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As the Department of Public Works is mandated with the provision of infrastructure accommodation for the State and maintenance of government properties, the Real Estate is expected to encourage youth and women participation in the Public Sector, property market. The role then means that our major stakeholders are contractors and consultants within the property and construction sectors. The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works is therefore hosting Women in Property and Construction Summits.

#### **Women in Property Summit**

The summit hopes to contribute in increasing the number of previously disadvantaged property owners. The delegates will also be encouraged to pursue other business opportunities related to Public Sector, property management and development, administrative etc.

#### **Women Construction Summit**

Taking a look at the construction industry at large, it becomes clear that this is an industry that has been dominated by the well established male owned companies. The purpose of the summit is to provide the platform to share knowledge, experience, strategies and recommendations on how effectively the Department can assist women with interest in the construction industry whilst assisting those that are facing challenges within the sector.

Programmes for 2007/8 for both summits will be presented as some of these programmes will benefit women.

Details are as follows:

***Women in Property Summit***

Date: 30 August 2007

Venue: Indoor Sports Centre, Ladysmith

Time: 09h00

***Women in Construction Summit***

Date: 31 August 2007

Venue: Elangeni Hotel, Durban

Time: 09h00

All media is invited to capture proceedings for coverage on both summits.

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