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## Media Information

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### South Australian exporters honoured at dinner

South Australia's most successful and innovative exporters were tonight honoured at the 2008 Business SA Annual Dinner and Export Awards, held at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

In front of almost 900 guests, 12 companies were recognised for excellence in exporting in categories that included regional, emerging and the large advanced manufacturer award.

Winners of the State awards automatically qualify as finalists for the 2008 Australian Export Awards hosted by Austrade and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Melbourne in December.

The Premier of South Australia, The Hon Mike Rann MP presented the award for *'excellence and high achievement in exporting'* to search engine optimisation company YourAmigo.

Flight Training Adelaide continued its exporting success with the education award, and will head to Melbourne to defend its national title.

Adventure Tours Australia Group won its category for the second year running, while Woodhead backed up from receiving the Premier's award last year, to again take out the large services award.

Business SA's Chief Executive Officer, Peter Vaughan, said the awards showcased the outstanding calibre of exporting taking place in South Australia.

"The annual *Business SA Export Awards* continue to set the benchmark for excellence in exporting in this State," Mr Vaughan said.

"South Australia has a wonderful export community that amaze us each year at the export awards with their innovation and dynamic approach to doing business.

"From manufacturing and technology to agribusiness, education, and entertainment, South Australia's export performance remains impressive by national standards.

"Business SA is delighted to provide a platform for South Australia's premier exporters to be acknowledged and to showcase their wonderful stories.

"We congratulate this year's winners and wish them well in the Australian Export Awards later in the year."



**The 2008 Business SA Export Awards winners were:**

**Austwine** – South Australian Farmers Federation agribusiness award

**Australian Dance Theatre** – Channel 7 arts & entertainment award

**Flight Training Adelaide Pty Ltd** – Education Adelaide education and training award

**Kelly Engineering** – Emerging exporter award

**YourAmigo** – Data Mobility Voice information and communication technology award

**OneSteel Whyalla Steelworks** – DTED large advanced manufacturer award

**Woodhead Pty Ltd** – Commonwealth Bank large services award

**Tarac Technologies Pty Ltd** – Austrade regional exporter award

**Fox Creek Wines** – FIVEaa small business award

**d’Arenberg Pty Ltd** – EFIC small to medium manufacturer award

**CooperVision Australia** – Statewide small to medium services award

**Adventure Tours Australia Group Pty Ltd** – Sports, events and tourism award

**Overall -**

**YourAmigo** – The Premier’s award for excellence and high achievement in exporting

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