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## **Small Business Development Corporation Supports Home-Based Business Award**

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Belmont Small Business Awards are once again underway and open for small businesses across Western Australia until 5pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) is pleased to support the Awards again this year by sponsoring the Home-Based Business Award, open to all businesses located in the Perth metropolitan area.

The SBDC is a Western Australian state government agency focused on the development of the small business sector. The SBDC is committed to:

Championing and promoting small business in Western Australia;

Developing programs and services to meet the needs of small businesses;

Stimulating a culture of enterprise, and celebrating the success of small businesses throughout the State.

This year's Belmont Small Business Awards include a total of 22 categories for entrants to consider such as Enterprise of the Year, Spirit of Australia, eCommerce, Indigenous Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur Award.

SBDC Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Eaton, says the SBDC is delighted to once again support the Belmont Small Business Awards and is encouraging all eligible home-based businesses to enter.

"Entering awards programs is a great opportunity for business owners to take a close look at their business, congratulate themselves on how well the business is progressing, and discover areas within the business that may need attention," Mr Eaton said.

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, low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support with a helpline, mentoring, networking, legal and accounting services and a range of other services.

The Awards are open for small businesses across Western Australia until 5pm Monday 15th October 2012.

For more information on how to nominate a business for the 2012 Belmont Small Business Awards or for information on attending the awards ceremony in November call the Belmont BEC on (08) 9479 3777, email <a href="mailto:awards@belmontbec.com">awards@belmontbec.com</a>