

SACS Award for Leadership in the Not-for-Profit Sector

- ◆ All staff in the New South Wales & Victorian Not-for-Profit Sector are eligible for this new leadership award
- ◆ \$10,000 Prize to foster leadership development
- ◆ Applications close end of April

The award is targeted at recognising and fostering leadership in the NSW & Victorian Not-for-Profit sector and is supported by SACS Consulting. We are seeking submissions from within the sector outlining examples of outstanding leadership which meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Positive contribution to the organisation's efficiency and effectiveness
- ◆ Positive contribution to colleagues – enhancement of the organisation's internal environment
- ◆ Innovation and creativity
- ◆ Demonstration of integrity and positive values

Leadership Victoria, an independent not-for-profit organisation dedicated to fostering excellence in leadership will evaluate the submissions against the four criteria. All criteria will be weighted equally. SACS will have no input into the choice of the winner and we will accept the decision of Leadership Victoria.

The winner will receive a prize of \$10,000 to be awarded to the organisation employing the leader. The money will be used to foster and develop leadership ability within the organisation and it will be up to the successful leader to decide how the funds are deployed. Second and third places will receive free admission to the highly successful Leadership Victoria Board Orientation programme. The top three submissions including the winner will be recognised at an event in late July of this year, details of which will be announced by the end of March.

We see this award as a practical way of making a contribution to the sector other than through the quality of our work. We hope you join us in our excitement about this initiative and that you will consider making submissions with the objective of recognising your outstanding leaders.



The submissions should be a maximum of five pages, although they can be supported by other materials such as graphics, video, or other data. They should outline the example of leadership – what the leader has done, and why their contribution is significant, as defined by the four criteria above. A leader for the purposes of this award is typically an individual, but small teams which have acted in leadership roles also qualify. We are seeking to recognise examples of true leadership – behaviours which change the experiences of colleagues and stakeholders, and which inspire people to follow the example and guidance of the leader and to innovate and improve things themselves. We seek to recognise people who have acted as inspirational leaders either in pursuit of their day-to-day roles, or during a defined period such as a project.

We are not seeking submissions on entire organisations. The submission can be in any format, but must include the following:

- ◆ An executive summary of a maximum of 100 words which sums up the essence of the submission
- ◆ An explanation of how the leader's actions have satisfied each of the four criteria mentioned above
- ◆ At least one photograph of the leader which you are happy for SACS to use in any documents or presentations outlining the nature of the submissions

Four copies of submissions should be submitted by Wednesday April 30th 2008 to SACS Award for Leadership in Not-For-Profit Sector, C\ - Leadership Victoria, Old Treasury Building, Spring St, Melbourne 3000.

To gain further information about the award and how to prepare a submission, please contact either :

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