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# TOTALLY MALE, SPATIAL INNOVISION WIN PIONEERS OF PROSPERITY AWARDS

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TOTALLY Male Limited and Spatial Innovision Limited were Wednesday named Jamaican winners of the inaugural Pioneers of Prosperity Caribbean Awards.

The two companies, as a result of accomplishing this feat, will each receive a US\$40,000 grant from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and will join winners from six other Caribbean countries to compete for the regional grand prize of US\$60,000.



Managing director of Totally Male Limited, Sandra Samuels, accepts a plaque on behalf of her company from Industry Minister Karl Samuda (right) yesterday at the country-level award ceremony for the Pioneers of Prosperity Caribbean Awards. Looking on is Kenneth Hynes, the managing director of OTF Group, organisers of the award programme.

Organised by the international competitiveness consulting firm OTF Group, and funded by the IDB and the John Templeton Foundation, the mission of the awards programme is to promote entrepreneurship through small and medium enterprises (SMEs), by identifying successful SMEs in the region. The participating countries are Jamaica, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, and Trinidad and Tobago.

According to the organisers, there was a total of 580 applicants region-wide, with 155 of them from Jamaican companies.

"We are extremely pleased at the level of participation in Jamaica... it exceeded expectations," OTF Group managing director Kenneth Hynes said at the awards ceremony for the Jamaican country winners at the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce in Kingston.

"It shows the level of entrepreneurial spirit in the country and it also reflects the strength of our local partners, Jamaica Trade and Invest, Jamaica Business Development Centre, MSME Alliance, et al," he added.

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