

Empowering the recognition of empowerment

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On 9th November 2006, one awards event will salute the winners of both the Impumelelo Top Empowerment Companies 2006 Awards and the Top Women in Business & Government 2006 Awards and is called the Top Empowerment Awards. The new format makes way for a more streamlined and fine-tuned process of recognising the best empowerment players in South Africa.

Call for media nominations

The Top Empowerment Awards invites journalists and the media and the public to nominate personalities and companies in any business or government sector and to submit these nominations by clicking on the links below, before the 15 September deadline.



The main reason for the change is that the research methodology has been enhanced to provide a more sophisticated and accurate system of recognising the luminaries and the country's most successful black economic and gender empowered organizations and individuals.

Through a process of public voting, both companies and individuals will be nominated and submitted to the Top Empowerment Awards Panel before being finally chosen. The panel is made up of SA Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CHAMSA), the UCT Graduate School of Business (UCT GSB), the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS), SizweNtsaluba VSP (chartered accountants) and Nafcoc.

The Top Empowerment Awards in-house research department undertakes a rigorous process that takes place over a period of eight months and investigates more than 3,000 South African companies. Of the companies that qualify - usually about 50 percent of those researched - a final shortlist of the best is drawn up and submitted to the panel of judges to choose the final winners.

Also, this year there will now be sector nominees for each Award - such as for Top Emerging Gender Empowered Company of the Year, Top Black Empowered Company of the Year, etc - in different business categories and will cover diverse fields such as media, health, retail, IT and finance. The nominations for Awards in each sector will then be put forward to the panel for choosing the ultimate winner.

Personality Awards

Open to Public Nominations until 15 September 2006

Top Entrepreneur of the Year (male) - [nominate](#)

Top Entrepreneur of the Year (female) - [nominate](#)

Top Personality: Government (male) - [nominate](#)

Top Personality: Government (female) - [nominate](#)

Top Businessman of the Year - [nominate](#)

Top Businesswoman of the Year - [nominate](#)

Honourary Laureate - [nominate](#)

Company Awards

NOW OPEN to Public Nominations

Due to demand, we are opening the company award categories to the public. To nominate a company in any of the black top empowerment categories please fill out this Research [Form A](#), and to nomination a company in any of the top gender empowerment categories please fill out Research [Form B](#).

Nominations are open until 15 September 2006

Top Black Empowered Company - [nominate](#)

Top Gender Empowered Company - [nominate](#)

Top Emerging Black Empowered Company - [nominate](#)

Top Emerging Gender Empowered Company - [nominate](#)

Top Black Empowered Company, across the following sectors:

- Resources
- Manufacturing
- Food Processors & Producers
- Health
- Packaging
- Pharmaceuticals
- Retail
- Leisure, Entertainment & Hotels
- Media & Photography Support Services
- Transport
- Telecommunications
- Utilities
- Financials
- Information Technology

Top Gender Empowered Company

Top CSI Company

For further information, please visit the Top Empowerment Awards website, www.topco.co.za

Or call Karey Evett or Gwen Villet at Wired Communications on 021 464 1144.

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