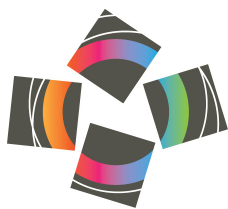


PUBLIC SECTOR INNOVATION AWARDS

INVITATION TO NOMINATE 2016



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INVITATION TO NOMINATE

The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) ACT Division, in partnership with the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and the Public Sector Innovation Network (PSIN), is calling for nominations for the inaugural Public Sector Innovation Awards (the Awards).

These Awards will be held annually to recognise, celebrate and share innovation in the Australian Public Service (APS).

PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

A successful public service is one that can find new and better ways of doing things, and that can solve problems in new ways. It is one where new ideas are tried and tested, and where old approaches are phased out and replaced with new, more suitable and effective methods. It is one that is innovative.

These new Awards were created at the guidance of the Portfolio Secretaries of the APS in order to better recognise and celebrate the innovative work that occurs within the public service.

The Awards will provide a platform to share innovative approaches across the APS. A goal of the Awards is to encourage others to adopt more innovative approaches to public administration.

WHY NOMINATE?

Have you, or someone you work with, been involved with trying to improve the work of the APS? The Awards are seeking to recognise such efforts, to help:

- highlight innovation within the APS;
- spread the good ideas that have been put into practice, and the lessons learnt; and
- foster a culture that supports and celebrates people and agencies doing things differently.

KEY DATES

1 March – nominations open

Visit www.act.ipaa.org.au/innovation-awards to access the nomination form online.

15 April – nominations close

Nominations are 'light touch' with four criteria and four supporting statements.

1 June – shortlisted finalists announced

Finalists will have the opportunity to present their pitch to the judging panel.

27 July – awards winners announced

The winners of each category will be announced at a function prior to the IPAA Conference.

August onward – innovation roadtrips

All finalists and winners will be invited to attend a roadtrip to meet with industry leaders in innovation.



*"By unleashing our innovation,
unleashing our imagination, being
prepared to embrace change, we usher in
the ideas boom."*

Malcolm Turnbull, December 2015



AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards will be given in four categories:

1 – INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

We took an idea and tried something different!

Recognising a new or improved solution to an existing problem. The solution may relate to process, to service delivery, to programmes, to policy or to regulatory approaches. It may relate to stopping doing something (a process or a service) so that a new approach can be tried

2 – ENGAGING WITH THE EDGE

Embracing radical approaches!

Recognising new methods or new technologies, engaging with new trends or issues that will affect core work in the future, new thinking or frameworks about how core work might be done, or engaging with new partners in new ways

3 – CULTURE AND PRACTICE

The people part – the key to innovation...

Recognising initiatives or contributions that help strengthen the culture and capability for innovation. This may be about supporting the innovation process, about engaging or empowering staff, or demonstrating the spirit of innovation

4 – DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Digital, online and technology to innovate...

Initiatives that demonstrate the spirit of digital transformation, including providing better and easier services and interactions with citizens.

AWARD WINNERS

Award winners will bask in glory and earn bragging rights for the inaugural awards, along with receiving a small trophy.

More importantly, all finalist and award winners will be provided with the opportunity to participate in a roadtrip to Sydney to meet with a select group of industry leaders in innovation.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual, work unit, group or team of a Commonwealth Government entity may nominate an initiative for the Awards.

Eligible initiatives can be large in scale and impact across the organisation (or multiple organisations), or they can be small in scale and impact at a more local level (or anywhere in between).

FURTHER INFORMATION

All the information required to prepare a nomination is available online at:

www.act.ipaa.org.au/innovation-awards

Nominations can be self-nominated or nominated by peers – this is a great chance to showcase innovative work across the APS!

ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION

Nominations will be shortlisted through an assessment process, with shortlisted applicants to give a presentation to a panel of judges in June 2016.

In submitting a nomination, nominees agree that information and images from their nomination may be used by IPAA and the PSIN to promote the Awards, including through case studies and presentations on their initiative.

Applicants may also be asked to allow information from their nomination to be shared with academics for research purposes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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“The public service can be a major contributor to a more innovative Australia – as a source of bold ideas, as an implementer...”

Innovation Snapshot, 2015



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