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FAST 50 BACK

Business advisory firm Deloitte has launched this year's Technology Fast 50 Awards. The programme, sponsored by the London Stock Exchange and Intellect, celebrates the fastest growing technology companies in the UK.

A series of regional programmes will culminate in a national award to identify the overall Fast 50 winner for the UK and Ireland. The Yorkshire and Humber Fast 50 winners will be featured in *Insider*.

The ranking will feature both private and public technology companies that have achieved high revenue growth over a five-year period thanks to a winning combination of innovative strategies, sound management practices and marketing vision.

Companies with three years' of turnover growth can enter Deloitte's Rising Star competition, which identifies younger companies that are going places fast.

Rob Seldon, partner for telecommunications, media and technology in Deloitte's Leeds office, said: "The Fast 50 will reveal which businesses are making the most out of what is currently a relatively advantageous position for British technology companies."

Further information about the awards and details on how to enter can be found online at www.fast50.co.uk. The closing date for entries is 16 September 2005.

BAILEY TESWAINE WIN

Bailey Teswaine, a leading information and communications technology systems integrator with an office in Leeds, has secured a contract with Spiritoso to provide an internet protocol-based call centre solution for insurer Direct Choice.

The contract includes a full voice recording system in preparation for forthcoming government



LOGICAL HELP FOR YORK

Leeds-based software specialist Logical Minds has devised a new ticketing system to enhance the business performance of York Racecourse, the recent host of Royal Ascot 2005.

Features of the new software include a quick address system to help staff identify customer addresses. The new software also allows for order processing to be carried out on the system.

legislation in the financial services industry that will require Direct Choice to record conversations for potential audits.

Bailey Teswaine is working in conjunction with Mitel, provider of advanced communications solutions, and ASC telecom, the largest European manufacturer of voice recording equipment.

WEB-TRANSLATIONS TURNS TO JAPAN

Wakefield-based translation agency Web-Translations has won two major projects in the international technology arena. The agency is going to translate the website of Los Angeles-based Dynamic Digital Depth (DDD) into Japanese as it expands into the Asian market. The agency will also translate the website of Celoxica, an Oxfordshire software manufacturer, into Japanese.

Catherine McTeigue, project manager at Web-Translations, said: "With Japan showing signs of an economic recovery it's great that

we can benefit from the country's improving prospects."

CHERRY PICKING

The Food Chain Centre of Industrial Collaboration (CIC), a food research centre, has drawn on the expertise of scientists from Leeds and York to create a safe cherry filling for pies, jams and desserts that is free from any danger of carrying cherry stone fragments.

This is just one of the new manufacturing processes to come out of the Food Chain CIC since it was set up in 2004 as a commercial outlet for the food research teams of Yorkshire. The Food Chain CIC also works to develop new ingredients and to improve products while simultaneously creating added value and competitive advantages.

Graham Clayton, commercial director, said: "In the past the link between the world-class food research that goes on in our labs and the commercial world has been under-exploited. The Food Chain CIC aims to make that link work."

Technology Fast 50 Awards.

Claim your place in the leading pack

Nominations due 16 September

The Deloitte 2005 Technology Fast 50 programme awards the fastest growing technology companies across the Midlands and the North. Visit www.fast50.co.uk and find out if you are up to speed.

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