Search for business heroes

he search for innovative Australian businesses making their mark by selling products and services overseas has begun with the launch of the 39th Australian Export Awards. The Minister for Trade, Mark Vaile, launched the 39th Australian Export Awards in Sydney on 7 May.

The Awards recognise achievers in ten industry categories (agribusiness, arts and entertainment, education, emerging exporter, information industries, large advanced manufacturer, minerals, regional exporter, small to medium manufacturer, and services) and three special award categories, The Austrade International Award, The Special Achievement Award, and the DHL Australian Exporter of the Year.

The Australian Export Awards are one of the longest running and most prestigious business awards in Australia, recognising excellence in exporting and promoting the export sectors high achievers as role models of the business community. The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) are the joint presenters of the national awards.

Companies of all sizes, industries and locations are urged to nominate for the national award categories by entering their State/ Territory Export Awards. State winners automatically progress through to the national awards, which will be presented in November.

How to enter

Applications should be sent direct to the appropriate state or territory agency. Prospective applicants may obtain more detailed information by contacting their state/territory export award organisers, as listed below, or Austrade on 13 28 78.

Australian Capital Territory: Ms Mayumi Smith, Office of Business Development and Attraction, phone: 02 6205 0004, fax: 02 6205 0613, e-mail: mayumi.smith@act.gov.au, http://www.business.act.gov.au (Applications open 29 May)

New South Wales: Mr Ian Murray, Australian Institute of Export, phone: 02 9350 8170, fax: 02 9262 3262, e-mail: aiexnsw@aiex.com.au, http://www.aiex.com.au (Applications close on 23 August).

Northern Territory: Mr Kevin Peters, Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry, phone: 08 8936 3100, fax: 08 8981 1405, e-mail: kevinp@ntcci.com.au, http://www.ibc.org.au/export.html (Applications close on 30 August).

Queensland: Ms Janne Rayner, Department of State Development, phone: 07 3224 7011, fax: 07 3234 1520 e-mail: janne.rayner@sd. qld.gov.au, http://www.sd.qld.gov.au/export/awards/ (Applications close on 26 July).

South Australia Ms Wendy Rush, Business SA, phone: 08 8300 0128, fax: 08 8179 0528, e-mail: wendyr@business-sa.com, http://www.business-sa.com.au (Applications close on 21 June).

Tasmania: Ms Ann Atkinson, Department of State Development, phone: 03 6233 5838, fax: 03 6233 5800, e-mail: aatkinson@dsd.tas.gov.au, http://www.dsd.tas.gov.au (Applications close on 30 August).

Victoria: Mr Jenna Korin, Department of State and Regional Development, phone: 03 9651 9923, fax: 03 9651 8049, e-mail: jenna.korin@ iird.vic.gov.au (Applications close on 26 July).

Western Australia: Ms Joanne Roulston, Department of Industry and Technology, phone: 08 9327 5991, fax: 08 9327 5929, e-mail: jroulston@indtech.wa.gov.au, http://www.awards.indtech.wa.gov.au (Applications close on 19 July).

For further information on how to enter, visit http://www.austrade.gov.au/australiaexportaward/ or http://www.charlton.com.au/exportawards.asp.

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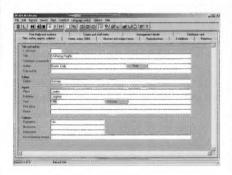
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