



## Welcome

### Welcome to this week's newsletter

#### Stop press - deadline for entries extended to 26 April 2010

Due to the overwhelming response to the National *Government Opportunities (GO)* Excellence in Public Procurement Awards, the deadline for entries has been extended to 26 April. The Awards recognise the critical role that procurement plays within the delivery of effective and efficient public services, and for the past eight years have been the benchmark by which innovation, quality and achievement in this sector have been measured.

There are now nine categories for public and private procurement practitioners to choose from, ensuring that a broad, diverse range of organisations can enter. The categories are:

- [GO Sustainability Initiative of the Year Award](#)
- [GO Corporate Social Responsibility and Community Benefit in Procurement Award](#)
- [GO Collaborative Procurement Initiative of the Year Award](#)
- [GO Best Service Award](#)
- [GO Innovation or Initiative of the Year Award](#)
- [GO Best Supplier Engagement Initiative Award](#)
- [GO Individual of the Year Award](#)
- [GO Team of the Year Award](#)
- [GO Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

We know that you are busy, however we encourage you to enter this year's awards. If you still need convincing, here are 7 reasons for entering:

- First class NETWORKING opportunity with industry professionals
- The entry process has been streamlined to reduce the TIME needed to submit
- Recognition of highly commended, finalists and WINNERS
- Winners and Highly Commended entrants will receive their coveted Awards in front of HUNDREDS of attendees at the Institution of Civil Engineers at One Great George Street, London
- Fantastic opportunity for FREE publicity for your organisation
- Opportunity for your work to be reviewed by the GO Advisory Team
- PLUS - the National GO Awards are completely FREE to enter

The winners of each category will be on a fast-track route to

recognition of their or their organisation's outstanding commitment to public procurement service delivery, enjoying publicity that will establish their organisation's reputation as a proven provider of exemplary levels of service and best value.

For more information or to request your form(s) today, please visit [www.goawards.co.uk](http://www.goawards.co.uk)

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## News

### **RCN Foundation Board of Trustees seeks members**

The RCN Foundation is currently seeking members for its Board of Trustees. Those appointed will join existing trustees appointed by the Royal College of Nursing governing council. [More...](#)

### **Putting patients in the driving seat on hospital transport services**

New proposals to improve non-emergency patient transport services and make them more patient-centred have been announced by Health Minister Edwina Hart. [More...](#)

### **Winning the battle against hospital-acquired infections**

Over the past year, Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals NHS Trust has made excellent progress in ensuring a reduction in hospital-acquired infections. [More...](#)

### **New NHS Surrey chief focuses on customer needs**

Customer needs are the focus for newly appointed Chair of NHS Surrey, David Clayton-Smith. [More...](#)

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

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## Events

### **[Skills Training - Competitive Dialogue](#)**

**18 & 27 May And 10 & 16 June**

The complexities of the competitive dialogue can be time-consuming and expensive, often costing authorities millions of pounds.

This Competitive Dialogue seminar looks at current guidance for undertaking a competitive dialogue, along with examples of issues which have arisen since the procedure was introduced.

The use of competitive dialogue as a procurement procedure has gathered momentum since the introduction of the 2006 Consolidated Procurement Directive, but the procedure has been used with varying degrees of success.

The seminar covers topics including Evaluation of the PQQ; Submission and Evaluation of Final Tenders; The Dialogue Process; and Issuing an OJEU Notice. The event would be of most interest to legal officers, finance officers, contractors and stakeholders, and

procurement personnel.

The Competitive Dialogue seminar will be held in London on 18 May, Manchester on 27 May, Birmingham on 10 June and Glasgow on 16 June.

For further information, or to register your interest, 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](http://www.healthcaresupply.org.uk)

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