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GLOBAL AWARD RECOGNITION FOR EAST BOLDON BASED BUSINESS

A local company has received global award recognition for its work in its second year of business.

Coote O'Grady, a legal spend management consultancy based in East Boldon, Tyne & Wear, has been named as a finalist in this year's World Procurement Awards.

The World Procurement Awards are the most celebrated and sought-after awards in procurement, recognising the most innovative projects, people and organisations across the world.

The company is up against several high profile global names, including KPMG, for the prestigious Best New Consultancy Project award. The winner will be announced at a glittering ceremony on May 17, 2018 at the Intercontinental London, The O2.

The award was for a project that reduced a FTSE100 client's legal spend by 34%, a saving which equated to around \$20 million USD.

Partner Caroline O'Grady, who returned to her native North East after a career as a solicitor and Law Firm Panel Director in London, said: "We are thrilled to have reached the finals of the most prestigious award in Procurement.

"There were a record number of entries this year, from companies in 36 countries, so our finalist status is testament to the quality of work we are delivering for our clients. We've worked really hard over the last two years to establish ourselves as a valuable business partner to the companies we work for and this award is the icing on the cake."

Entrants endure a rigorous three-stage judging process to ensure complete transparency and guarantee that the winners really are the best of the best. Judges on this year's panel included experts from Bayer, Adidas Group, Mars, Walgreens Boots Alliance and Kellogg. The regional panels will be meeting for face-to-face debate this month to decide the overall winners of each category.

For more information visit www.worldprocurementawards.com.

For interviews, please contact Leanne Stronach on 07871 702103.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Coote O'Grady is a leading legal spend management company. Its team of lawyers and legal procurement experts specialise in law firm performance management and focus solely on this niche area.

The company works with several clients, including government, FTSE100 and FTSE250 companies in sectors including banking, insurance and pharmaceuticals.

It delivers some of its services through a low-cost base in the North East of England which allows the company to be the most cost-competitive in the market.

Coote O'Grady is a flexible and socially responsible employer, offering rewarding careers on a part-time basis. It champions a range of flexible working practices, for example term-time, part-time and job share.