DISABILITY EQUITY UNIT OF THE YEAR AWARD FUNCTION FOR 2010

The DOD has a strong moral and constitutional commitment in respect of equalisation opportunities for people with disabilities.

People with disabilities do not feel disabled because of their physical and/or mental impairments but because of the barriers society chooses to put up to establish differences between the disabled and non-disabled. This is also pertinent to the Department of Defence.

Only when the barriers that promote unfair discrimination towards people with disabilities have been removed and reasonable accommodation to their needs have been made, will People with disabilities be able to reach their full potential and to contribute equally alongside with their fellow colleagues.

Units are encouraged and motivated to partake in the Disability Equity Unit of the year Award function for 2010. Their participation in the removal of all the barriers preventing people with disabilities to access equal opportunities enjoyed by their fellow colleagues will make a difference in the lives of People with Disabilities in the DOD.

The aim of the award is to reward those units that have gone the extra mile in promoting Disability Equity by making the working environment more conducive, disability friendly and accessible to People with disabilities. Units can also compete for the most Improved Disability Equity Unit Award, the most accessible Disability Award, Ubuntu Award and the Disability Equity Unit of the Year Award.

Services/Divisions’ nominations are awaited for the Disability Equity Unit of the Year Award Function for 2010. Services/Divisions are thus requested to nominate and motivate their units and sections for this award by not later than 14 October 2010. Photos as proof to be submitted together with a motivation to Curamus Email: curamus@mweb.co.za or alternatively can be hand delivered to the Disability Equity Section at Chief Directorate Transformation Management.

In pursuance of giving recognition to those Units Officer Commandings who have gone the extra mile in creating an enabling environment to People with disabilities, a Disability Equity Unit of the Year Award function will take place on 05 November 2010 at the Pretoria Military Sport Club in Thaba Tshwane at 18:00 for 18:30.

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