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Emerging Contractors an important focus for the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA)

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The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) are recognising and supporting emerging contractors within the Waste Sector with training and up-skilling.

"With the right set of skills and relevant business knowledge, emerging contractors can not only improve their own profitability, but also make valuable contributions to the success of the Waste Sector as a whole," says Aubrey Muswema, Chairperson of the KwaZulu-Natal branch of the IWMSA.

Previous KwaZulu-Natal Branch Committees started the programme several years ago, where emerging contractors were invited to attend workshops and seminars at a reduced cost.

These presentations equip the entrepreneurs with vital information relevant to their business, covering topics such as financial management, procurement, tender submissions, the BBBEE rating system, legal requirements, as well as sharing with them successful SMME case studies.

Earlier this year, the KZN Branch Committee took the decision to sponsor

attendance at training and workshop events, with the intention of further assisting small and emerging contractors to get the training and mentorship they require for the successful running of their businesses.

Muswema said he was proud to be upholding the branch's tradition of assisting emerging contractors. "We are grateful for all the contributions that our speakers make towards assisting emerging contractors and look forward to further partnerships that will grow the sector and assist our emerging entrepreneurs."

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About the IWMSA

The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) is a multidisciplinary non-profit association that is committed to supporting professional waste management practices.

Our organisation comprises of voluntary members who promote environmentally acceptable, cost effective and appropriate waste management practices. We strive towards the protection of the environment and people of Southern Africa from the adverse effects of poor waste management by supporting sustainable best practical environmental options.

We contribute to the improvement of waste management standards and legislation, support international, national and regional trends in best environmental practices; promote the science and technology of waste management and practice affordable cost effective management of waste. Education and training in the realm of effective and efficient waste management is also a key focus for us.

When the IWMSA was established over 30 years ago, it was the vision of the founders to provide South Africa with a clean and healthy environment. Today this is still the very core of the organisation.