



Dr Ivor Blumenthal CEO, Services SETA with President Jacob Zuma, Republic of South Africa



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# SERVICES SETA TACKLES UNEMPLOYMENT THROUGH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



## Services SETA CEO, Dr Blumenthal and the TOP TEN Awarded companies

"In October 2010, 1501 individuals successfully graduated receiving NQF1 to NQF10 qualifications from Services SETA accredited Training Providers. Included in the graduation in the Higher Education band was a PhD graduate from the Da Vinci Institute which is one of only two private institutions accredited up to PhD level by the Council of Higher Education (CHE). The ceremony was officiated over by the State President.

10 companies were recognised by the Services SETA for having achieved consistent and outstanding performance results on "Gainful Employment", which is the most critical indicator of excellence in skills development. It is the test of whether the Learnership has resulted in permanent and gainful employment in the occupation which the individual was trained. It is the indicator that SETAs are not funding training for the sake of training, but rather employment.



The majority of the most successful companies being recognised were in the Labour Recruitment industry, some specialised for example in the Nursing arena, testifying to the pivotal role which is being played by labour recruitment companies in our economy and specifically in making a success of the skills revolution in South Africa.

Master of Ceremony of the event and Vice President of Nehawu, one of the most active Cosatu Trade Unions, Mr Joe Thlape, congratulated the 10 top performing Services SETA member companies and appealed to the entire business community in South Africa to make a similar contribution.

The CEO of the Services SETA, Dr Ivor Blumenthal, noted the Services SETA's pride in having over the last decade achieved an average of 73% gainful employment verified for an average of 18 months out of a total number of 200 000 fully completed Learnership graduates who were previously unemployed. "While many more than 200 000 people have benefitted from grants from the Services SETA, this is the group of learners who committed to completing their studies, graduating and then retaining their employment opportunity in spite of many obstacles. These are the employers who exhibit outstanding qualities in their commitment in bringing new labour pools into their working environments and keeping them employed".

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## LIST OF TOP 10 COMPANIES

- Quest Personnel
- Workforce Group Holdings Pty
- Institute Of Training Excellence
- Sapho Sethu Human Capital (Pty) Ltd
- Thehrhub
- Total South Africa Outsourcing
- Isikhathi Training Dynamics Cc
- Ditasa (Pty) Ltd
- Charisma Nursing Services Pty
- M & M Executive Consultants Services

