

Stormwater

INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
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2007 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

AWARD CRITERIA, RULES & ENTRY FORM

for

Award for Excellence in
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Award for Excellence in
STORMWATER RESEARCH

Award for Excellence in
STORMWATER EDUCATION

Award for Excellence in
**SURFACE &/OR GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Award for Excellence in
STORMWATER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

The awards will be presented at the SIA Queensland Regional Conference Gala dinner on 20th September 2007
at Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Maroochydore, Queensland

The winners in each award category will make presentations at the Awards Dinner

Entries close on Monday 16 July 2007

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AWARD ENTRY FORM

Stormwater Industry Association is calling for entries for the 2007 Stormwater Excellence Awards. The awards are open to all organisations and individuals irrespective of the size of the project or the qualifications of the individuals. The awards are judged for their originality, innovation, actual and/or potential benefits, cost effectiveness and contribution towards environmental sustainability in stormwater management. Five Awards are available.

- **EXCELLENCE IN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT** Entry fee \$100*
- **EXCELLENCE IN STORMWATER RESEARCH** Entry fee \$100*
- **EXCELLENCE IN STORMWATER EDUCATION** Entry fee \$25*
- **EXCELLENCE IN SURFACE &/OR GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE** Entry fee \$100*
- **EXCELLENCE IN STORMWATER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT** Entry fee \$100*

The closing date for entries is Monday 16 July 2007

All award applications are assessed by panels of judges drawn from the fields of Environmental Management, Engineering and Urban Planning.

ENTRY - This entry is for the following category: (tick one box)

- Excellence in Stormwater Management**
- Excellence in Stormwater Research**
- Excellence in Stormwater Education**
- Excellence in Surface &/or Ground Water Management Infrastructure**
- Excellence in Stormwater Software Development**

I/we identify our entry as: (insert name of Project or name(s) of Entrant(s))

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NOMINATOR

- I/we are members of SIA Queensland

SUBMISSION

- I/we enclose material to demonstrate that the entry satisfies the Award Criteria

VALIDATION

- I/we enclose two letters from recognised industry referees supporting this entry

AWARD DINNER

- I/we will ensure that a representative of this entry attend the 2007 Awards Dinner and make a presentation** if the entry is selected as the winner in the award category.

UNDERTAKING

- I/we agree to abide by the published Rules for the 2007 Excellence Awards

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CONTACT DETAILS OF PERSON LODGING NOMINATION

Name

Organisation

Address

Tel Fax Email

Signed

Date

Nominations must be forwarded to: **SIA Queensland Inc. PO Box 2100, Fortitude Valley BC, QLD 4006**

* A Tax Invoice form and receipt will be provided on payment of the entry fee by cheque or credit card.

** The format of the Awards Dinner presentations will be forwarded to the winning entries prior to 7 September 2007.

*** The Entry Form is also available on the SIA website at:

www.stormwater.asn.au/qld

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AWARD CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

Award for Excellence in Stormwater Management

This award recognises projects which can improve the efficiency of operation of urban stormwater systems serving one or more objectives compatible with Water Sensitive Urban Design WSUD through attention to any of the areas or stages of endeavour necessary to reach the outcomes.

The award is open to any consultant, government or private organisation or individual.

Entries should demonstrate:

- Effectiveness of reducing the impact of development on the total water cycle
- Specific Water Sensitive Urban Design WSUD features and improvements
- An ability to integrate, engage and move the community, organization, and business
- A contribution to community cohesion, aesthetics and quality
- Achievement of project milestones and objectives
- Closure in a realistic time frame

Where possible, and as appropriate, information accompanying the entry should include:

- Advice on the organizational, public or private issues involved
- Efficiencies achieved with performance data on flows and water qualities
- Impacts of the project on the water cycle, greenhouse gases and local and regional eco-systems
- Benefits in terms of health, safety, convenience, aesthetics and quality of urban living
- Costs and benefits to all parties
- Independent supporting descriptions and information

Award for Excellence in Stormwater Research

This award recognises research projects that have produced data, knowledge and wisdom as related to stormwater and water systems within a catchment, especially including detailed quantification and review of existing works and water modelling exercises.

