

TRADING PLACES



■ LOADS OF EXPERIENCE: Saul Levin

## State bigwig joins nonprofit TIPS

**S**AUL Levin has been appointed head of research and policy strategy at TIPS, a nonprofit company working in the field of economic, trade and industrial policy development.

Levin was previously a chief director in the Economic Development Department with oversight of the development finance institutions reporting to the department, including the Industrial Development Corporation and the Small Enterprise Finance Agency. As part of his responsibilities, he oversaw the merger of small-business finance entities and ran several projects to support the development of small businesses.

He was also the chief of staff for

Lindiwe Hendricks when she was minister of water affairs and forestry and minister of minerals and energy.

From 2001 to 2005, Levin was an economist in the office of the deputy minister of trade and industry.

Before that, he spent almost five years working as a project manager for the government agency Ntsika, now known as the Small Enterprise Development Agency.

From 2009 to 2011, Levin was a senior manager at Standard Bank, working as a business operations manager in the corporate affairs unit.

He has a master's degree in industrial sociology from the University of Witwatersrand and his thesis was on small-business development.