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Translation company named Welsh 'Business of the Year' at the Chamber Awards 2012

A thriving Swansea translations business has secured a prestigious achievement for the City after it was announced as the Chamber Awards 2012's Business of the Year (sponsored by Westfield Health) for Wales.

Wolfestone Translation made it a memorable double celebration when it also won the Commitment to People Development title (sponsored by Acua Limited), beating off competition from across the country.

Judges were impressed with the company's ability to continually grow through the recession and develop a level of service that far exceeds the industry norm.

By committing to outstanding quality, value for money and customer service, the firm has taken on 25 staff and is now on course to hit £1.8m this year.

There were six other winners from Wales, including a home automation specialist, a dedicated coastering activity provider and an entrepreneur who helps to train and find employment for offenders.

The full list of Award winners includes:

- Anthony A Davies (Sustainability Award)
- Biotec Services International (Achievement in International Business)
- Celtic Quest Coastering (Marketing Campaign of the Year)
- N-ergy Consortium's Donna Turner-Kot (Entrepreneur of the Year)
- Smarta Technology (Excellence in Innovation)

President of the British Chambers of Commerce Martyn Pellew said: "There has never been a more important time for businesses to showcase the amazing work they are doing on a day-to-day basis.

"The Chamber Awards is a perfect platform for them to do just that and receive the recognition and profile they deserve for helping move the economy forward and create employment, often in local areas."

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Chamber Awards 2012 is committed to finding the best businesses in Britain through a series of regional heats followed by a National Final, due to be held at London's Guildhall on November 29th.

Now in its 9th year, the competition is one of the showcase events for the 'Business is Good for Britain' campaign that highlights the role of business as a positive force for the UK recovery and the success of local communities and individuals.

Wolfestone, which is a member of South Wales Chamber of Commerce, is primarily a business to business provider, carrying out translation work for the BBC, Which? European Union, MTV, Thales and BT.

The firm is committed to removing language as a barrier and has developed a series of complimentary services such as interpreting, elocution training, proofreading, subtitling and voiceovers.

It has an international network of over 6000 fully vetted, qualified language professionals and this is backed up by investment in Synergy X's translation technology and the creation of offices in Central Europe, Middle East, Russia, South East Asia and the US.

The company, along with the six other winners, will now represent Wales in their respective categories in the Grand Final, with the chance to win £25,000 and the title of "Outstanding Business Achievement", courtesy of the RBS Group.

Martyn concluded: "A record number of firms have taken part this year, all determined to prove that 'Business is Good for Britain!'"

The Chamber Awards 2012 is supported by the RBS Group, BT Business, Dell, DHL Express, Westfield Health and Acua Limited.

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Notes to Editors

Breakdown on the other winners:

Anthony A Davies (Sustainability Award) - The Abergavenny construction expert has always been at the forefront of industry developments and is one of the first companies of its type in South West Wales to embrace the low carbon drive.

Employing 40 people across its range of projects, the firm is one of the leading manufacturers of purpose made joinery and is receiving plaudits for its two environmentally friendly ranges...Coed Derwen and Accoya.

Anthony A Davies, which is on course for a £5.5m turnover, has also invested in new technologies such as rainwater harvesting systems, sola panelling and geothermal heating.

The company has made a commitment to employ local people and use local suppliers and sub-contractors to help reduce its carbon footprint.

Biotec Services International (Achievement in International Business) – Biotec Services International is recognised as a global leader in temperature controlled pharmaceutical services, with its client base ranging from virtual companies to small, medium and large pharma groups with outsourcing requirements.

Located from its facility in Bridgend, it provides QP and GMP consultancy, clinical supplies, GMP temperature controlled storage, global logistics and advanced therapeutic medicinal products.

Since 2007, Biotec's turnover has grown by 517%, with 95% of its current sales linked to international trade, including major expansion in Israel and the US.

Celtic Quest Coasteering (Marketing Campaign of the Year) – Established in 2009, Celtic Quest is Pembrokeshire's only dedicated Coasteering provider, offering people the chance to take part in a host of adrenaline fuelled activities.

Experienced guides take participants to the edge of their perceptions, whether it is a 2ft jump into a calm glassy sea or a 45ft jump into a boiling turmoil of waves.

The firm, which employs 8 people, has embraced the benefits of social media by using Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and Pintererst to raise awareness and increase bookings.

It also spent a lot of time on developing its YouTube channel and positively encouraging people to leave positive feedback on Trip Advisor, a combined approach that has resulted in 27,000 views of its videos and an influx of new customers.

n-ergy's Donna Turner-Kot (Entrepreneur of the Year) – n-ergy consortium is playing an instrumental role in the rehabilitation of offenders back into society.

Led by the entrepreneurial skills of Donna Turner-Kot, the organisation delivers vocational training to people in custodial establishments before helping them secure employment on their release.

Today, the social enterprise employs 63 people and has a portfolio of activity that covers Wales, South West, East and West Midlands, Yorkshire and Humber, the North West and soon to be the South East and Scotland.

The aim going forward is to be in a position to secure employment for a minimum of 80 ex-offenders each year.

Smarta Technology (Excellence in Innovation) – Recognised as a market leader within the home automation industry, Smarta Technology offer a comprehensive range of smart home installation services, including lighting control, heating control, smart security, home cinema installation, multi room audio and office automation.

Formed in 2009 by entrepreneur Mark Wray, the company holds an exclusive license to install leading automation software Control4 and currently works with customers including homeowners, property developers, construction businesses, architects and retailers.

It has recently invested £150,000 into a new showroom and moved to a larger head office in Cardiff to reinforce its market share in Wales. If everything goes to plan, Smarta Technology will turnover more than £1m in 2013.

Background on BCC

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