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“CDM Recruitment are proud to announce our headline sponsorship of the CENE Awards for the second year running. The 2018 Awards night was a huge success and I’d like to thank all of those who entered the awards.

The CENE Awards gives us a platform to shout about the fantastic achievements of our region’s Construction industry on both a regional and national level and I’m sure this year we’ll see a record number of entrants.

We thoroughly enjoyed being involved with this year’s CENE Awards and all at CDM are looking forward to working with the CENE team to ensure 2019’s Awards is another roaring success.”

Mark Bulmer, Director CDM Recruitment

CONSTRUCTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

Constructing Excellence in the North East are delighted to be celebrating their fifteenth annual Awards this year.

The Constructing Excellence North East Awards are a celebration of everything the North East built environment has to be proud of. The awards are designed to showcase excellence and celebrate the achievements of organisations across the region.

Open to large and small businesses alike, this year's awards will reward excellence across a total of 14 categories. We are particularly keen to encourage smaller organisations to apply under the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) category and for larger organisations to nominate those in this category too.

The winners from each region will go forward to a national final that will take place in autumn 2019, offering an opportunity to achieve acclaim on a truly national level.

This year our region was the recipient of three national awards, G4C Future Leader went to Irina Korneychuk of FaulknerBrowns; Hartlepool Centre for Independent Living received the award for Value and Seymour Civil Engineering (Contractors) UK Ltd scooped the award for Health, Safety and Wellbeing. We were also delighted to receive four highly commended awards too; the Urban Sciences Building for Offsite Project of the Year; [HUSK] in the Innovation category, Godfrey Syrett received SME of the Year and the project team for Lindisfarne Castle were acknowledged in Preservation & Rejuvenation.

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

The deadline for submissions is Thursday 28th February at 17.00.

The Awards dinner will be held at the Grand Gosforth Park Hotel on Friday 14th June 2019.

PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT



People are our greatest asset and this award recognises organisations that have really captured the full value of their human resource. Agents for change, those who proactively cascade education throughout their team, develop highly motivated movers and shakers, can make a significant impact on the future of the construction industry.

Judges are looking for an organisation that is leading edge in the way they develop their existing team and attract new entrants into the industry. Exemplary people developers will be able show judges how they:

1. Invest in training and upskilling their workforce.
2. Encourage new talent and entrants, possibly working in collaboration with other organisations.
3. Encourage their employees and supply chain to be more aware of local communities, the environment and the image of the industry.
4. Put equal opportunity and diversity in the mix for their development planning.
5. Can evidence a development strategy with monitoring and measurement of achievement and effect.



INTEGRATION & COLLABORATIVE WORKING

Collaborative working is central to the core values of Constructing Excellence and its drive to evidence excellence in construction. It is most likely to manifest in the delivery of specific projects, however those who can demonstrate a culture across a series or programme of projects show leadership in sustaining the approach. Integration of the supply chain, the client and end users will normally lead to a better outcome satisfying all stakeholders.

The judges will be looking for entries where collaborative working has delivered outstanding results and significant benefits for the whole supply chain/partnership involved. Specifically, submissions will demonstrate:

1. Early involvement of the supply chain, client and end users - possibly underpinned by a soft landings approach.
2. Selection of supply chain on quality and value not lowest cost.
3. Common processes and tools to assist in collaborative working such as BIM and Lean.
4. Modern commercial arrangements and fair payment.
5. Evidence of improved results achieved through the collaborative approach and value engineering, and evidenced by performance measures (KPIs).



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HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING



Health and Safety is of paramount importance and a culture of 'safety first' is crucial to performance. Overarching health and safety management systems, clear demonstration of sustainable and effective risk management, and evidencing of health initiatives are fundamental to reducing or eliminating all types of incident, and to promote health and wellbeing across the supply chain.

The winner must be able to demonstrate consideration of either project Health and Safety at pre-construction and/or construction phases or an organisational initiative impacting on multiple projects or their workforce. Judges will be looking for you to demonstrate:

1. An overarching health and safety management system and culture.
2. Leadership and innovation leading to new health and safety schemes, tools, processes or actions which ensure protection and improvements occur.
3. Clear risk management that provides sustainable and effective risk management.
4. How workplace health has been given equal status to safety in your initiatives.
5. Real benefits for all parties, evidenced by objective measurement criteria such as KPIs, AIR, AFR and RIDDOR performance.



VALUE

Judges are looking for an initiative, project or series of projects that has focused on the value of facilities in use and the outcomes for owners and users. Good facilities add value by enabling owners and/or users to live or work better in them.

Winners will demonstrate how whole life cost and value have been considered from the outset; combining capital costs of construction with maintenance, operational and occupiers' costs. The most important factor will have been the outcomes for the owners and users of the facilities, and these should have been a key driver throughout the design and construction process.

