

## **Excellence in Public Procurement – shortlist announced**

The shortlist for the eagerly anticipated national *Government Opportunities (GO)* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards, celebrating the achievements of the UK's most talented procurement professionals, has been announced.

Following intense consideration from the *GO* Awards judging panel, scores of entries have been reviewed and a final shortlist created. With award categories recognising Individual Excellence, Team Excellence, Sustainability, e-Government, Best Service, Small Supplier Innovation and the work of Young Procurement Professionals, only the very best nominations have made the final list.

Finalists will be joined at the Awards – part of National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD) 2007 - by keynote speakers Sir Michael Lyons, Chairman of the BBC Trust and author of the Lyons Inquiry; Dr Neil Bentley, Director of Public Services at the Confederation of British Industry (CBI); and Dr Vincent Cable, Shadow Chancellor and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats.

N3PD 2007 and the *GO* Awards ceremony, which take place in central London on 6 June, are organised by BiP Solutions, one of Europe's leading providers of procurement information services. N3PD is a unique date in the public procurement calendar, when the public procurement community recognises and celebrates the achievements of those who have striven to make a difference in their work, and who in doing so have contributed to smarter, more efficient procurement – so benefiting the end-user and taxpayer.

Grahame Steed, Managing Editor of *GO* magazine, media partner of N3PD, said the standard of this year's entries was phenomenal: "The overall standard has been very high indeed, and choosing a shortlist of nominees was a very difficult task for the judging panel.

"The shortlist reflects the very best practice currently taking place in public procurement: the nominees are all exceptionally talented and professional teams and individuals, committed to achieving the most efficient methods and best value for money for the taxpayer."

Mr Steed added: "N3PD and the *GO* Awards are now firmly established as one of the most prestigious events in the sector. This prestige, combined with speakers of the calibre of Sir Michael, Dr Bentley and Dr Cable, means it's easy to see why everyone is excited about N3PD."

## **The *GO* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2007**

### **Shortlisted Entrants**

#### **Category - *GO* Individual Award**

Robert Anstee, Ministry of Defence  
Ian Hardcastle, East Ayrshire Council  
Jean Henderson, Authorities Buying Consortium  
Roger Simpson Jones, London Borough of Ealing  
Melanie Walsh, South West Fire and Rescue Services

#### **Category - *GO* Team Excellence Award**

Authorities Buying Consortium  
Bedfordshire County Council Children's Commissioning Service  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Department for Work and Pensions Office Services  
Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service  
Essex Procurement Hub  
London Borough of Havering  
Manchester Corporate Technical Services Group

Southwark Council  
Welsh Health Supplies

**Category - GO Sustainability Award**

Authorities Buying Consortium  
Department for Work and Pensions Sustainable Development Team  
London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority  
North Lincolnshire Council Highways and Planning  
Scottish Natural Heritage

**Category - GO e-Government Award sponsored by Open Text Corporation**

Caerphilly County Borough Council  
City of Edinburgh Council  
eProcurement Scotl@nd  
Home Office  
London Borough of Camden

**Category – GO Best Service Award sponsored by Central Telecom**

Black Country Housing / Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council  
BSS / Big Lottery Fund  
Lion Apparel Systems / London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority  
PageOne Ltd / British Army  
Reliance / Thames Valley Police

**Category – GO Best Small Supplier Innovation Award sponsored by Supply2.gov.uk**

Amble Electrical Distributors / Luton Borough Council  
Blue Fountain Systems / Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council  
Bow House Ltd / Authorities Buying Consortium  
CorVu / Isle of Wight Council  
PSL Consulting / London Borough of Merton

**Category – GO Young Procurement Professional Award**

Robert Anstee, Ministry of Defence  
James Brooks, Sheffield Council  
Sharon Griffin, Authorities Buying Consortium  
Joanne Leah, Allerdale Borough Council