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Industry Recognition Awards 2020 – brought to you by BOSS – Entries are now open!

BOSS are delighted to open entries for their **Industry Recognition Awards** today (01 October, 2020).

2020 hasn't provided many chances for the industry to come together, network and connect. Teams have been working remotely, and understandably all efforts have been focused on pivoting business models and protecting company interests and employees.

Building on the success of their virtual Future Focus conference which attracted just under 400 attendees, BOSS would like to address this by giving the industry a chance to gather together for one evening to recognise their colleagues, leaders and friends in the sector who have excelled, specifically throughout the last seven months.

We'll be providing a virtual environment where you can gather your team together to socialise with each other on private virtual tables or connect with the whole industry over video chat while watching excellent live entertainment. As a sector we'll celebrate individuals and teams who have gone above and beyond.

We encourage everyone to nominate those you feel deserve to be recognised this 2020 and hope you will be able to join for, what is set to be, a memorable evening.

BOSS will be running a number of initiatives on the evening looking to support the BOSS Business Supplies Charity who have supported many individuals financially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, granting over £70k year to date.

Amy Hutchinson, BOSS CEO, comments:

"I am delighted to launch our Awards. At BOSS we feel it is more important than ever this year to come together as an industry to connect with friends and colleagues as well as meeting new people."

"We're doing something a little different from previous years. For one, the ceremony is virtual, but secondly the awards will focus on recognising teams and individuals throughout the industry who have gone above and beyond over the last 7 months throughout the COVID-19 pandemic."

"It's a chance for companies to celebrate their employees and connect with people they may have not seen while we've all been limited in our interactions. We're calling it the Industry"

Recognition Awards – brought to you by BOSS. I do hope I will see many of you there on the 26th of November.”

Entries:

Please go to www.bossawards.co.uk to explore the 2020 award categories and entry requirements. To enter into one of the categories, you can nominate an individual or company or enter yourself or company, the cost is £25 per entry.

The deadline for entries is **Friday 23 October 2020**. All entries can easily be made online and submitted directly on the Industry Recognition Awards – brought to you by BOSS website.

Virtual Tables:

Book your virtual company table now!

At the Industry Recognition Awards, BOSS want to ensure that you have all the opportunities to catch up with industry colleagues, but also recognise that you may value the chance to speak in a more private environment with your team or guests, like you would on a physical table. Companies can buy a private virtual table, branded with their company logo, allowing for a more exclusive environment in which to network via video and chat. There will be time to network before the awards, and tables will remain live after the ceremony has finished should guests want to continue socialising. Table guests will also be sent a special goody bag to help them enjoy the evening!

To book a virtual table, please contact Helen Dunn at helen@bossfederation.co.uk or visit www.bossawards.co.uk

2020 CATEGORIES TO ENTER:

OUTSTANDING TEAM EFFORT OF THE YEAR

This award is for the team that has worked together effectively and efficiently to improve the service/product that they offer to customers or colleagues throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

BEST EMPLOYER FOR MENTAL WELL-BEING

This award is for employers that have created a stimulating and supportive work environment for their staff and demonstrated a commitment to their mental well-being throughout 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR OVER £5m & UNDER £5m

This award will be given to a business leader (director, company owner, founder, Chairman, Board member) that has made an outstanding contribution to their company and/or the business supplies industry throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOST SUPPORTIVE LINE MANAGER

This award is for managers or directors that have created a stimulating and supportive work environment for their team and demonstrated a commitment to their welfare.

INDUSTRY COMMUNITY HEROES

This is for individuals working in the industry who help to develop communities by bringing together those in their company or individuals throughout the industry.

FUNDRAISING HERO (COMPANY & INDIVIDUAL)

This company or individual will have raised a substantial amount of money for their chosen charity or organisation. This money will have benefited the local community, the industry or a National Charity.

BOSS APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

This will be awarded by the BOSS Training Team to an apprentice who is currently partaking in a BOSS Apprenticeship.

INSPIRATIONAL INDIVIDUAL

This award will be given to an individual that has either faced great adversity or a challenging environment personally or in the workplace throughout the pandemic but has performed admirably despite challenges. Or, an individual who has taken it upon themselves to accept additional responsibility or go the extra mile throughout the pandemic and has shown themselves as inspiration to their teams and colleagues.

RISING STAR OF THE YEAR

This award is for an individual who has accelerated their career during 2020.

COVID-SECURE PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

Do you have a new product that you launched during the COVID-19 pandemic? Open to all product manufacturers/suppliers to the industry, regardless of size of company.

FUTURE FUND

The BOSS Business Supplies Charity has launched a future fund to support up and coming individuals in the industry who may need financial support at this time.

All requirements to enter and details on the categories can be found on our website:

www.bossawards.co.uk

If you are interested in Sponsorship packages or virtual tables, please contact

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British Office Supplies and Services Federation (BOSS)

BOSS is the voice and representative body of the UK's Business Supplies industry and supports a range of members in a dynamic and expanding sector valued at over £10 billion. BOSS is a long standing not-for-profit organisation with a leading and strategic role in the support, promotion and development of the office products and business supplies industry.