

## **Celebrating Excellence in Public Procurement**

Sir Michael Lyons, one of the most influential and respected figures in government procurement, has been confirmed as keynote speaker for National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD) 2007.

Author of the Lyons Report, an independent enquiry to consider the case for changes to the present system of local government funding in England, Sir Michael will deliver his address to hundreds of delegates at the event on 6 June 2007. He continues the tradition of high-profile speakers addressing N3PD, with those in previous years including John Oughton, Chief Executive of the OGC, Charlie McCreevy, European Commissioner for the Internal Market and Services and Sir Digby Jones, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry.

N3PD is the most eagerly anticipated event of the public sector procurement calendar, and celebrates the success of those working within this vital sector.

It also encompasses the announcement of the results of the annual *Government Opportunities (GO)* magazine Excellence in Public Procurement Awards.

Organised by market-leading procurement specialists BiP Solutions Ltd, the GO Awards honour the role of procurement personnel and the part they play in delivering effective public services.

Bringing together representatives from local authorities, public services, utilities and community initiatives, as well as the private sector, the GO Awards recognise the efforts made to deliver ever-improving procurement services. Benefits to the taxpayer through more efficient spending and innovative procurement methods can mean more nurses in hospitals, more police officers on the streets and even lower council tax bills.

Grahame Steed, Managing Editor of GO magazine, said he was delighted by the response to the event – now in its fourth year – and looked forward to honouring the achievements of those dedicated to delivering better-quality services and greater value for money for the taxpayer.

He added: “N3PD has now firmly established itself as one of the most important dates on the public procurement calendar and we are delighted to confirm Sir Michael’s presence at the event.

“With higher-than-ever levels of support, 2007’s event will be the biggest and best yet. Add to that speakers of the calibre of Sir Michael and it’s easy to see why everyone is excited about N3PD and the GO Awards.”

Further information on N3PD and the GO Awards can be found at [www.n3pd.com](http://www.n3pd.com)

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