## BMW award to recognise outstanding contractors

The Department of Finance has announced a new award for contractors demonstrating outstanding performance on Government projects.

"The new award aims to recognise contractors who provide exceptional value and service on non-residential building projects for the Western Australian community," said Deputy Director General Phil Helberg of the Department's Building Management and Works (BMW) business.

The award will be based on reports completed in accordance with BMW's Contractor Performance Appraisal Framework introduced in July 2014 for projects valued at over \$500,000.

The Framework is one of BMW's performance management initiatives aiming to promote continuous improvement in the management of capital works projects and the strengthening of the Western Australian building and construction industry. Reports assess contractors against a range of criteria including occupational safety and health, cost management, time management, contract administration, quality of work, management of personnel and sub-contractors, training and apprentices, and relationships with other parties and the community. The reports allow both exemplary and unsatisfactory performance to be recorded, communicated and acted upon.

To be announced in July each year, the award will be open to all prequalified builders active with BMW. The winner will be the contractor which has achieved the highest average overall rating from two or more performance reports and no infractions in the preceding two years.

One or more runners up may also be given a "highly commended" certificate.

The winner and runners up will receive written congratulations and a certificate from the Deputy Director General of BMW, accompanied by publicity on the Department's web site and other outlets.