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Media Release

Celebrating excellence in the electrotechnology sector South Australia & Northern Territory

Innovation and excellence across the electrotechnology sector was recognised at the NECA South Australia & Northern Territory Excellence Awards held on 31 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 state and territory,” said Suresh Manickam CEO NECA.

“The entries ranged from a Sustainable Schools Program, the d’Arenberg Cube, Adelaide Festival Centre Stage,, Pasadena Foodland and the Jurlique Production Facility,” he said.

- **Electric Solutions, Thebarton**, Commercial Small category winners, had to match the WOW factor of the Cube’s building with innovative yet practical internal, external, feature and emergency lighting. With every room in the building needing a different and fresh approach, Electric solutions designed and manufactured the entry lights, installed over 1 kilometre of LED strip lighting, installed colour changing LED lighting behind a Perspex wall and designed, engineered and programmed a floating bar that rises up to the roof when it’s not in use.

“Execution is everything and we were extremely proud to present this project knowing that no corners were cut and the electrical installation is faultless,” said John Calvaresi, Operations Manager.

- **NSG Boffa, Klemzig** won the Commercial Large category with their electricity distribution, photovoltaic, wind turbine, lightning protection and lighting systems for the UniSA Health Innovation Building. As the project was still being designed while construction works were being undertaken on site, NSG Boffa had a large input into the final design working with other stakeholders on the project.

“We achieved project delivery targets and milestones despite the complexity of the project footprint, the location, its services and final installation finishes, in particular the BIM 3D modelling challenges led to onsite innovative solutions and overall cost savings for the client,” said Paul Carnie, Estimating Manager

- **Suntrix, Newton** were the Energy Efficiency and Environment category winners with Australia’s largest and first community funded, council owned floating solar system for Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant. Suntrix ensured the project met stringent OH&S requirements and designed solar and electrical to meet the challenges of a floating system.

“This project involved design, project management and construction methodologies that

defined new standards and practices and delivered a project of national significance being the first modular floating solar technology suitable for MW scale floating solar applications in Australia,” said Geoff Fussell, Chief Project Officer.

All the winners of the 2018 NECA SA & NT 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.

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2018 NECA SA & NT Excellence Award Winners

Category	Winner	Project
Energy Efficiency & Environment	Suntrix	Australia's Largest Floating Solar System
Industrial Small	Nilsen (SA)	Energy Power Systems NAWMA Solar Farm
Commercial Small	Electric Solutions	The d'Arenberg Cube
Commercial Medium	Tyrone Electrical Services	Adelaide Festival Centre Stage One and Two
Commercial Large	NSG Boffa	UniSA Health Innovation Building
Lighting	Programmed Electrical Technologies	Adelaide Oval LED lighting oval upgrade
Work Health & Safety Management System	Nilsen (SA)	Nilsen (SA) HSE Management System

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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.