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### Innovation opens employment doors for people with disability

The NESA Awards for Excellence are offered each year by the National Employment Services Association (NESA) for outstanding performance and achievement within the employment services sector. This year there have been six Award categories, with a record number of nominations.

The **NESA Innovation in Disability Employment Award** recognises organisations using innovative service strategies that open employment opportunities for people with disability.

“Many of the challenges to providing opportunity for all through inclusion and employment are persistent,” said NESA CEO Sally Sinclair, “but some of the most successful responses are those that think outside of the box!”

This year’s finalists in the **NESA Innovation in Disability Employment Award** are:

- **Collins Food Ltd., MAX Employer Business Centre and MAX Health Services**, for working together to assure work-ready environments for people with disability – nominated by **MAX Employment**
- **Help Employment and Training, Toowoomba**, for its highly effective response to a disenfranchised cohort of people with disability – nominated by **HELP Enterprises**
- **WISE Employment (South Australia) and Esher House**, for a behavioural science-driven approach to maximising participant engagement – nominated by **WISE Employment**

The winner of the **NESA Innovation in Disability Employment Award** will be announced at the Gala Awards Dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup> August, part of the [NESA National Conference](#), to be held at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins on the 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019.

The **NESA Innovation in Disability Employment Award** is supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, Job Access.

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