

LOCAL FIRM SELECTED IN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

-- 7th August, 2004 -- Wigan firm, Noel Chadwick Ltd, is in the running to be the British Small Business Champion of 2004. The company, based in Standish and employing 55 staff, has been selected as a regional finalist and will be going forward to compete against five other Northern businesses to see who will be crowned the regional and, potentially, national winner.

Stephen Pegge for Lloyds TSB Business, co-sponsors of the awards, says: "The quality of entries from this region was exceptionally high. Choosing six finalists from such a wealth of businesses deserving recognition and reward was very difficult. Noel Chadwick Ltd has done exceptionally well to get this far and is a shining example of what a small firm can achieve for itself, its staff and its community."

The regional winner for the North of England will go head to head with other UK winners at the final in Claridges, London on 10 November 2004. The winner will be crowned British Small Business Champion 2004 and will win a tailor-made business trip to New York.

John Emmins, recruitment chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses, says: "These awards are a brilliant way of providing much needed recognition to both business owners and their staff. Just being shortlisted sends out a powerful message to others about how you do business."

The finalists for the North of England were selected by expert judges from Lloyds TSB, the Federation of Small Businesses, The Daily Mirror and Business in the Community (BiTC).

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