



Constructing Excellence Awards in London and the South East



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AWARDS 2009

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Welcome to the third year of the Constructing Excellence awards. This year, nine regions will be hosting regional awards ceremonies to celebrate the best of construction from their local industries. The winners from within each region will go forward to a national final that will take place in November 2009.

Being recognised by your peers for excellence in construction will bring enormous benefits to your business, helping you to attract new clients, cement existing relationships and raise your staff morale. In order to be remembered and rewarded for all your efforts you must take part in the Awards, so apply today!

Entries will be considered by an independent panel of judges.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 26th June 2009. The London and South East winners will be formally recognised during July 2009, and put forward to the National Final in November 2009.



"Winning the Innovation Award at the Constructing Excellence Awards 2008 was a great achievement, and has raised our profile as an innovative constructor. The recognition of our best practice work has also been acknowledged by our existing partners and client."

David Throssell
3D CAD & Data Management
Leader, Skanska

The London Hospital by Skanska
**Winner of the Innovation
Award 2008**



These awards are designed to showcase excellence and reward achievement from organisations and project teams that have achieved regional acclaim. In order to qualify for the awards the project team / organisation must have engaged with the Constructing Excellence agenda and adhered to the principles of Rethinking Construction. There are a total of ten awards categories:

Integration & Collaborative Working

Judges will be looking for examples of procurement, systematic project management, collaboration up and down the supply chain, integrated logistics, as well as evidence of improvements as a result. Obvious benefits will include a less adversarial approach, but judges will require evidence of how workforce development has improved as a result of collaboration, in addition to the products or services and customer satisfaction. Successful entries will have succeeded in integrating their teams to such a level that they appear as a single entity to the customer.

The Legacy Award - Sustainability

Nominations should demonstrate the application of the principles of sustainable construction and/or sustainable development that deliver a sustainable legacy. This can be on a single project which has taken the three aspects of sustainability into account, across a series of projects or through a change process within an organisation.

SME Award

This category is open to small construction companies employing 50 or fewer people who have made strides in improving their company through implementing best practice. Judges will be looking for examples of where improvements have been made across the board in terms of both people and processes. In particular judges will be looking for evidence of people development; adopting best practice, and collaborative and new ways of working.

Health & Safety

The judges will be looking the project or organisation where health and safety has been driven forward to go beyond what is required within the duties as stated in CDM2007 in order to achieve an excellent result. To be successful in this award the judges will be looking for evidence that best practice has been utilised in producing a scheme or schemes where buildability, future maintenance and final demolition have been fully considered and where both health and safety have been a key driver.

Innovation

This award is about getting away from the idea that we should continue to do what we have always done, because we feel comfortable with it. It is about developing new solutions to the problems we encounter, achieving an innovative solution which enhances the value of the finished product, without increasing the risks associated with it. It will highlight innovation in finding technical or environmental solutions and overcoming problems within a project or process. Entries could include the use of IT/ICT solutions; the use of environmental technologies; innovation in process or delivery and the use of offsite or modular construction or prefabrication.

Value

The judges will be looking for either a project on which long-term value has been best achieved or an organisation that has achieved value on a number of projects over a period of time. Judges will consider how completed projects have been designed and constructed to achieve maximum benefit for owners and end users and helped them accomplish their goals. Project teams and organisations should demonstrate how achieving the optimum outcome for owners and end users was a key driver throughout the design and construction process and provide any available data on what has been achieved. Examples of projects that should be put forward in this category include, but are not limited to, schools designed and constructed with student attainment as a key driver; hospitals designed and constructed to aid patient recovery time or offices designed and constructed to improve productivity.

Leadership & People Development

The winner in this category will clearly define improvements resulting from leadership and training interventions including where these have been driven by an enlightened client. Entries should show respect to our workforce and the communities, while simultaneously winning respect from them through workforce development, skills and training, benchmarking, equality and diversity, and improvements to health and safety and the working environment.



The Achiever's Award

This award will recognise outstanding performance or influence by an individual who is truly inspirational in the opinion of the sector peer group. The winner will show exemplary actions that have changed the behaviour and performance of others and delivered disproportionate benefits for, and left a legacy in, the outputs of the built environment sector.

The award winner will naturally show all the hallmarks of Egan-esque behaviour, be sustainable and show a wholehearted embracing of the Rethinking Construction principles – but adopted and adapted to make a real difference within the sphere of the applicant's own operation, influence and community.

Client of the Year

An award for the client that has shown the greatest drive to ensure that best practice principles are adopted on its projects and throughout its supply chain.

