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WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT ICARE'S 2015 TMF RISK MANAGEMENT AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA: 26 November 2015 - icare CEO Vivek Bhatia today announced the winners of icare's prominent industry awards program recognising excellence and industry leadership in risk management practices within the NSW public sector.

Mr Bhatia said icare's TMF (Treasury Managed Fund) Awards provide a prime opportunity for TMF agencies to showcase examples of outstanding risk management practice and innovation and also share and learn from peers, leading to improved risk management capability across the sector.

The awards are sponsored by icare's Self Insurance arm (previously known as "NSW Self Insurance Corporation"). icare is a new organisation created on 1 September 2015 to deliver person-centered services under the state of New South Wales' insurance and care schemes.

"I am proud to acknowledge the achievements and innovation of the people and organisations who have set the highest benchmark in workforce risk management for their industry," Mr Bhatia said.

"icare is committed to creating a strong and effective risk-aware culture across the NSW public sector. We believe innovative delivery of risk management practices are vital to sustaining world-class safety standards for the state's workforce."

This year, 25 organisations were nominated across all award categories, which included: Frameworks & Systems, Process Innovation, Risk Leadership and Individual Achievement.

Mr Bhatia said the high quality and diversity of applications in this year's awards demonstrates the commitment and talent of agencies and their risk practitioners in managing workplace risks.

"This year's TMF Award winners set an industry standard to which all risk practitioners and agencies aspire. The impeccable standard these awards represent also helps us continue to improve the TMF Scheme to effectively manage the Government's risk exposures," he said.

The icare TMF Award winners were formally announced at a special lunch ceremony at the Hilton, Sydney on 25 November.

icare's Self Insurance arm, which operates the NSW Government's managed fund schemes became part of the newly formed icare (Insurance and Care NSW) on 1 September 2015. The main scheme is the Treasury Managed Fund (TMF) which manages workers compensation, administration and financial liability for most public sector employers. It also administers the Construction Risk insurance fund for major construction projects undertaken by Government agencies.

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2015 TMF AWARDS – LIST OF WINNERS

CATEGORY 1 – FRAMEWORKS AND SYSTEMS

Winner:

Department of Education | Daniel Palmer, R/Manager, Health & Wellbeing Unit

Project: Centralised Injury Management Model - Building Agility and Customer Focus.

Winner:

Western NSW LHD | Judy Robinson, Risk Manager

Partner: GIO

Project: GIO Motor Vehicle Risk Management Program Pilot at Western New South Wales Local Health District.

Highly Commended:

Department of Education | Heather Dring, Leader Professional Development

Partner: Allianz Australia Limited

Project: eSafety System – a world class Learning Content Management System for WHS.

CATEGORY 2 – PROCESS INNOVATION

Winner:

Fire & Rescue NSW | Brendan Mott, Manager Health Promotion

Project: FRNSW Physical Aptitude Test - innovation fostering health and safety through improved firefighter fitness.

Winner:

Department of Education | Rosemary Geradis, R/Assistant Director and Marnie O'Brien, Director Work Health and Safety

Project: Managing Anaphylaxis in NSW Government Schools.

CATEGORY 3 – DESIGN INNOVATION

Winner:

NSW Ambulance | Clare Pemberton, WHS Manager

Project: THINK. An innovative education and awareness campaign that reduces manual handling injuries to front line.

Highly Commended:

NSW Police Force | Sgt Mick Stierli, Health and Fitness Officer

Project: NSW Police Force Reconditioning Program. Injury is an opportunity to make a better police officer.

CATEGORY 4 – INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN RETURN TO WORK (RTW)

Winner:

Transport for NSW – Transport Shared Services | Amanda Breen, Return to Work Coordinator.

Highly Commended:

Sydney Local Health District | Sarah Sheret, Return to Work Coordinator.

CATEGORY 5 – RISK LEADERSHIP INDIVIDUAL

Winner:

Fire & Rescue NSW | Mark Dobson, Wellbeing Coordinator.

Winner:

Clinical Excellence Commission | Lead: Malcolm Green.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (selected by popular vote)

Winner:

Department of Education | Managing Anaphylaxis in NSW Government Schools: an organisational approach.

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About icare

Insurance & Care NSW (“icare”) is a new organisation created on 1 September 2015 to deliver the state of New South Wales’ insurance and care schemes. Based on our assets (\$31bn) and liabilities (\$26bn), icare is the largest general insurance service provider in Australia. Our mission is to Protect, Insure and Care for customers of the NSW Workers Insurance Schemes, including workers and employers. icare’s aspiration is be a Centre of Excellence for providing person-centric insurance services that fulfil the long-term care needs of people who have been severely injured in the workplace or on the road - helping people return to work and improve their quality of life outcomes. At icare we proudly deliver insurance and care services to the NSW community through our distinct service lines – Builders Warranty, Dust Diseases Care, Lifetime Care, Self Insurance and Workers Insurance. icare is governed by an independent board of nine directors, which includes the CEO and eight non-executive directors.

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