



BUSINESS AWARDS SHORT-LIST ANNOUNCED

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Nine local companies have made it through to the next round of the Guernsey Awards for Achievement. The short-list for the business awards has been drawn up, with three companies having been chosen for each of the three main categories. The final winners will be revealed at a special gala dinner evening to celebrate 25 years of the Awards for Achievement, on Thursday 3rd February 2011 at Beau Sejour.

Focus HR Solutions, Island Analysis Ltd and Vision Networks Ltd have been short listed for the NatWest Best Small Business Award.

The BWCi Best Medium Business Award will be contested by law firm AO Hall Legal Specialists, accountants Grant Thornton Ltd and retail bank Skipton International.

The winner of the Healthspan Best Large Business Award will be chosen from Amalgamated Facilities Management (AFM), Island Coachways and The Old Government House Hotel and Spa (OGH).

Chair of the judging panel, Deputy Robert Sillars, said judging the business awards was always an interesting but difficult task.

'Whilst inevitably there are a few companies who really stand out as exceptional, the reality is that we always receive a number of entries of extremely high quality, which makes our roles as judges very difficult. Unfortunately only three can be short listed from each category and those who missed out should be very proud of their submissions and what they have achieved over the past year,' he said.

The nine short listed candidates will give a presentation to the judging panel at the beginning of next year, when a decision will be made as to the winners of each of the three main business awards. Of those three winners, an overall winner will also be chosen to be the recipient of the main award of the night, the Commerce & Employment Guernsey Business of the Year Award.

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Judging for the Excellence in Training Award, sponsored jointly by the GTA University Centre, NP Group and the IOD will take place at the beginning of next year, with the three short listed companies being announced shortly afterwards.

There is still time to vote for the Guiton Ambassador of the Year Award with the public having until the end of the year to put their nominations forward.

Entries for the Specsavers Unsung Hero Award have now closed. Judging will take place this month, with the short-list being revealed at the beginning of next year. The public will then have the month of January to register their vote.

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