Call To Nominate Top Trainers and Students

Employment, Education and Training Minister Marion Scrymgour today launched the 2008 Northern Territory Training Awards at Darwin High School’s hospitality training rooms.

“The Government is proud to sponsor this event as part of our commitment to skilling our workforce and improving vocational training outcomes across the Territory,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“With over 24,000 people participating in Vocational and Educational Training (VET) programs, the NT has the highest VET participation rate in the country.

“We’re investing record amounts in training to fill the demand for skilled workers in our growing economy.”

Ms Scrymgour said the annual awards were an important way of officially recognising high standards in vocational education and training and also the merit of individual students.

“I strongly encourage individuals, organisations and schools to nominate for these awards, which highlight achievements in the critical area of skills training,” she said.

Workshops across the NT will provide information to applicants on how to nominate and the best way to present a nomination that will get the judges attention. Since they started 53 years ago, the awards have grown to include 12 categories: six for individuals involved in training and six for training organisations or Territory businesses.

The Territory award winners will be announced at a gala presentation dinner on 13 September 2008 at the new Darwin Convention Centre. Ten NT category winners have the chance to represent the Territory at the Australian Training Awards being held in Darwin for the first time.

The Northern Territory Training Awards are coordinated by the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

For more information about the awards and details about the regional information workshops visit www.trainingawards.nt.gov.au or contact Rosemary Carson on 08 8942 0458.

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