

Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards finalists announced

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After a week of intense deliberation by an esteemed panel of judges in Johannesburg this week, the finalists in the Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards (MOEA) have been decided. The Awards are South Africa's foremost Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) awards initiative, hosted by Topco Media's annual empowerment publication *Impumelelo*, which documents BEE success stories.

The finalists in their categories are:

Top Empowered Company in ICT

Voltsing Electrical (Pty) Ltd
Torque Technical Computer Training PTY Ltd
Dimension Data (Pty) LTD
iBurst (Proprietary) Ltd
Square One Solutions Group Ltd

Top Empowered Company in Health, Safety & Security

Hlanganani Protection Services
Bonitas Medical Fund
Isilulu Professional Services

Top Empowered Company in Retail & Property

Woolworths
Ithuba Valves & Industrial Supplies cc
RedFern

Top Empowered Company in Financial Services

First Rand Limited
Metropolitan Holdings Ltd
Standard Bank

Top Empowered Company in Business Support Services

Kelly Group
PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc
Deloitte
KPMG

Top Empowered Company in CSI

Tedcor
Makwetla & Associates

Telkom Foundation

Top Empowered Company in Sustainability & Beyond

Woolworths

Voltsing Electrical (Pty) Ltd

First National Bank

Top Empowered Company in Logistics

Super Group Limited

Grindrod

Top SMME Empowered Company (turnover below 50m)

Kgasi Trading

Reshebile Aviation & Protection Services

Vukani-Ubuntu

21st Century Pay Solutions Group (Pty) Ltd

Maserumule Incorporated Attorneys

Top New & Innovative Company

African Access Holdings (Pty) Ltd

kopano Travel

Iskhus

Vukani-Ubuntu

Most improved year-on-year BEE score card

Tongaat Hulett Ltd

Business Connexion (Pty) Ltd

iBurst (Proprietary) Ltd

Top Empowered National or Regional Transforming Government Department

Department of Defence

Department of Water Affairs and Forestry

National Treasury

Top Empowered Transforming Municipality or Province

West Rand District Municipality

JHB Water

Top Transforming Government Agency or Parastatal

EC Tourism Board

Automotive Industry Development Centre (AIDC)

National Empowerment Fund

Other awards that will be announced on the night include:

Top Black Entrepreneur of the Year

Top Young Black Entrepreneur of the Year (under 35)

Top Black Businesswoman Of the year
Top Black Businessman Of the year
Top Black Business Of the year

The awards are aimed at acknowledging, congratulating and celebrating the efforts made by local companies towards the development of BEE and employment equity. All the finalists deserve recognition for their commitment to the future of empowerment in South Africa. Meet these business leaders who are making empowerment happen at the MOEA ceremony, taking place on Thursday the 19th of March at the Sandton Convention Centre. For more information on the Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards and to book your table, please call Laura Barker on 021 791 7100.

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