

## **BUILT ENVIRONMENT INDUSTRY AWARDS: AUSTRALIA IS IN GOOD HANDS**

Excellence in Australia's built and natural environment industry was celebrated last night at industry association, Consult Australia's 2013 Awards for Excellence.

Consult Australia's Chief Executive Officer, Megan Motto said the business practices, initiatives, and projects entered into this year's Awards demonstrate the world-class standard of those industries supporting Australia's built and natural environment.

"In 2013 the Federal Election highlighted the growing importance of infrastructure to the community with a political contest between parties centred on who held a more persuasive plan to fund and build infrastructure to boost productivity and improve our standard of living." said Ms Motto.

"These Awards celebrate the success of those firms ultimately charged with the responsibility for designing and delivering that very infrastructure and our built environment.

"These are world-leading firms as demonstrated through these Awards: in terms of their innovation, technical prowess, their focus on diversity and the delivery of better health, education, business and environmental outcomes across the country."

Consult Australia's Medium and Large Firm of the Year Awards were presented to BG&E and Parsons Brinckerhoff respectively.

Projects presented with Gold Awards included: the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade: Dinmore to Goodna (D2G) Project which took out three Gold Awards; Brisbane's One One One Eagle Street; the Airport Link, Northern Busway and Airport Roundabout Upgrade; and an innovative bridge development in Tanzania.

The Awards for Excellence also celebrated efforts to improve female participation and support Indigenous employment with Awards going to GHD and Parsons Brinckerhoff. The Origin Alliance won awards both for exceptional client focus and for commitment to the development of staff.

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.

"As the business association for firms operating in the built environment, we are proud to be able to host this event to recognise excellence in our industry. We are even more proud of the exceptional achievements of the individuals and firms recognised tonight. Congratulations to all," said Ms Motto.

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## About Consult Australia

Consult Australia is the leading not-for-profit association that represents the business interests of consulting firms operating in the built and natural environment.

Our member firms include: Arup, Aurecon, Beca, BG&E, Cox Architects, GHD, Hyder Consulting, MWH, Norman Disney & Young, Sinclair Knight Merz, SMEC and WorleyParsons.

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.