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STATEWIDE PUBLIC SECTOR AWARDS NIGHT OF NIGHTS DRAWS CLOSE

The public sector's 'night of nights' is drawing closer with just one week left before nominations close for the inaugural statewide IPAA Queensland *Public Sector Excellence Awards*.

Brought to you by the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Queensland, the Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions of individuals and teams to government organisations and the local community.

Six Awards are on offer including the *Patron's Award for Excellence to the Public Sector*, *Public Sector Professional of the Year*, *Young Leader of the Year*, and *Best Practice in Local, State and Federal Government* (separate awards).

IPAA Queensland CEO Peter Rumph said the Awards offer a refreshing and innovative initiative for the public sector and will strongly promote cross-government relations across the three tiers of government.

"In a first for Queensland, the Awards allow not only for teams working in the public sector to be recognised for their collaborative achievements in best practice, but also individuals who have contributed to improving the service delivery to Queenslanders," Mr Rumph said.

"The Awards are also the first of their kind to recognise public sector employees across all local, state and federal government agencies," he said.

The Winners of the IPAA Queensland *Public Sector Excellence Awards* will be announced at a prestigious Awards Night to be held on **Friday 9 October 2009** at the recently restored Old Government House in Brisbane.

"We look forward to showcasing the excellence portrayed by the winning nominations and the integral role they play in contributing to a flexible and sustainable public sector in Queensland."

The inaugural Awards complement the B150 and Q150 celebrations across Queensland and have the endorsement of the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO who is supporting the prestigious *Patron's Award for Excellence to the Public Sector* as Patron of the Institute.

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 inaugural **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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