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Nominations open for awards fostering excellence and innovation

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) 2013 Awards for Excellence recognise independent private providers of education and training across Australia’s tertiary sector.

The awards acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by individuals and organisations in private education and training, with the aim of showcasing outstanding best practice and industry initiatives.

ACPET’s Chief Executive Officer, Claire Field said “this is the second year of our awards program, of which ACPET is extremely proud. Our awards send a positive message to future students and reflect our members as leaders in quality and innovation.”

“In 2013, we are also introducing a new category, the ‘Workplace Coach of the Year’ award. This award aims to recognise the critical role played by workplace supervisors and mentors in supporting employees to develop new skills or to up-skill.”

Ms Field said, “skills and training are vital to the nation’s economic productivity and it is great to see many providers and industry working in partnership. For this particular reason, we are celebrating and showcasing the innovative contributions made by the private training sector in meeting industry’s workforce needs.”

“The awards will be judged by independent panels of eminent representatives from academia, industry peak organisations and government representatives.”

Nominations for the ACPET Awards for Excellence are now open and close on Friday 21 June 2013. Finalists will be announced on Friday 30 August 2013 at the ACPET National Conference dinner in Adelaide.

Individuals and organisations can nominate for the awards in eight categories:

- Higher Education (HE) Provider of the Year
- Industry Initiative
- International Education Provider of the Year
- Social Inclusion Initiative
- Student of the Year
- Teacher of the Year
- Vocational Education Training (VET) Provider of the Year
- Workplace Coach of the Year.

The application guidelines are now available on the ACPET website: www.acpet.edu.au.

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