

Media Release

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THE SEARCH IS ON FOR VICTORIA'S BEST EXPORTERS

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Governor of Victoria Export Awards (GOVEA), recognising Victoria's most forward-thinking exporters.

Now in their fortieth year, the GOVEAs are open to all Victorian exporting businesses regardless of size or location.

Businesses will be judged on strategic export growth instead of purely on international sales value.

In 2018, the top award went to cancer diagnostics manufacturer Leica Biosystems who also took out the Victorian Women in International Business award.

The Andrews Labor Government is working with local businesses to help them connect with opportunities and partners across the world.

Exports make a significant contribution to the Victorian economy, reaching a record high of \$55.1 billion in 2018 – a 30 per cent rise since 2014.

Applications are open until July, with the 2019 GOVEA winners to be announced at a ceremony in October.

For more information, visit global.vic.gov.au/govea.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade Martin Pakula

"The Governor of Victoria Export Awards recognise the Victorian businesses that want to reach new international markets."

"We're helping local businesses grow and create more jobs for Victorians by supporting our most innovative exporters."

Quotes attributable to Senior Director of Leica Biosystems Will Day

"Winning the Governor of Victoria Export Awards has helped us win international sales and build a stronger team."

"The Awards were a great opportunity to network with other successful export businesses. We recently visited the site of another winner and learned a lot from their innovative management approach."