Entrants should be able to evidence the balance of expenditure between design, construction and operation, and must provide evidence or forecasts for the improvement in outcomes for owners and/or users. Such outcomes may be financial, social or environmental. Winning exemplars of Value will demonstrate some of the following attributes:

1. Increased value for owners and/or users and better outcomes for all stakeholders.
2. Value for owners and/or users a key driver throughout the design and construction process.
3. Supplier engagement to ensure value outcomes are understood and maintained.
4. Examples of where decisions were determined by future outcomes/benefits ahead of short-term considerations.
5. Performance data collected and compared against modelling/forecasts.



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INNOVATION

Innovation is widely recognised as the critical factor for increased and sustained productivity and growth. It demonstrates an organisation's confidence, capacity and appetite for improved performance and productivity gains. Innovation is most effective as a holistic approach that identifies both demand and ideas and is most successful when supported by collaboration between customers and the supply chain.

Judges are looking for an organisation or project that has developed and applied the most innovative approach to overcoming one or more construction challenges. Winners may have developed a demonstrably new and different technique or process or may have harnessed emerging or existing technologies to create new or improved products, tools or services leading to better built outcomes.

The exemplar winner will show judges how they have:

1. Defined the challenge, identified possible solutions and secured agreement from key stakeholders.
2. Focused their outcomes on constructor needs and user or occupier benefits, leading to more work on subsequent projects.
3. Been able to demonstrate improvements compared to previous or 3rd party performance through objective measurement data, such as KPIs.
4. Created a solution that can be used or applied elsewhere in their organisation or their industry sector.

Taken the lessons learned and the new best practice benchmark to the industry and shared them so others can benefit.



DIGITAL CONSTRUCTION



Digital Construction embraces BIM, GIS, Big Data and other evolving technological advancements. Technology has transformed the world we live in and has potential to revolutionise the construction industry. This category rewards organisations, projects or initiatives that have adopted, advanced and achieved excellence in Digital Construction.

Judges will be looking for examples of how the adoption of collaborative digital processes has dramatically improved the planning, design, fabrication, construction and operation of built facilities or infrastructure:

Great examples of transformational digital construction will evidence:

1. Integrated and collaborative teams, with early engagement of the supply chain.
2. Sharing of information through common data environments and system integration.
3. Innovative new tools, methods and processes that capture, manipulate and exploit data across the entire project team and through construction phase and into the in-use operational phase.
4. Evidence of improved performance and better outcomes compared to traditional methods through submission of objective measurement data.
5. Demonstrable benefits to stakeholders over the lifecycle of the asset.

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PRESERVATION & REJUVENATION



Clients entrust their historic and listed buildings to the construction industry's care for preservation, conservation and rejuvenation. Rewarding their trust with excellent outcomes is what the judges are looking for. Judges will be looking to recognise the achievement of high standards in the repair, re-use and revitalisation of the region's historic buildings, sites and places.

Exemplary projects will be able to demonstrate:

1. Evidence of research and investigation into replacing, repairing and matching traditional methods and materials encountered with evaluation of alternative options.
2. Choice of appropriate procurement that reflects the risks in such work.
3. Application of well-considered and sympathetic technical solutions, both traditional and innovative.
4. Delivery of customer satisfying quality and enduring outcomes.
5. A clear commitment to the development of heritage skills and training opportunities to sustain heritage related works.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable construction aims to meet present day needs for housing, working environments and infrastructure without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs in times to come. It incorporates elements of economic efficiency, environmental performance and social responsibility – and contributes to the greatest extent when architectural quality, technical innovation and transferability are included.

Judges are looking for organisations or projects whose achievements, in relation to the legacy their work leaves, have made a positive impact on society and demonstrated best practice in triple bottom line effects and social value.

Exemplary sustainability legacies will be evidenced by:

1. Reduction in greenhouse gas and carbon dioxide emissions through design and construction measures, leading to reductions both in the build and operation phases of assets.
2. Waste and carbon emissions reduction during construction, through design and construction innovation.
3. Economic feasibility and sustainable commercial viability and their long term impact.
4. Construction having a social value impact on its neighbouring business, residential, educational and voluntary communities so that the industry's image is improved.
5. Assets which evidence their performance matches or exceeds the design modelling and ratings.





SME OF THE YEAR

SMEs are the backbone of the industry and are recognised by Constructing Excellence for their dominance of and contribution to the supply chain. Department for Business Innovation and Skills suggest that 99.9% of UK construction contracting businesses are SMEs¹ and some of the greatest innovation and best practice can be identified in this sector.

