SMEC South Africa JV is joint winner at the 2019 SAICE National Awards

SMEC South Africa, in Joint Venture with Naidu Consulting, walked away with a joint winners’ award at the South African Institution of Civil Engineering’s annual PPS-SAICE National Awards evening earlier this month.

The award, which was in the category Community Based Projects, was given for Technical Support Services to Municipalities Implementing Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Infrastructure Projects.

The Naidu SMEC JV was engaged by the National Department of Public Works to support public bodies in KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and Gauteng Provinces to implement EPWP through their various projects.

The project entailed systematic and ground-breaking civil engineering support to mobilise public bodies to embrace and implement much needed job creation methods through their various projects.

Whilst reporting of jobs created was pivotal, this project required careful strategic adjustments to traditional engineering practice in order to balance engineering output against socio economic requirements.
The project focused on increased accountability within public bodies through policies, procedures and guidelines. Through this project, the civil engineering industry will play a greater role in eradicating poverty through efficient, effective, economically viable job creation.

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