



## **Press Release**

### **Call To Entry 2006:** **e.tv requests submissions for 7 new local documentaries**

Following on e.tv's successful commissioning and broadcasting of four quality documentaries in 2005, the channel is proud to announce that, this year, it will again welcome documentary proposals from local producers. As the Western Cape and Gauteng already boast thriving film and TV production industries, e.tv will commission one half-hour documentary from producers in each province excluding these two provinces. This is to assist in developing TV production capacity in other regions and also to ensure diversity in e.tv's documentary programming,

The channel hereby calls for all proposals for documentaries to be submitted for a selection process by 30 June. Proposed documentaries should reflect the unique stories of the people living in the following South African provinces: Eastern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West. The theme of this year's documentary project is "I am an African", and submitted proposals should include ideas which will reflect the "African-ness" of all South Africans regardless of race, culture, or language. The proposals must deal with a topical aspect of the lives of people residing or working in the relevant province. The topic chosen must hold appeal for a national audience and should be focused on a person or persons and must be unique to the province. (Further details outlined in the Brief Document below).

After shortlisting the proposals by end July 2006, an experienced e.tv commissioning team will travel around the country to meet with the shortlisted producers and to make the final decision as to which documentaries to commission.

We expect that in certain areas the capacity to produce the documentaries may be quite limited - in these cases we will send out experienced Executive Producers from e.tv to assist and, if necessary, contract in some veteran producers to mentor and assist the local producers in these areas. In this way the project provides an opportunity to young documentary producers in provinces that, historically, have not been part of mainstream television production in South Africa.

Producers are invited to submit proposals by 30 June 2006, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Brief Document, to:

**Attention: Malebo Phage**  
**e.tv**  
**5 Summit Road**  
**Hyde Park**  
**Johannesburg 2146**

Interested producers may e-mail their contact details to the following e.tv email address: **documentaries@etv.co.za**. We will then either fax or e-mail the full brief in response. Proposals may not be sent to this email address but must be posted or delivered to the above address.

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