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### **McClelland endorses GO Award**

John McClelland, author of the Review of Public Procurement in Scotland, has endorsed one of the categories in the 2008 *Government Opportunities (GO)* magazine Awards Scotland. The GO/McClelland Collaborative Procurement Award, which recognises the achievements of public sector organisations working together to deliver more effective and better value services, is being supported by Mr McClelland, who underlined the essential role that collaboration can play in procurement in his 2006 Review.

Mr McClelland said: "I am delighted to endorse the GO/McClelland Collaborative Procurement Award. My Review of Public Procurement in Scotland highlighted collaboration as an important factor in improving the efficiency of public procurement, and I believe this Award will stimulate further development in this area by highlighting the best examples of it."

Grahame Steed, Managing Editor of GO magazine, said: "It says a great deal that someone of John McClelland's stature is pleased to associate himself with this Award. We are pleased to have his support, and hope that this will encourage organisations which have been successful in collaborative ventures to enter the Awards."

The GO Awards Scotland, organised by BiP Solutions Ltd, are the first awards dedicated to public procurement in the region. They build upon the success of the national GO Awards, which are recognised as the UK's leading public procurement awards. Eight categories are available for entrants, including Best Service, Sustainability, Individual Excellence, Team Excellence and the Healthcare Supplier Award. Entries are sought from public and private sector organisations based in Scotland, or supplying the Scottish public sector.

The judging panel for the GO Awards Scotland includes many of Scotland's most prominent procurement professionals and business leaders, including Nick Bowd, Director of the Scottish Procurement Directorate; Iain McMillan, Director of CBI Scotland; Dr Lesley Sawers, CEO of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry, Brian Baverstock, Chief Executive of Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges and Jim Miller, Strategic Sourcing Director for NHS Scotland. Mr McClelland is also a judge, as is Duncan Eaton, former Chief Executive of NHS PASA and member of the judging panel for the national GO Awards.

The GO Awards Scotland are being held in conjunction with Procurex, Scotland's first dedicated private and public sector procurement exhibition. Procurex is being held at the SECC in Glasgow on 29 and 30 October 2008. The deadline for entries into the GO Awards Scotland is 25 August.

Further information on the GO Awards Scotland can be found at [www.govopps.co.uk/awardscotland/home.htm](http://www.govopps.co.uk/awardscotland/home.htm)

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