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Airservices wins national industry award for innovation and excellence

Airservices Australia has been recognised for excellence and innovation in air traffic control training at the Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council (TLISC) Awards for Excellence last night.

The 2015 Innovation and Excellence in Workforce Development award recognises Airservices unique curriculum, world-class facilities and expert training which place the organisation at the forefront of excellence in training and workforce development.

Airservices delivers accredited training to its employees in specialist areas including the Diploma of Aviation (Air Traffic Control), supporting the organisation's workforce of more than 1000 air traffic controllers across Australia.

Airservices General Manager Learning Academy, Linda Spurr, said Airservices commitment to training and workforce development ensured high quality service delivery to our airline customers and the community, and helped to position Airservices as an employer of choice.

Accepting the award on behalf of Airservices, Ms Spurr said: "I am very proud to be part of an organisation that values training so highly. This award highlights the commitment to training by Airservices to ensure operations are delivered safely and efficiently.

"Airservices faces some significant workforce challenges as we manage current and future industry requirements. The training initiatives and improvements we have introduced ensure we are well positioned to meet the expected growth in air traffic activity over coming decades," Ms Spurr said.

In undertaking a transformation of the end-to-end training framework, Airservices worked collaboratively with the Department of Defence and other stakeholders. The outcome has been improved, flexible and tailored learning solutions that continue to deliver competent and job-ready graduates whose training complies with requirements.

Airservices has invested more than \$90 million on key training aids, including specialised air traffic control simulators and the world class Hot Fire Training Ground in Melbourne used to train future generations of aviation rescue fire fighters.

Airservices air traffic controller and recent graduate of the Airservices Learning Academy, Guy Lewin, was also recognised as a finalist for the 2015 TLISC 'Trainee of the Year Award.' Since graduating in 2014 Mr Lewin has worked as an air traffic controller in Brisbane.

Mr Lewin was commended for both his academic excellence, professional proficiency, and considered manner during his studies.

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