

## **Press Release**

4<sup>th</sup> September 2003

**Melbourne:** Two Queensland companies, Consolidated Computer Services (CCS) and Aims Corporation, were presented with the "Asia-Pacific Smart Card Industry Excellence Award" for design and innovation, at the Cards 2003 Convention, 4 September 2003 at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

The award was presented for an outstanding contribution to the Australian Smart card industry and providing an innovated approach to the technology.

Aims Corporation and Consolidated Computer Services formed a strategic alliance to develop and implement an innovative Smart Card System at the 750 bed medium security ACACIA prison in Western Australia.

Prisoners and staff are issued with an individual personalised Smart Card for movement control, canteen and vending purchasing and information access via computer kiosks.

"The use of this technology in the prison environment teaches life-skills that remove a range of institutional behaviours and assists in the development of a sense of worth and self esteem. These life-skills allow the cardholders to have more control over daily tasks and they will be better equipped to reintegrate into society later."

This prestigious award was presented by Richard Fleming, Chairman of Asia Pacific Smart Card Forum and accepted by Tim Place from CCS and George Signoretto and John Cooper from Aims Corporation.