Edinburgh Cyber Security Awards – finalists announced

EDINBURGH firms are at the forefront in the battle against cybercrime – with ten of the
city's organisations among the finalists in the upcoming Scottish Cyber Awards.

The event includes capital-based organisations such as Napier University, ZoneFox
and ECS Security Ltd who will be pitted against the nation's brightest and best in the
cyber security sector.

Now in its third year, the glittering ceremony has become a key fixture in the
calendar of an industry that is fast emerging as one of Scotland's most
important.

Those at the forefront in the battle to protect Scottish people and businesses
against cybercrime will again be recognised at the Sheraton Hotel in Edinburgh
on 28 November, where the winners will be announced.

Mandy Haeburn-Little, Chief Executive of the Scottish Business Resilience Centre, the
hosts of the awards, believes that Scotland has the potential to be a country
of excellence in cyber security and innovation.

She said: "The judging this year was even harder than last year and that just
further underlines the sea change in the number of cyber innovation and
technical companies that Scotland is seeing grow.

"This year we had more applications, the decisions were tougher and the suite of
finalists really does read like a who's who of the best of that talent.

"As a sector this is a hugely valuable part of our economy and I am really
supportive of recognising that hunger for success and for excellence.

"This year we have seen much greater diversity than before and that includes a much
higher entry level to 'Outstanding Woman in Cyber'.

"In addition, 'Best Cyber Talent' saw an excellent field of young and emerging
bright stars and we need to do all we can to keep that talent here, even for a
short while. Now more than ever, talented people here in Scotland are getting
on the front foot, creating solutions, training others and setting new
standards of excellence.

"Congratulations to all who have been nominated, it may sound a cliché but the standards truly were higher than ever before
– and being represented is a sign of quality."

Categories in this year's awards include Outstanding Woman in Cyber, Best Cyber
Breakthrough and Cyber Security Teacher of the Year.

For the first time ever, an award will be judged by the public – with Best Customer
Experience now open to a public vote and will be live on the
Scottish Cyber Awards website until 30 October.

Richard Holmes, Vice President Cyber Security Services for CGI and Scottish Cyber

Awards judge, said: "The entries were of a very strong standard and the judging
process gave an excellent insight into the truly innovative approaches being taken in Scotland to fight the cyber threat.

"We are very much looking forward to the awards ceremony as an opportunity to
further recognise and celebrate this expertise."

The Scottish Cyber Awards will be held on Wednesday 28 November at the Sheraton
Hotel in Edinburgh.

For more information on the Scottish Cyber Awards 2018 [CLICK HERE](#) where you can find full details, sponsors and buy tickets.