Project of the Year

The winning project team will have shown the highest level of technical achievement, innovation and application of best practice, while delivering a project to time and budget and with teamworking throughout the supply chain. This winner may be drawn from winners of the earlier categories or may be an project or organisation that has displayed excellence across a number of categories.



How to enter

1. Complete the entry form providing details of your project or organisation. Make sure your statement answers the specific criteria set out in the category descriptions.
2. You are welcome to include any additional materials to support your submission. This could include KPI data, presentations, case studies, or even submissions for other awards.
3. Please include a set of good quality photographs. You may also enclose a floor plan, site location plan and a section. Photographs should be sent in jpeg format and either saved on a disc or emailed.
4. Each individual entry should be sent by email to:
jonathan.desouza@constructingexcellence.org.uk
5. All further correspondence, including photos should be sent to the email address above or by post to:
Jonathan de Souza
Constructing Excellence Awards 2009
Warwick House
25 Buckingham Palace Road
London, SW1W 0PP.

Entry guidelines

- Any organisation or project team submitting an entry for more than one category, is more than welcome to do so using one application form. Please ensure that all categories being applied for are clearly indicated.
- The judges have the authority to move entries into more applicable categories. Their decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the Awards.
- Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged unless otherwise requested.
- The organisers reserve the right to reject any entry, if in their opinion, it fails to comply with the rules.
- All submissions must be made by 5pm on 26th June 2009.

For clarification on any matter regarding the awards please call 020 7592 1100.

Specific entry consideration

- Clients must be made aware in advance of any entries that refer to them and the judges may require evidence of client endorsement
- Membership of Constructing Excellence or a Constructing Excellence Club is not a requirement of entry
- The organisers reserve the right to feature/display submitted material in any editorial or promotional work related to the Award scheme
- A précis of short-listed entries will feature on the Constructing Excellence website and elsewhere
- Short-listed entrants may be requested to participate in Constructing Excellence related events or programmes of seminars and case history presentations
- No materials will be returned
- Every project entered will be considered for Demonstration Project status
- Submissions should relate to either ongoing work or any project or example of organisational change that was completed after 1 January 2008

Judging

- The panel of judges will consider each submission against the category criteria
- Winners will be announced in July 2009
- All awards are made at the discretion of the judges.
- The right is reserved not to make awards in a particular category
- The judges reserve the right to refuse entries without giving reasons. Information supplied by the judges, or discussed between the judges and entrants, will be treated in complete confidence, and confidentiality on the part of the entrants if requested

Section 1

Entry Form

The purpose of this form is to tell the industry about what you are doing.

Entry name
Key contact details
Name
Organisation
E-mail
Telephone
Mobile

For which awards categories would you like to apply? (Please indicate as many as are applicable).

- Integration and Collaborative Working
- Leadership and People Development
- Health and Safety
- The Legacy Award – Sustainability
- Innovation
- Value
- Achiever's Award
- SME Award
- Client of the Year
- Project of the Year

Is your entry: a project an example of organisational change

If your application is for a project please visit [Section 2](#)

If your application is an example of organisational change please visit [Section 3](#)

To help you, here is an idea of what we're looking for:

Is it special? We want to know if you are doing something that is common to the industry or are you doing something that is new. It needn't be technologically cutting edge, but it needs to be different. It could be how you manage a specific process or a wide ranging programme. Each project is assessed by an industry working group to determine whether it should be considered for the awards and/or Demonstration Programme.

Does it have real benefit? We want data. You needn't submit all your information, but we need to know that you have changed or achieved something, and the best way to show this is through some measurable information. Did you do it cheaper, better, or with increased satisfaction to your clients? These are only examples, but the important thing to remember is data will show us how effective your project was.

Is it honest? We are not looking for marketing information. We want real stories which give an honest picture which will show all of the issues that you have to overcome to deliver.

Section 2

Project entries

Project location

Who's involved/the team?

Client

Main contractor

Designer

Other

What are the project timescales?

What is the project contract value?

How do these costs break down?

Type of work (i.e. new build, refurb)

Type of client (i.e. housing association, developer, govt department)

Construction product (i.e. school, housing, road)

Number of units (if housing)

Were the Constructing Excellence KPIs collected?

Why is the project special?

Why do you think you should win this award?

Please base your answers on the criteria set out in the category you are entering.

Please respond in a maximum of 1000 words. (Please append a separate sheet if necessary).

Section 3

Organisational entries

Office address

Type of organisation (i.e. housing association, developer, government department)

Number of staff

Company turnover

Company overview

Please provide a brief company resumé

Please respond in a maximum of 100 words.

Why is what you have done special?

Why do you think you should win this award?

Please base your answers on the criteria set out in the category you are entering.

Please respond in a maximum of 1000 words. (Please append a separate sheet if necessary).