

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Winner of 2013 'Energy Efficiency' in Belmont Small Business Awards, Ecocentric Energy now finalist in IBM SmartCamp Australia/New Zealand**

The 21st annual Belmont Small Business Awards are underway, and are open to small businesses in Belmont and across Western Australia. Last year, the Ecocentric Energy won the Energy Efficiency award which was sponsored by TCF Australian ONLINE Energy Efficiency Training & Mentoring Project.

Ecocentric Energy has recently been announced as 1 of only 4 finalists for the IBM SmartCamp Australia/New Zealand Local event, being held in Sydney on Wednesday 3rd September.

Eamonn Darcy, Corporate Account Manager for Ecocentric Energy said, "Our nomination is for our own technology, the NRGi system, which provides the data acquisition platform to enable low cost energy assessments for commercial and industrial users. The system automates a manual process so information can now be gathered faster, more accurately and at a much lower cost than ever before. This patented technology is being co-developed with CSIRO and can be utilised by minimally trained individuals to meet the growing global energy assessment demand. I am grateful for our win last year in the Belmont Small Business Awards, and that win has been stepping stone into these international awards".

Ecocentric Energy is the only West Australian company the other finalists are from SA, NSW and New Zealand. The Local winner from Asia Pacific participates in the Regional Final in China in November 2014. There is a people's choice award, please get behind us by voting online – [www.ibm.biz/scpeopleschoice](http://www.ibm.biz/scpeopleschoice). Voting closes 2pm Perth time, Wed 3rd September.

Belmont BEC CEO and Founder of the Belmont Small Business Awards Carol Hanlon said "We are so proud of the ongoing achievements of Ecocentric Energy and wish them well in their upcoming Awards. We also encourage all small businesses in WA to enter our upcoming Belmont Small Business Awards."

The Belmont Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre (Belmont BEC). Belmont BEC is a non profit community based organisation established, in 1994. The Belmont BEC offers 'one stop shop, no cost or low-cost advisory services' and provides small business support through 'online' training and mentoring, networking events and an extensive range of specialised and innovative projects and small business support programs. This includes access to the TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project being conducted by TCFWA & TCF Australia.

Please email Belmont BEC at [awards@belmontbec.com](mailto:awards@belmontbec.com) or phone 9479 3777 to arrange assistance with your entry. Closing date for entries is 5pm Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, and the final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> 2014 in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre.

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