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Top Territory Trainees and Employers to be Recognised at Awards Ceremony

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Territory apprentices, trainees, their employers and training organisations will be honoured at the NT Training Awards tomorrow night (Saturday 11 September).

Acting Minister for Employment, Education and Training Dr Peter Toyne said the Awards dinner was a chance to celebrate achievements in the NT training sector and recognise the best of the best.

“It is also a chance to recognise the contribution that the Vocational Education and Training sector makes to the Territory,” Dr Toyne said.

“That’s why Government is proud to provide $100,000 towards supporting the event and promoting home-grown talent.

“As our economy grows, the Territory needs to be ready to meet the challenge and demand for skilled labour. We need to encourage our young people into skill shortage areas and provide employment and training opportunities for them.

“That’s why Government is investing more than $160 million into building employment and training opportunities over three years through the Jobs Plan.

“But Government is only one player. The support and contribution of industry, business, employers and training organisations are also key to our success in building a flexible, skilled Territory workforce.

“The Training Awards are an opportunity to shine the spotlight on those individuals and companies who strive for constant improvement and best practice in the NT VET sector.

“I would like to commend all of the nominees for the 2004 NT Training Awards on their achievements and wish them every success.”

Awards to be handed out tomorrow night include: NT Training Initiative Award, VET in Schools Student Achievement Award, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year, NT Employer of the Year, NT Training Provider of the Year; and the Austin Asche New Apprenticeships Apprentice of the Year.

Winners will represent the Territory at the Australian Training Awards in Melbourne in November.