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Belmont Small Business Awards Encourages Small Businesses to be Energy Efficient

The 21st annual Belmont Small Business Awards are underway, and many small businesses have been submitting their entries into the Awards. One of the categories that gains a lot of interest from small business owners entering the Awards is the TCF AUSTRALIA ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT - ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARD.

This Award recognises reduction of energy usage in in small business and is open to any small business owner in Western Australia. The Award is offered by the TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project. This Project offers an extensive range of specialist energy efficiency services to small businesses across Australia to help businesses in Australia to be more energy efficient and sustainable. The program has been made possible via funding from the Department of Industry and Science as part of the Energy Efficiency Information Grants Program.

Belmont BEC CEO and Founder of the Belmont Small Business Awards Carol Hanlon said "Small businesses can participate in a range of FREE ONLINE WEBINARS that they can access on their PC, laptop, tablet or iPhone. To enter the Belmont Small Business Awards, entrants do not have to be apart of this project, but we highly recommend that small businesses take a look at our range of FREE services in energy efficiency training".

The Belmont Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non profit community based organisation established, in 1994. The Belmont BEC offers 'one stop shop, no cost or low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support through 'online' training and mentoring, networking events and an extensive range of specialised and innovative projects and small business support programs. This includes access to the TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project being conducted by TCFWA & TCF Australia.

Carol Hanlon said, "Businesses wishing to enter the awards can access Free Information Sessions on 'How to Prepare Award Submissions', Free Award Entry Kits and Submission Mentors are available."

Please email Belmont BEC at <u>awards@belmontbec.com</u> or phone 9479 3777 to arrange assistance with your entry. Closing date for entries is 5pm Tuesday 30th September 2014, and the final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held Friday October 31st 2014 in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre. For more information contact awards@belmontbec.com

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