



Greater Manchester Employer Coalition Awards 2010

The May 26th event, hosted by the Greater Manchester Employer Coalition, at the Hilton Hotel Manchester, was the culmination of a great year for diversity champions, innovative projects and realising potential through good business practice.

Procure Plus Chief Executive Mike Brogan is a board member of Greater Manchester Employer Coalition (GMEC), an influential network of over 500 employers working together to help those disadvantaged in the job market to find, keep and advance in work.

There are many success stories playing out every day throughout the region – people succeeding against the odds, employers bringing innovative ideas to the job market, lives changing for good - but only the very best are honoured at the annual GMEC Awards.

Procure Plus has direct links to five shortlisted nominees, two of whom walked away with prizes – Absolute Electrical & Mechanical Solutions won the Good Jobs Award and Parkway Green Housing won the Clean Slate Award.

Procure Plus also sponsored the Connecting to Communities Award, which was presented by Operations Executive Steve Brindle to the Royal Mail.

Underscoring the regeneration aspects of Procure Plus's work, he said: "By far the greatest benefit of what we do is the reinvestment of the savings we make back into the communities in which we work."

The awards ceremony was hosted by GMEC Chairperson Caroline Roberts-Cherry and former NBA basketball star - and Stockport-born - John Amaechi.

Caroline Roberts-Cherry said: "Let's celebrate our achievements, especially at this time when the optimism is returning to the economy. It's also a great time to do business in Manchester because recently the city was rated one of the three most competitive large cities in the UK – and came first in the 'Happiness Index'!"

John encouraged business leaders to continue to employ from a diverse pool of talent.

"Homogeneity spells doom, whereas diversity can immunise you against trouble ahead."