

# Centre for Public Service Innovation

Two of our projects, namely Cape Farm Mapper and Agricultural Partnership for Rural Youth Development, made it through to the finals of the Centre for Public Service Innovation Awards (CPSI). At the award ceremony held at Emperors Place on Friday night, both projects were awarded first runner-up in their respective categories.

**Well done to all involved - you have done the department proud!!**

*FC Basson, Dr Mike Wallace, John Constable and Wikus January who, as representatives of their respective projects, received the awards.*



## What is the Centre for Public Service Innovation?

The Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI) is mandated to develop innovative, sustainable and responsive models for improved service delivery. The work of the CPSI is guided by an understanding of innovation in a public sector context as 'the creation and implementation of new and service delivery solutions (systems, processes, methods, models, products and services) resulting in significant improvements in outcomes, efficiency, effectiveness and quality'.

The CPSI facilitates unearthing, development and implementation of innovative ideas within and throughout the public service. It achieves this by facilitating pilot projects aimed at demonstrating the value of innovative solutions, and through activities that create an enabling environment within the public sector to support and sustain innovation. The CPSI's cross-sector reach makes it a resource for the whole of government, thus bridging institutional boundaries.

Through active research and knowledge sharing platforms and products, the CPSI identifies and shares lessons and information on innovation trends nationally, across Africa and internationally. The CPSI partners with a range of individuals and institutions in government, business and the community in exciting and mutually beneficial ways. This partnership model allows us to leverage financial and/or intellectual capital in support of government priorities.