

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **SKILLS INSTITUTE JOINS FORCES WITH CIVIL CONTRACTORS FEDERATION TASMANIA**

The Skills Institute today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Civil Contractors Federation Tasmania in a partnership designed to increase skills, predominately for nationally accredited training within the civil construction area, such as the recently released R1109 Resources and Infrastructure Training Package.

The two bodies will work together to promote the benefits of workforce skills development to CCF members, including increasing productivity and business success.

“At the Skills Institute we believe that upskilling workers to higher levels of qualification can in turn increase productivity and a business’s bottom line,” Skills Institute CEO Malcolm White said.

“By working with CCF Tasmania, we are able to better communicate these benefits to its members.

“We are also better able to update members on current training compliance requirements, such as White Card, and short-course training programs in essential licensed skills areas such as National Licenses for High-Risk Work and competencies in plant and equipment operation.

“Another benefit is that we can work with members to help them apply for Government and other industry applicable subsidies to assist with the costs of training their workers.”

CCF Tasmania Chief Executive Tony Cook said the partnership would allow CCF to provide training solutions that support its current provision of short courses in association with RTO Civil Train, a business unit of CCF.

“Through the Skills Institute partnership, we can offer ‘Whole of Business’ workforce development strategies to our members,” Mr Cook said.

“This means that instead of sourcing training from a variety of providers across the many areas required in the civil construction industry, we can have a ‘one-stop shop’ through the Skills Institute and Civil Train.

“And the partnership will be enhanced by working directly with individual businesses to identify training needs and tailor training and assessment to suit the employers’ needs and time frames.”

The MoU will come into effect upon commencement of business in January 2011.

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