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PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERFACE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT MTEC ENGAGEMENTS: LG MTEC 2: 20 JANUARY 2006

1. I refer to Treasury Circular Mun No. 9 – 2005 dated 26 September 2005, in which the Local Government MTEC Framework was communicated to all municipalities. In addition, Circular No. 1 of 2006 dated 9 January 2006, provided additional information specifically in relation to the LG MTEC 2 engagement scheduled for 20 January 2006, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.
2. The first engagement in the LG MTEC Framework was LG MTEC 1, which took place from 10 to 12 October 2005, followed by the One-on-One engagements with local municipalities from 15 to 23 November 2005, the latter being facilitated by the Department of Local Government and Housing (DLGH). As a follow-up to the One-on-One engagements, each municipality and department received a letter from DLGH which summarized the specific issues relating to each municipality and provincial department.
3. The overall purpose of the LG MTEC 2 is to ascertain whether the previous two rounds (LG MTEC 1 and the One-on-One Engagements) resulted in adequate strategic alignment between municipal and provincial financing and spending plans. The first phase or Part A of the LG MTEC 2 will focus exclusively on the transfers made by provincial departments to municipalities. This engagement will be facilitated by the Provincial Treasury in liaison with DLGH on 20 January 2006.
4. The second phase or Part B, which relates to non – transfer spending or new spending planned by both municipalities and provincial departments will as a result of the paucity of information not be discussed at the LG MTEC 2 engagement. Treasury Circular Mun No. 2 – 2006 dated 13 January 2006 explains in detail the Part B process inclusive of timeframes, which may take place late February 2006, if the need arises.
5. For LG MTEC 2, each provincial department which makes transfers to municipalities, will make a brief presentation on each transfer, where necessary. The presentation would succinctly cover:
 - Purpose of the grant
 - Conditions
 - Transfer schedule
 - Amounts allocated to each municipality

- The rationale in determining the amounts
 - Any significant changes/variations in the amounts
 - Reasons for discontinuation of certain grants, if any.
6. Municipalities will have an opportunity to respond to the transfers after each presentation made by the respective provincial departments. Attached please find the draft programme for LG MTEC 2. As the programme indicates, we will commence with a plenary session after which the departments and municipalities will engage each other in six different break away sessions.
7. As alluded to earlier, the venue is the Cape Town International Convention Centre. Parking and refreshments at cost to the Province have been arranged for the day. We look forward to a value adding session on 20 January 2006.

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