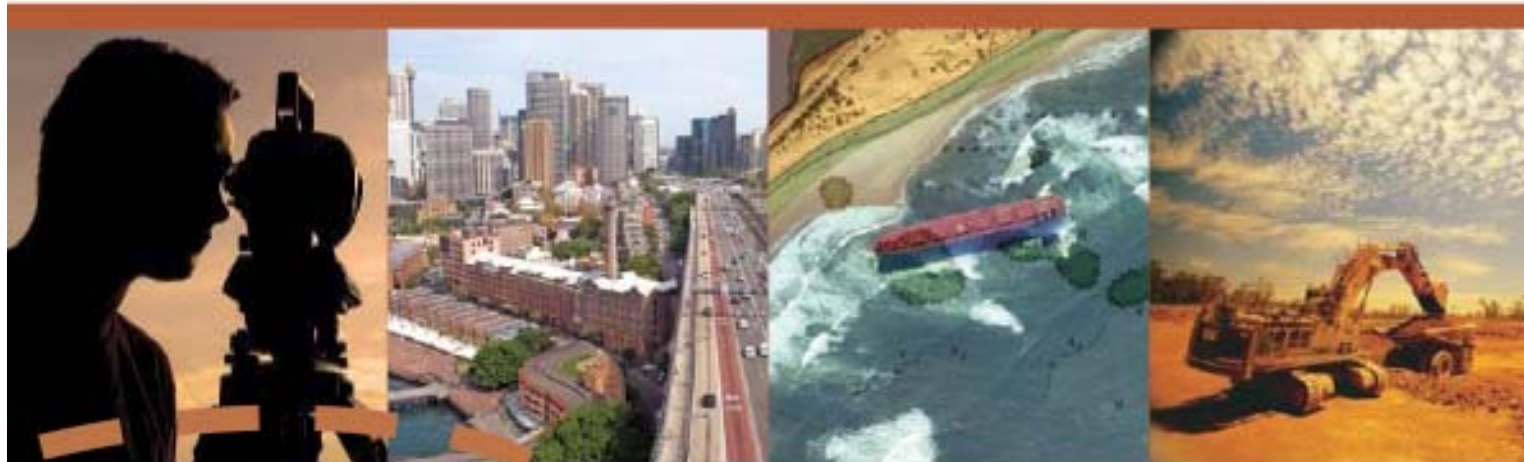


# NSW Awards for Excellence in Surveying & Spatial Information



Information Kit **2009**

Information for Entrants  
In the  
**INDUSTRY CATEGORIES**

**Expressions of Interest to Enter close 30 May 2009**

**Entries Close: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

*All entries must be delivered or mailed to IS NSW Inc,  
PO Box A820, SYDNEY SOUTH 1235 or DX 11513 SYDNEY DOWNTOWN*

*No later than 5.00 pm Monday 27 July 2009*

*Or street address*

*Level 4, 162 Goulburn Street, Surry Hills*

*if delivering by courier.*

**Presentation dinner, Friday 25 September 2009  
at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**

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# **NSW Awards for Excellence in Surveying & Spatial Information 2009**

## **Introduction**

This is the twelfth year that a joint committee of the Institution of Surveyors NSW and the Association of Consulting Surveyors NSW have organised awards to recognise the excellent achievements of both individuals and organisations engaged in the surveying and spatial information industry across New South Wales.

In previous years we have received a wide range of entries from small to large businesses in the private sector, government departments and educational institutions.

The diversity of projects entered has been used as a marketing tool to promote the wide range of activities in which our industry is involved.

Entrants and category winners have benefited from the opportunity to promote their business to potential and existing clients as one that has achieved the highest standard in excellence and innovation.

Once again this year, winners in corresponding categories will be entered in the national Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards (APSEA). We concur with:

### **APSEA's key principles**

- Recognise and acknowledge excellence in the spatial information industry
- Celebrate excellence before an audience of industry peers
- Encourage activities that create a stronger, larger and more relevant industry
- Embrace the achievements of the industry and its related industries and professions
- See the industry as a whole grow and mature through its achievements in innovation, business and in project management

### **When and where are the Awards presented?**

The Awards presentation Dinner will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney, 199 George Street, Sydney.

