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## **Leeds duo claim Chamber Awards success**

A local telecommunication expert and an innovative medical equipment manufacturer are proving that 'Business is Good for Britain' after securing two of the main titles in the Yorkshire and Humber heats of the Chamber Awards 2012.

The Weston Group beat off challengers from across the region to win the Excellence in Customer Service Award, with Brandon Medical Company impressing the judges to land the Excellence in Innovation title (sponsored by Dell).

The latter, which employs over 50 people at its Leeds factory, designs, manufactures, markets and exports a range of medical equipment to customers in the NHS, Private Healthcare Group and blue chip PLCs.

A member of Leeds, York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce, it has received global acclaim for 'Symposia', which is the world's first fully integrated medical tele-video system for healthcare. The open technology platform allows full integration of any video source, including endoscopes, images from ultra sound, digital x-ray, MRI and CT scans.

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.

Located in Whitehall Road in Leeds, the Weston Group provides installation, service and support across IT, telecoms, CCTV and mobile phone technology.

Turnover is on course for nearly £4m this year and this has been driven by a partnership approach to offering complete solutions to a client base that includes Pizza Hut, Next, Kings College London and the Manchester Evening News Arena.

Other successful companies in Yorkshire and Humber included:

- Freshney Place Shopping Centre (Marketing Campaign of the Year)
- HBP Systems (Commitment to People Development)
- INATIV's Tony Sykes (Entrepreneur of the Year)
- Ramsden International (Business of the Year and Achievement in International Business)
- Shore Stewart Solicitors (Most Promising New Business)
- St Stephen's Shopping Centre (Sustainability Award)

The Yorkshire and Humber winners will now go forward and compete 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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