

Scotland gets *GO*ing...

The *Government Opportunities (GO)* Awards Scotland aim to recognise excellence within procurement, and the benefits to the wider business and social community that smart, effective and sustainable purchasing can deliver.

Scotland has a thriving business community and a forward-thinking approach to public procurement. Public sector spending on goods and services across Scotland is estimated to be £8 billion per annum, with an estimated £1 billion relating to 'Category A' common goods and services, as currently defined.

The time has come to recognise the achievements and celebrate the success of all those across the public, private and third sectors who strive to make a difference to the Scottish economy. *GO* magazine is the Media Sponsor for the Awards, and actively celebrates the success of individuals and teams working within procurement.

With categories covering Individual and Team Excellence, Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility, the *GO* Awards Scotland reflect many of the key areas of focus within public procurement.

Recognising that procurement is about buyers and suppliers working together, the *GO* Awards Scotland also include categories for Best Service and Best Small Supplier Innovation - this latter category acknowledging the role small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) play in supplying the public sector in Scotland.

To see the full list of categories for 2008 and details of how to enter, visit <http://www.goawards.co.uk/>