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### **Winners announced in GO Awards Scotland 2008**

Ten Scottish organisations have been honoured for outstanding achievement at the inaugural *Government Opportunities (GO)* magazine Excellence in Public Procurement Awards Scotland 2008.

The *GO* Awards Scotland, organised by public procurement experts BiP Solutions, recognise the outstanding contribution that procurement professionals – and the organisations which support them – make to the effective delivery of public services in Scotland.

The Awards were presented at a special ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow on the evening of 29 October. The ceremony followed the Scottish Government's National Public Procurement Conference, which had been held as part of Procurex, Scotland's first dedicated private and public sector procurement exhibition.

The *GO* Awards Scotland categories recognised achievements in sustainability, corporate social responsibility, healthcare procurement, collaborative procurement and service delivery. There were also Awards for individual and team excellence.

The judging panel for the *GO* Awards Scotland comprised a number of leading figures from the Scottish procurement and business communities: Brian Baverstock, Chief Executive of APUC Ltd; Nick Bowd, Director of the Scottish Procurement Directorate; Duncan Eaton, former Chief Executive of NHS PASA; John McClelland, author of the Review of Public Procurement in Scotland; Iain McMillan, Director, CBI Scotland; Jim Miller, Strategic Sourcing Director, NHS Scotland; Dr Lesley Sawers, CEO of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry; and Grahame Steed, Managing Editor, *GO* magazine.

The winning and highly commended entries were:

*GO* Sustainability Award  
sponsored by [HP](#)

- Winner - Raploch URC Project Team
- Highly Commended - Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) – working with Aberdeen City Council & Aberdeenshire Council, East Ayrshire Catering, Fife Council, Highland Council and Tayside Council

GO Corporate Social Responsibility Award  
sponsored by [BiP Solutions](#)

- Winner - Fresenius Medical Care

GO Healthcare Supplier Award  
supported by [NHS Scotland](#)

- Winner - MTS (Medication Technologies) Ltd

GO Best Service Award  
sponsored by [Danwood Scotland](#)

- Winner - Stellex Ltd / Fife Council
- Highly Commended - The Electric Heating Company Ltd / North Lanarkshire Council

GO / John F McClelland Collaborative Procurement Award

- Winner - Scotland Excel Project Team, Scotland Excel
- Highly Commended - Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

GO Team Excellence Award  
sponsored by [SPS Consultancy Services](#)

- Winner - Corporate Procurement Team, North Lanarkshire Council
- Highly Commended - Supplier Development Programme, Glasgow City Council

GO Individual Excellence Award

- Winner - Andy Kordiak, University of Edinburgh

Dorothy Cowie, Director of Scotland Excel, winners of the GO / John F McClelland Collaborative Procurement Award, said: "We are absolutely delighted to win this Award. It's a real recognition for everyone who worked with us in the project. This includes the Scotland Excel staff, the local authorities and the steering group that helped us get through it."

Graham Proudfoot, Procurement Manager at North Lanarkshire Council, winners of the Team Excellence Award, said: "It feels absolutely fantastic to win this Award. It's great recognition for all the hard work that's gone into the procurement transformation across the Council."

GO Managing Editor Grahame Steed believes that the GO Awards Scotland demonstrate that the region is leading the way in public procurement reform. "There is much confidence to be had from the level of interest in this first year of the GO Awards Scotland, and those entries that have won their categories or been highly commended have set the benchmark for future years," he said.

Further details on the GO Awards Scotland can be found at: [www.goawards.co.uk](http://www.goawards.co.uk)