We encourage all participants to attend the dinner with fellow staff, clients and partners. All finalists receive a certificate recognising their achievement. Category winners are presented with a framed certificate and the opportunity to win the Sir Thomas Mitchell Award for most outstanding overall project.

## Eligibility

Provided projects have been completed within the last eighteen months, 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.

Each project must have a nominated contact person who is a resident in New South Wales.

The part of the project relevant to the entry must be completed although the overall project may not have reached conclusion.

Only one category per project can be nominated. The Judges may determine that a project is more relevant to an alternative category.

## Prizes

Every Category Winner is presented with a framed certificate. Projects reaching Highly Commended status are presented with a certificate. All finalists receive a certificate recognising their entry and insignia that can be used on letterheads etc.

The Committee reserves the right not to award a prize if, in the opinion of the Judges, the quality of the entries in any particular category does not justify a prize.

All winners are announced and prizes presented at the official awards ceremony. Winners are not advised of their status prior to the awards presentation. A representative for each project entered is required to attend the ceremony. It is also a requirement that a representative from each aligned category winner attends the national APSEA awards.

Winners' details are subsequently published in available and appropriate media.

## Judging

The Awards Judging Panel is comprised of the President of the Institution of Surveyors NSW, the Chairman of the Association of Consulting Surveyors NSW, the chairman of the organising committee (or their nominated representatives) and five invited judges with expertise in the range of categories covered.

The Judging Panel's decisions are final.

## Categories

**Awards are conferred in the seven following categories:**

- ❑ People & Community
- ❑ Infrastructure & Construction
- ❑ Extra Dimension
- ❑ Sustainable Development
- ❑ Spatial Information
- ❑ Cadastral Surveying
- ❑ Mining Surveying

## Criteria

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

### People & Community

#### **General description**

This award recognises those individuals or companies, projects, products or programs that contribute to the improvement and amenity of a locality or the environment.

#### **Specific criteria**

Judges will consider projects against the following specific criteria:

- *Demonstrated community acceptance, understanding and uptake of the solution*
- *Training, educational programs or tools enabling widespread use*
- *Innovative use and application of technology*
- *Degree of applied lateral thinking*
- *Level of interaction and input from the affected communities and users*
- *Demonstrated benefit to the community or the environment AND/OR contribution to emergency management/ defence/ safety and security*

### Infrastructure & Construction

#### **General description**

This award recognises those projects that have contributed to planning, designing, developing construction and/or infrastructure.

#### **Specific criteria**

Judges will consider projects against the following specific criteria:

- *Size, time constraints and the complexity or difficulty of the project*
- *Special site and/or location requirements, including access and logistical problems*
- *Overcoming challenging community, environment, culture, heritage or other issues*

- *Use of innovative technology or lateral and original thinking*
- *Consistently excellent actual and strategic approaches to problem-solving*
- *Degree to which the spatial component contributes to the overall project*

### Extra Dimension

#### **General description**

This award recognises how innovative techniques contribute to the economic performance of industry and solve unusual problems.

#### **Specific criteria**

Judges will consider projects against the following specific criteria:

- *Applying (or creating business(es) to exploit) new spatial applications, tools, products, technologies in a commercial industry sector*
- *Methods, practices and integrated spatial solutions involved as well as overall technical challenge*
- *Degree of intellectual stringency applied and lateral and/or original thinking used*
- *Inspirational context of the original concept and its application*
- *Demonstrated growth by and in the target industry sector(s)*
- *Demonstrated economic benefits and/or efficiency gains to the industry sector*

### Sustainable Development

#### **General description**

This award recognises the skills, knowledge and management used in the fields of civil engineering design, planning and the solving of environmental issues as applied to land development projects.

