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## Telstra Business Centre Belmont Supports Environment Award in 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards

The 20th annual Belmont Small Business Awards are well underway, and nominations and entries are open until 5pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Telstra Business Centre has given support to the Awards this year and is sponsoring the Environment Award. This year's Belmont Small Business Awards include a total of 23 categories for entrants to consider such as Enterprise of the Year, Spirit of Australia, Online Business, Indigenous Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur Award.

The Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC), a non-profit community organisation that provides small business webinars, workshops, mentoring and guidance to persons wishing to start or grow their business across Australia.

Telstra Business Centre Belmont, Sales Manager Vicki Pearmine said, "We are proud to be a new sponsor of the Environment Award, 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards."

Vicki said: "The results from our latest national business survey\* show that not only has confidence returned, according to 75 percent of the businesses, more than quarter were also looking to use technology to fuel their growth."

An increasing number of small businesses are turning to technology to boost productivity, manage costs and help grow their business. These customers need dedicated Business Centres in their local area to cater specifically to their needs. This is where the team at the TBC Perth Belmont can help.

"We're really passionate about helping local businesses get the most from the latest digital technology", said Mrs Pearmine.

"I look forward to meeting this year's Environment Award winner, and would like to encourage all businesses in Western Australia to see if they qualify for any of the 23 award categories. The Belmont Small Business Awards are free to enter, and the Belmont BEC can offer lots of assistance for small business entrants, including providing weekly information sessions on how to write an Awards submission", Vicki said.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony in November call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email awards@belmontbec.com or visit the website www.belmontbec.com/awards

The "Night of Stars" event, where winners will be announced, is going be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of November at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.

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