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Biotec claim the British Chamber's Achievement in International Business Award

A global pharmaceutical specialist that has seen sales increase by 517% in five years has been awarded the Achievement in International Business title at the British Chambers of Commerce Chamber Awards.

Biotec Services International, which employs 52 people at its Bridgend facility in South Wales, beat off competition from hundreds of companies to win the prestigious title, sponsored by DHL Express.

The company impressed judges with the way it has taken its expertise in temperature controlled pharmaceutical services across the world, with its client base ranging from virtual companies to small, medium and large pharma groups with outsourcing requirements.

Its expertise in supporting clinical trials from the early stages through to the commercial supply of a product has proven especially popular overseas, with 95% of sales linked to international trade in countries such as the United States and Israel.

Over 500 guests were on hand at the Guildhall in London to witness the culmination of the competition, which is the flagship event in the Chamber's 'Business is Good for Britain' campaign.

Joining Biotec Services International on the podium were eight other organisations, including an eco-friendly hair salon, an entrepreneurial funeral director and an international wholesale exporter.

The winners were:

- Austin's Funeral Directors' Claire Austin (Entrepreneur of the Year)
- Elan Hair Design (Sustainability)
- Freshney Place Shopping Centre (Marketing Campaign of the Year)
- Prism Total IT Solutions (Excellence in Customer Service)
- Ramsden International (Business of the Year and Outstanding Business Achievement)
- Simply Bows and Chair Covers (Most Promising New Business)

- Thomsons Online Benefits (Excellence in Innovation)
- The Trafford Centre (Commitment to People Development)

President of the British Chambers of Commerce Martyn Pellew said: "At the start of this year we asked businesses to show us why they are good for Britain and I'm delighted with how they have responded.

"We had a record number of entries from all over the UK, with some excellent tales of innovation, job creation, growth and export success."

He continued: "Biotech Services International is a fitting winner of the Achievement in International Business Award and shows what can be achieved with a committed management team and a strong vision."

Shannon Diett, Vice President of Marketing at DHL Express UK, said: "Britain is a hotbed of innovation and entrepreneurship, and it's absolutely right that the best of these businesses are seeking opportunities to take their proposition into new markets and grow their customers base.

"It's businesses like Biotec Services that can once again make Britain a country of products and services that the rest of the world value and invest in."

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