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### Media Statement

#### **National Treasury and Bokone Bophirima Finance to engage suppliers on new reforms**

The new reforms in supply chain management mean that suppliers will need to be taken on board about the changes that aim to make their lives much easier and take the hassle out of supplier registration process.

At least top fifty suppliers in the province will have an opportunity to engage with the national and Bokone Bophirima Department of Finance during a two day visit to the province on 22 September 2015 by the Office of the Chief Procurement Office. The launch of the Central Supplier Database (CSD) which took place on September 01, 2015.

The development of the CSD was announced by President Jacob Zuma in the State of the Nation Address and followed by Minister of Finance's Budget Speech for 2015/16. The CSD maintains a database of organisations, institutions and individuals who can provide goods and service to government and will serve as the single source of key supplier information for organs of state. The purpose of centralising government's supplier database is to reduce duplication of effort and cost for both supplier and government while enabling electronic procurement processes.

From September 01 suppliers can capture and update their information (self-register) on the CSD at any time, in preparation for the utilisation of supplier data through procurement and financial systems used by all organs of state from 1 April 2016.

The first day of the engagement will be set aside for discussion to clarify the role of the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer and that of the department of finance in taking forward the supply



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chain management agenda. The second day will cater for the legislature presentations on the Central Supplier Database to assist with oversight duties.

Discussion points will include the following:

- The effects of current and future reforms
- Future reporting information for oversight committees
- Quality of services provided by suppliers
- The responsibilities of suppliers in engaging with government.

The engagement is expected to start at 10:00am Gaabo Motho Guesthouse, in Mahikeng and the media is invited to attend to give coverage to the events.

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