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SENATOR THE HON NICK SHERRY

Minister for Small Business
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DEVONPORT COMPANY TAKES TOP INNOVATION AWARD

Devonport roofing and materials supplier for the north-west coast, OOI Roofing (Pty Ltd), took out the AusIndustry Innovation Award at the Devonport Chamber of Commerce & Industry 2011 CGU North West Business and Industry Awards

Small Business Minister Nick Sherry presented OOI Roofing with its award at a gala function in the Axemen's Hall of Fame in the Latrobe.

Freight and logistics company Total Care Group, of Quoiba, and hydraulic and pneumatic repairer Hydralink Devonport were the two other finalists vying for the award.

Senator Sherry said business and industry awards had an important role to play in the economic well-being of any community.

"These awards encourage and reward innovation and good business practice, as well as setting benchmarks of good business practice for others," Senator Sherry said.

"This is an excellent achievement not only by OOI Roofing but also the other finalists and the winners and finalists in the other categories. It typifies the spirit of this region.

"The north-west has taken some heavy knocks in recent years but the business community has shown incredible resilience to help the region get back on its feet.

"The Australian Government has shown its support with assistance measures such as the North West and Northern Tasmania Innovation and Investment Fund to help businesses create sustainable jobs.

"The Government also has other measures such as the Small Business Online program, the Small Business Support Line, the Business Enterprise Centres to help businesses get over hurdles in these challenging times.

"The award winners are a credit to North Western Tasmania. Their achievements make our region a better place to live, work, invest, and visit."

For information on the Small Business Support Line call 1800 777 275 or email sbsl@innovation.gov.au or visit www.ausindustry.gov.au for details of other small business assistance measures.

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