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Exciting FREE event for contractors coming to town!

Contractors in the Cairns region are invited to a FREE interactive education event happening next Tuesday at The Sebel.

The Building Better Businesses program combines DVDs, live presentations and advice from technical experts aimed at builders and contractors. Topics include business survival, sustainable housing, tiling and timber framing best practice methods.

There will also be sessions on how to get involved in the Federal Government's Nation Building stimulus plan, how to make the most out of your superannuation, and mental health risks in the construction industry.

Building Services Authority general manager Ian Jennings said as the construction market becomes more competitive, contractors who improve their knowledge will have an edge over their competitors.

"Contractors who attend a Building Better Businesses event will learn how to better manage their business in these tough times, with an informational seminar followed by a workshop and one-on-one sessions with industry experts.

"They will also learn about the increasingly popular topic of sustainable housing, as well as best practice methods in tiling and timber framing.

"Contractors with this knowledge under their belt will be far more attractive to discerning homeowners looking for a contractor," Mr Jennings said.

"These seminars directly contribute to Queensland's decreasing building defect rate, which increases confidence in Queensland's building industry as a whole.

"Queensland homeowners can hire a licensed contractor knowing that they will be protected by Queensland Home Warranty Scheme insurance, and are contracting with some of the most skilled and best regulated contractors in the nation," Mr Jennings said.

The Building Better Businesses events are run by the Building Services Authority (BSA) in partnership with Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ), and with the support of the Department of Public Works, OzHelp and BUSS(Q) throughout Queensland's major regional centres.

Please see overleaf for program and venue details.

WHAT: Building Better Businesses – an interactive education event for builders and tradies.
WHERE: The Sebel Cairns, 17 Abbott Street, Cairns
WHEN: 1pm – 6.30pm, Tuesday 28 April 2009
RSVP: Fax back your registration form (licensed contractors will receive a form in the mail, or you can download it off the BSA website at www.bsa.qld.gov.au), email bsaseminars@bsa.qld.gov.au or call 1300 BSA BSA.

Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan Information on how the Nation Building money will be spent in Queensland, and how to apply for work
Mates in Construction Session presented by OzHelp with the aim of improving awareness of people at risk of suicide in the building industry
Tiling Best practice methods and how to avoid defects
Timber Framing Best practice methods and how to avoid defects
Sustainable Housing Info on the benefits, pitfalls and things to consider when building a sustainable home
The Building Game Creating winning strategies for your business
Successful Business Strategies One-on-one sessions One-on-one sessions with industry experts for people who know the business management basics, but want to make sure they're still on track
Successful Business Strategies Workshop Business management basics with an industry expert