

## Thriving SMEs – a strong economy – more employment

The Oskar Patzelt Foundation honors outstanding achievements by mediumsized companies around the country, conferring the annual Grosser Preis des Mittelstandes (Grand Prix of Small and Medium Business) award each autumn. Only one in a thousand German companies makes it through to the shortlist, and the name of Pedex GmbH has been put forward for the first time this year.

Nomination for this competition (something that you cannot do yourself) is considered a ticket to the 'Network of the Best'. Because as Germany's only business prize, the Grosser Preis des Mittelstandes goes beyond statistics, innovations and jobs to look at the company in the round and at the complex role it plays in society.

The Pedex team now have until April 2018 to compile and submit cogent documentation in the following categories:

- 1. Overall development of the company
- 2. Creation and securing of jobs and training positions
- 3. Innovation and modernization
- 4. Commitment to and involvement in the region
- 5. Customer proximity, service, marketing

An independent panel of judges will then select the finalists and winners. The award ceremonies will take place in September, followed by the Bundesgala (all-Germany gala event) in October.

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