



## 2012 RESA Skills Summit in Adelaide

South Australia's RESA (Resources and Engineering Skills Alliance) will stage a national Skills Summit in Adelaide on February 22<sup>nd</sup> next year, aimed at enhancing company competitiveness through an innovative and socially responsible approach to the workforce.

In announcing the summit, RESA Chairman Paul Dowd said it will focus on strategies and solutions to address skills shortages within the resources and aligned sectors, drawing on the experience of national and state industry leaders and identify initiatives that can be applied to address South Australia's skills and labour needs.

RESA is confident of a substantial level of private and public sector delegate registration from SA and nationally. Confirmed speakers include Paul Heithersay, Chair of the Olympic Dam Expansion Taskforce, Catherine Pattenden from the Centre of Social Responsibility and Mining and Chris Natt of the Minerals Council of Australia.

"We want this to be a more than a theoretical exercise so people leave at the end of the day armed with new insights and effective strategies that can be adapted to their own needs", Mr. Dowd said.

"This is a problem which is widely known, but understanding its complexity is paramount to finding practical solutions.

"RESA's program will be highlighted by a high class selection of speakers and topics, showcasing research examples on a local, national and international scale. There will also be a panel discussion geared toward formulating practical solutions to the issue. We will be releasing speaker details later this year.

"The time has never been more urgent. There is a global hunt for talented workers and RESA is stepping up to the challenge for South Australia with the Skills Summit and real programs to make a real difference.

"The summit is concerned with delivering practical approaches to address the skills challenge and includes special attention to increasing the proportion of women and indigenous employees in the sector.

"Delegates will leave the summit armed with new insights and effective strategies that can be adapted to their own needs" and be assured that RESA continues to develop and deliver innovative programs to meet the skills needs of the growing Resources sector".

Summit details can be viewed at a dedicated website, [www.resaskillsummit.com.au](http://www.resaskillsummit.com.au)

RESA is an industry not for profit association which identifies the gaps in the skilled workforce in the resources sector and find ways to fill them by conducting programs that provide skills and training opportunities and encourage new workers into the resources sector.

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