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## **AICA Group offers latest contractor engagement tools at QME**

The **AICA Group** will unveil its two new services for contractor engagement on **Stand 9304** during the 2008 Queensland Mining and Engineering (QME) exhibition at the Mackay Showground from July 22-24.

The AICA Group, in conjunction with Westpac, Australian Underwriters and Fujitsu, has just launched Back Office Biz Pty Ltd, a contractor services and a direct engagement model made up of two parts.

The first, BOB, provides contractor services such as BAS, tax, insurances, financial products, discounts and job opportunities in one package.

It provides a professional and cost-effective system to collect payments, and record financial transactions and accounting processes. It also provides competitive insurance policies and loans, fleet discounts and tailor-made superannuation – all in one system using the latest technologies.

The second, BOBNett, allows business to directly engage genuine independent contractors.

It is a computer software program for independent contractors to find hirers who have registered on the BOBNett system.

The hirer records details of work required, together with the periods of engagement or units of work offered. The contractor logs onto BOBNett and elects to take up work offered by the hirer.

When used in conjunction with BOB, BOBNett offers compliance with legislation using the common law tests as well as reduced labour costs, improved productivity, a modern rostering system, streamlined recruitment process and improved retention of labour.

Steve Harrison, founder of Back Office Biz (BOB) said this new system is designed to provide office administration, support, financial structures and bulk discounts to sole traders and small companies throughout Australia.

“Contractors are bogged down with government red-tape and paperwork, incredibly complex tax and compliance issues,” said Harrison.

“Many large institutions such as insurance providers, banks, superannuation companies and car dealerships all charge full rates, because as individuals you have very limited bargaining power,” he said.

“Similarly, engagers of contractors face complex rules under taxation and superannuation laws, industrial laws, workers compensation and payroll tax.

“BOB is designed to address these issues. It has partnered with key service providers to provide a comprehensive package for you to run your business,” said Harrison.

### **Further information:**

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