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### **BID RIGGING COMES UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT IN THE EASTERN CAPE**

Bid rigging in the construction industry will come under the spotlight in the Eastern Cape tomorrow, 26 October 2016, when the Competition Commission visits East London as part of a nationwide advocacy initiative.

Bid rigging – also known as collusive tendering – is widespread in the Eastern Cape, among other areas across the country. There are concerns that small businesses in South Africa are engaging in this illegal practice, many doing so unknowingly and unwittingly.

The Commission aims to inform and educate SMMEs, other business owners, procurement officers, supply chain management practitioners and municipal officials about widespread collusive tendering and how to prevent, detect and report this and other contraventions of the Competition Act.

The Commission also seeks to empower victims of collusive tendering through its education and advocacy initiatives. The Competition Act makes provision for victims to claim damages in the civil courts from firms which have been found guilty of collusive tendering.

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