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SEDIBENG REGION PUBLIC NOTICE: VUT SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) remains committed to advancing inclusive economic development and supporting local enterprises through responsible procurement practices.

Following Council's approval of the University's revised Procurement Policy and Set-Aside Procurement Policy, VUT is outlining opportunities that will become available through its Infrastructure Development Programme (IDP).

1. Local subcontracting opportunities

As VUT rolls out infrastructure projects across its campuses, subcontracting opportunities will be made available to qualifying local contractors and suppliers through a phased procurement process aligned with construction milestones.

The identification, packaging and appointment of subcontractors will be overseen by the Project Steering Committee, comprising the main contractor, professional project team and Community Liaison Officer (CLO). This process is intended to ensure fair, transparent and coordinated participation.

Information on available work packages, eligibility criteria, procurement timelines and participation requirements will be communicated in advance through the project's designated communication channels.

The University's flagship Life and Physical Sciences Building Project has ring-fenced 10 work packages for local participation. These subcontracting opportunities will be released progressively between August 2026 and November 2027, in line with construction milestones, project sequencing and site readiness. A procurement schedule setting out the anticipated release dates for each work package will be published in advance to enable prospective contractors to prepare adequately.

Additional infrastructure projects are anticipated from the 2027 financial year, with local procurement opportunities to be considered as part of their implementation.



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2. Maintenance projects

In addition to new infrastructure developments, the University will implement its Medium and Long-Term Maintenance Programme between September and December 2026.

In line with the Set-Aside Procurement Policy, qualifying maintenance projects within Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Grades 1 and 2 will be reserved for local contractors, subject to full compliance with the University's Supply Chain Management processes and all statutory requirements.

3. Our commitment

The University recognises the importance of learning from past infrastructure delivery challenges. A number of historical projects remain subject to ongoing investigations by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) and other oversight processes.

These matters reinforce VUT's commitment to strengthening governance, ensuring compliance with applicable legislation and procurement prescripts, and conducting every procurement process with transparency, accountability and integrity.

All participants in the Supplier Development Programme will be required to comply fully with the University's Supply Chain Management policies, statutory requirements and applicable regulatory frameworks.

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