

SOPO Scotland a success

The first Scottish conference of the Society of Procurement Officers in Local Government (SOPO) was held in March, and the response from all involved has been extremely positive.

The event was titled 'Procurement: A Key Driver of Reform in Scottish Public Services', and was organised by BiP Solutions on behalf of SOPO. Over 300 delegates attended and received a thought-provoking update on the key issues affecting public procurement in the region from speakers including Ronnie McLean, former director, Authorities Buying Consortium (abc); Dorothy Cowie, Director, abc; David Pinton, Chairman of SOPO; Nicholas Bowd, Director of the Scottish Procurement Directorate; and John McClelland CBE, author of the Review of Public Procurement in Scotland.

SOPO is one of a number of high-profile organisations to benefit from BiP's expertise in creating, marketing and managing successful events and conferences. To find out what BiP can do for you, contact **0845 270 7095**.

The SOPO National Conference and Awards, also organised by BiP, take place on 7-8 November 2007.

Further information on SOPO can be found at:

www.sopo.org.uk

A full review of the SOPO Scotland event can be found in the April edition of Government Opportunities magazine.