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# **‘SHOWCASE YOUR COMPANY’S IDEAS BY ENTERING THE RAILWAY INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARDS 2006’ SAY THE RAILWAY FORUM AND *MODERN RAILWAYS***

The revised and updated 2006 Railway Industry Innovation Awards competition, sponsored by The Railway Forum and *Modern Railways*, is now officially open.

This prestigious Awards programme is now in its ninth year. For 2006 the competition comprises nine categories and sees the introduction of a new Awards Reception evening to replace the traditional Gala Dinner. This will be an invitation-only event at which short-listed entrants can display and demonstrate their ideas to a wide audience. We are also delighted to announce that Chris Green, Chairman of The Railway Forum, will again chair the Judging Panel. The closing date for entries is **24 March 2006**.

As previously, all the details on the 2006 Awards competition are available online at: [www.railwayforum.com](http://www.railwayforum.com). Here you will find rules and guidance for entries, key dates, Entry forms and details on the new Awards Reception evening to be held at The Institution of Civil Engineers, London on **27 June 2006**.

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'Innovation and new ideas are vital to any industry and the railways in particular', says Adrian Lyons, Director General of The Railway Forum. 'The Innovation Awards attracts a whole range of entries that all tell a positive story about what businesses are doing to improve our industry. We believe that this year's competition, rounded off with a new Awards Reception evening, will provide a unique showcase for the railway industry's innovations.'

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### Notes to Editors:

1. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies as well as Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, Transport for London, most of the infrastructure companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have over 50 members. Our key role is to act as a think tank, information exchange and point of contact for those committed to and interested in our industry. For more details visit [www.railwayforum.com](http://www.railwayforum.com).
2. *Modern Railways* has been the voice of the railway industry since 1962. The magazine's mix of news, views, comment and analysis covers the whole spectrum of the industry, from engineering and infrastructure through to customer service. *Modern Railways* is published by Ian Allan Publishing Ltd. For more information visit:  
[http://www.ianallanpublishing.com/catalog/cms.php?f=rail\\_modern\\_railways.htm](http://www.ianallanpublishing.com/catalog/cms.php?f=rail_modern_railways.htm).
3. There are nine categories of Award:
  - **Achievement through teamwork**
  - **Customer service**
  - **Engineering**
  - **Information technology**
  - **Integration**
  - **Marketing**
  - **Safety**
  - **Small-scale innovation**
  - **Sustainable development**

In addition the Judges will select an **overall winner** of the 2006 Innovation Awards.

4. The deadline for entries to the 2006 Innovation Awards competition is **24 March 2006**. The winners will be announced at the Awards Gala Dinner to be held at The Institution of Civil Engineers, London on **27 June 2006**.

5. Innovation Awards Reception invitation policy: invites will be issued by The Railway Forum and *Modern Railways* in conjunction with event sponsors.
6. The Railway Forum/*Modern Railways* Railway Industry Innovation Awards 2006 website can be found at: [www.railwayforum.com](http://www.railwayforum.com). The site contains rules and guidance for entries, key dates, Entry forms and Information sheets for download as well as further details on the Judges and our sponsors.

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