

# BMW's Industry Training Unit – Finalists for the Premier's Awards

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Building Management and Works' Industry Training Program is a finalist in the 'Developing the Economy' category of the Premier's Awards.

The program is one of just three finalists in that category. The program is also eligible to win the Overall Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management.

Getting the entry to this stage involved submitting a written entry, followed by a presentation undertaken by Manager Industry Training Unit Danny Ford, before the Premier's Award judges, comprising senior executives from the public and private sectors.

The Industry Training Unit currently has some 190 building and construction trainees and apprentices located throughout the State, with 15 of these participants being female and 59 being Indigenous.

The Program has expanded in the last year by focusing on implementing a strategy to address cycles of recidivism and assist people who have significant barriers to employment and therefore have higher training and developmental needs. The Industry Training Program (ITP) has been successful in including participants from the Juvenile Justice system, Wooroloo prison and Boronia Pre-release centre for women.

In addition to this the ITP is about to commence placement of up to 80 apprentices on BER projects throughout the State. The Unit will be focusing on assisting those apprentices currently at risk as a result of the economic downturn.

All of this has contributed to the ITP's nomination for the Premier's Awards of which over 60 entries were received from across the public sector, so making the final round is an achievement in itself.

