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## SP AusNet announces apprentice and trainee award winners

SP AusNet announced the winners of its 2011 Apprentice and Trainee of the Year Awards at a ceremony in Melbourne this week.

Judged by an internal panel of four, the awards recognise the achievements of SP AusNet's 89 first to fourth year apprentices and trainees working on SP AusNet's state-wide electricity transmission network, and its electricity and gas distribution networks.

SP AusNet Managing Director, Nino Ficca, presented the awards, acknowledging the contribution of the group as they progress towards future leaders of the company.

"SP AusNet's apprentices and trainees contribute greatly to our workforce, bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm to our more experienced teams," Mr Ficca said.

"It's with great pleasure that I get to recognise and present awards to this year's winners.

"Again, we have another strong year of candidates and I look forward to following their careers in the energy industry," he said.

The recipients of the 2011 Apprentices and Trainee of the Year Awards were:

Apprentice of the Year (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	-	Brad Overend, Lineworker from Bairnsdale
Apprentice of the Year (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)	-	Jason Campbell, Lineworker from Mansfield
Apprentice of the Year (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)	-	Christopher Robertson, Lineworker from Benalla
Apprentice of the Year (4 <sup>th</sup> Year)	-	Neven Beribak, Primary Power Technician from Rowville
Trainee of the Year (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	-	Josh Hare, SCADA Technician from Yarraville
Trainee of the Year (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)	-	Keang Ung, Network Controller from Melbourne
Trainee of the Year (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)	-	Stuart Hall, Power Technician from Rowville
Trainee of the Year (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)	-	Paul Creamer, Survey Officer from Benalla
Trainee of the Year (4 <sup>th</sup> Year)	-	Michael Delapena, Network Controller from Melbourne

This year, the third year trainee category was so strong that the judges awarded two trainees for their achievements.

Applications for SP AusNet's 2013 Apprentice and Trainee program will be open from 29 June to 27 July. For further information please log on to [www.sp-ausnet.com.au](http://www.sp-ausnet.com.au). SP AusNet supports diversity in its workplace.

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