

## AWARDS PROVE CONSULTING EXCELLENCE IN QLD: LET'S KEEP IT HERE!

Queensland's major infrastructure and property projects have taken out top honours at the industry's annual Awards celebrating excellence for consulting firms working in the built environment.

At industry association, Consult Australia's annual Awards for Excellence, the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna (D2G) Project, Airport Link and One One One Eagle Street took out five of nine project-based award categories.

Consult Australia's CEO, Megan Motto said the wins demonstrate that Queensland's success in the design and delivery of major projects has established it as a hub for advanced professional services.

"In the last decade many larger firms have established bases in Queensland; which has occurred alongside the growth of smaller firms operating throughout Queensland cities and regional centres," said Ms Motto.

"It is critical that Queensland maintains what is a competitive advantage across Australia and internationally. Now is the time for fresh investment, that continues the momentum created by historic resources development and infrastructure spend, that supports productivity throughout the economy."

Origin Alliance comprising Consult Australia members SMEC Australia and Parsons Brinckerhoff, (together with Abigroup Contractors, Fulton Hogan, Seymour Whyte and the QLD Department of Transport and Main Roads) received three Gold awards for the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna (D2G) Project, including Collaboration, Development of People and Client Focus, and were also Highly Commended for Technological Innovation.

Parsons Brinckerhoff and Arup received a Gold Award for the Airport Link, Northern Busway and Airport Roundtable Upgrade under the Safety in Design Category.

Arup collected its second Gold Award for Brisbane city's One One One Eagle Street for Technological Innovation.

Speaking to the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna (D2G) Project, SMEC Australia's Regional Director Northern, Trevor Sullivan said the D2G Project set new benchmarks for the Queensland construction industry.

"Working as part of an integrated on-site design team, we are very proud of what we accomplished as part of the Origin Alliance," said Mr Sullivan.

This was reiterated by Parsons Brinckerhoff Regional Director for Queensland, Gerard Ryan.

"What we all achieved on the D2G Project by working together collaboratively and effectively is something that we can all be extremely proud of. It was certainly a project that none of us will ever forget."

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In regards to the Airport Link project, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Arup Joint Venture Technical Director, Marty Scrogings said that the integration of safety into all stages of the project was critical to its success.

“The benefits of simply thinking through the process of design, construction and operation at the earliest stages, and confirming them at key points, enabled the design team to effectively contribute towards the safe construction and operation of this project,” said Mr Scrogings.

“Engineering in its purest sense is about problem solving, and in delivering this project, we embraced this most fundamental principle.”

One One One Eagle Street’s Project Director and Arup Principal, Ian Ainsworth said that the tower’s synergistic relationship between architecture and structure is a major breakthrough in tall tower design.

“This project is a refreshing departure from the ‘could be anywhere’ nature of so many tower designs,” said Mr Ainsworth.

Recognised as one of the biggest events in the industry, the Awards attracted over 270 senior representatives from firms including: AECOM, Arup, GHD, Hyder Consulting, Norman Disney & Young, Parsons Brinckerhoff, SMEC Australia, and WorleyParsons.

“These Awards have again demonstrated excellence across the sector following what has been a difficult year for our industry, characterised by uncertainty in a relatively scarce pipeline of work” said Ms Motto.

“With more substantive investment in infrastructure, supported by best practice procurement and increased collaboration between business and government, we will be well positioned to build on our strengths, boost productivity and keep growing domestically those businesses, and skills critical for future jobs and economic growth.”

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We represent an industry comprising some 48,000 firms across Australia, ranging from sole practitioners through to some of Australia’s top 500 firms. Collectively, our industry is estimated to employ over 240,000 people, and generate combined revenue exceeding \$40 billion a year.