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CrimTrac wins again at 2008 Information Industry iAwards

CrimTrac – the agency responsible for developing information sharing solutions for law enforcement – has won another national award for its innovative ICT applications, this time taking home the AIIA’s iAward in the category of e-Government and Services.

CrimTrac won the iAward for its National Police Reference System (NPRS), an electronic program that enables police and law enforcement agencies to exchange police information about people across all jurisdictions.

The Australian Information Industry Association’s iAwards were held in Melbourne tonight to honour the most outstanding information and communications (ICT) talent in the country.

CrimTrac CEO Ben McDevitt acknowledged the years of hard work and dedication invested in the development of the National Police Reference System (NPRS).

“I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard to develop this system. This award is recognition of their effort,” Mr McDevitt said.

“CrimTrac has been working closely with police jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies for a number of years to develop this system, which is a great example of joint collaboration between the Commonwealth and State and Territory jurisdictions.”

Mr McDevitt said that winning both a national eAward and an iAward was confirmation that CrimTrac’s ICT solutions were on par with the best in the world.

“The National Police Reference System is clever technology. It allows police across Australia to exchange information, enabling them to access information about people in various jurisdictions. Police use this information to identify whether individuals are a threat to the public, of interest to police or wanted by police.”

“It provides information critical to the day to day duties of community policing, supporting police with richer data on persons of interest than was available previously using other systems.

“Traditionally, police have maintained information within jurisdictional boundaries using disparate systems. However, having a system that transcends jurisdictional borders will address the problem of offenders moving interstate to avoid detection.”

As a national winner, CrimTrac is eligible to represent Australia at the Asia-Pacific ICT Awards (APICTA) in Indonesia later this year, where it will compete with the best in the region.

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