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New Zealand School of Export – finalist for 2009 Vero Excellence in Business Support Awards

The New Zealand School of Export is among the finalists for the “Education Provider” category in the 2009 Vero Excellence in Business Support Awards. The Awards, held annually and sponsored by Vero, BDO Spicers and *National Business Review* are a key event during the annual Bizzone Business Expo, New Zealand's largest event for business.

A record number of entries were received for the 2009 awards and the competition was stronger than ever says Bizzone managing director Sarah Trotman. “New Zealand businesses are being well supported by companies that are not buying into the doom and gloom mentality,” she says. “The evaluators were thoroughly impressed by the quality and number of entries – choosing winners this year will be extremely difficult.”

Chief Executive of Vero Insurance, the Foundation Sponsor of the awards, says, “It is inspiring to see the increasing numbers of entrants who demonstrate international levels of best practice in their businesses and quality support as a key part of their business.”

Finalists were selected by The New Zealand Business Excellence Foundation to provide an independent and robust evaluation process for the awards’ 12 categories.

The New Zealand School of Export is up against four other education providers including the AUT Business School and the ICEHOUSE. The winners will be announced on 28 May in Auckland at a gala black-tie dinner attended by 600 people.

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