The Business Capability Support Program (BCSP) to be delivered by AutoCRC

Australian automotive industry supply chain companies will benefit following the launch of the national industry BCSP program to help them formulate and implement diversification strategies and plans for their businesses.

The BCSP is a $2.6 million competitive merit-based program that is funded by the Australian Government (as one element of the Automotive New markets Initiative under “New Car Plan for a Greener Future”). The objective is to provide automotive-specific business capability support services to Australian automotive supply chain companies.

Automotive Supplier Excellence Australia (ASEA) which is the business excellence arm of AutoCRC, will manage the program over the next 3½ years. The program will consist of Industry Forums and workshops to share ideas, encourage cooperation and collaboration, and improve networking, as well as specifically tailored improvement projects for individual companies.

Mr Walker says that there has been wide interest, support and participation in the ASCDP program delivered by ASEA with more than 100 Australian supplier companies involved in the pilot program completed in 2009, and this additional funding will allow this excellent work by ASEA to continue.

Mr Walker says, “The program requires a high level commitment by companies to develop and implement diversification plans, and the funding of the plans at a $3 for $1 ratio should help a lot”.

ASEA Program Director, Linsey Siede says, “The BCSP will enable specific diversification needs of participating suppliers to be identified, and allow the knowledge required to implement diversification plans to be transferred to those suppliers”.

Mr Siede says, “The ASEA program is designed to promote continuous improvement through the transfer of knowledge and required skills to participants, thus developing in-house capabilities leading to sustainability”.

“Together with the company, the ASEA team will be involved in regular program reviews and updates over the period of engagement.”

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