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Construction innovation – how is Australia performing?

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THE end of an era could be upon us with the continuation of the Cooperative Research Centre for Construction Innovation in question.

Established in 2001, the CRC for Construction Innovation was created with a vision to increase national prosperity through more effective and innovative construction and management of sustainable built assets for the whole of life – from business needs, design and construction through to ownership, asset management and re-use.



Headquartered at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, with research nodes in Melbourne and Sydney, the collaboration includes 19 industry, government and research partners.

In researching innovation in the construction industry the building research, innovation, technology and environment (**BRITE**) project was developed.

Its aim was to improve the rate and quality of innovation in the Australian building and construction industry.

Many in the industry may be curious as to what \$64 million and six years of research have produced.

Over the next two weeks *ConstructionIndustryNews.net* will run a series of articles on research findings provided by the CRC for Construction Innovation, including:

- Construction innovation delivers for all stakeholders – a national research group has compiled a collection of innovation case studies that identify and measure the benefits of innovation.
- Six steps to improving your business performance – a major study of the construction industry has been used to formulate a six-step guide to being more innovative. The guide has useful and achievable ideas to help contractors and other construction businesses improve their profitability through innovation.
- Check your innovation readiness – innovation is widely accepted as the prime driver of business growth. The checklists presented will help businesses develop an innovation program. Businesses can assess their current innovation activities and staff development practices by benchmarking against industry best practice.
- Spotlight on the R&D tax concession – in response to poor marketing of government business assistance programs to contractors and other construction businesses, this article gives the low-down on the R&D tax concession, the requirements for eligibility and the possible benefits.
- Contractors deliver: innovation levels on the rise – recently released figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show increasing innovation levels within the construction industry. Comparison of the proportion of construction businesses innovating against the proportion of all Australian businesses innovating shows the construction industry is largely keeping pace with economy-wide trends.
- The challenge ahead – despite ABS figures revealing that more contractors are undertaking innovation in recent years, the inter-industry ranking of contractors remains poor. A national research centre is focused on this problem and can provide assistance for small contractors wishing to start an innovation program.
- Does size matter? – New information about construction innovation reveals the difference company size makes in developing a successful innovation

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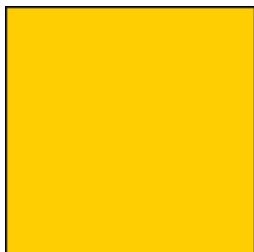
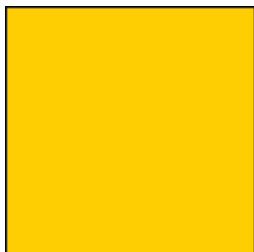
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- Where are the most innovative contractors in Australia? – New information about construction innovation reveals where the most innovative contractors are located across Australia.
 - Being the best – this article is based on interviews with 20 of Australia's most innovative construction contractors and identifies their successful innovation strategies.
 - Overview of selected Commonwealth Government business assistance programs – many businesses in the building and construction industry are unaware of the range of government programs available to assist their development. This article provides a summary of selected programs that may be of interest.
- Stay tuned for the first instalment of the **BRITE** project series.

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