



Memorandum of Understanding between Agencies



Photo: Gary Guy, Training Fund Authority, exchanging an MOU with Vince Ball, Construction Industry Training Council.

The Executive Officers from the Training Fund Authority and the Construction Industry Training Council recently signed another MOU that will provide the CITC with up to **\$90,000** in funding per annum for ongoing projects for the next three years. Projects the CITC will undertake, funded by the Training Fund Authority are:

- Providing specific industry advice on the training requirements of the ACT building and construction industry that will be incorporated into the Training Fund Authority's Annual Training Plan - \$45,000
- Undertake a minimum of 20 audits per year of training programs conducted by a Registered Training Organisation and funded by the Training Fund Authority - \$6,000
- Facilitation and negotiation of school-based programs in ACT schools and colleges - \$6,000
- Part-time CITC Industry Liaison Officer position for a period of 12 months - \$33,000



2007 ACT Australian Apprentice of the Year

At the ACT's premier event in the Vocational Education and Training calendar, Brock Weston, apprentice in Horticulture (Turf Management), employed by the Department of Parliamentary Services, won the **2007 ACT Australian Apprentice of the Year Award**.

Before 600 of the ACT's leading employers (industry and government), Registered Training Organisations, apprentices, trainees and students, the Minister for Education and Training, Andrew Barr MLA announced the **2007 ACT Training Excellent Awards** on 16 August. Awards ranged from Employer of the Year to Australian Apprentice of the Year.

Brock Weston will represent the ACT at the **2007 Australian Training Awards** which will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart on 8 November 2007.



Profile - WorkWatch Training Centre

WorkWatch is a Registered Training Organisation and provider of nationally recognised training in Occupational Health and Safety under the requirements of ACT OH&S legislation.

WorkWatch provide an extensive range of OH&S training programs which includes:

- 4 Day (Safety Delegate) OH&S for Representatives
- 1 Day HSR Refresher (Safety Delegate)
- 1 Day OH&S Committee Training
- 1 Day OH&S for Managers & Supervisors
- ½ Day Introduction to OH&S
- ½ Day Manual Handling - Awareness & Prevention

WorkWatch presents the latest information in OH&S courses in a practical and engaging way and training is targeted at employees, OH&S representatives (Safety Delegates) and Managers.

Courses are conducted in a flexible mode on-site or at their training facility at Dickson. Training resources can be tailored to meet the clients' needs which includes: workbooks, policies, procedures and clients logo.

ACT building and construction workers attending WorkWatch training programs may be eligible to receive up to 80% of the training costs from the Training Fund Authority.

For further information, contact WorkWatch Training Consultants, Lachlan Abrahams or Wally Kuhn, on ☎6249 1099 or ✉ workwatch@workwatch.com.au

WorkWatch accreditation No. is 88092 and the website address is: www.workwatch.com.au



HIA - CSR ACT & Southern NSW Housing Awards

The Housing Industry Association ACT & Southern NSW Housing Awards recognise excellence in the construction, design, innovation and technology of housing. Success in the form of a winning entry in these awards means increased industry visibility, peer recognition and valuable publicity opportunities.

Judged by industry professionals, the HIA Housing Awards acknowledge the talent of builders and building companies who plan and construct quality housing that provide aesthetically pleasing solutions.

The HIA ACT/SNSW Awards will take place on Saturday, 22 September at the AIS Arena, Bruce.

For further information, contact the HIA ACT/SNSW events manager ☎6285 7300.



Manual Handling in the Workplace

WorkCover has identified manual handling (body stressing, slips, trips and falls) as the most common mechanism of injury in the workplace in the Australian Capital Territory.

The following industries have been identified to have high levels of manual handling incidents:

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Personal & Other Services
- Government Administration & Defence
- Transport & Storage
- Wholesale Trade
- Accommodation, Cafes & Restaurants

WorkCover has several publications available to assist industries with developing written risk assessments in combating manual handling issues in the workplace.

Some Examples include:

- Occupational Health and Safety (Manual Handling) Regulation 1997
- ACT Manual Handling Code of Practice (Revised Edition)
- A Guide to Manual Tasks
- Manual Handling in the Health and Community Services Industry National Project Report

These Publications are available on the ACT WorkCover website at www.workcover.act.gov.au



Source: ACT WorkCover



ACT Residential Property Market Report - June 2007

ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) data show turnover for all residential properties fell from 885 to 620 in June 2007. Turnover for the year ending June 2007 is up 7.7%.

The average price for all residential properties sold in the ACT fell 6.3% from \$453,187 in May 2007 to \$424,622 in June 2007. The average price for the year ending June 2007 is up 5.7%.

Turnover in June 2007 (620) was below the longer-run monthly average level of 747. The fall in turnover in June 2007 reflects a fall in *standard residential* turnover (i.e. detached houses) from 507 to 312 and to a lesser extent, a fall in *other residential* turnover (i.e. apartments, townhouses and duplexes) from 378 to 308.

Residential property turnover appears to have returned to near longer-run average levels after falling to six-year lows in late 2004. While turnover is expected to continue at around longer-run average levels, an expected increase in additional supply over the next year may tend to dampen total residential price growth in the second half of 2007 and 2008.

Source: ACT Department of Treasury, Economics Branch

Improve your skills and professional development with the following courses.

- Wet Area Waterproofing
- Confined Space Training
- Traffic Control Management
- Introduction to OH&S
- Senior First Aid (level 2)
- OH&S Risk Management Training
- OH&S Representatives Training
- Fall Prevention
- Waterwise Course
- Testing and tagging of electrical equipment
- Open Cable Registration
- Optical Fibre Cabling
- Business Administration and Management
- Computerised Accounting

The above courses are examples of courses for which the Training Fund Authority may reimburse up to 80% of the training Cost (conditions Apply).

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