

Flinders Ports wins tech award

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Flinders Ports and ESRI have won the Technical Excellence Award at the South Australian Spatial Excellence Awards 2015. The award was given for Flinders Ports' and ESRI's work to develop a software platform that provides Flinders Ports with a single, common operating picture of all sea and land operations. Flinders Ports and ESRI were presented with the award at the South Australian Spatial Excellence Awards Dinner in Adelaide on 14 August.

"We are honoured to win the Technical Excellence Award in partnership with ESRI. Having our commitment to Geographic Information System (GIS) technology recognised is certainly a privilege," said Captain Carl Kavina, General Manager, Marine Operations at Flinders Ports.

The new system, called vPort is the initial step to a full Vessel Traffic Services system which provides real-time data on vessels and their locations. The vPort system combines multiple sensors into one viewing platform. In what is potentially a major boost for risk management, vPort also has an interface allowing users to interrogate data with geospatial information.

"The technology we've developed with ESRI is leading edge and gives us superior levels of spatial awareness across both marine and landside operations. We've been able to roll this out across our entire operations, which benefits our clients and other stakeholders," said Captain Kavina.

Following the award win, Flinders Ports and ESRI were shortlisted as finalists in the National Spatial Excellence Awards, which are set to take place in Melbourne in January 2016.

** Flinders Ports is South Australia's main port operator with seven ports located at Port Adelaide, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Thevenard, Port Giles, Wallaroo and Klein Point.*