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BUMPER AWARDS TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of FPS EXPO, the UK's largest oil distribution industry event, organisers the Federation of Petroleum Suppliers (FPS) is handing out a bumper crop of industry awards at the 2010 exhibition to be held on 21-22 April at the Harrogate International Centre.

At the Awards Dinner on the 22 April individual prizes will be given to the FPS Young Employee of the Year, the FPS Driver of the Year and the FPS Depot of the Year.

Sponsored by Reynolds Trade Credit, the FPS Young Employee of the Year award is only in its second year. It is designed to celebrate the success of young employees who work in the oil distribution industry and the award will be given to an FPS member employee, aged 25 or under, for their exemplary efforts on behalf of the company. Entrants can work almost anywhere within the business, whether that's on reception, in accounts, depot maintenance, management or administration. The only exclusion is for tanker drivers.

Last year's winner was 21 year old Jenna MacDonald from Highland Fuels in Inverness and she won the Young Employee of the Year Trophy and £500 in prize money.

The FPS Driver of the Year award, which is sponsored by OAMPS, is always popular with FPS members and has had nine winners since its launch back in 2000 and is a tough award to judge.

For the Driver of the Year Award entrants have to work for an FPS member oil distributor and judges are looking for that driver who not only has an outstanding safety record, great customer service but has also gone that 'extra mile' for customers and set an example of good practice.



The final award the FPS will be awarding on the night will be the FPS Depot of the Year sponsored by QBE Insurance.

Again to enter this award the depot has to be a member of the FPS. The winner of the coveted Depot of the Year prize will have to show that they are the leaders in their field, setting the highest of standards or making the biggest improvements in health and safety and other operating procedures.

All depots that have been audited in the last 12 months under the FPS Depot Certification Scheme and have passed, will automatically be entered into the Depot of the Year competition. Winners will receive the coveted FPS Depot of the Year Trophy.

Vanessa Cook, Marketing & Events Manager for the FPS and organiser of FPS EXPO 2010 comments: “We wanted to celebrate our 30th anniversary in style so as well as all our usual activities and events at FPS EXPO 2010, we are presenting three awards at our glamorous Awards Dinner. We have been running some of our awards for many years now and they are always hotly contested! All three award schemes illustrate the continuing high value that the FPS places on customer service, professionalism as well as improving driving standards and safety, all of which are very much in tune with our member’s philosophy.”

“All the past winners of the awards see them as great recognition of their efforts and in a competitive arena it is endorsement of their consistently high service and capacity to adapt to market needs.

These awards give recognition to both drivers of fuel tankers and staff at fuel depots for their hard work and dedication to meeting the high standards set by the legislative authorities.”



More information and applications forms can be found at www.fpsshow.co.uk

The winners of all the awards will be announced at the FPS 2010 Awards Dinner on 22 April at Harrogate International Centre.

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