

Recognition for Innovative Contractors

The BRITE (Building Research, Innovation, Technology and Environment) Project is one of the key research projects of the CRC CI (Cooperative Research Centre for Construction Innovation) and has the aim of improving the rate and quality of innovation in the Australian building and construction industry.

The BRITE Project is currently constructing a National Innovative Contractors Database. Contractors are encouraged to nominate for registration by completing the form available at www.brite.crci.info. The aim is to facilitate networking and joint ventures between innovative businesses in the industry. The database is a substantial undertaking of the CRC's and is supported by the CCF (Civil Contractors Federation), the MBA (Master Builders Association) and public sector clients.

Development of the database 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 that better relationship building between innovative industry participants would be facilitated by easier identification of such innovative participants.

The database addresses the problem of imperfect information at a national level. It will also provide national recognition for innovative contractors, and will act as a one-stop national reference for industry stakeholders.

The National Innovative Contractors Database will be vigorously promoted as part of a national seminar tour conducted by the CRC and lodged as a 'living document' (regularly updated) on the CRC website. It 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.

To apply for registration to the database, use the qualification form on the BRITE website www.brite.crci.info or contact Karen Manley, the BRITE Project Leader, k.manley@qut.edu.au and (07) 3864 1762.