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**FROM:** Verna Kearney, Acting Director, Participation Branch

**DATE:** 24 April 2015

**SUBJECT: Call for nominations – 2015 Victorian Training Awards, new category**

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* ***New Award category only for Learn Local organisations - $10,000 prize money available***
* ***Applications close Friday 1 May, 2015.***
* ***Learn Local Award nomination forms are available at*** [***http://e-award.com.au/2015/victraining/newentry/about.ph***](http://e-award.com.au/2015/victraining/newentry/about.ph)

The ACFE Board is proud to be sponsoring a new Victorian Training Award category in 2015, specifically for organisations that were registered with the ACFE Board to deliver to pre-accredited training during 2014.

Nominations are now open for the inaugural *Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year* award, which recognises and celebrates the exceptional work of Learn Local organisations in developing skills and confidence among those facing barriers to education.

This is a timely opportunity to promote the sector and all Learn Local organisations that are breaking down barriers for students are encouraged to apply. The winning organisation will receive a $10,000 prize.

To nominate for the Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year Award, visit <http://e-award.com.au/2015/victraining/newentry/about.php> to read the criteria and submit your nomination online.

Nominees are encouraged to read the guidelines carefully and allow plenty of time to complete their entries. Nominations for the Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year Award close on Friday May 1.

The Victorian Training Awards will be presented at a gala ceremony in Melbourne on Friday, 28 August 2015.

Don’t forget:

* Learn Local organisations can still nominate for other general Victorian Training Award organisational categories and encourage students to nominate for the individual awards.
* Nominations for the 2015 Learn Local Awards are open until June 12 – prize money is available of up to $10,000 for winners and $1,000 for every finalist. See, <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards>

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