



## UPPER SPENCER GULF COMMON PURPOSE GROUP

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Innovators in and around the Upper Spencer Gulf are encouraged to enter the 2015 "Australian Technologies Competition", now open to businesses who have developed technology solutions in mining, food and agriculture, advanced manufacturing, energy, the built environment or global development sectors.

The annual competition provides recognition, support and exposure for the best regional and national technology companies, with finalists gaining access to business mentors, leading industry groups, government agencies and investors from Australia and across Asia.

For the first time in the competition's history, a regional program is being offered as a pathway to the prestigious national awards.

Round one entries close 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 with regional winners announced in August, ahead of the Australian Technologies Showcase and Gala Awards Event on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Sydney.

Now in its fifth year, the Competition has identified over \$250 million in project opportunities for Australian small to medium enterprises (SMEs). The Competition attracted over 225 applicants in 2014 and recognised 6 industry winners and an overall Australian winner.

Previous competition winners have included a retrofit commercial air-conditioning technology that saves up to 85% of power costs, manufacture of non-toxic fracking fluid and a low cost, low emission hydrogen production technology.

The competition is supported by over 40 industry associations, professional services firms and investors and has established an extremely strong reputation across industry and government for the success of companies emerging through the program.

Eligible companies must have less than 100 employees and own the core Intellectual Property used in their products or services.

Competition information and entry forms are available through the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group, Regional Development Australia or through the Australian Technology Award website.

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