



# PRESS RELEASE

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## South Wales' Entrepreneurs have been selected!

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the shortlisted candidates for Entrepreneur of the Year – one of the award categories that form the Chambers of Commerce Business Awards, in partnership with the Western Mail.

This year Roy Allkin from Wolfestone Translation Ltd, Nathan Bowles from Smart Solutions Recruitment and James Emery from The COS Group will go head-to-head to compete for the title of Entrepreneur of the Year.

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award is supported by Flexible Support for Business and the winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Mecure Holland House Hotel.

Keith Brereton, Regional Contract Manager for Flexible Support For Business, said: “We are thrilled to be providing business support for the category Entrepreneur of the Year at the Chambers of Commerce Business Week 2010. There were a number of strong applicants for this category who showed potential but from a judging perspective we found the shortlisted candidates stood out for their motivation,

determination to succeed and strong deliverable strategies. I would like to congratulate the finalists and wish them every bit of luck on the night at the Awards Dinner.”

Roy Allkin, from Wolfestone Translation, said: “I entered the Chambers of Commerce Business Awards because I feel it is important that the hard work and dedication of our staff, interns, and associates should be recognised and rewarded. I firmly believe that Wolfestone is a company to be proud of, when reflecting on our past, our future and our commitment to quality, value, professionalism, honesty and corporate responsibility.

“To win the Entrepreneur of the Year award would be a huge ambition of mine realised, to be recognised for the way I approach business and the way my companies have been built and grown would be truly amazing.”

Wolfestone Translation is a multi-award winning comprehensive language services company which provides linguistic excellence in over 160 languages. Wolfestone offers translation, interpreting, transcription, multi-lingual DTP, multi-lingual web design and localisation, voiceovers, subtitling, proofreading, editing, elocution training, and much more. Wolfestone is committed to removing language as a barrier to success.

Nathan Bowles, Chief Executive of Smart Solutions Recruitment, said: “We try and generate a strong entrepreneurial spirit here at Smart Solutions Recruitment. It is fantastic to be shortlisted and I am absolutely delighted to get to this stage, as I’m sure the competition was extremely tough. I hope that the awards will be a huge inspiration to the team at Smart, who work hard to support me every day, and maybe it will encourage them to do the same in future.”

Smart is a recruitment agency, providing temporary and permanent staff. It specialises in several sectors including waste & recycling, food manufacture and call centres. It also offers generalist recruitment, operating from high-street offices in towns across Wales and the UK.

James Emery, Managing Director of COS Groups, said: "I think, at any time but especially during an economic downturn, it is vital to stay focused on the positive elements of business life and the growth and creation of both existing businesses and new opportunities. Entering the awards was a way of doing just this.

"Since September 2007, I have started, or been involved in starting two additional companies - Natural Power Wales (part of the wider COS Group) and Seren\*e Management (a stand alone music management company started by my wife and I). To be recognised in this category and shortlisted is fantastic and I am excited to be a part of the awards process, and I look forward to the awards ceremony."

The COS Group, a diverse business products company, comprising COS Office (stationery, general office products, and electronic consumables), COS Print (printed stationery and print management), COS Interiors (office furniture and full refurbishments, from design to install), Pitch Promos (marketing and promotional gifts and merchandise), Natural Power Wales (supply and install of renewable energy systems - solar, rainwater harvesting, ground source heat pumps etc).

For more details on the Awards Dinner, how to book and other events during Chambers of Commerce Business Week, sponsored by the

University of Glamorgan Business School, visit:

[www.businessweek.org.uk](http://www.businessweek.org.uk)

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### Notes for editors

**Photos and logos** for Roy Allkin from Wolfestone Translation Ltd, Nathan Bowles from Smart Solutions Recruitment and James Emery from The COS Group

### Press release 1 of 7 - categories to follow:

- Most Promising New Business, sponsored by GoCompare
- Welsh Company of the Year, sponsored by Admiral
- Excellence in Marketing, sponsored by Zeffa Ltd
- Go Green, sponsored by Carbon Trust
- Innovation Through Technology sponsored by Danwood Wales
- International Business

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce is the ultimate business network in South Wales and now incorporates the West Wales Chamber of Commerce. The chamber exists to provide a regional voice and offer support to businesses pan South Wales.

Since merging with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce now represents over 1000 businesses and 100,000 employees.

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