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**To: SETA Administrators and Chief Executive Officers
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Skills Development Circular No. 18/2016

**REQUEST FOR DATA REGARDING LOCATION OF COMPANIES RECEIVING
GRANTS FOR THIRTEEN PRIORITY SIPS TRADES**

1. As colleagues are aware, the Department of Higher Education and Training is conducting a Centres of Specialisation Programme. This Programme aims to build the capacity of a selected number of TVET colleges to provide the theory and practical components of the new QCTO trade qualifications – starting with those trades in strong demand for the Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs).
2. The trades in question (with their OFO classifications) are listed below:

641201	Bricklayer
671101	Electrician
671202	Millwright
651302	Boilermaker
642601	Plumber
653101	Mechanic including automotive mechanic
653306	Diesel mechanic
641501	Carpenter and Joiner
651202	Welder
651501	Rigger
652302	Fitter and turner

653303 Mechanical fitter
642607 Pipe fitter

3. In order to decide which college/s should be selected for which trade , the Department has settled on the following seven criteria and one consideration:

Criterion 1: Financial Management Capacity (DHET Responsibility).
Criterion 2: Willingness to play this role.
Criterion 3: Learner Enrolment and Success Rates in relevant programmes.
Criterion 4: Proximity to SIP Demand (i.e. SIP demand for the trade).
Criterion 5: Proximity to Workplace Learning Opportunities.
Criterion 6: College facilities.
Criterion 7: Partnerships.
Consideration 8: Trade Test Centre.

4. In order to evaluate Criterion 5, Proximity to Workplace Learning Opportunities, the DHET wishes to map the GIS coordinates of colleges to the sites of companies to which the SETAs are currently allocating grants for the thirteen trades. Whilst it is fully appreciated that these companies may not in future choose to recruit from the local college, it is hoped that this will increasingly be their first choice, especially as the college's capacity is enhanced. It provides a proxy signal of possible workplaces at least.
5. Only the telephone number and postal code of the firm is requested. The names of the companies are not required. It has been established from the legal section of DHET that this will not infringe the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013, hence SETAs do not need to concern themselves about this matter. The information provided will anyway only be used by DHET for the purpose indicated and in aggregated form by GIS location.
6. SETAs are requested to complete the attached excel spreadsheet and forward it to Mr. Khathu Mufamadi: Mufamadi.K@dhet.gov.za by no later than the 14th October 2016.



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