

# Media release

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## Airservices shortlisted for training award

Airservices has been shortlisted as one of three finalists for 'Employer of the Year' in this year's Victorian Training Awards.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development awards are designed to promote and reward outstanding achievement and innovation in vocational education and training.

The nomination highlighted the extent of training undertaken by Airservices staff on a daily basis to ensure operations are delivered safely and efficiently and to position the organisation to meet industry growth challenges into the future, including a 60 per cent increase in air travel over the next 15 years.

Airservices General Manager Learning Academy, Linda Spurr said that the organisation was delighted to have been selected as a finalist for this year's Victorian Training Awards as it recognised the organisations commitment and quality standard of training.

"For Airservices there's a natural continuum between training and operations which is critical to the safety focus of our organisation. It allows us to deliver a world class standard of air traffic control and aviation rescue fire fighting and we are honoured to be considered for such an award."

"We have a strong focus on people at Airservices and training enables our people to develop and progress their careers," Ms Spurr said.

Over the past 12 months approximately 670 Airservices employees undertook accredited training and more than 4000 participated in non-accredited programs, developing core capability, specialist skills, and proficiency across Airservices' safety critical operations.

Airservices has also partnered with other organisations such as the Riverina Institute of TAFE and The Royal Australian Air Force to enhance the quality of training to meet operational and business learning, and development needs.

Airservices submission also highlighted the organisation's ongoing investment in training and education. In particular, Airservices invested more than \$90 million on key training aids, including a specialised Hot Fire Training Ground and air traffic control simulators used to train future generations of aviation rescue fire fighters and air traffic controllers.

The awards will be presented at the Training Awards Presentation Dinner on Friday 26 September 2014, in Melbourne.

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