**2020 GREEN INDUSTRIES SA**

**WOMEN IN CIRCULAR ECONOMY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND NOMINATION FORM**

**Closing date: COB, Friday 22 May 2020**

**Aim of the Award**

The aim of thIs Award is to provide an opportunity for a South Australian woman who is an emerging or established leader working in the area of the circular economy to pursue an investigative project of a kind that is not readily available in South Australia.

The research should be action-orientated, with a view to applying the research findings to a project which will benefit a business, industry or government organisation in South Australia.

Preference will be given to priority areas identified in Green Industries SA’s *Strategic Plan 2018-2023* (see https://www.greenindustries.sa.gov.au/strategic-plan):

* Reforming household waste through innovative practices
* Reducing and avoiding food waste and developing industries
* Reforming packaging and single-use items
* Developing the circular economy in business
* Preparing for disaster waste management

No prescribed qualifications are required. Merit of the proposed project is a key factor and a desire to share the project's findings with the relevant South Australian industry and stakeholders.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply for an Award you must:

* be an Australian Citizen over the age of 18
* live and work in South Australia
* have experience in and commitment to the circular economy and not be enrolled in tertiary studies directly related to the topic of your proposed project
* have a short project that requires interstate or overseas investigation
* be willing to disseminate the results of your findings.

Note eligibility has been broadened to include women employed by the South Australian Government in addition to contractors and consultants.

**Assessment criteria**

Every application for an Award will be assessed as follows:

Project

* The need for this project in South Australia or at a national level
* The benefits of the project to South Australia or at a national level
* The itinerary and places selected to undertake the project
* The achievability of the project.

The upper limit of the Award is $5,000. The nomination form must include a breakdown of the estimated costs of the project proposal e.g. travel, accommodation and/or conference costs.

Matched funding

Applicants should confirm that matched funding will be provided by their employer.

If the applicant is a sole business operator then the extent to which a financial contribution can be madeby the applicant should be included with the breakdown of costs.

Applicant

* Ability to maximise the opportunity of the Award (current standing and experience in the field, skills and/or expertise)
* Ability and commitment to make a difference after the trip (ongoing involvement in the field, leadership qualities, a strategic approach, networks)
* Ability and commitment to disseminate findings
* Leadership(e.g.overcoming adversity with determination and creative problem solving, championing the skills of relationship building and negotiation in business, mentoring others to succeed, giving back to the community).

**Selection process**A judging panel will consider all nominations for the Award. Based on the initial assessment applicants may be contacted for further information. The panel may elect not to select a recipient of the Award. The decision of the panel is final and no appeals will be accepted.

**Award presentation**

The Award will be presented to the winner at an event to be confirmed.

**Mentoring**In addition to the cash contribution, emerging leaders will be offered an opportunity for mentoring by an experienced women executive leader.

**Conditions of Award**Funds must be expended in 2020-21 and are to be used for travel, accommodation and conference attendance costs all of which are arranged by the successful nominee.

The Award is subject to the successful nominee agreeing to be bound by the conditions laid down in a letter of acceptance document signed between Green Industries SA and the nominee.

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Personal details**

**Application enquiries**

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Please email your application to marcia.kreinhold@sa.gov.au by close of business **Friday, 22 May 2020.**

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**Project**

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| Project aimState the purpose or goal of your project in approximately 10-15 words. What is the relevance to Green Industries SA’s strategic priorities? |
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| **Project description**Describe your project in clear, simple terms that will make it easy to comprehend in approximately 150 words. Please be specific as possible and provide the estimated cost. Explain the activities e.g. A brief description, such as interviews, observation or conference attendance are acceptable here. Avoid high risk countries listed at [www.smarttraveller.com.au](http://www.smarttraveller.com.au) as travel will not be approved to these countries. Consider the timing of your travel to avoid limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. |
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**Reasons for application**

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| **Experience** List your experience and knowledge in the field of the project.What experience do you have to undertake the project?**Attach your CV or provide a link to your LinkedIn profile page.**50 words |
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| **New knowledge and influencing change**What new knowledge do you hope to gain? How will you influence positive change and where? Aside from the Award report how will you disseminate this to Green Industries SA and relevant industry stakeholders?100 words. |
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| **Community/industry benefits and circular economy relevance**How will your project benefit industry in South Australia? How relevant is it to the circular economy? Are there broader benefits?100 words |
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**About your leadership**

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| **Achievement**Working in the area of waste and resource recovery or areas of the circular economy what has been your proudest achievement in the last five years, and why? What did you learn along the way?Word limit: 100 words |
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| **Challenge**Working in the area of waste and resource recovery, the circular economy or related areas what’s been the greatest test of your leadership and how did you overcome it?Word limit: 100 words |
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**Reference**

Please attach a written reference from your direct manager, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman or Board member who can comment on your professional achievements and personal qualities and provide an opinion regarding:

* the merit of the proposed project
* why the proposed project is necessary
* how the applicant and how South Australia would benefit from the proposed project
* confirming that matched funding will be provided to support the application.

Please include contact details (telephone numbers and email) of your referee.