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### INNOVATION AT CORE OF SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Tonight's winner of the Small Business Award at the 48th Australian Export Awards has been congratulated by Small Business Minister, Senator Nick Sherry, as an inspiration to other technology based enterprises.

"This small enterprise is contributing to our national prosperity through the successful export of its high-end products and services," Senator Sherry said.

Epichem was one of 12 Award winners at the ceremony held at Sydney Town Hall.

The contract drug discovery company was founded by two scientists in Western Australia just seven years ago and now exports to 18 countries. It uses its expertise in synthetic and medicinal chemistry to deliver tailor-made products and services for customers and generate valuable intellectual property.

"I want to congratulate Epichem on this win and commend it for its innovations, both in the laboratory and in the global marketplace," said Senator Sherry.

"The company has been recognised for its clear international marketing strategy and the strength of its relationships with research institutes and international drug companies."

This is the first time Epichem has entered the Awards program.

The Small Business Award is sponsored by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

One of Australia's most prestigious and longest-running business awards, the Australian Export Awards highlight the critical role exporters play - in the community and for our national prosperity.

The Australian Export Awards are co-presented by the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) and the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

A full case study is available at [www.exportawards.gov.au](http://www.exportawards.gov.au)

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