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Novas Scarman shortlisted for North West Regional Construction Award

Novas Scarman subsidiary Novas Architects has been shortlisted in the Business Award category of the North West Regional Construction Awards 2008.

The North West Regional Construction Awards celebrate the construction industry in the region and showcase the best and most innovative construction projects and working practices in the Northwest. The Business Award category focuses around key economic drivers and includes issues such as process efficiency and projects that look at improving delivery of hard project processes.

Organisations and project teams involved in delivering construction and contributing to the built environment in the North West were invited to submit projects and processes that demonstrate some or all of the innovations advocated by the 'Rethinking Construction' Agenda, the Regional Economic Strategy and Constructing Excellence to CCI for inclusion in the Awards process. Nominations were invited from developers, clients, contractors, specialists and sub-contractors, members of the design team or other consultants.

The awards ceremony will be taking place at the new ACC Liverpool on 15th May 2008 and will be attended by leading figures in Northwest Construction and hosted by BBC's Diane Oxberry. Entrants will be judged by a select panel of judges, made up from eminent regional and sub-regional clients and construction professionals.

Michael Wake, Co Group Chief Executive/Founder of the novas Scarman Group, says,

'The North West Construction Awards are an ideal opportunity to showcase the excellent development and construction project that is taking place at the Contemporary Urban Centre Northwest. Being recognised for excellence in construction is a fantastic achievement and testament to the hard work being undertaken by the Architects team.'

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NOTES TO EDITOR

The **Novas Scarman Group** is major social justice charity at the cutting edge of tackling social disadvantage through social enterprise, innovation and positive impact.

Novas Scarman works at a local level to empower people and communities by creating opportunities for positive change through personalised support and development, pathways into work and learning, inclusive local decision making and change programmes, and releasing enterprise and cultural expression.

We bring communities together by enabling a voice for those often not heard or marginalised, to be at the heart of our communities, and we aim to become one of the world's most influential and effective catalysts for social justice, inclusion and diversity.

Three organisations – Novas Group, PATH and Scarman Trust – merged in December 2007 to create the Novas Scarman Group, representing a joining together of shared values in order to facilitate social justice and inclusion, diversity and cohesion.

The organisation has four core activities:

- Community support services serving the most disadvantaged communities
- Clusters of social enterprises based in Contemporary Urban Centres
- Nation-wide programmes of learning and inclusive pathways to work
- Campaigning and policy advocacy work – “connecting the streets with the corridors of power”

The group will gradually develop an international programme of work.

About the three organisations

The Novas Group was Charity of the Year in 2007 and combines support for vulnerable individuals with major programmes of social enterprise development

The Scarman Trust pioneered support for grassroots social entrepreneurs and recently helped to develop proposals for a new Social Investment Bank – backed by both Gordon Brown and David Cameron

PATH supports Black and Minority Ethnic entrants to professions and has recently been given both the RTPI and Civil Service Diversity Award