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Innovative contractors gain recognition

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THE Queensland-based Building Research Innovation Technology and Environment (BRITE) Project is constructing a National Innovative Contractors Database to facilitate networking and joint ventures between innovative businesses in the construction industry.

The BRITE Project, a research wing of the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Construction Innovation, said the aim of the database was to improve the rate and quality of innovation in the Australian building and construction industry.

The database is intended to provide national recognition for innovative contractors, and will act as a one-stop national reference for industry stakeholders.

The development of the database idea has been driven by feedback to the CRC from stakeholders in the Australian building and construction industry including clients, consultants, contractors and suppliers-manufacturers suggesting a better relationship between innovative industry participants could be facilitated by easier identification of those participants.

The database is a substantial undertaking of the CRC's and is supported by the Civil Contractors Federation, the Master Builders Association and public sector clients.

The National Innovative Contractors Database will be promoted as part of a national seminar tour conducted by the CRC and lodged as a "living document", to be regularly updated on the CRC website.

The database will also be used by construction researchers in the CRC to identify top level innovators for further research, including interviews to explore innovation processes and develop demonstration case studies.

The BRITE project is calling for nominations to register with the database by completing the form available at www.brite.crci.info or emailing the BRITE Project leader, Karen Manley, at k.manley@qut.edu.au.

The database will be available on the site late December, with the profiles of 20 listed innovators to be uploaded early next year.

