



## Media Release

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### Facilities Management System for School Buildings Wins Leading ICT award

Melbourne-based systems developer Hammond Street Developments (HSD) is the Victorian State winner of the 2009 iAward in the e-Government category. The iAwards are Australia's leading ICT industry awards and are bestowed by the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA).

HSD's iAward recognises a decade of pioneering work in the development of the Physical Resources Management System, (**PRMS**), for the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD). **PRMS** is a powerful facilities management solution that has greatly improved the economics and efficiency of school maintenance on a uniform state-wide basis.

In accepting the award Michael Nancarrow, Chief Executive Officer of HSD, said that **PRMS** is an example of partnerships and collaborative efforts between the ICT industry and the Victorian Government to commercialise IP. The Victorian Government's approach to IP makes effective use of policy and provides a solid basis for companies to develop enterprising solutions for various industries both for the local and overseas markets.

"Full credit must go to both the HSD development team who have created a unique and world class software solution and the management and staff of DEECD whose ideas, knowledge and dedication helped bring **PRMS** into reality," Mr Nancarrow said.

**PRMS** has revolutionised facilities management within the Victorian state education system and has allowed departmental managers to take back control of their maintenance budgets.

"The task of identifying and prioritising the maintenance requirements of each and every state-owned school is truly a mammoth task. And with more than \$8 billion tied up in building infrastructure even small improvements in the operational efficiency of maintenance work can deliver significant cost savings," Mr Nancarrow said.

"Before **PRMS** it was not possible to reliably anticipate building maintenance schedules and associated costs across an entire state school system. **PRMS** has changed all that. The maintenance needs of school buildings can now be quickly analysed, planned and prioritised in a consistent manner," he said.

**PRMS** uses and recommends Panasonic Toughbooks™ to capture detailed audit data on school building infrastructure. The data is transferred to a secure Internet site which provides a single interface for over 2,000 users to simultaneously access maintenance reports and display data visualisations, providing them with the necessary information to determine budget allocations and develop maintenance programs. Independent auditors, controlled by stringent business rules and QA processes, guarantee the credibility of audit findings.

HSD has deployed **PRMS** in other Australian states including industry sectors, such as emergency services, universities and local councils, where the reliable and accurate auditing of extensive building infrastructure can improve efficiency and reduce costs. Prospective users can download and use the audit tool 'Frontline', a key **PRMS** component, freely from [www.prms.hsd.com.au](http://www.prms.hsd.com.au)

HSD will now represent Victoria at the AIIA iAwards National titles to be held in Melbourne at the end of April 2009.

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