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Businesses competing for Welsh Company of the Year have been selected!

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

This year Abriox Limited, Budget Vets, Williams Medical Supplies and Wolfestone Translation Ltd will go head-to-head to compete for the title of Welsh Company of the Year.

The Welsh Company of the Year Award is sponsored by last year's winners Admiral and the winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner on Friday 24th September at the Mecure Holland House Hotel.

Justin Beddows, Communications Manager for Admiral, said: "The Chambers of Commerce Business Awards 2010 go from strength-to-strength and the prestige of winning an award increases each year. They recognise the achievements of Welsh business, and the contribution Welsh companies make to our economy and to that of the whole United Kingdom.

“We are delighted to sponsor the category of Welsh Company of the Year. Last year we were extremely honoured to win this award and decided to sponsor the category this year. We hope this year’s Welsh Company of the Year is as proud of their achievement as Admiral Group was last year and continues to be a beacon of success for business in Wales.”

Neil Summers, Managing Director of Abriox Limited, said: “Everyone at Abriox is thrilled to be shortlisted for the Welsh Company of the Year. Though still a very young company, we wanted to benchmark ourselves against successful businesses across Wales.

“We felt we had a great story to tell – creating a multi-million pound, high tech engineering business within 5 years, even through a recession – and because we want to be a role model for aspiring young engineers!

“To have reached the final encourages our staff that they are contributing to our success – and tells our customers worldwide that are dealing with a truly excellent company.”

Abriox is a high-technology engineering company. They design and develop monitoring systems comprising electronics, communications and software. Pipeline operators are our customers, mainly within the oil & gas sector. Their MERLIN system monitors levels of protection against corrosion, helping to maximise the operating lifetime of pipelines and improve safety.

Peter Heathcote, Director of Budget Vets, said: “Here at Budget Vets we not only have a passion for the care, welfare and wellbeing of animals

we also strive to become part of the local community by getting involved in local sponsorship, education and events. Our application was submitted to highlight this and the achievements and dedication of our staff in taking Budget Vets to a new dimension in veterinary care. We feel very excited and highly honored to have been selected as one of the 4 finalists for Welsh Business of the Year and are very grateful for the recognition this award promotes.”

Budget Vets is a dynamic and expanding business that understands the financial constraints placed on individuals in the current climate and provides quality veterinary care to patients and good customer service to owners at a reasonable price that is affordable to all.

Williams Medical Supplies, said: “Williams Medical Supplies has grown year-on-year since 1986 by ensuring the products and services we offer continue to meet the changing needs of our customers. We recognise that achieving excellence is core to our continued success in a fast moving and competitive business environment, and draw upon the skills and knowledge of our employees to ensure this objective is met.

“Being shortlisted for the Award recognises the considerable achievements of our workforce in Rhymney and across the UK in developing a range of services that remain innovative and market-leading. Winning the Award would be a testament to the ongoing advances we continue to make in supporting the provision of world-class primary care in the UK.”

Williams Medical Supplies is the UK’s leading supplier of medical equipment, disposable products, pharmaceuticals and services. Founded in 1986, we have forged close relationships with more than

8,500 primary care customers nationwide who trust us to deliver high quality products and services. Our business has grown year-on-year by fostering a culture of continuous innovation and improvement.

Roy Allkin, from Wolfestone Translation Ltd, said: “Wolfestone entered the Awards because we feel it is important that the hard work and dedication of our staff, interns, and associates should be recognised and rewarded. We firmly believe that Wolfestone is an exceptional company; our commitment to quality, value, professionalism, ethics and environmental and corporate responsibility make us stand out from the crowd.

“Our vision, drive, determination and innovative use of technology has made Wolfestone a rapidly growing international success! We are very proud to have made the final and we truly believe we deserve to win the Welsh Company of the Year award.”

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!

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

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Photos and logos for Abriox Limited, Budget Vets, Williams Medical Supplies and Wolfestone Translation Ltd

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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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