

## Rt. Hon. John F. Spellar MP


Labour Member of Parliament for Warley


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Warley is in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell which lies at the heart of England and at the centre of the West Midlands conurbation.










Sandwell sits alongside four junctions on the M5 and M6 motorways. This position puts the Borough approximately two hours travel time of London, Manchester, Liverpool and Bristol.




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### John Spellar MP Supports Manufacturing Excellence 2009 in Sandwell

5th November 2008

Building a better British Business Future. If it's made well – make something of it

John Spellar MP from Sandwell is urging local businesses in the area to enter the UK's most prestigious business awards scheme. Firms have until January 29 to enter the battle for 'Best UK Business' at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers' Manufacturing Excellence Awards (MX) 2009.

Dubbed the 'Oscars' of the business world, MX is free for *any* firm to enter and is the *only* best practice benchmarking scheme of its kind to offer an elite panel of industry experts giving up to £20,000 worth of free, impartial advice. Deadline for entries is January 29 2008.

John Spellar MP said:

"I would encourage any firms, of any size, to enter the MX Awards. Latest Government figures show SMEs make up 95% of the UK's manufacturing industry and 99% of businesses in the UK and MX offers firms coaching and support from leading industry experts.

"There is also a 'Top Tips' programme to show firms how they can win one of 13 coveted MX trophies. MX is known as the international hallmark of best practice and we, as MPs, should be supporting manufacturing and these companies.

"MX is unique because each year it goes out and demonstrates, time and again, that improving the skill base and empowering the people inside a company delivers better products and processes, more satisfied customers and, ultimately, improved profitability."

Companies backing MX this year include PricewaterhouseCoopers, National Skills Academy for Manufacturing, BP, Eriks, Arup, Warwick Manufacturing Group, and the Government's Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS). They will be touring the country working with entrants to compile a Self Assessment Audit (SAA). In turn firms receive a free Benchmark Report, worth up to £20,000, which will provide them with invaluable advice on how to improve performance.

There are 12 'Oscars' up for grabs including Best Overall Business, Best SME, Sustainable Manufacturing, Product Innovation, People Effectiveness, Customer Focus, Best Finance Management, and Best Business Education Partnership. Finalists get a chance to attend the prestigious ceremony on 25 June 2009 at the Dorchester in London where the winners will be unveiled. Firms interested in entering should visit [www.mxawards.org](http://www.mxawards.org) or email [h\\_morgan@imeche.org](mailto:h_morgan@imeche.org). Media enquiries should be directed to the IMechE Press Office on 020 7304 6877 or email [media@imeche.org](mailto:media@imeche.org)

#### Notes to Editors

The MX Awards are believed to be the UK's longest running business awards and were established by the IMechE 27 years ago to protect manufacturing and promote best practice. Previous MX winners can be found at [www.mxawards.org](http://www.mxawards.org).

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) first established its Manufacturing Excellence Awards scheme in 1981. In 1999 the process underwent a major review when the Self Assessment Audit and Benchmark Report were introduced. The IMechE now has around 78,000 members in 120 countries. It represents mechanical engineers involved in a diversity of fields such as the automotive, rail, aerospace, medical, power and construction industries to name a few. For more information on MX please visit [www.mxawards.org](http://www.mxawards.org) or [www.imeche.org](http://www.imeche.org).

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