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Bassendean organisation in contention for WA Training Awards 2009

Aveling has been named as a finalist in the prestigious WA Training Awards 2009.

The Bassendean organisation that provides induction, safety and leadership training is one of four organisations competing for the WA Training Initiative Award sponsored by The Chamber of Minerals and Energy Western Australia.

Judges said Aveling's online training portal was an innovative way to provide safety awareness training for the construction industry.

Aveling online manager Mark King said the online training tool was unique in Western Australia.

"We wanted to provide accessible and flexible training opportunities in nationally recognised courses to those who may not be able to access training in the traditional way," Mr King said.

"This tool is extremely useful for people moving to Western Australia from overseas, because they're able meet our State's training prerequisites before they start training here."

Through this initiative Aveling has trained more than 5400 people.

Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O'Neill said the WA Training Awards recognised the very high quality and standards of the training system in Western Australia.

"A highly skilled workforce is essential for our economic and social prosperity," she said.

"The high calibre of the finalists across all the award categories shows how flexible and innovative training delivers results for industries, employers, communities and training providers."

Winners of the WA Training Awards 2009 will be announced on Friday 4 September.

The winner of the WA Training Initiative will have the chance to compete against the best in Australia at the Australian Training Awards in Canberra in November.

The WA Training Awards 2009 are a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Training and the State Training Board.

For more information visit: trainingawards.det.wa.edu.au.

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