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BLOEM SHOWGROUNDS
BLOEMFONTEIN, FREE STATE
08H00 – 16H30



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CONCEPT SUMMARY

The Contractor Development Roadshow is a strategic national initiative led by the **Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI)**, in partnership with the **Construction Industry Development Board (cidb)**, aimed at accelerating transformation, contractor development and inclusive participation within the construction sector.

The Free State leg marks the 4th rollout of the Roadshow, following successful engagements in **KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape, and Gauteng** where more than **2000 emerging contractors** have benefited from access to masterclasses, compliance guidance, infrastructure opportunities, funding information and direct engagement with government and industry stakeholders.



Event	Free State Contractor Development Outreach Roadshow
Date	Oct 23, 2026
Venue	Bloem Showgrounds, FS
Host Area	Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality
PAX	500
Primary Audience	Emerging Contractors
Strategic Focus	Contractor development, infrastructure opportunities, compliance, skills, funding and digitalisation
Format	Opening Session, Masterclasses, Project Opportunities

Time	Activity	Lead / Notes
07h30 – 08h45	Arrival tea and registration	Events Team / Registration Desk / Exhibition Engagement
08h00	Arrival of principals	Protocol Team / cidb Officials
08h15 – 08h30	Stakeholder briefing with principals and programme participants	Mr Bongani Dladla, CEO of cidb
08h40 – 09h00	Exhibition walkabout	All principals, cidb Board, DPWI, Speakers
	Programme Director	TBC
09h00 – 09h05	National Anthem	All
09h05 – 09h15	Welcoming Remarks	TBC
09h15 – 09h30	Setting the Scene and Reflections on NCS Resolutions and Contractor Development Priorities	Mr Khulile Nzo, cidb Board Chairperson
09h30 – 09h40	Message of Support	TBC
09h40 – 09h45	Message of Support	TBC
09h45 – 10h00	Address by the Host MEC	Hon. Dibolelo Kathleen Mance, MPL, MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure, Free State Province
10h00 – 10h20	Keynote Address	Hon. Sihle Zikalala, MP, Deputy Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure
10h20 – 10h30	Recognition of Free State CMS Graduates	All principals
10h30 – 10h35	Vote of thanks	TBC
10h35 – 10h40	Masterclass Overview	Programme Director
10h40	Mid-morning tea break, exhibition engagement and transition to breakaway venues	All
10h40 – 10h50	Practical Bricklaying Demonstration	Corobrik
10h40 – 11h40	Door Stop Interviews and Media Briefing	All Host Principals

BREAKAWAY MASTERCLASSES
MASTERCLASS 1: ENTRY-LEVEL CONTRACTORS
VENUE: PROTEA HALL

THEME: CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES 101 AND EFFECTIVE CONTRACTOR DEVELOPMENT

Time	Focus Area	Presenter
10h50 – 11h45	Contractor Management Guidelines 101: fundamentals of running a construction business, including business registration, statutory compliance, cidb registration, finding work opportunities, tendering processes, contractor development opportunities and growing a construction business	Alex Noholoza, cidb
11h45 – 12h00	Labour-Intensive Construction, Effective Contractor Development, Contract Management, Occupational Health and Safety, Project Cost Estimating and the Vukuphile Contractor Development Programme	Muziwandile Thwala, DPWI

MASTERCLASS 2: INTERMEDIATE CONTRACTORS
VENUE: TBC

THEME: INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION, RPL AND CPD COMPLIANCE

Time	Focus Area	Presenter
10h50 – 11h20	Use of Agrément South Africa-certified innovative construction products in DPWI projects	Dominique Geszler, Agrément South Africa (ASA)
11h20 – 12h00	Professional Registration, Recognition of Prior Learning, CPD Compliance, what counts for CPD, and what to do if CPD-deregistered	SACPCMP
12h00 – 12h45	Lunch, Networking, Exhibition Engagement	All

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Time	Activity	Lead / Notes
12h45	Back to plenary	All
	Programme Director	cidb Board Member
13:00 – 14h30		SANRAL, Free State Provincial Manager, Marlize Nel-Verwey
		R300 million cidb-SEDFA Construction Fund, Siyabonga Mkhwanazi
	Free State Infrastructure Project Pipeline	Corobrik, Thomas Dlengezele
	Practical Skills Development Opportunities in the Construction Sector	
	RoC Compliance: Avoiding Blacklisting, Deregistration and Fraud-Related Risks	DPWI Bloemfontein Regional Manager, Thobile Zulu
	ERWIC Winners Testimonials	cidb RoC Compliance and Blacklisting of contractors, Enock Masibi
		DPWI Construction Project Management, DDG Luyanda Kafile
		IDT Social Infrastructure Projects, Free State Provincial Manager, Glory Moleleki
14h30 – 14h50	Plenary Live Q&A Session	Programme Director
14h50 – 15h15	Commitments, Way Forward and Vote of Thanks	cidb Board Member
15h15 – 15h30	Closing, departure and afternoon tea	Programme Director / All