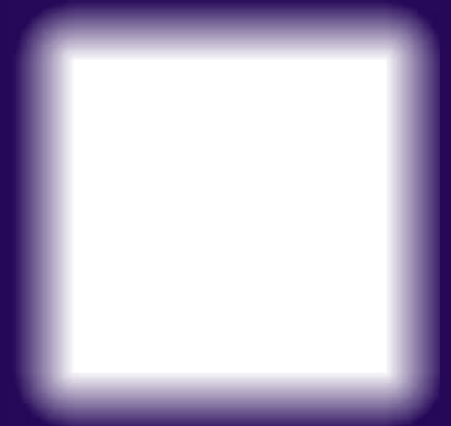


**CONSTRUCTING
EXCELLENCE
IN THE NORTH EAST**



AWARDS TWENTY TEN

Constructing Excellence Awards

Welcome to the sixth year of the Constructing Excellence in the North East Awards.

The Awards are an annual celebration of everything the North East construction industry has to be proud of. This year we have added two new categories and anticipate that this year's awards will be the biggest and most exciting yet!

The winners from each region will go forward to a national final that will take place in Autumn 2010, offering an opportunity to achieve acclaim on a truly national level.

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 rewarded for all your efforts you must take part in the Awards, so apply today!

The deadline for submissions is Friday 5th March 2010.

The Awards Dinner will be held at the Newcastle Marriott Gosforth Park Hotel on 7th May 2010.

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Introduction

These awards are designed to showcase excellence and celebrate the achievements of organisations and projects from across the North East's construction industry.

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.

Open to large and small businesses alike, this year's awards will reward excellence across a total of 12 categories.

We are delighted that CIBSE North East is continuing their association with the Awards and will be presenting their Building Services Best Practice Award at the Awards Dinner.

We are particularly keen to encourage smaller organisations to apply under the SME category.





The Categories

Integration & Collaborative Working

Sponsored by Northumbria University

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.

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 Legacy Award - Sustainability

Sponsored by IGNITE

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.

Heritage Award

This new award for the North East seeks to recognise schemes which may include conservation, improvement and enhancement which has significantly improved the aesthetic quality of the building/project, the repair or restoration of a listed building: the alteration, improvement or extension of a listed building or similar or the improvement to external spaces, gardens and courtyards.

The judges will be looking for evidence of team members trained in heritage skills including the use of traditional methods and materials.





Innovation

Sponsored by NG Bailey

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. The award 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.

Health & Safety

Sponsored by Association for Project Safety

The judges will be looking for 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. In order to be successful in this award the judges will be looking for evidence that best practice has been utilised in producing a scheme where buildability, future maintenance and final demolition have been fully considered and where both health and safety have been a key driver.



Value

Sponsored by National Construction Academy

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.





Client of the Year

Sponsored by Ward Hadaway

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.

The Achiever's Award

Sponsored by Dickinson Dees

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.



Student of the Year Award

Sponsored by Northern Counties Builders Federation

This new award will recognise the top students from both the trades and professions sectors.

The judges will be looking for students who have developed and achieved the most in terms of both examination results and effort and who have excelled in initiative going above and beyond what is required of them for the benefit of their employer and their own learning. Nominations can be made from individual companies, colleges, universities, institutes and institutions.

A substantial cash prize will be awarded to the winner(s) by the awards sponsors Northern Counties Builders Federation.

SME Award

This category is open to all SMEs involved in the built environment 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.





Project of the Year

Sponsored by Forum for the Built Environment

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 team-working throughout the supply chain.

This winner may be drawn from winners of the earlier categories or may be a project or organisation that has displayed excellence across a number of categories.

CIBSE North East Building Services - Best Practice Award

CIBSE North East Committee are pleased to sponsor the Building Services Best Practice Award and to be associated with Constructing Excellence in the North East. The Award will be given to the project or organisation that in the opinion of the judges has best complied with the spirit and standards of best engineering practice in Design and Procurement of Building Services associated with the Built Environment and the Construction Industry in general.

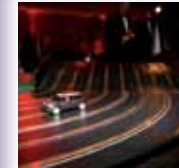
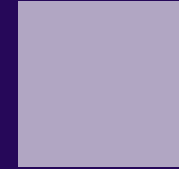
These standards would relate to the Best Practice Engineering Design Guides issued by the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers., Balham.

Applications will be judged on the calibre of the Building Services solutions in respect of Low Energy and Carbon Footprint and also across the entire supply chain, from inception, design, manufacturing, and installation, commissioning, handover and client satisfaction.

Participating organisations can include, Clients, Building Owners, Design Teams, Building Services Consultants, Main Contractors, M&E Contractors, Manufacturers, Project Managers, Cost Consultants, Architects and Specialist Contractors.

Applicable Services include, Mechanical, Electrical, Ventilation, Refrigeration, Acoustics, Air Conditioning, Water Services, Vertical Transport, Auto Controls, Health and Safety, Fire and Security Alarm Systems, Façade Engineering, Public Health, Information Technology, including environmental and sustainability issues.

It may also include roles in Facilities Management, Project Management, Construction Management, Maintenance, Research, Development and Education.





Qualifying

The industry is defined as all who commission, produce, develop, plan, design, build, alter or maintain the built environment.

The company / organisation or project (s) must demonstrate improvements in line with Constructing Excellence principles and the Rethinking Construction agenda.

- An application can be made for a project, process, a product or a service
- Demonstrating excellence in practice; where evidence is requested there should be a clear "audit" trail available for qualitative and quantitative data
- Where a project or project leader is the subject the project should have been based in the North East and you must have the approval of the owner of the building/ project
- Where an individual, process, product or service is the subject, the nominating organisation/divisional office/individual should be based in the North East
- All nominations and submissions should relate primarily to work carried out between January 2009 and December 2009.



How to enter

Application forms can be requested by e-mail awards@cene.org.uk

Alternatively, you can download the application form and full instructions on how to apply from the website - www.cene.org.uk

Entry Guidelines

- All submissions must be made by 17.00 on Friday 5th March 2010.
- All entries should be submitted electronically, either on a CD, DVD or memory stick.
- Please label any folders with both the category name and submitting organisation.

- Please include with your submissions all related logos and a selection of photos that we may use should you be short-listed.
- Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged unless otherwise requested.
- The organisers have the right to reject any entry, if in their opinion, it fails to comply with the rules

Entries can be hand delivered or sent by registered post or courier to:

Erika Hartill, Constructing Excellence in the North East, The Rivergreen Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham, DH1 5TS





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 CENE website and elsewhere. Short listed entrants will be expected 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



Judging

- The panel of judges will consider each submission against the category criteria
- Winners will be announced at the Constructing Excellence in the North East Awards Dinner on Friday 7th May 2010
- All awards are made at the discretion of the judges and Constructing Excellence in the North East
- The right is reserved not to make awards in a particular category
- The judges reserve the right to refuse entries without giving reasons
- The judges have authority to move entries into more applicable categories. Their decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the Awards
- 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





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Tickets for the Awards Dinner are £75 (plus VAT) each with tables of 10 and 12 available

If you would like to purchase tickets please email awards@cene.org.uk

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