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CANBERRA'S BUSINESSES "UP IN LIGHTS"

ACT Chief Minister, Jon Stanhope MLA, last night congratulated the winners at the inaugural *Canberra BusinessPoint* Gala Awards at an awards ceremony at the Dendy Cinemas in Canberra.

"These Awards are a fitting finale to the first year of *Canberra BusinessPoint* and the opportunities it provides to Canberra's business community. It is particularly encouraging that so many businesses have taken advantage of the suite of services provided by the *Canberra BusinessPoint* team at Deloitte Growth Solutions," Mr Stanhope said.

"The eight categories of awards showcased the range and depth of successful business operating in the region. From IT to security, hospitality to training services, we are fortunate to have so many outstanding organisations we can call our own," Mr Stanhope said.

Mr Stanhope paid tribute to all the award winners and finalists. "I commend all the organisations who have dedicated the time and effort to enter this year's awards. The quality and quantity of this year's entrants indicates the keen interest in the awards, which I'm sure will continue to grow in stature in future years."

The winners in the eight categories are as follows:

- Admin Bandit – Business Plan Award;
- Invisa-Beam International Pty Ltd – Innovation & Commercialisation for businesses less than 2 years;
- AMS Australia Pty Ltd – Innovation & Commercialisation for businesses more than 2 years old;
- Point Project Management – Employee Growth for businesses 2 or more years old;
- Mitchell Personnel Solutions – Employee Growth for businesses less than 2 years old;
- eWay – Sales Growth;
- Splatter – Emerging Exporter; and
- Furry Tales Mobile Veterinary Care – Emerging Entrepreneur.

"I congratulate all winners, especially the 2008 *Canberra BusinessPoint* Business of the Year, Mitchell Personnel Solutions, who have proven themselves a very worthy winner of this inaugural award in the face of some very stiff competition," said Mr Stanhope.

Mitchell Personnel Solutions offers security vetting services in a vast array of industries including:

- Government agencies;
- Education;
- Finance;
- Health;
- Hospitality;
- Logistics;
- Recruitment;
- Retail;
- Security; and
- Travel

They also offer training solutions in a vast array of areas covering management, interview skills, speech writing, client services, security, OH&S and risk management.

The awards are open to all businesses in the ACT and provide an opportunity for public recognition of their achievements over the past year.

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