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AIDN Young Achiever Award

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The Australian Industry & Defence Network (AIDN) invites you to demonstrate your achievements as a young professional by entering the AIDN-ACT Young Achiever Award (YAA) 2009.

Driven and talented young people are the key to the future of the defence industry. In order to recognise individuals who may be future industry leaders, AIDN has created the AIDN Young Achiever Award.

WHO CAN ENTER THE AWARD?

The Award is open to all members of Defence Industry aged 30 years and under (entrants must be under 30 years of age on 1 January 2010). You do not have to be a member of AIDN to enter but you must be nominated by a member of AIDN.

WHY SHOULD I ENTER?

Winning the AIDN-ACT Young Achiever Award recognises your efforts, and demonstrates your achievements and your potential to your colleagues, clients and future employers. It will also entitle you to participate in the AIDN National Young Achiever Award.

HOW DO I ENTER?

Please read carefully through the entry form. Once you have completed all of the entry requirements, return your entry form and attachments to the Australian Industry & Defence Network Office for judging AIDN-ACT PO Box 192, Deakin West, ACT 2600.

The closing date for entries is close of business 14 December 2009.

ENTRIES

The purpose of your entry is to tell the judges about your various achievements and to convince them that you are a young professional who has demonstrated talent, leadership skills and professionalism in your career and will continue to do so in the future.

JUDGING

Your entry will be judged by a panel of distinguished professionals associated with the defence industry in the ACT.

Up to three applicants will be short listed as finalists for the AIDN-ACT Young Achiever award, with the winner to be announced in Canberra.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I WIN?

The AIDN-ACT finalists will each be presented with a plaque, and the winner of the AIDN-ACT Young Achiever Award will be presented with her/his plaque and be eligible to enter the AIDN National YAA. These awards will be presented at a function in Canberra.

The recipient of the Young Achiever Award may be asked to participate in relevant activities organised by AIDN-ACT to address members at times through the year. In order to be eligible for the award, the finalists must attend this Function.

AIDN National Young Achiever Award

The winner of the AIDN-ACT YAA will then go on to be judged for the AIDN National Young Achiever Award which will be presented at the ADM Defence Summit Awards Function in Canberra in February 2009 (date and venue to be advised). In order to be eligible for the award, the finalists must attend this Function. ***Companies would be required to cover the travelling costs of their Young Achiever attending the ADM Special Awards function.***

What Happens if I Win the AIDN National YAA?

The AIDN National finalists will each be presented with a complimentary pass to the next Defence+Industry conference. The winner of the AIDN National Young Achiever Award will be presented with her/his plaque and a complimentary pass to the next Defence+Industry conference. In addition, the national winner will also receive, through Industry Division DMO, training opportunities and access to key staff with extensive DMO experience to enhance their knowledge of doing business with Defence. The AIDN YAA will be presented at the ADM Special Awards function in February 2010.



AIDN-ACT Young Achiever Award Nomination

Please complete the following nomination form and attach the documents requested in SECTIONS 2 – 5

SECTION 1 PERSONAL DETAILS

Family name _____ Given names _____
Title (eg Dr, Mr, Ms) _____ Date of birth _____
Company/Organisation: _____ Member of AIDN-ACT YES/NO
Postal address _____ State _____ P/Code _____
Phone Home (___) _____ Work (___) _____ Mobile _____
Email _____ Fax (___) _____

SECTION 2 ATTACHMENT 1: CURRICULUM VITAE

Please attach your curriculum vitae including the following information:

- Educational background
- Additional Continuing Professional Development activities undertaken
- Awards and achievements
- Membership of other professional bodies
- Current employment details
- Details of past employment (defence industry related)

SECTION 3 ATTACHMENT 2: PROOF OF AGE

Please attach a form of identification with your proof of age.
This may be a driver's licence, Proof of Age Card or passport. We recommend that you provide a certified photocopy of this identification as entries will not be returned.

SECTION 4 ATTACHMENT 3: REFEREES

Please provide contact details of two references. Referees can be employers, supervisors, clients, lecturers or tutors or other persons who can bear witness to your career and achievements. **One referee must be employed by a member of AIDN-ACT.**
Your referees will be contacted and asked to comment about you against the selection criteria in confidence.
This will assist the judges to make a well-informed decision.
You may provide the contact details of a third referee in case one of your referees is unavailable.

SECTION 5 ATTACHMENT 5: WHY SHOULD YOU BE AWARDED THE AIDN-ACT YOUNG ACHIEVER FOR 2009?

Please provide a response against the above question:
Following are some questions & hints which may assist you with this response. If possible please type your response and attach to your entry form.

1. Please provide a brief description of your career goals and how you plan to achieve them.
HINT: Are these career goals realistic and do you express any goals that will benefit the profession and industry rather than just yourself?
2. Describe your academic and career achievements and what steps you have taken to ensure that you continually develop yourself as a professional? Support this with examples.
HINT: Did you conduct any form of study or research that may benefit the profession/industry? Have you demonstrated significant achievements for your age? Are you further ahead than you would have expected to progress by this age? Does the career you have had so far reflect the goals that you set yourself in the first selection criteria?





4. How do you feel you have contributed to the defence industry profession and how do you intend to continue doing so? Provide examples to support your statements.

HINT: Have you undertaken any activities with professional bodies like AIDN-ACT? Have you undertaken any research work that may have contributed to the development of the profession? Have you used your initiative to encourage new or more efficient ways of doing things in your workplace?

5. What has been the most challenging project you have undertaken to date and how did you face the challenges presented?

HINT: This is not exclusive to defence related projects. Research or other projects are applicable. What made this project so significant and what innovations did you contribute to solve the problems?

6. What key issues do you think will affect the defence industry profession in the coming decade and how do you think these should be approached?

HINT: Have you researched these issues? What has led you to the conclusion that they will be important?

Enclose the completed Nomination form with your submission and references and mail to:
Australian Industry & Defence Network - ACT
Young Achiever Award
PO Box 192, Deakin West, ACT 2600
or email to yaa@aidn.com.au

Submissions **MUST** arrive at the **AIDN-ACT Office by cob 14 December 2009**. Late entries will not be considered.





AIDN-ACT Young Achiever Award

Referee Details – Section 4

REFEREE DETAILS No. 1

Name _____

Profession _____

Position _____

Company _____

Contact phone (business hours) _____

Contact phone (mobile or after hours) _____

Email _____ Member of AIDN- ACT: YES/NO _____

REFEREE DETAILS No. 2

Name _____

Profession _____

Position _____

Company _____

Contact phone (business hours) _____

Contact phone (mobile or after hours) _____

Email _____ Member of AIDN-ACT: YES/NO _____

REFEREE DETAILS No. 3

Name _____

Profession _____

Position _____

Company _____

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Contact phone (mobile or after hours) _____

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