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Queensland finalists announced in 2008 Telstra Business Awards

Eighteen businesses from Queensland have been named finalists in this year's prestigious Telstra Queensland Business Awards, including a graphic design business, a motorcycle tour company and a parenting products business.

Group Managing Director of Telstra Business and Telstra Business Awards Ambassador, Ms Deena Shiff, says hundreds of entries were received for this year's Awards.

"We have uncovered some great success stories this year, and are looking forward to celebrating Australia's most successful enterprises at these Awards which truly celebrate the entrepreneurial Aussie spirit," Ms Shiff said.

This year's Telstra Queensland Business Awards finalists are:

The Micro-Business Award (for businesses with five or fewer employees):

- Graphic design and print company, **Design House Fraser Coast**, Hervey Bay;
- Online lingerie and fashion company, **HOTTIE.COM.AU**, Hamilton;
- Parenting products provider, **mumentum**, Chermside; and
- Tourism business, **River City Cruises**, Cleveland.

The MYOB Small Business Award (for businesses with six to 20 employees):

- Motorcycle tour operator, **Cape York Motorcycle Adventures**, Clifton Beach;
- Environmental design business, **Clarmake**, Noosaville;
- Pest control management company, **Elders Pest Control Pty Limited**, Arundel;
- Eco-tourism business, **Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours**, Cape Tribulation;
- Graphic design and printing business, **Queensland Complete Printing Services**, Nambour; and
- Telecommunications management company, **TSA Software Solutions Pty Ltd**, Milton.

The Panasonic Australia Medium Business Award (for businesses with 21 to 200 employees):

- Hardware systems provider, **Centor Architectural**, Eagle Farm;
- Electronic accessories distributor, **Crest Electronics**, Brendale;
- Coffee company, **Di Bella Coffee**, Bowen Hills;
- Security products manufacturer, **Prowler Proof**, Banyo;
- Nursing recruitment agency, **Regional Nursing Solutions**, Noosa Heads; and
- Law firm, **Shine Lawyers**, George Street.

The AMP Innovation Award (for businesses that have introduced an innovative product, service or process):

- Hardware systems provider, **Centor Architectural**, Eagle Farm;
- Construction company, **idec Solutions**, Murarrie;
- Health services provider, **Pathways Health and Research Centre**, West End;
- Security products manufacturer, **Prowler Proof**, Banyo;
- Architectural firm, **Thomson Adsett Architects**, South Brisbane; and

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- Telecommunications management company, **TSA Software Solutions Pty Ltd**, Milton.

The Social Responsibility Award (for businesses that have demonstrated leadership and contributed to the environment, people, education or the community):

- Motorcycle tour operator, **Cape York Motorcycle Adventures**, Clifton Beach;
- Hardware systems provider, **Centor Architectural**, Eagle Farm;
- Pest control management company, **Elders Pest Control Pty Limited**, Arundel;
- Eco-tourism business, **Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours**, Cape Tribulation;
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Winners will be announced on **Friday 12 September, 2008** at Sofitel Brisbane, where one business will also be named the 2008 Telstra Queensland Business of the Year.

For more information about the Telstra Business Awards or details on how you can purchase tickets to the Awards Ceremony in Queensland please visit www.TelstraBusinessAwards.telstra.com or call 1800 262 323.

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