



2010 Western Australian Spatial Excellence Awards

**Recognising Western Australian
Excellence, innovation and contribution**

Information for Entrants in the INDUSTRY CATEGORIES

Entries close : Friday 28 May 2010

***Note: Entries may be submitted now! And at any
time up until 28 May 2010***

***So enter your innovative project as soon as you've
finished the work!***



Western Australian Spatial Excellence Awards 2010

Your invitation to enter:

Welcome to the Western Australian Spatial Excellence Awards, hosted by the Western Australian regional groups of the Spatial Industries Business Association (SIBA) and the Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI).

Entering projects into the awards is a great way to give due recognition to your staff, your department and your clients for innovations in our industry. The Awards are announced and presented at the Gala Dinner on Friday 2 July.

All winners are then entered for the prestigious Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards (APSEA) and finalists from Western Australia have been significantly recognised there, including the overall winner in 2009. This again shows the high standards we have in the surveying and spatial industry here in WA.

We encourage you to write up your project as soon as you've completed it. The deadline for entries will be Friday 28 May 2010, however entries can be submitted at any time up until then.

Projects are welcome in any of these categories –

- Infrastructure and construction
- Land titling and development
- People and community
- Innovation and commercialisation
- Environment and sustainability
- Spatially enabling government

As well as the category winners, judges will make an Award for overall excellence

David Purnell
Chair – SIBA WA

Peter Douglas
Chair – SSSI WA

What is APSEA?

The annual Asia-Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards are unique. They are the only awards for the Asia-Pacific region that recognise, at the same event, the excellent achievements of both individuals and organisations engaged in the spatial information industry across the region. The key principles are:

- Recognise and acknowledge excellence in the spatial information industry
- Celebrate excellence before an audience of industry peers
- Encourage activities to strengthen more relevant industry
- Embrace the achievements of the industry and its professions
- Contribute to industry growth.

The Western Australian Spatial Excellence Awards will recognise the best in Western Australia. The winners of each category, as well as highly commended entries, will be eligible to be submitted for APSEA awards.

Eligibility for WASEA Industry awards

Provided projects have been completed within 2009/10, any organisation - whether a private sector individual or firm, a government agency, an academic or research body, or other - may enter a project in the **industry** awards, irrespective of the size of the organisation or the project.

For every project entered, the Judges will presume that, as a **mandatory minimum**:

- ✓ the workplace was safe
- ✓ the client was satisfied with the outcome
- ✓ the project was completed on time and within budget
- ✓ the methodologies used were professionally and ethically sound

In addition to specific category criteria, the Judging Panel may additionally consider a project's merit according to any other agreed or relevant benchmarks. Conversely, Judges may elect to **not** confer an award in any given category if they consider that none of the projects warrant recognition for excellence.

The categories at WASEA (as at the national APSEA awards) are:

- Infrastructure and construction
- Land titling and development
- People and community
- Innovation and commercialisation
- Environment and sustainability
- Spatially enabling government

If warranted, categories may be divided between high and low cost projects/small and large projects to encourage the participation of smaller businesses or projects in the awards.

Criteria

Entrants should note that a project's 'size' will not, of itself, necessarily improve or limit the likelihood of winning an award.

In writing up projects for submission, entrants should be mindful of the following criteria and, as far as possible, ensure the project summary covers these points. It is understood that not all projects will be in a position to respond to every one of these criteria.

- Difficulty (complexity, size, scope) of the task or the original problem to be overcome
- Use of innovative or unorthodox technology or lateral and original thinking
- Applying (or creating business(es) to exploit) new spatial applications, tools, products, technologies in a commercial industry sector
- Demonstrated economic, environmental and or sociological benefit to the industry or community
- Demonstrated growth by and in the target industry sector(s)
- Resulting increased awareness of the industry by the community or allied professions

In addition, each submission should demonstrate:

- why the project has 'achieved excellence'
- how it 'delivers outcomes above and beyond the ordinary'; and
- how it contributes to 'the growth and maturity' of the industry and the economy.

Submissions

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Entrants are encouraged to provide sufficient evidence to fully answer the category criteria. However, entrants should note that presenting too much material may be as counter-productive to their interests as providing too little.

Generally, the written component of the submission should not exceed, say, 1500 words / six pages in length but these parameters are recommended rather than prescriptive and do not include information pages such as cover sheets, contents pages, testimonials, etc.

Each submission:

- must be formatted in either Word.doc and/or Adobe.pdf file
- must include at least one image that represents the project (minimum 300dpi / jpg)
- must contain the **Cover Page** (please see attached separate file - Word document), a **Statement of Excellence** and a **Contents Page**,
- must be e-mailed to: ssiwa@inet.net.au or be copied to CD and posted to: Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute, Unit 2, 154 Hampden Road, Nedlands WA 6009

Submissions may also provide, where applicable:

- lists of all participating organisations
- an executive summary of the project
- a description of the project
- information about resources used
- particulars about technical and other data
- specifics about other awards/accolades won
- evidence of endorsements, testimonials, referees
- press announcements

Entrants **may** provide relevant complementary material including website links, CDs, DVDs, lists, illustrations, product samples etc in addition to and in support of the written submission. However, entrants should note that it is in their interests to make sure such material is sufficiently compact and/or concise as to be easily transmitted, compressed and accessed. Judges reserve the right to not consider cumbersome or poorly presented material.

How much does it cost to enter?

There is no cost to enter either the industry or the individual awards. Every award winner will receive a certificate and projects that are highly commended will also receive a certificate. **Note:** Where a non-member's project wins a WA award, there is a fee payable for APSEA entry by non-members of SIBA.

Judging

The Judging Panel will comprise industry peers, authorities, associates and advisors who provide expert, objective and independent opinions on the merits of the projects entered in any given year.

The Judging Panel's decisions are final. No correspondence is exchanged once the decisions are made. Information about which projects have entered or won awards will not be issued or made public prior to the presentation dinner.

The awards will be presented at the Western Australian Spatial Excellence Awards Gala Dinner on Friday 2 July 2010.

At least one person must attend the Gala Dinner to represent the project.
