

Waste Management training launched

The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) is launching accredited training courses to help with the delivery of services and the understanding of what is needed to be done. The accredited training adds to a tally of credits towards a recognised equivalent qualification.

Stan Jewaskiewitz, president of the IWMSA, says "Recently, the institute called for interested parties to share their accredited material with us and, after careful evaluation of the proposals received, we have entered into a partnership with Interwaste. The training will be offered to groups of a minimum of 20 individuals per session."

Skills development is essential for effective waste management. Training enhances organisations' ability to deliver a better service, empowering employees with the knowledge and ability to take control of their waste. Trained staff can only make effective decisions and action if they are properly equipped to do so and have a clear understanding of their business operations.

The Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LG SETA) accredit the courses.

Various unit standards are available within the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) levels one to four and suitably qualified members of the institute have been encouraged to register with the LG SETA as accredited assessors and moderators. The institute will co-ordinate the training programmes from its head office using a national database of properly accredited facilitators.

Interwaste's group human resources director, Rajas Pillay adds, "The company is proud to be affiliated to the institute in offering an accredited training programme and we anticipate positive outcomes for the waste management industry through this collaboration."

Non-accredited courses continue

The institute will also continue to run non-accredited waste management training programmes that cover the broader aspects of waste management. Jewaskiewitz notes, "This effective basic training has been well received by both private organisations and governmental agencies alike and continues to grow in popularity as a much needed and credible educational tool."

The subjects covered by the non-accredited training programme include basic introduction of waste management definition, integrated planning of waste operations and systems, collection transfer and transport of waste, waste minimisation, treatment and disposal of waste and the evaluation and implementation of service delivery.

For more information, go to www.iwmsa.co.za.