#### **Specific criteria**

Judges will consider projects against the following specific criteria:

- *Natural resource management and the effect on the environment*
- *Design and execution with regard to natural land form and function*
- *Innovative application of emerging or developing new technologies*
- *Community enrichment through sustainable design, planning and project management*
- *Original solutions which exemplify professional knowledge and skills*
- *High design standards incorporating exceptional spatial applications*

### Spatial Information

#### **General description**

This award recognises how innovative techniques in surveying, mapping, cartography, design, planning and software development achieve exceptional outcomes.

#### **Specific criteria**

Judges will consider projects against the following specific criteria:

- *Complexity, size or scope of the original problem or project brief*

- *Innovative or unorthodox methodology employed*
- *Degree of applied lateral thinking*
- *Media, tools and project management techniques used*
- *Degree to which the process and outcome exemplifies professional knowledge and skill*
- *Resulting increased awareness of the industry by the community or allied professions*

### Cadastral Surveying

#### **General description**

This award recognises an individual or organisation for the complexities and difficulties encountered in the definition with boundaries and land titling in NSW.

#### **Specific criteria**

Judges will consider projects against the following specific criteria:

- The particular complexities of the project, the methodology applied and the creative approach used to achieve the solution.
- Complexity and extent of the cadastral surveying component of the project and where relevant the use of precedents, principles and practices to justify and determine the solution.
- Plan preparation and presentation.

### Mining Surveying

#### **General description:**

This award recognises those projects that have been carried out for either coal or metaliferous mining operations that use innovative techniques to achieve the objectives.

#### **Specific criteria:**

Judges will consider projects against the following specific criteria:

- *Complexity and/or scope of the original problem or project brief*
- *Innovative or unorthodox methodology employed*
- *Economic, environmental or safety benefits of the project*
- *Results and data presentation*

## Submissions

***DEADLINE: COB Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009***

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, 3000 words / 12 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 have a name or title for the project entered
- must include a company/department/organisation or individual resident in NSW
- must include a nominated person resident in NSW and their contact details
- must include an overview/executive summary of the project in approximately 200 words.
- must include a written submission.
- must include a statement that permission has been given by any relevant organisation/person to enter the project.

### **Each submission should demonstrate, in addition to addressing the specific criteria:**

- 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.

### **Each submission:**

- must address the criteria for the category entered
- 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 a **Cover Page**, a **50 word Statement of Excellence** and a **Contents Page**
- must be burnt/copied to CD and delivered to the ISNSW office by the advertised deadline.

### **Submissions should also provide, where applicable:**

- lists of all participating organisations
- a full 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
- all/any other relevant information

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, posted, compressed and accessed. Judges reserve the right to not consider cumbersome or poorly presented material.

The copyright of all entries remains with the authors, however the Committee reserves the right to reproduce any entry to promote the industry.

The Committee accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss to entries. Entries are not returned unless specifically requested at the time of submitting.

**REGISTER YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO ENTER THE NSW AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN SURVEYING & SPATIAL INFORMATION 2009 BY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING AND FORWARDING BY 29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009 TO:**

[admin@acsnsw.com.au](mailto:admin@acsnsw.com.au) or by facsimile 02 9267 9226

We wish to register an expression of interest to enter the NSW Awards for Excellence in Surveying & Spatial Information 2009 with the following project:

Name of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (one only): \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Department responsible for project:

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated Individual contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We agree that:-

1. this document forms part of the Conditions of Entry,
2. the entry could be entered in the Asia Pacific Spatial Excellence Awards,
3. that as the nominated representative of the entrant I have read the Conditions of Entry included in the "INFORMATION FOR ENTRANTS in the INDUSTRY CATEGORIES" as downloaded from the IS NSW or ACS NSW website.
4. Permission has been granted by my / our clients and all other parties involved in the project for it to be submitted as an Entry.
5. I certify that the project is entirely all my / our work and that I / we are not breaching any confidentiality agreement or responsibility entered into with our client.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed (Nominated Individual)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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