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ACCA Scotland proud to sponsor Scottish Accountancy Awards

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) Scotland is proud to sponsor the Scottish Accountancy Awards 2012. The awards recognise the best in the accounting and finance industry from across Scotland in both the public and private sectors.

Craig Vickery, head of *ACCA Scotland* said: “Accountants play a vital role in an organisation’s success and it is right that we recognise the best from the industry. This is the fourth year the awards have been running and the quality of entries has always been excellent and I expect that to continue this year.

“ACCA has more than 3000 members in Scotland and I hope many of them put themselves forward. There are categories covering all aspects of the profession. I am delighted that there is a ‘young accountant of the year category’. It’s fantastic that we recognise the immense talent that we have in those at the younger end of the profession. They are the ones that are changing the image of the traditional accountant – the bookkeeper – into the new generation of accountants – strategic financial advisors, who offer advice on future business decisions and are integral to an organisation’s planning and success.”

Insider Editor Alasdair Northrop says the awards have now become a firm fixture on the Scottish corporate calendar. “Much of the work carried out by accountants is very much behind the scenes but they play a vital role in ensuring the effectiveness of both companies and public sector organisations,” he says.

“In my view, in times like these it is more important than ever to celebrate success. Winning an award is not just motivational for staff but also provides firms with a great marketing tool in a highly competitive market place.”

The Scottish Accountancy Awards are run by Business Insider magazine. Nominations are now open, please visit www.scottishaccountancyawards.com for more information.

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Notes to Editors

1. ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) is the global body for professional accountants. We aim to offer business-relevant, first-choice qualifications to people of application, ability and ambition around the world who seek a rewarding career in accountancy, finance and management.
2. We support our 147,000 members and 424,000 students in 170 countries, helping them to develop successful careers in accounting and business, with the skills required by employers. We work through a network of over 80 offices and centres and more than 8,500 Approved Employers worldwide, who provide high standards of employee learning and development. Through our public interest remit, we promote appropriate regulation of accounting and conduct relevant research to ensure accountancy continues to grow in reputation and influence.
3. Founded in 1904, ACCA has consistently held unique core values: opportunity, diversity, innovation, integrity and accountability. We believe that accountants bring value to economies in all stages of development and seek to develop capacity in the profession and encourage the adoption of global standards. Our values are aligned to the needs of employers in all sectors and we ensure that through our qualifications, we prepare accountants for business. We seek to open up the profession to people of all backgrounds and remove artificial barriers, innovating our qualifications and delivery to meet the diverse needs of trainee professionals and their employers, innovating our qualifications and delivery to meet the diverse needs of trainee professionals and their employers.