



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

[Government Opportunities \(GO\) magazine Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2008](#)

STOP PRESS – Deadline for GO Awards entries extended to 14 April 2008

Once again the *Government Opportunities (GO)* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards promise to be the Awards that everyone working within this sector wants to win.

The GO Awards for 2008 have been boosted by the addition of two contemporary categories: Collaborative Procurement (sponsored by Pearl Linguistics) and Improved Delivery Through Greater Third Sector Involvement (sponsored by the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning). These new categories make the GO Awards the most comprehensive recognition of innovation, dedication and achievement within the procurement sector, and build on the success of previous years.

Nominations for the 2008 Awards are welcomed across all categories:

[GO Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

[GO Individual Excellence Award](#)

[GO Team Excellence Award](#) - sponsored by BSI Product Services

[GO Sustainability Award](#) - sponsored by OGCBuying.solutions

[GO Collaborative Procurement Award](#) - sponsored by Pearl Linguistics

[GO Award for Improved Delivery Through Greater Third Sector Involvement](#) sponsored by the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning

[GO Best Service Award](#) - sponsored by Central Telecom

[GO Young Procurement Professional Award](#)

[GO Best Small Supplier Innovation Award](#) - sponsored by Supply2.gov.uk

To ensure that everyone has the chance to take part, the deadline for entries has been extended to close of business on **14 April**. Entry forms can be requested from the www.goawards.co.uk website, and once completed should be returned to awards@govopps.co.uk before this time.

The GO Awards will be presented at National Public Procurement Practitioners Day (N3PD) 2008, which will once again be held at the

prestigious Institution for Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, London on 5 June.

All finalists for the GO Awards will be invited to attend N3PD, where they will hear pivotal keynote speeches from some of the most influential decision-makers in the UK including Deputy Director-General of the CBI, John Cridland and Minister for the Third Sector, Phil Hope.

Further information on the GO Awards can be found at www.goawards.co.uk

All questions relating to your submission should be directed to Shellie Toal at shellie.toal@goawards.co.uk or by telephone on 0141 270 7327.

News

Health and Sport Committee backs Public Health (Scotland) Bill

The Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee has today given its backing to the Public Health (Scotland) Bill. [More...](#)

Northern Ireland's Health Minister meets staff to discuss health reforms

Northern Ireland's Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has continued his round of consultation meetings on health reforms with staff. [More...](#)

Ministers urge frontline services to prioritise child health

Health Minister Anne Keen, with Children's Minister Beverley Hughes, has highlighted the importance of child health for all children and families and urged Commissioners to make a new health programme a priority. [More...](#)

First National Oral Health Action Plan for Wales

New measures to improve dental health will be announced by Welsh Health Minister Edwina Hart. [More...](#)

Pancreatic cancer surgery breakthrough

The Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead is pioneering a potentially lifesaving treatment for pancreatic cancer patients in the UK. [More...](#)

News can be read at: <http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk>

This Week's Reports

[Ionising Radiation \(Medical Exposure\) Regulations 2000: A report on regulation activity from 1 November 2006 to 31 December 2007](#)

This report covers the first 14 months of the Healthcare Commission's enforcement of medical radiation exposure regulations. It highlights

trends from analysis of incidents where patients have received a dose of ionising radiation 'much greater than intended'. In future inspection activities, the Commission will look at how health care providers learn from these incidents to improve patient safety.

The DH Guide

This Guide was produced for all staff at the Department of Health, whether full-time, part-time, on secondment or contractors. It aims to help everyone understand the Department and how it works. It may also be useful to those outside the Department who wish to know more about how it operates, but should be read on the basis that it was written for internal staff. There is a glossary to help readers where Department-specific terminology is used.

NHS Confederation Primary Care Network: speech by Alan Johnson

This is a transcript of the speech by Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson on 5 March 2008. He talks about the future of primary care.

Reports can be found at:

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/reports/>

Events

National Sustainable Procurement - Conference & Exhibition 2008: Maintaining the Future

26 March 2008, QEII Conference Centre, London

This one-day public sector conference will provide delegates with a unique insight into recent developments and outline the Government's current sustainability goals and how they can be achieved.

Responsible for an annual procurement spend in excess of £140 billion, the UK public sector market is the largest buyer of goods and services in the country.

It is therefore unsurprising that public sector procurement practitioners are under increasing pressure to ensure that their procurement makes a positive contribution to the environment, and the recent publication of the Sustainable Procurement National Action Plan has ensured that this issue is high on the agenda for procurement professionals and suppliers working across this sector.

Guest speakers include Barbara Morton, Director of Action Sustainability and John Warrington, Director of Policy and Innovation at NHS PASA.

For more information, please click [here](#)

Update your diary by visiting

<http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk/events/index.htm>

Discussion Forum

Do you have a burning issue or a hot topic that you wish to share with members? Then why not post it on the Discussion Forum in the members area of the website.

To read the current topics, or to begin your own discussions, visit the Health Care Supply Association Discussion Forum by clicking [here](#)

Health Care Supply Association www.healthcaresupply.org.uk
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