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## **DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR LOCAL COMPANIES TO SHARE THEIR SUCCESS WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY**

With just over three weeks to go, the closing date for nominations for this year's Best Business Awards in the Guernsey Awards for Achievement is fast approaching. The closing date is **12 noon on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007**.

The response from local companies to the Best Business Awards has once again been extremely strong with a wide range of businesses requesting the nomination forms and guidance notes.

"Guernsey continues to be a thriving business environment and the Guernsey Awards for Achievement is the island's premier opportunity for local companies to demonstrate their growth, commitment to best practice and their development plans for the future" said Alex Bridle, Senior Events Manager of CMA Event Management.

"The nomination process enables companies to focus on the key areas of their business including management effectiveness, staff training and development and their corporate social responsibility. By recognising the areas in which a business has excelled, the company gains positive attention that is good for both its staff and clients who have contributed to that success."

The Best Business Awards encompass three awards; the Healthspan Best Large Business Award for companies of 60 or more full time employees, the BWCI Best Medium Business Award for companies between 16 and 59 full time employees and the NatWest Best Small Business Award for all companies of 15 or less full time employees.

The judging of all submitted nominations will take place in early December this year by an independent judging panel that comprises representatives from Commerce and Employment Department, Chamber of Commerce, Institute of Directors, Confederation of Guernsey Industry, Young Business Group and Guernsey International Business Association.

The winners and runners-up in each Award category will be revealed in the annual Guernsey Awards for Achievement 2007 Gala Evening to be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at Beau Sejour.

Tables for the Awards Gala Presentation Evening at Beau Sejour will be available from Thursday [1 November], tickets are priced at £55 a head or £550 for a table (maximum 10 people). For further information please email Debbie Dorey at CMA Event Management at [debbie.dorey@cma.guernsey.net](mailto:debbie.dorey@cma.guernsey.net) or call 246700.

In addition to the Best Business Awards, the Guiton Guernsey Ambassador of the Year, Specsavers Award for Lifetime Achievement and IOD-GTA University Centre Excellence in Training Award for the NP Group Silver Salver will also be presented at the Gala Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

For nomination forms and more information on the Guernsey Awards for Achievement Best Business Awards please call Sam Collins at Commerce and Employment on 233524 or e-mail [sam.collins@commerce.gov.gg](mailto:sam.collins@commerce.gov.gg) For information on the Gala Awards Evening, please call Debbie Dorey at CMA Event Management on 246700

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