

NEW ZEALAND ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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NEW ZEALAND ENGINEERING ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

The New Zealand Engineering Entrepreneur¹ of the Year Award recognises an engineer an engineering technologist, or a team engaged in engineering activities team who, through entrepreneurship, has/have created or developed a new business opportunity. Judging is according to the following criteria:

- actual or potential contribution to the national economy
- benefit to relevant stakeholder communities in New Zealand
- extent of business growth achieved and return to investors
- ability to contribute to the goal of sustainable development

The Award consists of a trophy and certificate presented either to an individual distinguished throughout their career, or to a team judged to demonstrate entrepreneurial ability.

Entries and all supporting material must be submitted on line by 5.00pm 1 July 2010. Once you have registered at www.nzeeawards.org.nz, you will be provided with the links and access key to enable you to make your entry and upload your submission.

Questions can be directed to enquiries@nzeeawards.org.nz

¹ An Entrepreneur is defined in the Shorter Oxford Dictionary as "a person who undertakes or controls a business or enterprise and bears the risk of profit or loss."

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY (APPLY TO ALL AWARDS)

- a) Should either the judges or Awards' organisers request further information for purposes of judging or publicity this will be provided by the date requested or the entry will be disqualified.
- b) Should the judges wish to visit the site of an activity or ask questions of any person involved with an entry all reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate the visit and answer any questions posed by the judges.
- c) The entrant has obtained the permission of all relevant parties to the entry to proceed with the entry.
- d) The entrant gives permission to use any of the materials provided for publicity and promotional purposes.
- e) The entrant must be present at the formal presentation ceremony in November in Wellington should the entrant be announced as a finalist.
- f) All entries should be limited to 20 written A4 sides per submission including all supporting documentation. Photos may be submitted in addition to this.
- g) The New Zealand Association of Engineering Organisations reserve the right to make nominations for any Award, and to nominate any entry for consideration in an Award for which it was not entered, in addition to the one in which it was entered.
- h) The judges have the discretion not to give an Award if none of the entries are considered of sufficient standard.
- i) Previously unsuccessful entrants may reapply in subsequent years providing they comply with all other conditions of entry.
- j) The entrant accepts that the judges' decisions are final and that no correspondence will be entered into.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- a) All entries for the New Zealand Engineering Entrepreneur of the Year Award must be uploaded to the www.nzeeawards.org.nz web site by 5.00pm on Thursday 1 July 2010.
- b) The entrant is expected to meet the costs of participation including attendance at the presentation ceremony.
- c) Where a team is entered into the award the team should be limited to no more than four individuals.

ENTRIES TO INCLUDE

- a) An entry form completed on line using the links provided once you have registered your interest www.nzeeawards.org.nz
- b) An account (up to four A4 pages) describing how the entrant has exhibited entrepreneurial behaviour, and specifically addressing the judging criteria. This should include references to the supporting material provided. In the case of a team being entered into the award the role of each individual should be outlined and how they contributed to the success of the venture.
- c) A 200-word précis summarising how the entrant has displayed entrepreneurial behaviour (which might be used for publicity purposes).

- d) A short statement demonstrating how the entrant/s have engaged in engineering activities which has enhanced New Zealand's engineering reputation.
- e) Supporting documentation annotated to aid reference from the document provided in a). This documentation may include (where appropriate) business reports, and any relevant media coverage. The more information you provide the easier it will be for the judges to make a decision.
- f) Two referees' letters/testimonials – the referees should make reference to each of the judging criteria where appropriate. The judges may choose to contact referees for further information or clarification.
- g) A high quality digital photo that can be used for publicity purposes. In the case of a team it would be preferred a photograph of the entire team. These will be uploaded to the website along with your submission.
 - jpeg or tif format only – no more than 1MB per image file
- h) **Document specifications for entries.** Please ensure that your entries comply with the following specifications to aid the judges in viewing your entry online.
 - Font: Times New Roman or Arial
 - Font size: 12pt
 - Font colour: Black text on white background
 - Line spacing: 1.5
 - Document orientation: A4 Portrait
 - File Format: word or pdf
 - File Size: 2 MB maximum

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JUDGING

The New Zealand Engineering Entrepreneur of the Year Award recognises an engineer, engineering technologist, or a team engaged in engineering activities who, through entrepreneurship, have created or developed a new business opportunity. Judging is according to the following criteria:

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The judges will consider indicators of entrepreneurial behaviour including creation of new business in a new market, internationalisation of a business, business development with growth rates significantly above the market norm and contribution made to the risk capital of the business.