 ITS Australia announces National ITS Awards finalists

The short list of competitors for the enhanced National Intelligent Transport Systems Awards has been announced by the Awards Judging Panel.

Judging Panel Chair and ITS Australia Director Gino Dompietro said the high quality and record number of entries for the 2014 National ITS Awards reflects the growth and maturity of the Australian ITS industry and presented judges with a challenging task.

“The industry responded positively to the new entry criteria and to the expanded range of award categories,” said Gino Dompietro. “Australia leads the world in some key ITS sectors and these Awards hosted by ITS Australia will help our industry gain the international recognition it deserves.”

The 2014 National ITS Awards categories and finalists are:

**Industry Award**
- NICTA (National ICT Australia) – Project Description: Intelligent Fleet Logistics, optimised cost to serve solution.
- Intelematics Australia – Project Description: Toyota Connected Vehicle Programs.
- SKIDATA Australasia in conjunction with Scentre Group – Project Description: Ticketless Parking Solution at Westfield Miranda shopping centre in Sydney.

**Government Award**
- Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Public Safety Business Agency, Queensland Fire and Emergency Service, Queensland Police Service, Transmax – Project Description: Emergency Vehicle Priority along Samford Road, Brisbane.
- South Australian Department of Transport, Planning and Infrastructure, Transmax – Project Description: Bluetooth travel Time System.
- Transport for New South Wales – Project Description: ISA Smart Phone Application “Speed Adviser”.

**Research Academic Award**
- NICTA (National ICT Australia) – Project Director: Dr Fang Chen – Project Description: Machine Learning Research Group.
- Monash University – Project Director: Dr Meead Saberi – Project Description: City Science Research Group.

**Young Professional Award for professionals under aged 30**
- Luke Madigan – Senior Electrical Engineer, Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland.
- Tariq Usuph – ITS Project Engineer (M80 Upgrade Project), VicRoads.

Gino Dompietro said international recognition for the National ITS Awards is ensured. “The Industry and the Government Award category winners will be nominated by ITS Australia for consideration for the worldwide ITS Achievement Award, to be presented at the 22nd ITS World Congress 2015 in Bordeaux France, before an audience of 10,000 industry professionals,” he said.
In addition, the Young Professional Award offers international exposure for the winner at the ITS Asia Pacific Forum in Nanjing, China next year with the winner awarded flights, accommodation and registration.

“We congratulate the finalists who have made the short list and the National ITS Awards team now looks forward to completing the judging process in announcing the winners at the Awards Presentation Night Dinner on 28 November in Brisbane. We invite all industry professionals to join in this celebration of excellence in ITS,” Gino Dompietro said.

The National ITS Awards are hosted annually by ITS Australia. Presentation Night Dinner information and booking details are at: www.its-australia.com.au

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