



Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter

Announcing the *Government Opportunities (GO)* Awards Scotland 2008

Following on from the recent success of the national *Government Opportunities (GO)* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2008, *GO* magazine is delighted to announce the *Government Opportunities (GO)* Awards Scotland. The Awards aim to recognise excellence within Scottish procurement, and the benefits to the wider business and social community that smart, effective and sustainable purchasing can deliver.

Scotland has a thriving business community and a forward-thinking approach to public procurement. Public sector spending on goods and services across Scotland is estimated to be £8 billion per annum, with an estimated £1 billion relating to 'Category A' common goods and services, as currently defined.

The time has come to recognise the achievements and celebrate the success of all those across the public, private and third sectors who strive to make a difference to the Scottish economy.

A category has been established solely for health care suppliers, so if you feel that your suppliers are deserving of an Award, please ask them to submit an entry now.

Government Opportunities (GO) Awards Scotland welcomes nominations across eight categories. They are:

- *GO* Sustainability Award
- *GO* Corporate Social Responsibility Award
- *GO* Healthcare Supplier Award
- *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

For more information on the Awards, or to request a nomination form, please click [here](#).

Deadline for submissions is **25 August 2008**.

CompeteFor – the 2012 Games

CompeteFor is the chosen website of London 2012 and has been designed for the publication of Games-related contract opportunities from both public and private sector organisations. London 2012 expects to have around 7000 direct contracts which, together with its suppliers, will form supply chains of around 75,000 opportunities.

By using this free service to publish your Games-related opportunities you will increase your access to innovation, improve your choice of suppliers and increase the resilience of your supply chain. By registering as a buyer at www.competefor.com you will also have access to the free training service and helpdesk that can help you get the most from the service.

The CompeteFor service will be open to all levels of the supply chain for the 2012 Games.

News

Extended hours in GP surgeries announced

Up to £2.65 million is to be made available to allow GP practices to extend surgery opening hours with nursing support. [More...](#)

Health Minister learns about sharing the care

NI Health Minister Michael McGimpsey has pledged that people with learning and physical disabilities, and their families and carers, will benefit from improved respite services. [More...](#)

Welsh ambulance service improving, but challenges remain

Following the release of his major inquiry report on the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust in 2006, the Auditor General for Wales has published a follow-up report contributing to a wider review called for by the Minister for Health and Social Services. [More...](#)

New world-class laboratory to boost medical research

A £200 million rebuild of the internationally renowned Laboratory of Molecular Biology has been given the go-ahead by John Denham, Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills. [More...](#)

New care centre unveiled in Leicester

A new £1.6 million health care centre has been opened at the Leicester Royal Infirmary in a bid to ease pressure on accident and emergency services. [More...](#)

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

This Week's Reports

[Healthcare Commission: Corporate plan 2008-09](#)

This corporate plan outlines the activities that the Healthcare Commission plans to undertake in 2008-09.

[The Annual Health Check 2008-09: Assessing and rating the NHS](#)

This document sets out the design of the Healthcare Commission's NHS assessment framework for 2008-09 and what the process will involve.

[Is the Treatment Working? Progress with the NHS system reform programme](#)

This study examines the programme of market-style reforms to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the NHS. It evaluates key elements of the reforms, including giving patients more choice, greater NHS use of the independent sector, the creation of foundation trusts, practice-based commissioning and payment by results. It also reviews the impact of major changes to employment contracts with NHS staff.

Reports can be found at:

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

Events

[Government Opportunities \(GO\) Conferences presents Procuring for Health \(supported by NHS Services Scotland\)](#)

4 September 2008 - Caledonian Hilton, Edinburgh

NHS National Procurement is responsible for ensuring that an efficient service of the highest standards in modern procurement practice is provided to all NHS Scotland organisations.

Since 2004, National Procurement, working with health service stakeholders, patient groups and the supplier market, has developed national contracts which allow access to over £500 million worth of contract activity, returning in excess of £70 million for further investment in health care for Scotland.

As the first Centre of Expertise (CoE) following the launch of the public sector procurement reform programme, National Procurement aims to be recognised as a best-in-class CoE providing specialist supply services to NHS Scotland and directly supporting the health and wellbeing of the people of Scotland.

Procuring for Health will provide delegates with a deeper understanding of the Scottish health market.

Speakers include:

- Duncan Eaton, former Chief Executive, NHS PASA
- Michael Healy, Director, NHS National Procurement
- Ian Crichton, Chief Executive, NHS National Services
- Jim Miller, Strategic Sourcing Director, NHS National Procurement
- Owen Inglis Humphrey, Systems Director, NHS National Procurement
- Colin Sinclair, Logistics Director, NHS National Procurement
- Andrew Marsden, Medical Advisor, NHS National Procurement

Further information will be published soon at www.goconferences.co.uk/scothealth.

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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