

The Eighth Annual Scottish Business Awards

IT SEEMS no time at all since winners and guests gathered at the Royal Bank of Scotland's HQ in Edinburgh's South Gyle to celebrate Scotland's top business achievers. It may well have been only four months ago, but indeed, that was last century!

Plans are now in hand for the Eighth Annual Scottish Business Awards competition and the first Entry Form is published in this issue of Scotland's longest established business magazine.

Nominations are therefore being sought for the five categories, but please regard the Entry Form as merely a summary sheet, the more information the judges have, the easier their task. When nominating an individual or company for any of the award categories please attach any additional information to the Entry Form. In the case of individuals this additional information should include some personal and career details, notable achievements and a specific reason for nominating the person. Company information should include details of past history and future plans, relevant facts on products and services and basic data on turnover and profitability.

As usual, there are five categories, Manufacturing Industry, Service Industry, The Professions, Business Start-Up and Personal Achievement. The first three categories are self-explanatory but for nominations in the Business Start-Up category we are seeking new companies or individuals who have been in business for at least 12 months. The Personal Achievement section is perhaps the most open category of the five but what we are looking for

is someone who has made a mark on his or her field of endeavour, but not necessarily been in the public eye. Someone who doesn't know what a 9 to 5 job is, perhaps someone who has devoted time to voluntary, charitable or business development work or perhaps someone who has turned around a failing business and protected jobs in the face of adversity.

Already committed to this year's competition are TACK Training, long time supporters of the Scottish Business Awards. Each year they present winners with vouchers for personal and staff training of their choice. As leaders in their field with representation in over 35 countries, Tack Training is the ideal partner for a prestigious national awards competition.

The Media Facilities Company has also again agreed to support this year's competition. At a time when customers and clients are more demanding, presentations need to be more slick and sophisticated. It is no longer enough to have a good product and a fair price, all businesses can benefit from the services of the Media Facilities Company.

Over the next few months we will continue to print the Entry Form in subsequent issues of 'Business & Finance' magazine and announce additional details as and when necessary.

Meantime, keep the Entry Form handy ready for your nomination which can be made by self, staff, clients or colleagues. All information supplied will remain confidential, seen only by the judges.

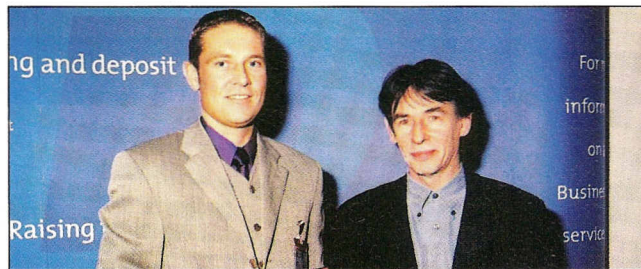
The Scottish Business Awards recognise what has made, and continues to make, Scotland successful in the world of business.



Manufacturing Industry: Mr Gregor Egan, MD, Plade Ltd



Winners of last year line up for our picture.



The Professions: Mr Ric Russell of Nicoll Russell Studios.



Business Start-up: Mr Roy Wilmott, Products of Technology Ltd



Service Industry: Mr Alan Smith, Careercare.

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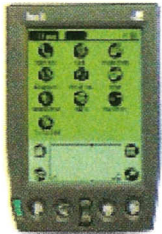
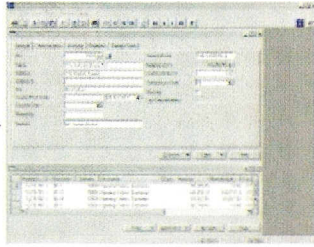
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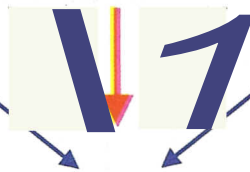
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