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ACT small business in the running to win Australia's most prestigious business prize

Canberra-based sustainable development consultancy, Viridis E³, is in the running to win Australia's most prestigious business prize next month, receiving a Telstra ACT Business Award at last night's presentation ceremony.

Nominated for a total of three awards, including the Social Responsibility and Small Business prizes, Viridis E³ took out the ACT award for Innovation.

Warren Overton, Viridis E³ Director said, "We're delighted that our passion and commitment to helping companies reach and exceed their environmental goals has been recognised in this way."

With over 300 projects completed in just three years, Viridis E³'s expertise is in high demand across Australia. Internationally, demand for their broad range of services – including master planning, land development and urban planning advice – is also growing rapidly.

The Canberra and Brisbane offices are working in every state and territory, as well as in New Zealand, Abu Dhabi and South Africa, to assist government, the private and not-for-profit sectors to address pressing infrastructure and sustainable planning issues.

Viridis E³ Director, Jonathan Dalton said, "Sustainability, particularly in the context of recent population growth predictions, is a critical issue. We're committed to developing solutions by contributing to building design, using our leading edge technical and analytical tools and providing expert environmental advice."

Director Gesa Ruge added, "To meet the challenges of the coming decades, changing business behaviour is vital. We're focused on working in partnership with companies, demonstrating that sustainability is practical, delivers efficiencies and tangible benefits to business and communities."

Viridis E³ will proceed, with the winners from each state and territory, to the national awards, to be held in Sydney on 20 August 2010.

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