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Firms can show off

BUSINESSES in North Dorset are being urged by MP Robert Walter to aim to be the UK's best in the Oscars of the manufacturing world.

Any company can take part in the Institute of Mechanical Engineers' Manufacturing Excellence Awards 2009, with the deadline for entry being Thursday 29 January.

Mr Walter is hoping Dorset-based businesses will grab the opportunity to show off their skills, business acumen and high-quality products. Entry is free, and an elite panel of industry experts will offer up to £20,000-worth of free, impartial advice.

Finalists will attend a ceremony at The Dorchester in London in June, when the winners will be announced.

Mr Walter said: "I think it's very important for firms based in the South West, and particularly Dorset, to take advantage of this opportunity to highlight their business and get the recognition they deserve."

