

MONDAY

Tap into £8bn pot

BUSINESSES will be offered help with competing for public sector contracts at an event this week.

The Winning Public Sector Business show is at the Walkers Stadium, in Leicester, on Wednesday from 8.30am to 10.30am.

Firms will be given advice on how to tender for contracts from the public sector, which Business Link says is a potential market of about £8bn in the East Midlands.

Sponsored by East Midlands Development Agency, the event is followed by a similar event at the stadium on September 10 and another in Oakham, Rutland, on September 8.

Jewel in crown of EM training firms



ACHIEVEMENT: John Harrison

A CENTRE which provides training to 2,000 businesses and individuals a year is up for a national award.

Amethyst, of Coalville, beat about 60 other organisations in the East Midlands to be named the region's Centre of the Year at the learndirect Achievement Awards in June.

Now, the business, which opened a centre in Scudamore Road, Leicester, two years ago, will represent the region in the national finals in London on October 19.

It will be up against eight other finalists from around the country. John Harrison, from Amethyst,

whose courses include health and safety, food hygiene and forklift truck driving, said: "This is the first time we've been in this position so we're really excited about it all."

"It's a proud achievement and we're now looking forward to the ceremony in London."

Arla Foods, in Ashby, was highly commended in the large company category of the East Midlands awards.

Jane Williams, from Becta, which sponsored the learndirect Centre of the Year Award, said: "We offer our congratulations to all the winners."

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