



HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS SHOW EXCELLENCE

London Excellence has announced the finalists and highly commended organisations that are through to the final stage of the *London Excellence Awards 2007*.

Now in its third year, the London Excellence Awards 2007 attracted 74 entries from a variety of sectors: housing, construction, facilities management, education, and justice and legal.

Once again organisations in the housing sector show their strength. Finalists include **City West Homes, Community Options, Thames Reach** and **Tower Homes**, while **Partners for Improvement** in Islington bring home a Highly Commended certificate and **Genesis Logic Homes** and **Gallions Housing** gain Commended status.

Entries were scrutinised by over 50 business leaders, who have been trained to assess against the concepts underpinning the *European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Business Excellence Model* - the management framework used to assess an organisation's progress towards achieving excellence, and enabling it to identify key strengths and potential areas for improvement.

London Excellence believes its assessment model for the Awards is uniquely probing of an organisation's quality. With this in mind, London Excellence launched the London Excellence Index during 2006 in an attempt to put figures on the capital's business performance. In the run up to the 2012 Olympics, London Excellence believes that this will become an invaluable snapshot of the capital's business excellence and preparation for the major sporting event.

Caroline Buttery, chairman of London Excellence, said: "The Awards are a great opportunity to recognise excellence, regardless of an organisation's size or sector. Many organisations enter the Awards as an opportunity to benchmark their efforts against other companies and learn more about best practice within the business community. Our finalists and highly commended have set a fantastic example for all organisations committed to the journey to excellence."

The winners will be presented with the prestigious and much sought after trophies at a gala dinner and awards ceremony at Carisbrooke Hall in London on July 16.