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EXCELLENCE AWARDS TO HONOUR TOP WORKERS

The clock is ticking on nominations for the 2010 IPAA Queensland Public Sector Excellence Awards honouring some of the state's best and brightest talent.

With nominations closing in less than two weeks, the public sector is being encouraged not to miss out on this outstanding opportunity.

Regional entries are particularly encouraged with the inclusion of a significant new award category this year recognising Regional Queensland Leader of the Year.

The awards are open to all public sector employees across local, state and federal government, including Government Owned Corporations and Statutory Authorities, and are aimed at recognising the valuable contributions made by these professionals for the benefit of Queensland.

IPAA Queensland CEO Peter Rumph said the awards were a great opportunity to showcase the depth of talent within the public sector and to acknowledge those who are displaying best practice and excellence in their fields.

"Through these awards, we have created a platform to showcase these exceptional professionals along with their projects and initiatives," he said.

"We want to hear from people who have made significant contributions representing achievements right across the state's public sector."

Last year's inaugural awards saw nominations flood in from as far as Mackay, Townsville, Quilpie and Cairns, with a number of projects exemplifying innovation and initiative.

"This year we expect the number and scope of nominations to be even better and we look forward to celebrating their efforts," Mr Rumph said.

"So we are encouraging our members to get their entries in before the deadline."

Categories include: Patron's Award for Excellence in the Public Sector; Young Leader of the Year; Public Sector Professional of the Year; Regional Queensland Leader of the Year; Best Practice in Local Government; Best Practice in State Government; and Best Practice in Federal Government.

Online nominations close at **5pm on Thursday 24 June**. Winners will be announced at the Excellence Dinner in Brisbane on Thursday 9 September.

IPAA Queensland serves as the peak professional body for the public sector in Queensland and represents the interests of more than 270,000 public sector professionals across all tiers of government.

To find out more about the **2010 IPAA Queensland Public Sector Excellence Awards** visit www.qld.ipaa.org.au or email the awards team at awards@qld.ipaa.org.au

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