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## **ACT AIPM Awards Recognise Project Excellence**

*Project management best suited for a volatile, fast-moving business landscape*

**CANBERRA, 30 August 2011** – The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Chapter of the **Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM)**, the peak body for the Australian Project Management profession, held its annual Project Management Achievement Awards (PMAA) on Friday 26 August 2011 in Canberra. This annual event recognises outstanding achievement in project management by top ACT organisations, including Point Project Management, Aurecon, Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO), Customs & Border Protection and ACT Health.

ACT Chapter President Boyd McCarron discussed how project management (PM) is eclipsing other business management philosophies. “Over the last ten years PM has evolved into a neo-management science, as traditional management approaches become increasingly less applicable in dealing with the infinite variety of circumstances of modern, highly volatile and constantly changing business environments. The question for organisations then becomes: ‘How we find the time to develop a competent project management work force?’ This year’s finalists demonstrate how this challenge should be answered,” Mr Boyd said.

Brendan Bilston, Principal of Point Project Management, commented on his company receiving the ACT Project of the Year award. “Point Project Management is overwhelmed by its success at the 2011 Project Management Achievement Awards. It is important to recognise the importance of the Australian Institute of Project Management for providing industry leadership and guidance.”

“The AIPM is filled with high calibre professionals committed to the advancement of Project Management and we are extremely proud to be a part of the AIPM. I would like to thank all of the engineers, architects, builders, trade contractors and third parties that contribute to the project work we are involved with. Our success is actually a reflection of all involved in projects. Finally I would like to thank each and every team member at Point Project Management for contributing to making the company such a success,” Mr Bilston said.

A complete list of the ACT PMAA State and Category finalists is as follows:

<b>Award category</b>	<b>Winning Project/Individual</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Project of the Year	Qantas Operations, New Canberra Airport project	Point Project Management
Category Winner Construction/Engineering less than \$100,000,000	Qantas Operations, New Canberra Airport project	Point Project Management
Category Winner Construction/Engineering in excess of \$100,000,000	Building the Education revolution NSW Illawarra Region	Aurecon
Category Winner Defence/Aerospace	ANZAC Class Anti-Ship Missile defence Upgrade Project	Defence Materiel Organisation
Category Winner Product Development	Southern Ocean Maritime Patrol & Response Capability	Customs & Border Protection
Category Winner Information Technology	IT service Continuity project	CrimTrac
Category Winner Organisation/Change Management	NICUCAM Project	ACT Health
Category Winner Small Projects	Dept of Treasury Childcare expansion Project	Point Project Management
Category Winner Community Service and/or Development	ACT Health Elective Surgery Capacity Building Project	ACT Health
Project Manager of the Year	Brendan Bilston	Point Project Management
Team Member of the Year	Chris McLaughlan	Point Project Management

### **ACT Project Management Achievement Awards/25<sup>th</sup> IPMA World Congress**

The ACT PMAA was a formal gala evening held on Friday, 26 August 2011 at the ACT Canberra Club. The PMAA State and Category finalists will go on to the National PMAA awards, held this year on the global stage at the AIPM-hosted International Project Management Association (IPMA) World Congress in Brisbane from 9-12 October 2011. These events present an opportunity to network with peers and clients and are open to all industries and all AIPM partners, sponsors and friends.

For more information or to register for the 25<sup>th</sup> IPMA World Congress in Brisbane, please visit <http://www.ipma2011.com/>.

### **About AIPM**

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