Sodexo, atWork Australia and South Metropolitan TAFE partner wins NESA ‘Excellence in Collaboration’

Australia, 15 August, 2018 – Sodexo, world leader in Quality of Life services, was recognised alongside atWork Australia and South Metropolitan TAFE for the National Employment Services Award (NESA) for ‘Excellence in Collaboration’. The 2018 NESA Awards for Excellence were announced last night as part of the annual NESA conference in Brisbane.

The Excellence in Collaboration Award was won by the Hospitality VTEC (Vocational Training and Employment Centre) Training Program, delivered via a successful partnership between atWork Australia, Sodexo and South Metropolitan TAFE.

This program targets Indigenous candidates with a non-working background, a background of generational unemployment, people with a past criminal history and people who are not physically or mentally prepared for the workplace. The program offers a focus on health, fitness and wellbeing, and has proven to be a life-changing experience. It is an excellent example of collaboration between an employment services provider, RTO and employer.

Sodexo has just completed its third Vocational, Training & Education Centre (VTEC) Program, providing candidates with Hospitality Certificate II qualification and guaranteed full-time employment with Sodexo upon completion of the program.

Jay Jepsen, IFMS HR Business Partner said: “Sodexo is extremely proud to be recognised for excellence in collaboration. We acknowledge our valued partners in this success, including atWork Australia and South Metropolitan TAFE and GenerationOne. It is only through these enduring relationships that we are able to deliver meaningful and sustainable employment opportunities with far-reaching impact on participants, families and communities.

Brenda Micale, General Manager Training Services 2 said: “It’s very important to us here at South Metropolitan TAFE to know that our programs produce the high quality outcomes we strive for. The partnership between atWork Australia, Sodexo and South Metropolitan TAFE guarantees these outcomes and makes such a positive impact on the lives and future careers of the participants of the program.”

Sodexo was also previously recognised by NESA’s for Champion Employer of the Year award in 2016 for its commitment to helping Indigenous Australians find meaningful employment.

About NESA
NESA is Australia’s peak body for the employment services sector, and the bridge between the federal government and the employment services industry.

The NESA awards have been going since 2005, and are recognition of the strength and resilience that it takes to overcome hurdles to gain employment, and the persistent hard work of the employment consultants and employers who support job seekers on their journey. www.nesa.com.au
**About Sodexo in Australia:** Sodexo in Australia employs a diverse workforce of over 5,000 employees. Sodexo delivers a unique array of over 100 integrated services lines including: catering, facilities management, concierge services, security, asset maintenance and hospitality services in the following segments: Corporate, Healthcare & Seniors, Education, Government and Justice and Energy & Resources both on and off shore.

**About Sodexo**

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organizational performance. Operating in 80 countries, Sodexo serves 100 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits and Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Through its more than 100 services, Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over 50 years of experience: from food services, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from services and programs fostering employees’ engagement to solutions that simplify and optimize their mobility and expenses management, to in-home assistance, child care centers and concierge services. Sodexo's success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 427,000 employees throughout the world. Sodexo is included in the CAC 40 and DJSI indices.

**Key figures (as of August 31, 2017)**
- **20.7 billion** euro in consolidated revenues
- **427,000** employees
- **19th** largest employer worldwide
- **80** countries
- **100 million** consumers served daily
- **12.5 billion euro** in market capitalization (as of July 4, 2018)

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