



News release

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2nd CEEQUAL Outstanding Achievements Awards unveiled

Recognition for pinnacle best practice achievements in improving sustainability of civil engineering, infrastructure, landscaping and the public realm

CEEQUAL is delighted to announce the results of its second CEEQUAL Outstanding Achievement Awards (OAAs). Project teams travelled from all over the UK and from Sweden to the official ceremony and dinner in anticipation of receiving an award in recognition of their achievement of pinnacle best practice in improving sustainability of civil engineering, infrastructure, landscaping and the public realm.

Held at the One Great George Street, Westminster (the home of the Institution of Civil Engineers in London), over 200 people attended the prestigious event, with special guest Peter Hansford, Chief Construction Advisor to the UK Government, who presented the Awards with CEEQUAL Chairman Eric Hughes. James Bulley, Director of Venues and Infrastructure for London 2012, and Sir John Armit, Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority, also attended the ceremony to accept a special award [see later].

Fourteen infrastructure and civil engineering projects and contracts in the UK and one from Sweden won 12 CEEQUAL Outstanding Achievement Awards and received 10 high commendations. The Awards were open to project or contract teams that had completed a CEEQUAL Assessment of their work in 2011 or 2012. From a total of 45, 30 applications from 15 projects and contracts were shortlisted for the awards in twelve CEEQUAL Assessment categories. The shortlisted projects and contracts consisted of: the Olympic Park, five motorway, highway and road projects, two train station redevelopments, a flood alleviation scheme, a water treatment works, a runway resurfacing project, infrastructure and regeneration schemes.

The diverse group of projects and contracts chosen were:

- The [M25 Widening J16-23 & J27-30 & Hatfield Tunnel Refurbishment](#) won the project management and land use categories, whilst being highly commended for material use.
- [London South Area Highway Maintenance](#) won the contract management category.
- The [Olympic Park: Parklands and Public Realm project](#) won the landscape category and was highly commended in the water resources and the water environment section.
- [Farringdon Station Redevelopment](#) won the ecology & biodiversity category and was highly commended for the historic environment.
- [Bickershaw South Infrastructure](#) won the flood risk category.
- The [A470 Cwmbach to Newbridge-on-Wye](#) won an Award for their performance on site water management.
- [Blackfriars Bridge and Station Refurbishment](#) won the energy & carbon category.
- [M74 Completion Project](#) won for their performance on material use.
- The [A46 Newark to Widmerpool](#) won the waste management category and was highly commended in the project management section.
- [Project Shackleton – Falkland Islands Runway Resurfacing Project](#) won the transport category and was highly commended for material use.
- [Glencorse Water Treatment Works](#) won the community relations category.

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Highly Commended certificates also went to [A487 Porthmadog Minffordd & Tremadog Bypass](#) (ecology & biodiversity), [White Cart Flood Prevention Scheme](#) (ecology & biodiversity and community relations), [Åkvarteren, Lomma Hamn in Sweden](#) (land use), and the [Olympic Park: Structure, Bridges and Highways](#) (energy & carbon).

Professor Paul Jowitt, (Chairman of the 2013 OAA Judging Panel, a Professor in the School of Built Environment at Herriot-Watt University and former President of the ICE), and Ian Nicholson, (CEEQUAL's Technical Manager), explained the approach taken by the Judges: "The nominations we considered presented some genuinely exceptional work that is being done but we also felt strongly that the Awards should once again be about *Outstanding Achievement* – they are not what might be called 'best in show' Awards. The Judges were therefore looking for not just very good practice but for performance that was genuinely exceptional – what CEEQUAL describes as 'pinnacle best practice'. As a result of this approach, the Judges concluded that there was to be no winner or highly commended nomination in the Effects on Neighbours category. Likewise, there are no winners for the Historic Environment, and the Water Resources and Water Environment sections."

Joining Paul Jowitt on the Judging Panel were other industry leaders: Alistair Reisner (Director of External Affairs, CECA); Terry Fuller (CIWEM Trustee for Technical Affairs, and Director of Operations for Jacobs Engineering); Paul Lincoln (Director of Policy and Communications, Landscape Institute); Jackie Whitelaw (Barrett Byrd Associates and Editor of *Transportation Professional*), Nelson Ogunshakin (Chief Executive of the Association for Consultancy and Engineering) and Andrew Swain of Lafarge-Tarmac (CEEQUAL Director and Chairman of the CEEQUAL Technical Advisory Group).

There were also three firsts for these Awards:

- For the first time, a project that had been assessed to CEEQUAL for Projects International Edition was awarded an OAA – Åkvarteren, Lomma Hamn (Sweden) – was highly commended in the land use category.
- Also for the first time, a maintenance contract that had been assessed using the CEEQUAL for Term Contracts won an Outstanding Achievement Award – TfL's Highway Maintenance won the Contract Management category.
- To honour the years of contribution from Eric Hughes (CEEQUAL Chairman 2006-2013) towards the development and progress of CEEQUAL, a brand new award was created for the 2013 ceremony: [The Eric Hughes Award for Outstanding Contribution to Improving Sustainability in Civil Engineering](#). The award was presented to the London Organising Committee for the 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games and the Olympic Delivery Authority for the Olympic Park, London. The Park has collectively been awarded 17 Excellent rated Whole Project Awards (weighted average of 93.8%) – two of which achieved the highest individual Assessment score of 98.3% – and 8 OAAs in total. [There is a separate Press Release about this Award.]

A full list of the Outstanding Achievement Award winners and Highly Commended projects with further information about each project is available at: www.ceequal.com/OAA_2013_ceremony.html.

The 2013 OAAs were sponsored by Lafarge Tarmac (www.lafargetarmac.com/).

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1. CEEQUAL was originally developed by a team led by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and part-funded by the ICE Research and Development Enabling Fund and the UK Government.
2. Since the Scheme's launch in late 2003, more than 170 final and more than 60 interim CEEQUAL Awards have been made to a very wide range of civil engineering and public realm projects and contracts. Almost all projects and contracts that have received an Award are listed on the CEEQUAL website.
3. CEEQUAL assesses how far beyond minimum legal compliance towards pinnacle best practice the project or contract team has performed. There are four grades to the Awards: Pass, Good, Very Good and Excellent.
4. The Scheme is run through CEEQUAL Ltd, owned by a group of organisations that were actively involved in the development of the Scheme or in using since its launch, including the ICE, the Association for Consultancy and Engineering, the Civil Engineering Contractors' Association and the Chartered Institution of Water and Environment Management.
5. More details at www.ceequal.com

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