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**HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ANNUAL DINNER & BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS
FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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The SCDI Highlands and Islands Annual Dinner & Business Excellence Awards is a highlight in the Highland business calendar attended by 350 guests drawn from across the business and economic community.

The dinner provides a unique platform to showcase the achievements of the region's companies and is the key event for the recognition and celebration of excellence in a wide range of sectors.

Established over 12 years ago the awards are free to enter and open to any business or organisation that can demonstrate excellence in the relevant category. Over the year’s we’ve seen some outstanding achievements recognised.

**About SCDI**

SCDI is Scotland's social and economic forum. SCDI's aim is to influence and inspire government and key stakeholders to create sustainable economic prosperity for Scotland, an ambition as relevant today as it was when SCDI was established in 1931.

SCDI's influential membership includes businesses, trade unions, local authorities, educational institutions, the voluntary sector and faith groups. This unique gathering of knowledge, experience and talent provides a dynamic and creative force for change.

SCDI opened its Inverness office in 1965 with the aim of supporting a strong and vibrant economy for the Highlands & Islands and is committed to the growth and development of the region.

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**HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

The award will be presented to the business or organisation, based in the Highlands and Islands, which can best demonstrate the application of Research and/or Innovation to improve their competitiveness. This is likely to include evidence of significant productivity increases, enhanced business processes and how it has affected future plans for the organisation.

**APPLICANT’S DETAILS**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Position:** |  |
| **Full Company Name:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
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| **Main Telephone Number:** |  |
| **Direct Telephone Number:** |  |
| **E-mail:** |  |
| **Website:** |  |
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| **Nature of Business:** |  |
| **Year Established:** |  |
| **Number of Employees in the Highlands and Islands:** |  |
| **Total number of Employees:** |  |

1. Please give a brief overview of why your company should be considered to receive the Award (maximum 350 words). Please give details of how the application of the research and/or innovation has improved your competitiveness.

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 2. Please give details of changes your organisation has made as a result of the research and/or innovation.

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**TO THE APPLICANT**

The deadline for entries is Wednesday 1 August 2018.

Please complete and return this form to:

H&I Awards

Scottish Council for Development and Industry

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The winner will receive two complimentary tickets for the Awards Dinner.

**Disclaimer:**

Information provided as part of an award application will be shared with the award category sponsor and those judging the category. Contact and other details provided will be used solely for the purposes of assessing the award application and communication in relation to it.