

## **Scotland Excel Executive Sub Committee**

**To: Executive Sub Committee**

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### **Report by Director**

#### **Scotland Excel Supplier Excellence Awards & Development Event 2015**

**The Scotland Excel Supplier Excellence Awards celebrate good practice, innovation and suppliers who go the extra mile.**

The Scotland Excel Supplier Excellence Awards opened on Friday 6 March and will close on Thursday 2 April. The awards are open to suppliers who are named on qualifying Scotland Excel frameworks. To qualify, frameworks must have reported spend prior to 31 December 2014 and be active between 1 April 2014 and 30 June 2015. These suppliers have been invited to enter the awards. The awards are free to enter and must be completed by suppliers online at [www.scotland-excel.org.uk/SupplierExcellence](http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk/SupplierExcellence).

There are seven award categories - Cost Saving Excellence; Environmental Excellence; Excellence in our Communities; Excellence in Innovation; Partnership Excellence; Excellence in Customer Support and Customer Service Excellence. Each award category recognises both a large and SME supplier. Only the Customer Service Excellence category will recognise one overall winner. The judging panel may also award one or more 'highly commended' certificates in any category.

A supplier may submit an entry for each qualifying framework they are named on and may enter as many categories as they wish. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the Scotland Excel Supplier Excellence Awards and Development event.

**The Scotland Excel Supplier Excellence Awards and Development Event will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the prestigious Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.**

The event will include a national Meet the Buyer with all 32 local authorities, the Supplier Development Programme (SDP) and other organisations invited to host an information stand.

A morning Meet the Buyer session will be exclusive to the Scotland Excel suppliers who are named on qualifying frameworks for the Supplier Excellence Awards. This will be followed by a lunch and awards ceremony for suppliers and invited guests to announce the winners of the Scotland Excel Supplier Excellence Awards.

An afternoon Meet the Buyer session will be open to other Scotland Excel suppliers and SMEs across the country through the support of the Supplier Development Programme (SDP). We will also run free business seminars throughout the day to offer additional development opportunities to all delegates.

We are in the process of collating a list of potential judges and a list of invited guests for the lunch and awards ceremony. If you'd like to note your interest for either, please email [SupplierExcellence@scotland-excel.org.uk](mailto:SupplierExcellence@scotland-excel.org.uk). Invitations will be issued in the coming weeks.