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JIM WHITING WINS WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Managing Director of Badge, Jim Whiting has won a major award for his role in promoting and encouraging women to build careers within the construction industry.

Mr Whiting received the Crystal Vision Award at the National Association of Women in Construction (SA Chapter) awards ceremony held this month (October 13).

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) is a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to promote and improve the construction industry by the advancement of women within it.

Mr Whiting is the first male winner in SA of the award that celebrates those who saw a role for women in the construction industry and encouraged and promoted their progress in it.

Mr Whiting, who was nominated for the award by the female employees at Badge, is now in the running for the National Awards next year.

It is the third time in the past four years that a Badge employee has won a NAWIC Award – with Fran Hughes and Debbie Marsh previous Badge winners.

Badge currently has 33 female employees working in roles within Senior Management, Senior Construction Management, Construction Management, Contract Administration, Health and Safety, and Cost Planning.

“The award is a great honour and a real testament to the way our entire firm views the key role women have in our company and the industry,” Mr Whiting said.

“Since we established Badge 28 years ago our vision has been to create a workplace where staff members are hired on their ability and performance, not their gender. Women have, and will continue to hold, key positions within our company and drive the future growth of Badge.”

Badge has a strong training and development program available to all staff as well as a generous maternity leave policy, family-friendly flexible working options and a child care subsidy benefit scheme.

With annual turnover of \$500 million, privately owned commercial building company Badge has its headquarters in South Australia and offices in Queensland and Western Australia.

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