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beCogent wins Remploy award

Leading Scottish-based customer contact business beCogent has shone through in Remploy's annual 'Leading the Way' awards by becoming the Scottish Winner in the large organisation category.

The awards scheme is all about acknowledging organisations, of all sectors and sizes, who are adopting best practice and progressive thinking in the employment of disabled people and people with health conditions.

beCogent won the award as it leads the way in enabling disabled people to realise their working potential. The company is able to demonstrate and implement policies that enable disabled people to fully participate in and benefit from long-term employment.

Jackie Lowe, HR Director at beCogent, commented: "As a company, it is superb that we have won such an accolade. We are always forward thinking when it comes to employing staff and truly believe that working with disabled people and those with health conditions to help them in the workplace is of benefit to both the company and the individual.

"We are continuously improving our policies to enable those with disabilities who are working with us to benefit and also engage with those who would like to work with beCogent in the future."

Remploy is the UK's leading provider of specialist employment services for disabled people and those who face complex barriers to employment.

By entering the awards beCogent demonstrated a mindset and a commitment to diversity, learning and improvement. There are three types of organisational awards; small employer for organisations between one and 100 employees, medium employer for organisations with 101-1000 employees and large employer organisations with 1001+ employees. Along with this, there are three other organisation awards – the learning award, innovation award and employee retention award.

beCogent will now progress to the national awards final which will be held at Victoria Park Plaza Hotel in London on Monday 15th October. Richard Farleigh from BBC TV's Dragons Den will present the overall awards to the national winners which will be announced on the day.

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Notes to Editors

beCogent was founded in 1999 in response to the rapid expansion of the multi-billion pound call centre sector. It has grown organically, with support from Scottish Enterprise, to become one of Europe's leading providers of outsourced customer contact services.

beCogent has significantly increased its workforce in the last year creating nearly 400 new jobs, taking the total number of staff across sites in Erskine, Airdrie and Kilmarnock to 2,500.

Named Employer of Year at the Orange National Business Awards for Scotland in 2006, be Cogent has developed a retained portfolio of high-profile clients that include John Lewis, Argos, Virgin Media, Tiscali and the National Australia Bank Group.

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