

## Calvert thrives in GFC climate

THE global financial crisis has proved a positive for Adelaide IT firm Calvert Technologies.

Calvert has moved to larger offices in Payneham and advertised for three new staff.

Managing director and founder Dean Calvert said while it had been unexpected, many customers sought Calvert's services during the GFC to "squeeze a bit of extra value" from their existing IT infrastructure.

"(This was done) rather than spend a lot of money to replace all of their hardware and software," he said. "The result for us was two years of record growth."

He said growth was expected to continue this financial year.

"The hardest part of growth is finding the right people," he said. "With our new premises, we have the space for a data centre operation, which already has a couple of clients."



**YOUNG TALENT:** Apprentice builder and junior foreman Todd Kinsman works on Riverdale Primary School's new hall.

# Online boost for builders

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THE South Australian building and construction industry is getting some high-tech help in monitoring and meeting apprentice employment and training outcomes.

Local software firm Bayer, in collaboration with the Construction Industry Training Board, has come up with an online wizard.

The Ten Percent Compliance Wizard was introduced for projects under the Federal Government's Building Education Revolution Stimulus Package, but can be applied to all projects.

The electronic reporting tool - using data from the CITB's Training and Levy Administration System and the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure Project Profile information - allows contractors and subcontractors to ensure they are meeting government contractual requirements.

The Government's 10 per cent policy requires that a proportion of labour hours on BER-funded projects must be carried out by apprentices, trainees or employees from a range of identified backgrounds.

So far, only South Australia and Queensland have developed purpose-built reporting mechanisms.

Bayer principal architect and technical director Stefan Wagner said the tool was useful in helping the industry overcome its skill shortage problem by providing incentives to developers, giving apprentices a chance to work on major projects.

"The wizard could be used for other projects, such as social housing, which have similar compliance criteria for builders," he said.

CITB chief executive Steve Larkins said the tool was a step in the right direction to make projects more transparent and fair.

## Tenders & Contracts

Tender specifications can be downloaded from [www.tenders.sa.gov.au](http://www.tenders.sa.gov.au) (refer to Specifications) and a viewing copy is available at the Council office. Closing date times are based on Adelaide time.

## Local Government Tenders



COUNCIL	TENDER NO.	DETAILS	CLOSES	CONTACT	SPECIFICATIONS
Adelaide City Council	T2010/0263	Supply of Bin Surrounds.	3:00 PM 7 September 2010	Dave Sheppard 8203 7080	ACC019839
Adelaide Hills Council	11/11	Guard Rail Installation - Various Locations.	2:00 PM 10 September 2010	Peter Muller 8408 0540	AHC019852
City of Burnside	WKS0618	Rekerbing and Drainage - Orient Rd and Lincoln St, Kensington Gardens.	2:00 PM 7 September 2010	David Kenworthy 8366 4261	COB019847
City of Burnside	WKS0619	Road Works Programme 2010 - 2011.	2:00 PM 14 September 2010	Jagath Pathirana 8366 4251	COB019850
City of Burnside	WKS0620	Road Crack Sealing Programme 2010 - 2011.	2:00 PM 14 September 2010	Jagath Pathirana 8366 4251	COB019851
City of Burnside	PTR0616	Supply & Delivery of One (1) Skid Steer Loader.	2:00 PM 14 September 2010	Brenton Moule 8366 4256	COB019855
City of Burnside	PTR0617	Supply & Delivery of One (1) Single Axle Truck.	2:00 PM 14 September 2010	Brenton Moule 8366 4256	COB019856
City of Onkaparinga	10064	Development of a Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2028.	2:00 PM 14 September 2010	Les Tulloch 8384 0669	ONKA019845
City of Port Adelaide Enfield	TCN012/10	Contract for Road Pavement Inspection.	5:00 PM 14 September 2010	Gary Baker 8405 6745	CPAE019846
City of Port Adelaide Enfield	TCN011/10	Supply & Delivery of Mobile Garbage & Recycling Bins for period 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011.	5:00 PM 7 September 2010	Alan Richardson 8405 6719	CPAE019849
City of Unley	U224	Design & Installation of Mechanical Plant, Unley Civic Centre.	3:00 PM 22 September 2010	Alan Johns 8372 5466	U019842
Mid Murray Council	T3.SP - 10/11	Mannum Skate Park Construction.	12:00 PM 1 September 2010	Stan Robb 8261 4465	MMC019813

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**To find an apprentice contact:**

Group Training Australia (SA) **8244 1919**  
 DECS Apprenticeship Brokers **8226 0480**

**Group training providers:**

Career Employment Group (CEG)	<b>8645 3033</b>	Plumbing, Electrical, Electronic and Refrigeration Training (PEER)	<b>8348 1200</b>
Group Training Employment (GTE)	<b>8721 2345</b>	Plumbing Industry Association (PIA)	<b>8292 4000</b>
Housing Industry Association (HIA)		Statewide Group Training	<b>8844 5055</b>
Group Apprentice Scheme	<b>8340 5914</b>	Trainee and Apprentice Placement Services Inc (TAPS)	<b>8433 1200</b>
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Group Training Scheme	<b>8211 7466</b>		
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