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## Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber wins Chamber of the Year at Chamber Awards bash

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber is celebrating after winning the Chamber of the Year award, sponsored by Qdos Consulting, at the British Chambers of Commerce's annual Chamber Awards 2013. The Chamber Awards, now in the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, is one of the showpiece events in the business calendar, highlighting the role of business as a positive force for the UK recovery, and for local communities.

The Chamber was praised by the judging panel for its approach to membership, with its range of services including training and development, lobbying and representation and cost reduction for its members, resulting in sustained growth for the last three years. In addition, the Chamber delivers the Destination Worcestershire contract that assists 200 tourism members across the region.

Nora Senior, President of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) said:

"This Chamber stands out as a shining light to others. Its comprehensive range of services and activity in the local business community is reflected in the growth of membership and the relationships it has with local organisations. Hereford and Worcester is a well-deserving recipient of this award, and is working to show the world why Business is Good for Britain."

Steve Charles, Head of Business Development from Qdos said:

"Congratulations to Herefordshire and Worcestershire Chamber. This award is due reward for the hard work and dedication that has helped develop the Chamber into one of the best in the UK"

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**Notes to editors:**

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Chamber Awards took place Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at The Brewery in London, and was supported by the RBS Group, British Library, BT Business, Composite Legal Expenses, Dell, DHL Express, Qdos Consulting, Westfield Health and Utilitywise.

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