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## PROCURE PLUS MEMBER AWARDED FOR WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Procure Plus is congratulating its framework contractor, Dodd Group, after it was the only company to scoop a gold Working with Young People Award at the Stockport Young Stars Awards.

Over 200 people attended the ceremony, which was held at Stockport Town Hall, to celebrate the achievements of young people who have excelled in education and training. It also acknowledged employers involved in the '14-19 Agenda', which aims to **give all youngsters the opportunity to engage in learning.**

The Working with Young People Award recognises local employers who have supported young people through education and training, including apprenticeships, work experience and mentoring. Dodd Group won the gold award after demonstrating **exemplary practices in providing young people with the knowledge, skills and attitude they need to succeed.**

Commenting on the win, Peter Lamb, Area Manager at Dodd Group, said: “We are thrilled to win this award because it not only recognises our efforts in providing such skills and learning opportunities, it also helps to raise awareness in the business community of the importance of offering this help.

“We couldn’t have achieved this award without the support from Procure Plus. The organisation has helped us successfully provide training and apprenticeship opportunities so that we can continue to make a positive commitment to developing sustainable communities.”

Mike Brogan, Chief Executive at Procure Plus, added: “It has never been more important to support young people in developing their skills and preparing them for working life, so we are extremely proud that we were able to support the Dodd Group in winning this worthy accolade. It’s great that the company is leading the way in this field to the advantage of the local community.”



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**About Procure Plus**

Procure Plus is a regeneration consortium of social housing providers that aims to generate efficiencies by leveraging the procurement of construction materials and contractors. The organisation is compliant with Audit Commission requirements and makes it easier to manage HCA funding for schemes, and it has created a web-enabled system that delivers the benefits of consortium purchasing and a check list to ensure rules governing funding schemes are met.

All savings and any surplus made by the consortia is reinvested in to local communities helping to create jobs and improve local facilities and schemes. It is expected that clients of Procure Plus will collectively invest over £1.5 billion in the repair and upkeep of properties between 2006 and 2010/11; it is anticipated that a substantial proportion of this will be channeled through Procure Plus.