

Rewarding Excellence  
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**GOVERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES (GO)** magazine, published by BiP Solutions, is marking the achievements of those in the Scottish procurement sector with its first ever **GO Awards Scotland 2008**.

Those working in procurement in Scotland are urged to apply for their chance to win one of the coveted Awards, which aim to recognise excellence within the country's procurement, and the benefits to the wider business and social community that smart, effective and sustainable purchasing can deliver.

With the Scottish public sector spending around £8 billion a year on goods and services, it is key that those promoting forward-thinking and innovative practices are recognised and celebrated for their achievements. The Awards commend all those across the public, private and third sectors who strive to make a difference to the Scottish economy.

Winners will be unveiled on the evening of the **Procurex 2008** procurement exhibition – Scotland's first dedicated private and public sector procurement exhibition, hosted by BiP – at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow, on 29 October 2008.

*GO Awards Scotland is now welcoming nominations across eight categories:*

- **GO Sustainability Award**  
sponsored by HP
- **GO Corporate Social Responsibility Award**
- **GO Healthcare Supplier Award**  
supported by NHS Scotland
- **GO Best Service Award**
- **GO Collaborative Procurement Award**
- **GO Individual Excellence Award**
- **GO Team Excellence Award**  
sponsored by SPS Consultancy Services
- **GO Outstanding Contribution Award**

The GO Awards Scotland judging panel is made up of experts in the field of public procurement.

*Judges confirmed include:*

- **Brian Baverstock**,  
Chief Executive, APUC Ltd
- **Nick Bowd**, Director,  
Scottish Procurement Directorate
- **John McClelland CBE**, author of the Review of Public Procurement in Scotland

- **Iain M McMillan CBE**,  
Director, CBI Scotland
- **Jim Miller**, Strategic Sourcing Director, NHS Scotland
- **Dr Lesley Sawers**, CEO, Scottish Council for Development and Industry
- **Grahame Steed**, Managing Editor, Government Opportunities magazine

For more information on GO Awards Scotland, or to request a nomination form, visit  
<http://www.govopps.co.uk/awardscotland/home.htm>

**The deadline for submissions is 25 August.**