



## Win £40,000 in National E-commerce awards

Application deadline just around the corner

With only a few weeks go until application deadline on 30th July, small and medium organisations across the UK are being urged to enter this year's DTI/InterForum E-Commerce Awards, for the chance to win a cash prize totalling £40,000.

Already, hundreds of companies across the UK have started their entries, but time is running out. With 12 regions across the UK and five regional and national categories, UK businesses have over 60 regional opportunities to win part of the total £214,000 cash prize. In addition, further opportunities to win are presented in the three national level innovation categories.

The Awards are open to any UK organisation with fewer than 250 employees and recognise and reward small and medium sized enterprises for innovation in the application of information and communication technologies to improve their business performance. Entries and nominations can be made

freely via the dedicated website [www.ecommerce-awards.co.uk](http://www.ecommerce-awards.co.uk). Set up by the DTI and InterForum, and sponsored nationally for the sixth consecutive year by the Royal Bank of Scotland Group, the E-Commerce Awards are the only Government backed technology awards. They have already made their mark in the small business sector, with a total of more than 6,500 companies having entered since the Awards inception in 1999.

Andrew Cornaby, managing director of the 2003 E-Commerce Awards winner, Response Maintenance, comments: "It is wonderful when organisations such as the DTI and InterForum recognise the hard work that people put into their businesses. Businesses should not be afraid to enter for the fear of thinking that they have no chance of winning - that is exactly how I felt. We are a small business in the back streets of Wolverhampton who, when invited to the awards, nearly turned the invitation down for fear of the journey being a waste of time." [www.interforum.org](http://www.interforum.org)