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Entries invited for BearingPoint Public Sector Innovation Awards

Innovation, world-class government management and organisational excellence will be celebrated at this year's BearingPoint Innovation Awards.

Entries for the 5th annual awards have just opened, with the winners to be announced at a ceremony in Wellington in October. Entries close on August 22nd 2003.

Past winners have included Auckland Regional Council, New Plymouth District Council, New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Commerce.

BearingPoint Senior Manager Anne Cheetham says the Awards aim to celebrate and improve operational excellence and competence within government agencies. This year's Awards feature a new section recognising Management of Innovation.

"The Awards play an important role in highlighting areas of best practice and ensuring that information is shared across the public sector. The standard of public sector innovation within New Zealand is generally very high and the Supreme Winner is eligible to compete in the international CAPAM innovation awards (Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management).

BearingPoint is proud to sponsor the New Zealand Awards, Ms Cheetham said.

"Our own business is driven by innovation in technology and our association with these Awards reflects our commitment to identifying and promoting exciting and forward-looking initiatives"

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