



THE QUEEN'S AWARDS
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Elland based company, Boxford Ltd, has been awarded **THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE** - the UK's highest accolade for business success.

The award particularly recognises Boxford's achievements in **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**. Exports of its Educational Computer Aided Design / Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) machinery and software have increased by over 600% during the last three years, with almost 40% of exports going to new markets in developing countries.

Boxford Managing Director, Paul Barraclough, said "The award reflects the efforts of the entire Boxford workforce, whether it be increased international travel from the sales staff, overtime by the workforce to honour strict delivery deadlines, in-country training and support in the use of the delivered equipment and software, or the handling of complicated contract documents. Our recent and significant investments in state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment also played a major part in the company being able to undertake short-delivery opportunities."

The Queen's Award For Enterprise crowns an eventful six-month period for Boxford, having recently been designated "Manufacturer of the Year" in a regional competition and given the "Made by Britain" accolade by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. These events have coincided with the company's relocation from its former cotton-mill factory in Halifax, which it occupied for 70 years, to its custom-built factory on its own site in Elland.

A formal presentation of the award will be made at the factory at a later date.

Want to know more about the Queen's Award For Enterprise?

www.queensawards.org.uk

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<http://www.royal.gov.uk/HMTheQueen/TheQueensbirthdays.aspx>