IMESA/CESA Excellence Awards are a prestigious platform that showcases municipal engineering projects that make a tangible difference in people’s lives. The JDA’s success at this year’s awards underscores the agency’s continued excellence in engineering innovation, community development, and sustainability.



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