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Media Release

Celebrating excellence in the electrotechnology sector Australian Capital Territory

Innovation and excellence across the electrotechnology sector was recognised at the NECA ACT Excellence Awards held on 17 August.

“This year’s entries demonstrate the quality of the work our members deliver to a range of high-profile and critical projects across the ACT,” said Suresh Manickam CEO NECA.

“The entries ranged from a new security system for the Australian War Memorial, a compliant network for the University of Canberra Public Hospital, communications and audio-visual (AV) technology at Canberra Airport Group’s head office through to automation of the lighting, AV system and pool for a private residence,” he said.

- **Shepherd Electrical, Mitchell** won a massive four awards – both the Energy Efficiency & Environment and Commercial Large categories for their design, build and fit out of the Department of Social Services Tuggeranong Office which presented the opportunity for Shepherd to develop new skills in a new market. The WHS Management System Project category award was recognition of the challenges they faced on the ANU Back-up Feeder Project working with contaminated land, the proximity of Lake Burley Griffin, the need to protect endangered plants and insects and ensuring the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles using the area. And the Commercial Small award recognised their delivery of a complex and fast paced fit out at the Essential Energy Fairbarin.

“For Shepherd energy to be recognised as a winner in these categories demonstrates our expertise and commitment to step outside of our comfort zone and learn new skills in different markets away from our traditional works,” said Neil Shepherd, Managing Director.

- **Detlevs Electrical, Hume** took home the Domestic Residence award for their work on automating a new home in Jier. Due to the complexity of the build and the scope of the electrical works which involved power, lighting and distribution board installation with all aspects of the wiring needing to be hidden to preserve the aesthetics of the house.

“Having this complex installation completed before the date set by the owners to move in was extremely challenging, but seeing the quality of the finished product and the smile on the owners face was a proud moment,” said Scott Mukojid, Electrical Operations Manager.

- **Programmed Electrical Technologies, Mitchell** were the Communications Data Medium winners with their supply and installation of a warranted structured network for

the University of Canberra Public Hospital which not only complied with the ACT Government's ICT cabling specification, but exceeded the minimum requirements.

"Meeting the construction program which faced multiple delays and delivering an exceptional end project on budget was a proud achievement," said Andrew Peel, Branch Manager.

All the winners of the 2018 NECA ACT Excellence Awards will be entered into NECA National Excellence Awards competing against winners from all other Australian states and territories for the coveted title of National Excellence Award winner.

2018 NECA ACT Excellence Award Winners

Category	Winner	Project
Domestic Residence	Detlevs Electrical, Hume	Jier Home Automation
Domestic Residence Small	Kaz Electronics, Hume	Richardson Residence Renovation
Energy Efficiency & Environment	Shepherd Electrical, Mitchell	Department of Social Security Tuggeranong Office
Industrial Small	Stowe Australia, Mitchell	Mugga Lane Resource Management Centre Weigh Station
Commercial Small	Shepherd Electrical, Mitchell	Essential Energy Tenancy
Commercial Medium	Martin Donnelly, Queanbeyan	ANU Computer Science and Maths Sciences Institute
Commercial Large	Shepherd Electrical, Mitchell	Department of Social Security Tuggeranong Office
Communications Data Small	Intravision, Fyshwick	Canberra Airport Group Head Office
Communications Data Medium	Programmed Electrical Technologies, Mitchell	University of Canberra Public Hospital
Communications Data Large	Intravision, Fyshwick	Tuggeranong Office Park
Lighting	Stowe Australia, Mitchell	ANU RN Robertson Building
WHS Management System Project	Shepherd Electrical, Mitchell	Evoenergy ANU Back-Up Feeder
Security	Secom Technical Services	Australian War Memorial External CCTV

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Notes for editors

1. NECA is the peak industry body representing the interests of electrical and communications contractors Australia-wide.
2. Membership comprises over 5,000 contracting companies with over 50,000 employees.
3. NECA wholly-owns Registered Training Organisations and Group Training Organisations in NSW, VIC & WA, the EcoSmart Electricians initiative, ACRS (a national cabling registrar) and has a joint venture with NESS Super in NSW.

4. *NECA employs around 2,000 apprentice electricians, training a further 2,000.*