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Queensland innovation and excellence on display

FROM spectacular apartments to state-of-theart offices and from law courts to a university precinct, 17 outstanding Queensland projects have been named finalists in the 2014 Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation and Excellence Awards.

The awards celebrate innovation and leading practice within Australia's property development and investment industries.

"Queensland's commitment to excellence and innovation is reconfirmed again this year, with 17 exceptional projects demonstrating our local industry's determination to 'push the envelope'," Queensland Executive Director of the Property Council of Australia, Kathy Mac Dermott said.

"Whether it's the design of an exclusive residential building or the master plan for a new suburb, which will be home to thousands of people, these nominations demonstrate how Queensland's industry continues to deliver outstanding results," she added.

All Queensland finalists are in the running for the industry's most coveted prize — the Australian Development of the Year award.

ISIS Group Australia's General Manager, Alex Corones, is also a finalist in the Future Leader category.

Managing Director of Rider Levett Bucknall, Mark Burow, said a total of 83 finalists across 16 categories will be vying for awards this year.

"The percentage of finalists from Queensland continues to grow each year and our local industry can be very proud of these outstanding projects — developments which will deliver long lasting social and economic benefits across the state," he said.

"Rider Levett Bucknall has proudly partnered with the Property Council of Australia to present this awards program since its inception in 1982. We look forward to recognising the best developments again in 2014."

National award winners will be announced at the 2014 awards gala dinner, to be held in Sydney on Saturday, May 17.