The award is open to any research organisation, consultant, government or private organisation or individual.

Entries should demonstrate a scientific approach with critical assessment:

- In managing stormwater quantity and quality, drain design and flood mitigation
- Improved stormwater design and accounting practice
- A contribution to knowledge, methods, technology or regulation
- A base in the applicable sciences, maths, physics, chemistry, biology or engineering
- A presentation of the good and bad features of the project

Where possible, and as appropriate, information accompanying the entry should include:

- The nature of the problem that was solved or understood
- The increased efficiency achieved by the project, key performance data on flows and water qualities
- Benefits in terms of health, safety, convenience, aesthetics and quality of urban living
- Description of the design concepts and any innovations
- key data projections or performance as related to sustainability
- independent supporting descriptions and information

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Award for Excellence in Stormwater Education

This award recognises the provision of a public or private program, courses, lectures or manuscripts which enthuse, enlighten and advance awareness in the public, public servants or consultants; that contribute to the study of urban living and stormwater flows; that change knowledge, attitudes and behaviour toward water within broad or particular groups.

The program must have been significant; a proven performance over a period of time sufficient to gauge audience reception and influence.

The award is open to individuals, groups or organisations.

Entries should demonstrate:

- Direct or potential benefits to one or more of water conservation, use, reuse and recycling
- Element of Water Sensitive Urban Design WSUD
- Principles behind measurements of stormwater quantity, stormwater quality, flood mitigation or efficient water management
- Historical awareness and critical updating of information and literature
- The communication of accurate information at a level of detail appropriate to the target audience

Where possible, and as appropriate, information accompanying the entry should include:

- Description of the target audience and the objectives of the program
- Structure of the program, mode of delivery, materials and aids
- Measures of reception of the program by the target audience
- Measures of the effectiveness of the program on levels of knowledge, attitudes and/or behaviour
- Capital and operating costs of the program
- Independent supporting descriptions

Award for Excellence in Surface &/or Ground Water Management Infrastructure

This award recognises structural (infrastructure) measures that manage the quantity and quality of stormwater within a catchment; to reduce unsustainable impacts on receiving ecosystems and pay specific attention to the incorporation and operation of appropriate design criteria.

Nominations will be accepted from private and/or government entities for specific devices or features that are a part of urban built developments that have been completed or are nearly completed.

Entries should demonstrate:

- Effectiveness of reducing the impact of development on the total water cycle
- Benefits to water conservation, water quality improvement and flood mitigation
- Simplicity in design, application, cost and possible retrofitting
- Impacts on greenhouse gases and enhanced local and regional eco-systems

Where possible, and as appropriate, information accompanying the entry should include:

- Descriptions of the project and its major performance objectives
- Specific design concepts and innovations
- Accounting and performance, flow and water quality data
- Data or projections that relate to sustainability
- Capital and operating costs and benefits to occupants, developer and owners
- Benefits to occupants in terms of health, safety, convenience, costs
- A critique with independent supporting information

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Award for Excellence in Stormwater Software Development

This award recognises the provision of software packages that contribute to stormwater quality and quantity principles in research, engineering and management.

Testing must have been completed and evaluated over a significant time. The award is open to individuals, groups and organizations.

Entries should demonstrate:

- Direct or potential benefits to public knowledge and awareness
- Water conservation, stormwater quality, flood mitigation, or general water management efficiencies
- Usability and connectability to a wide user population and broad applications
- Ease of delivery and sensible costing

Where possible, and as appropriate, information accompanying the entry should include:

- Description of the software's application and technical methodologies and abilities
- Specific features that demonstrate the flexibility of the software in various scenarios
- At least one example with numerical/iconic results from using the software package
- Details of software support and the anticipated future directions of the software
- Independent supporting descriptions and information

