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VTA CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010 AUSTRALIAN FREIGHT INDUSTRY AWARDS

The Victorian Transport Association (VTA), Chief Executive, Philip Lovel, announced today that nominations are now open for the 21st Annual Australian Freight Industry Awards. "These unique awards are designed to reward excellence and to raise the standards and public perception of the Australian Freight and Logistics Industry."

The 21st Annual Australian Freight Industry Awards are being held on Saturday 11th September 2010, and award nominations are now open. Award nominations will close on Monday 23rd August. "The Awards night will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre Plenary and will once again be a spectacular event with great food, great music and a celebration of our Industry" Mr. Lovel said.

Mr. Lovel said "I strongly encourage companies to nominate for the Awards. For over twenty years companies & individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make their work more innovative, efficient and safe have been publicly recognised and honoured at the Australian Freight Industry Awards. Entering the Awards is a powerful demonstration that shows your organisation values employees and their contributions."

The Australian Freight Industry Awards in 2010 will include the following 6 categories:

1. Australian Best Practice Safety Award
2. Australian Freight Innovation/Technology Award
3. Australian Freight and Logistics Award
4. Australian Freight Environmental Award
5. Australian Freight Industry Promotion & Careers Award
6. Australian Freight and Logistics Personality of the Year

Mr. Lovel concluded, "For over twenty years these Awards have recognised the people and companies who have contributed to shaping the industry into what it is today and into the future. Saturday 11th September will be a fantastic evening to celebrate this Industry and its people."

Further information on the Awards follows this release. Nomination forms and Award Night invitations are available from the VTA

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21st Australian Freight Industry Awards

Award Judging Criteria

Australian Best Practice Safety Award

This Award will recognise the most innovative and practical safety solution in the workplace in any mode of freight and logistics.

The judges will be looking for:-

- Cost effective solutions
- Easy to introduce solutions
- Practical Solutions

Australian Freight Innovation/Technology Award

This award will recognise the individual, group or organisation that has or have applied innovation/technology systems to the business on an issue or problem, to provide a positive outcome.

The judges will respond to initiatives in warehousing, supply chain, environment, communications or any other freight and logistics related operation, which enhances the business and delivers greater customer benefits.

Australian Freight and Logistics Award

This award will recognize the outstanding TDL business of the year, specialising in the movement and/or management of freight, by any mode, in any part of the supply chain.

The judges will look for initiatives in efficiency, safety, improvements, new technology, alliances, employee/subcontractor relationships, as well as evidence of good customer benefits.

Australian Freight Environmental Award

This Award will recognise the best practice initiative in reducing environmental effects in the freight and logistics industry.

The judges will look for:-

- Innovative solutions in carbon reduction.
- Equipment and systems designed to minimise environmental footprints.
- Programs to promote more efficient use of vehicles/driving or training methods.

A strong emphasis will be placed on measurement of outcomes and demonstrated results.

Australian Freight Industry Promotion & Careers Award

This Award has been designed to recognise special programs/initiatives in the freight and logistics industry to promote/encourage people into the industry.

The judges will be looking for:-

- Special initiatives for hiring and training young people.
- Programs for promoting the industry to new entrants.
- Initiatives in schools, career counsellors or company wide programs.
- Recognition of industries, groups, organisations or companies for best programs.

A strong emphasis will be placed on existing or on going programs

Australian Freight and Logistics Personality of the Year

This award is designed to recognise the person who has made the most outstanding contribution to the Australian Freight and Logistics Industry over a period of time, not necessarily the past 12 months.

Judges will look for specific business initiatives, commitment to staff, contribution to the industry, profile in the community and overall leadership qualities. References or back up material will form an important part in judging this award.

Please note:

1. The Awards are open to all Organisations in the Freight and Logistics Industry including Suppliers, Authorities and Customers
2. Entries will be judged by impartial panels appointed from a selection of Industry representatives, supporting organisations and the media.
3. Use only one entry form per category, three copies required.
4. Only one entrant/nomination is permitted for each category from each organisation.
5. The completed entry form must be signed by the person responsible for submitting the entry and countersigned by a director of the company.
6. Closing date for entries is Monday 23rd August 2010.
7. Entries will not be returned unless specifically requested in writing.
8. The judges' decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into by any member of the judging panel or entrant.
9. All winners will be announced at the Awards dinner. A representative of the finalists in each category will be notified and expected to attend the evening.
10. Additional entry forms can be obtained from the VTA at www.vta.com.au or call 03 9646 8590.