



## **OCTEC Incorporated**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **OCTEC Finalists in Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council Inaugural National Accolades for Excellence**

With the CS&H ISC's vision to promote a competent workforce that is able to meet the needs of Australia's population, some of which are our most vulnerable these Accolades are a way of celebrating the achievements and providing much-deserved recognition of these organisations and our workforce. The Accolades will showcase, acknowledge and applaud best practice in health and community services organizations in nine categories.

OCTEC Incorporated has been informed that they are a finalist in the two categories that they applied for:

#### **Accolade 5 Growing Partnerships**

Community Services with their Industry Partner UnitingCare Ageing  
and

#### **Accolade 7 Delivery of Excellence in Rural and Remote Areas**

for their delivery of training to Indigenous communities in Broken Hill, Ivanhoe and Menindee.

These accolades are a way to recognise distinction in achievement by people or organisations. Especially in our industry these Accolades will honour those who have grown their people's skills through:

- Workforce planning Forming partnerships
- Delivering to rural and remote regions
- Making policy that works

The role of CS&H ISC is to lead skills development in the Community Services and Health industries to promote the health and wellbeing of all Australians. The Accolades provide an avenue to showcase, acknowledge and applaud best practice in organisations and individuals that demonstrate how this can be achieved.

Enterprises that clearly demonstrate they are on a skills growth trajectory will be applauded for:

- Excellence in investing in their people
- Establishing employment and work practices that support a learning culture
- Providing leadership and innovation in the evolution of the workforce to provide high value services to clients

The Inaugural National Accolade winners will be announced at a presentation dinner at Crown Towers Melbourne on October 21, 2009.

Facilitating the evening is Dr Norman Swan of the Health Report on ABC radio National.

OCTEC has 20 years experience in the delivery of aged care work training with very strong industry links and partnerships across the aged care sector. Providers with whom we have developed links and partnerships include all the major government and non-government organisations delivering aged care services in NSW. These organisations deliver a range of services including residential aged, care multi purpose facilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander care services, and community care services.

Our highly successful 20 year partnership with Uniting Care Ageing was the starting point, and has been the base from which other strong industry links with Baptist Community Services, Anglicare, Catholic Care, Greater Western Area Health Services and many more have been formed.

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