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**URBAN ENVIRONMENT
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME**

**Short Term Technical
Assignments
Facility**

**Progress Report
2006 to Mar. 2008**

Intro: The Short Term Technical Assistance facility

This facility of the Urban Environment Management Programme is a SHORT CUT to technical assistance, available to all partners.

A partner can order the procurement of short term technical assistance for specialist jobs as needed. Technical experts can be procured from SA and the rest of the world. The jobs to be done must be in line with the scope and the objectives of the programme.

Procurement wise the SHORT CUT is as follows: In collaboration with the partner, the PSC Secretariat will take action to find a suitable technical expert, do all procurement formalities and handle financial management and logistics. Also the UEM-Programme will pay the expert and other expenses. Thus, all the partner official needs to do is to write a draft ToR and to manage the assignment, while ongoing.

Status of the facility

Annexes 1 + 2 refer. As of now a total of **28 projects** are successfully completed, in execution or in the pipeline. For an overview of these, see the table, Annex 1. This table shows the titles of the projects, key persons involved and the specific state of progress of each. For a brief verbal description of each project, see Annex 2.

As reflected, 28 have been requested by partners and in process since the start of the Programme. 20 of these have been contracted of which 12 have been successfully completed.

The active partners, in order of disbursements:

- DEAT- WASTE
- DEAT - EQP - including environmental screening of the Stadia.
- DEAT - AIR
- eThekwini,
- Cape Town,
- KZN
- Ekurhuleni,
- Sedibeng

A short presentation of each assignment is found in Annex 2. Further info and documents are available via www.uemp.org.za or via ble@deat.gov.za

Issues for further process / decision of the PSC:

1. **Two applications for PSC decision:** Annexes 3+4 refer.

The city of eThekwini has applied for a grant of 845.961 for the production of a guideline + capacity building of the staff in the processing of permits for ferro-alloy steel processing plants.

The province of KZN has applied for a grant of 321.000 for guidance and technical support in relation to the production of an EMF for the municipality of uMhlatuze (Richards Bay).

Suggestion: As reflected both projects are in the main stream of the Programme objectives and activities. Budget money is available. Both are recommended for approval.

2. **Rollovers and new budget money for next year.**

If / with the two projects endorsed, there will still be non-allocated funds left on the budget: As indicated in the table overview of Annex 1 the estimates for allocated funds are R 3 138 882 for National and Provincial STTAs and R 3 245 836 for Municipal STTAs. As the budget is R 2 000 000 per year this implies the following amounts of NON-allocated funds:

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| National and Provincial: | R 4 000 000 - R 3 138 882 = R 861 118 |
| Municipal | R 4 000 000 - R 3 245 836 = R 754 164 |

It is suggested that the non-allocated funds are rolled over to next years budget, and that for next years budget another 2 mill + 2 mil = 4 mil Rands are allocated. This will imply that the total budget for 2008-09 is **R 2 870 118** will be available for National and Provincial STTAs and **R 2 754 164** for municipal STTAs.

3. **Greening of the stadia, closure of the project**

Annex 1 refers: At the PSC meeting # 5 a budget allocation of R 2.5 mill was allocated for the greening of the stadia for 2010, i.e. an environmental screening of the constructions and the plans by an expert team of architects and constructors. This should be administrated as an STTA. The offer has been extended to all the relevant stadia authorities and to FIFA. As indicated, 4 stadia accepted the offer, and the screening is in good progress. Total cost of this is estimated to be **R 1 252 143**.

It is suggested, that the Secretariat is mandated to close this budget line, after the 4 stadia are successfully completed and paid.

4. **Procurement of core activities.** The PSC Secretariat has embarked on this service to partners. Such procurement must comply with the rules for procurement of the institution in question. When the service includes setting up the contract, a fee for the procurement company is to be paid by the partner (or out of the UEMP funds). Partners are welcome to make further use of this service.

Annexes

1. Overview of STTA-projects, UEMP 15 March 2008
2. Descriptions, STTA projects, 15 March 2008
3. Proposal, ToR: **eThekwini - Ferromanganese permit scheme**
4. Proposal, ToR: **EMF - Technical support, KZN Province.**

References

- 1 www.uemp.org.za . ToR, products etc. may be found here or can be achieved, either via ble@deat.gov.za or the person in charge in the partner administration.
- 2 Manual STTA in EUM - 2. ed. 2007-02-08 ble
- 3 ToR STTA in UEM - guideline - 2007-02-08 ble (optional template)