Judges are looking for an exemplary organisation, with 249 or less employees and with turnover less than £42 million. An outstanding SME will display the following organisational attributes:

1. Evidence of growth through engaging with and developing best practice in construction and organisational management.
2. Demonstrate how investment is made in employees, through training, growth and organisational culture.
3. Taking action to improve their productivity and work smarter.
4. Showing how they have engaged with their supply chain, both upward to their clients and downwards to their suppliers, to add value to their involvement in projects.
5. Evidence that they have development and performance targets in place and show monitoring and management of performance to improve on their set goals.



¹ (ref BIS UK CONSTRUCTION)

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CLIENT OF THE YEAR

The industry's customers have an important role to play in transforming the way construction operates. How projects come to market has a significant impact on the ability of the construction industry to provide innovative, whole life value-for-money solutions.

Much waste in construction is driven through approach to risk across the supply chain and judges are looking for a construction client that has been actively involved in enabling the construction programme and developed strategies for encouraging and rewarding excellence. A winning approach will demonstrate:

1. Clear and consistent leadership of the supply chain.
2. A commitment to procurement based on quality, value and collaboration not just price.
3. Real benefits for all parties, evidenced by objective measurement criteria such as KPIs.
4. The tools they have used to assist them and the supply chain on this journey.
5. The positive impact their work has had on their organisation, the industry and the wider community and which might be used elsewhere to support continuous improvement.



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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



This award recognises outstanding performance or influence by an individual who has been inspirational in the opinion of the sector peer group during their lifetime in the industry. The winner's exemplary actions will 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 championed by Constructing Excellence, such as best practice and a wholehearted commitment to the Construction Strategy.

The key is that this commitment needs to be visible – i.e. adopted and adapted to make a real difference within the sphere of the applicant's own operation, influence and community. The character of the nominee is crucial – we are looking for leaders, opinion formers and champions of change. Submissions from third parties are encouraged and this is an award open to individuals of any age, discipline, or sector.

OFFSITE PROJECT OF THE YEAR



A number of factors are converging to make offsite construction a more attractive solution than ever before. It can help address systemic failures including low productivity, low predictability, low margins, adversarial pricing, lack of culture for collaboration, limited R&D and investment in innovation and poor image.

A winning approach will demonstrate a number of the following attributes:

1. A systematic approach to the implementation of offsite solutions.
2. Tangible benefits delivered by using an offsite approach over and above traditional methods including value against time, cost, quality.
3. Contributed to the commercial demands of the client and sustained the needs of the local community.
4. Provided a unique and innovative environment when benchmarked against other building solutions.
5. Delivered additional USP's against traditional construction methods.

BUILDING PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Project of the Year delivers outstanding outcomes for all those involved in a construction project. It showcases the benefits achieved through the application of many of the principles described in the other award categories.

The winner is as likely to be an outstanding local project as a high profile landmark, but whatever it is all parties will be proud of and inspired by it: the designers, constructors and clients. To impress the judges enough to win this award your entry will evidence an outstanding project that:

1. Demonstrates great team working between the client and entire supply chain; employing collaborative working tools.
2. Was delivered on or before the programmed completion date within approved cost plan and to quality exceeding expectation whilst delivering the highest of health and safety standards.
3. Achieved the lowest environmental impacts.
4. Must have delivered outstanding customer satisfaction and may have also received praise from other stakeholders.
5. Can demonstrate the highest levels of the application of best practice, innovation and technical achievement to overcome the project's challenges.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON HOW TO ENTER

- Qualifying

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

The individual/organization or project (s) must demonstrate improvements in line with Constructing Excellence principles, Rethinking Construction agenda and Construction 2025.

An application can be made for a project, process, a product or a service (a separate application form MUST be completed for each category)

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 2018 and December 2018. (the project can still be worked on, it doesn't need to be completed)

- How to enter - Entry Guidelines

All submissions must be made by 17.00 on Thursday 28th February 2019.

All entries should be submitted electronically, either on a CD, DVD or memory stick.
(We can NOT accept any entries sent via email)

Please label any folders with both the category name and submitting organisation.

Please include with your submissions ALL organisations involved in the project logos (JPEG/EPS format)

Please include a selection of photos that we may use should you be short listed. (high resolution, NOT PDF's)

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/signed for delivery to:

Leanne Conaway, Constructing Excellence in the North East, e-volve Business Centre, Cygnet Way,
Rainton Bridge South Business Park, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear DH4 5QY

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 programme of seminars and case history presentations.

No materials will be returned

Every project entered will be considered for Demonstration Project status

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Judging

The panel of judges will consider each submission against the category criteria

Once the shortlist has been finalised a shortlist will be sent to all applicants. Winners will be announced at the Constructing Excellence in the North East Awards Dinner on Friday 14th June 2019.

If you are successfully shortlisted a minimum of 1 ticket must be purchased for the Awards dinner.

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

Good Luck!

If you have any questions relating to your entry please contact Leanne Conaway on 0191 5007880 or leanne@cene.org.uk