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### Media Statement

#### North West Finance receives Provincial Treasury Award of the Year

The North West Department of Finance has added yet another feather in its cap. The department's MEC Wendy Nelson has congratulated the department for the two awards they received at the sixth Annual Audit and Risk Indaba held at the Olive Convention Center, in Durban last week. The event was organized by the Institute of Municipal Finance Officers (IMFO).

The department walked away with the Provincial Treasury of the year for providing dedicated support to municipalities on operation clean audit initiatives and Provincial Treasury of the year in supporting governance processes in municipalities. All nominated Provincial Treasuries were required to meet the following criteria in order to receive the awards:

- The Provincial Treasury that supports internal audit, risk and performance management efforts.
- Province that has functional Premier's Provincial Coordinating Committee that supports Operation Clean Audit (OPCA) processes.
- Provincial Treasury that supports OPCA steering committee meetings of municipalities.
- Provincial Treasury that have established co-operation with IMFO in terms of OPCA processes.

The Audit and Risk Indaba is an annual congregation of Finance, Audit and Risk Management practitioners in South Africa meant to promote the Audit and Risk Management function in the public sector.

The indaba was held under the theme: **Back to Basics: Audit, Risk, Performance and Governance, the ABC of clean administration** and was attended by senior municipal, and risk



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and performance management officials from various municipalities in the country and government departments.

The 2015 clean audit awards were in honour of outstanding contributions made by individuals and organisations towards strengthening Internal Audit, Performance and Risk Management professions in the public sector.

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MEC Nelson said the award is an affirmation of the department's commitment to ensure that municipalities in the province become centres of excellence in municipal service delivery.

The award should be viewed as recognition of our efforts and commitment by the industry and should inspire all of us to work even harder to make a difference in the public sector. We feel very honoured to have been bestowed with these awards and hopefully it will further encourage all staff members in the department to aim high and achieve our mandate which basically is to improve the lives of our communities in various municipalities. We have said it repeatedly that the impact of government's service delivery should be felt by citizens in our municipalities, as coalface of service delivery, said an elated MEC Nelson.

Nelson added that her department will stop at nothing to ensure that proper assistance is given to all struggling municipalities in the province.

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