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The Job Show™ announced as National Business Awards Finalist

Today, The Job Show™ has been shortlisted for the Santander Corporate Citizenship Award for the 2014 National Business Awards.

The Job Show™ is a rapidly growing nationwide recruitment and careers event where local employers, training and educational organisations gather all under one roof and meet ‘face-to-face’ with people seeking to improve their prospects, looking for a career change or simply wanting to get into work.

The Job Show™ will be going up against giants such as *Samsung Electronics, Telefonica, Experian, Foresters KMPG LLP, DFS Trading Ltd* to name a few - they will compete for the prestigious award, with the winner being revealed at the National Business Awards gala dinner held on 11 November at Park Lane’s Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Caroline Diehl, CEO Media Trust judge for the category said: *“The Job Show is an innovative start-up ‘face-to-face’ recruitment company engaging companies and clients in a short space of time with real integrity of purpose’.*

Co- Founders Caroline Connaughton MD and Victoria Clarke Director of The Job Show™ said; *‘We are thrilled and proud to be chosen as a finalist in the prestigious National Business Awards in particular The Santander Corporate Citizenship Award which highlights and addresses social challenges and improvements that can be made to a community. It is a privilege The Job Show™ is recognised and aligned with so many worthy finalists. Our passion and commitment will continue to grow and produce even more rewarding and successful events within the community.’*

Britain's leading businesses, business leaders and social enterprises have today been revealed as finalists for the 2014 National Business Awards. The finalists announced today represent categories including the Smith & Williamson Entrepreneur of the Year, Santander Small to Medium-Sized Business of the Year and the Inflexion International Growth Business of the Year. The Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year finalists and Decade of Excellence winner will be announced over the coming months, with the Duke of York New Entrepreneur of the Year finalists announced last month following a judging event in Liverpool.

This year's shortlisted businesses cover activities as diverse as retail, technology, men's grooming products, telecoms, construction, advertising, entertainment, and publishing. Of the businesses shortlisted, 24% turnover under £5m, 26% turnover between £5m and £25m, 15% over a billion and 10% not for profit organisations. The smallest business recognised has a turnover of just £23k with the largest reaching £20 billion. Finalists collectively employ over 850,000 people, the smallest has just one member of staff while the largest employs around 165,000 people globally.

Alex Evans, Programme Director of the National Business Awards said: "The diversity and quality of this year's finalists have firmly established the National Business Awards as the talent scout for UK plc, with market leading household names recognised alongside the best emerging business brands. With a variety of industries represented, these recovery-leading businesses have demonstrated the return on investment in people, innovation, customer service and leadership."

Finalists were chosen from the hundreds of businesses that entered or were nominated across 17 award categories. They will now prepare for live presentations to expert juries who will decide the overall winners that will be revealed at the awards ceremony on 11 November.

Visit www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk for a full list of all finalists and to attend the event.

The National Business Awards supports The Prince's Trust, a charity that offers practical and financial support to young people who need it.

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Notes to the editor:

- *Pictured left to right Co-Founders Victoria Clarke, Director and Caroline Connaughton, Managing Director of The Job Show™ at the launch of their first ever Job Show event in their home city of Peterborough.*



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About The National Business Awards

Open to organisations of all sizes from all sectors across the UK, the National Business Awards is the UK's most prestigious independent business recognition platform with its particular emphasis on excellence, innovation and ethical business. Now in its 13th year, the National Business Awards connects the nations' professionals through its annual awards ceremony; year-round thought leadership and round table events; and is UBM plc's flagship awards programme. Visit www.nationalbusinessawards.co.uk for further information or follow us on Twitter @businessawards.

Categories include:

- The Daily Telegraph Award for a Decade of Excellence in Business
- The Duke of York New Entrepreneur of the Year
- The BlackBerry Business Enabler of the Year
- The Smith & Williamson Entrepreneur of the Year
- The Inflexion International Growth Business of the Year
- The QBE FTSE 100 Business of the Year
- The UKTI Digital Business of the Year
- The New Business of the Year
- The Customer Focus Award
- The ICAEW Sustainable Business Award
- The Social Enterprise of the Year
- The Santander Corporate Citizenship Award
- The Market Gravity Innovation Award
- The Growth Business of the Year
- The Employer of the Year
- The Santander Small to Medium-Sized Business of the Year
- The Ashridge Business School Leader of the Year

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About UBM Live

The National Business Awards is organised by UBM Live. UBM Live connects people and creates opportunities for companies across five continents to develop new business, meet customers, launch new products, promote their brands and expand their markets. Through premier brands such as MD&M, CPhI, IFSEC, TFM&A, Cruise Shipping Miami, the Concrete Show and many others, UBM Live exhibitions, conferences, awards programs, publications, websites and training and certification programs are an integral part of the marketing plans of companies across more than 20 industry sectors.

About The Job Show™

The Job Show™ Events are created and owned by Connaught Wenlock Partnership.

Sparked by the doom and gloom of the current tough economic climate we recognized a need in the community to revitalize the normal way of job seeking. With today's electronic and impersonal environment we believe that **'people by people'** so by gathering the region's **best employers, training providers, universities, colleges, recruitment agencies** and organisations, **The Job Show™** gives, as our strapline says, the perfect platform to **'unite talent with opportunity'** giving our visitors the opportunity to **come face to face** with employers seeking quality potential candidates, train for a new career, seek apprenticeships or simply get back to work.

In 2014 **The Job Show™** events are in the in the following areas: Leicester, Peterborough, Coventry, Cambridge, Birmingham, Leeds, Gloucestershire as well as launches Sheffield, London, Nottingham, Glasgow, Sunderland, Newcastle and many more soon to be announced

For more information visit www.thejobshow.com or telephone 01733 555717

