



Should I enter the Queensland Mining Contractor Awards?

With only 4 weeks left to enter the Queensland Mining Contractor Awards, now is the time to begin your entry.

We understand some companies don't know if they are eligible or whether it is worth their time to enter. Contractors question their business size, clients, internal management and changes in staff when thinking about Award entries – but don't over think things.

Should I enter? Well, since April 2014, have you:

- **Worked on a project within the resources industry and saved your client time and/or money?**
- **Used an innovative approach or innovative product in your business?**
- **Given back to the community, donated to charity or facilitated a great staff incentive program?**
- **Offered programs that encourage women, youth or indigenous employment?**
- **Launched a new innovative product or service?**

Saving time and money is practically a requirement to win work in the mining industry today, so if you are able to demonstrate calculated savings, then we want to hear about it.

Check the '**Community**' section of your capability statement (or take a look at your sponsorship budget) to see how you've given back to the community.

Innovation is also readily found within our industry. Have you explored or pioneered a new technology? Maybe you've done things differently with your latest project (perhaps in order to save time and/or money? The same project can be entered in multiple categories).



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Now, let's also take a look at some reasons why you might not think you can enter.

- ***I'm too small***

Size truly doesn't matter when it comes to the Queensland Mining Contractor Awards – we assess all entries based on their merit, not on your size. Some of the smallest contractors can be the most resourceful, and we want to hear those stories! The 2014 winners are testament to the fact that size of company does not matter. [\(READ MORE HERE\)](#)

- ***I don't have the time to write a submission***

Have a great project but don't think you'll find time to write the submission? The submission forms [\(download here\)](#) are quite simple, plus the Department of State Development has offered to help businesses with their entries this year. Contact us for more information on how to access the support.

- ***I wouldn't use an Award for anything***

Winning an Award is a HUGE deal for your business. Imagine when you next put in a tender and you see a question about safety, community or EEO – and you have an independent, peer-judged Certificate saying that yes, you do outstanding work in that area. That's exactly what procurement officers look for. Plus, if you win, you're able to call yourself an award-winning business...and who doesn't want that?

- ***I don't want to put that kind of information on paper – what if my competitors see it?!***

Whatever information you submit to the Queensland Mining Contractor Awards is completely commercial-in-confidence, and won't be released without your explicit permission. You are able to choose the overview that the BBMC will use to publicise your entry should you become a finalist, so you have complete control over what information stays confidential. Of course, we need to know the details of your project in order to assess it, but beyond that, what happens in a Submission stays in a Submission!

If you've read to the bottom of this email and you're excited to start your entry, click here to download an [Entry Pack](#) or go straight to the [Submission Forms](#).

You have just under two months to finish your entry (or multiple entries!). Don't forget, there is help available – we can't wait to uncover your incredible stories.