

Category 1

Best Workplace Health and Safety Management System

This award recognises demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement of workplace health and safety through the implementation of an integrated systems approach.

Two awards are available under the following sub-categories:

- Private sector*
- Public sector.*

Judging Criteria

For entry in this category your submission must show the following:

1. How clearly does the system achieve a demonstrated commitment to workplace health and safety?
Information provided could include demonstrated management commitment to the systematic management of occupational health and safety (OHS) and injury management, ongoing planning of OHS improvement and evaluation of the system, systematic identification, assessment and control strategies for the organisation's hazards.
2. To what extent was the integrated approach developed in consultation with workplace parties and, where appropriate, with outside organisations?
3. How well is the approach integrated into the overall operations of the company?
4. Has there been a demonstrated improvement in health and safety in the workplace as a result of the integrated approach?

5. How much potential is there for the system to have broader application across other workplaces and industry?
6. Please provide evidence of your organisation's systems approach by including in your submission:
 - an external audit report conducted within the previous two years
 - evidence of control measures in place
 - claims or incident/injury data for at least the previous 12 months
 - evidence of OHS reporting and consultation
 - any other evidence to show a systems-based approach.

For example, a systems approach demonstrates that all elements function according to fundamental rules, that analysis of the elements can be completed with a consistent auditing approach and each part of the overall system can itself be studied as a complete system. In a systematic approach, short term goals are continually set and met, and are seen as contributing to the 'higher' goal of elimination of risks to health and safety, improving the viability of the business and contributing to the well-being of anyone affected by the business operations.

Full conditions of entry are available at www.safework.sa.gov.au/sw2011

***The winners of these categories will be automatically entered into the National Safe Work Australia Awards. Further conditions may then apply. National winners will be announced in April 2012.**