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Chance for women to shine in development industry

Women in the development industry throughout Queensland are being called on to nominate themselves or another brilliant woman for industry recognition following the official launch of the Annual Women in Development Excellence Awards.

Women in Development (WID) is an initiative of the Urban Development Institute of Australia (Qld) and was formed in 1999 as a forum for women to participate, network and share knowledge. The Awards were introduced to recognise the outstanding achievements of women and are designed to encourage more women to join what is traditionally a male dominated industry.

UDIA (Qld) President Warren Harris said all women in the development industry should seriously consider entering themselves or another inspiring woman for an award.

"I encourage all women, from all over Queensland, who make a positive impact on the development industry to take advantage of this industry recognised awards program," Mr Harris said.

"All too often the significant achievements of our female colleagues go unnoticed. It's through initiatives such as the WID Awards that women can gain recognition for their achievements and use that recognition to further develop their careers."

"The WID Excellence Awards program is the only forum designed specifically to recognise and reward excellent women in the development industry.

"Past winners who have gone on to achieve further success acknowledge the contribution made by recognition through the WID Awards to help open doors and progress their careers.

WID is now accepting nominations until 5:00pm, 14 May 2010. Winners will be announced at a 'Winter Wonderland' gala awards ceremony and cocktail party on June 25 at Victoria Park Golf Course.

The Awards span eight distinct categories. These include a Rising Star award, a Workplace Award, a Future Leader award which has been specifically designed to recognise outstanding students, awards for professional services and support services to the development industry and an award for outstanding achievement in environmental sustainability.

Nomination forms are available on the UDIA (Qld) website (www.udiaqld.com.au).

The 2009 Women in Development Excellence Awards categories are:

Category 1: Outstanding Achievement by a Woman – Strategic Management

Category 2: Outstanding Achievement by a Woman – Rising Star

Category 3: Outstanding Achievement by a Woman – Professional and Development Services

Category 4: Outstanding Achievement by a Woman – Industry Support Services

Category 5: Outstanding Achievement by a Woman – Government

Category 6: Dr Paula Whitman's Future Leader Award (Student)

Category 7: Women in Development – Workplace Award

Category 8: Outstanding Achievement by a Woman – Developing a Sustainable Environment

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