AWARD RULES

1. OBJECTIVES

- (i) The Stormwater Industry Association of Queensland (SIAQ) will present five Awards of Excellence.
- (ii) The Awards are designed to raise the profile and understanding of stormwater and water conservation and use while balancing development and maintaining our environment, to give recognition to the recipient, and to further the industry image through the marketing of the award including the nomination procedures, selection, award ceremony and publication of the achiever's work.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Nominations shall be from a person, group or public or private organisation, which has made a contribution in Australasia as setout in "Award Categories & Criteria".
- (ii) Nominees need not be members of the Stormwater Industry Association of Queensland but the Nominator must be a current member of the Stormwater Industry Association of Queensland or one of the affiliated Stormwater Industry Associations of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia or New Zealand.
- (iii) The nomination must be submitted on the Awards Nomination Form included in this document but will be rejected unless accompanied by:
 - the agreement/testimonial from the owner of any project and/or intellectual property associated with the project
 - the fees payable (a fee must be paid for each entry)
 - two letters from referees who are recognised as holding standing in the stormwater industry
 - documentation that demonstrates the merits of the nomination, to satisfy the Award Criteria
 - a list of the material accompanying the nomination
- (iv) The Nomination must be in triplicate on the official nomination form (original plus 2 copies of same is acceptable)

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

- (i) The criteria for entry and judging are listed in "Awards and Award Criteria".

4. PROCEDURE FOR LODGEMENT

- (i) The closing date for nominations is Monday 16 July 2007
- (ii) Nominations must be forwarded to: **SIA Queensland Inc. PO Box 2100, Fortitude Valley BC, QLD 4006**

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- (iii) The decision of the panel of judges appointed by Stormwater Industry Association of Queensland will be final.
- (iv) Any entries withdrawn after the closing date are not entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
- (v) If the standard of nominations within any Award category is considered to not be of an appropriate quality, then no Award will be made in that category.
- (vi) All materials submitted as part of the entry become the property of SIAQ and will not be returned unless agreed in writing beforehand.
- (vii) If an entry is submitted in a category for which it does not qualify, SIAQ reserves the right to move the entry to a more appropriate category, in consultation with the entrant.

5. PRESENTATION

- (i) Three (3) full sets of all material forming the entry must be submitted for forwarding to the judges.
- (ii) Material presented should only consist of information and visualisation relevant to meeting the judging criteria. Repetition of material in different forms will detract from the judged score. Material of an advertising nature giving general unsupported views/information should not be included, except as adding to visualisation. Photos should be of quality suitable for reproduction.
- (iii) All separate documents/material submitted should be clearly marked with the entry name, Award category and a cumulative serial number to assist collation. A list of all separate documents/material showing their serial numbers should be appended to the entry.
- (iv) CDs and DVDs will be accepted but should not be used as a means of avoiding the presentation of information in hardcopy, where that form of presentation is more appropriate.

6. DISQUALIFICATION

- (i) SIAQ reserves the right to disqualify an entry before, during or after the contest judging if:
 - SIAQ determines that the entry, the entrant or the nominator breaches or otherwise fails to satisfy any of the previously stated eligibility or contest requirements
 - SIAQ considers false or misleading information was intentionally provided
 - SIAQ considers that problems, conflicts or discrepancies have arisen between some of the entrants, their clients or associated parties and SIAQ is not convinced that the issues can be resolved amicably within a reasonable period time
- (ii) In the case of disqualification after the Awards ceremony, the entrant will be required to return the Award and the SIAQ will reserve the right to make a public announcement stating the disqualification.

7. ADVERTISING

- (i) The recipients of SIAQ Awards may advertise that they have won the award, but may not advertise that SIAQ endorses their enterprise or their products. The recipients of SIAQ Awards must indicate the category and year of award whenever disclosing information or promoting itself or its entry for a period of 5 years after winning the award.
- (ii) SIAQ reserves the right to identify all winners and other nominees in its web pages or other publications. SIAQ reserves the right to publish some or all of the material submitted with any nomination in connection with the promotion of SIAQ and/or affiliated associations or SIAQ Awards whether or not the entry won an award. SIAQ will take every care in presenting this material and the Award winner will indemnify SIAQ against any misrepresentation made in error.
- (iii) The Sponsors of the Excellence Awards reserve the right to identify the award winners and finalists on their websites.