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CPIO SCOOP TOP HONOURS AT 1ST SAGE CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Local software company CPIO based near NEC, Birmingham took top honours at the first ever Sage Circle of Excellence awards ceremony in Edinburgh last week.

Sage, the world's leading provider of accounting and business management software solutions, introduced the concept of a Circle of Excellence in order to recognise and reward business partners who provide outstanding customer service and who's customers are the most likely to recommend them to friends and colleagues. The Circle is open to all Sage Business Partners, no matter which product they sell from Sage's extensive portfolio, and out of the 1,500 attendees at Sage Visions only the top 1% were chosen to form the 15 member Circle.

On presenting the award to CPIO, Paul Stobart, CEO, UK and Ireland Region, Sage (UK) Limited, states, "We are delighted to present this award to CPIO. They represent excellence in customer service and are one of the first to join what I am sure will become an exclusive club. My congratulations go to all involved."

Explaining the concept of the Circle of Excellence Stobart continues, "Given that word of mouth recommendation is the most important driver of new business it makes sense to measure how our customers feel about us and our business partners. It follows that the more customers that we have in the market place recommending Sage and our business partners such as CPIO, to others, then the better the growth prospects are for all."

CPIO Sales Director, Andrew Watkinson, says, "We are thrilled to have won this award. It recognises the hard work the team has put in and to receive this kind of endorsement from our customers is a fantastic achievement. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our customers and we look forward to developing our relationship into the future."

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