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EXCELLENCE IN CONCRETE - UK CONCRETE PERFORMANCE AWARD 2010

To be presented in November 2010

BACKGROUND

For a number of years the Society Awards Judging Panel have been perplexed that whilst exemplary use of concrete has been demonstrated in parts of submitted projects, when taken in the round, the overall use of concrete in the entry did not necessarily merit recognition as a Civil Engineering or Building category winner. The result, arguably, has been to under-recognise the contribution and performance of concrete in certain key critical applications.

For 2007, the Judges presented a Certificate of Excellence for Concrete Performance in the use of steel fibres concrete in a suspended 55000 square foot slab for a major distribution centre. Significant time and cost savings were achieved from the avoidance of conventional fixing with a design that did not require piles to be tied to the slab. In making the special award for 2007, the Judges recommended that a Concrete Performance Award should become a category in its own right, which it has, with great success.

The Award is for concrete in UK structures that were substantially completed in 2009 or in the last three months of 2008. Completion is intended in a structural rather than contractual sense and the Judges will decide, in doubtful cases, whether entries comply with the requirements.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Closing date for receipt of entries to the Awards, is **9 April 2010**.

JUDGING

The Judges will be the President, Past President, President Designate and the Chief Executive of The Concrete Society, the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers and the President of the Institution of Structural Engineers or their nominees. They will take particular note of such factors as:-

1. Functional suitability
2. Properties of concrete exploited in the design
3. Innovative use of concrete in composition, structure or form
4. Workmanship and finish
5. Integration of structure and services
6. Value for money

The Judges require information about the original programme for construction and the programme achieved, and the final cost compared with the original budget.

THE AWARDS

The Winner will receive a specially designed plaque for display on the structure. The principal parties primarily responsible for each project (eg Client, Architect, Engineer, Contractor) will receive a Winner's Certificate. Supplementary Certificates will also be provided to organisations named on the entry form with more limited or specialist involvement (eg materials suppliers, specialist sub-contractors).

Other structures will be selected by the Judges for Certificates of Excellence. Individually prepared Certificates will be issued to the principal parties responsible for each project. Supplementary Certificates will also be provided to organisations, named on the Entry Form, with a more limited or specialist involvement (eg materials suppliers, specialist sub-contractors)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS

Entrants will be notified in writing once the Judges have reached a decision on the awards. Public announcement of the final judging will be in November 2010 and will be the subject of substantial media presentation. The November 2010 issue of CONCRETE magazine will include a detailed report on the Awards, based on the material submitted by entrants. Copies of similar issues from previous years are available on request. The short-listed projects and winners in each category and the overall winner will be announced at the Awards Dinner.

PRESENTATION

The Awards will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner of The Concrete Society at the London Marriott Hotel in Grosvenor Square, London on **12 November 2010** attended by around 450 senior representatives of the construction industry. Presentation of the special plaques and Winners' Certificates will be made to the project nominee, or his representative, by the Guest of Honour.

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DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Entries should comprise the following:

1. A completed Entry Form giving details of the structure and location, the name of the owner and the date of completion (in a structural sense). Details of companies involved in the project should also be completed. **From past experience submitters are advised to ensure company names and contact details are current and correct as these are used for promotion and preparing Certificates of Excellence.**
2. An entry fee of **£415 plus VAT** (non-refundable); cheques should be made payable to: **THE CONCRETE SOCIETY.**
3. Description of projects: A note of not more than 1000 words (typed in single spacing on a separate sheet) consisting of:
 - a) a summary stating the factors which, in the opinion of the entrant, merit consideration of the project for this Award recognising concrete performance and its contribution to the overall project
 - b) a description of the purpose of the project, the approach to its design and the justification for adopting concrete construction.
 - c) a brief statement, if relevant, of any unusual features which may be helpful to the Judges, eg unconventional calculations, particular specification requirements etc.
4. Two copies of a minimum of six unmounted, high quality, colour photographs, 8 x 10 inches, of the structure under construction and when completed, **captioned on the reverse.**

Each photo should be labelled on the back: "A Concrete Society Concrete Performance Award 2010" with the name of the structure. The photos should be loose and not mounted, bound or fixed in any kind of permanent display. High quality photographic prints should be provided. Scanned, digital or printed images are unlikely to be of good enough quality to enable the judges to assess the project fully, or to be used for promotional/publication purposes.

5. A maximum of six drawings (ie site plans, elevations, diagrams) or other photographs sufficient to illustrate the essential features of particular significance relating to the use of concrete. Drawings (preferably reduced to A4) should not exceed approximately A1, folded to A4. Rolled or mounted drawings are not acceptable.
6. If available, video of the structure under construction and completed may be submitted.
7. Written approval of the owner of the project, for it to be submitted for the Award, should be supplied with the entry.

Please note that the calibre of presentation is very important, especially the quality of photographs and drawings, as the Judges depend on these to assess the merit and value of each project, and to select those that they consider to be worthy of a site visit.



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GENERAL CONDITIONS

Entries may be submitted by any of the parties listed on the entry form.

Any or all of the Judges must be allowed access to any project submitted to enable them to inspect it prior to recommending it for an award.

The Judges will have the right to reject any entry for which the documentation does not in the opinion of the Judges comply with the above details.

All materials submitted in connection with entries shall become the property of The Concrete Society.

The Concrete Society reserves the right, without the payment of fees or royalties, to make whatever use it may consider desirable of all material submitted in connection with the entries, including the publication of photographs and names, and to select from the entries at its own discretion material for exhibition or publication, irrespective of the results of the award.

The decision of the Judges shall be binding on all persons. The discretion of the Judges to make or withhold an award or awards is absolute, and there is no minimum or maximum number of awards for any particular year. No form of discussion or correspondence relating to any decisions will be entered into by the Judges.

The Judges may make no awards if suitably outstanding entries are not submitted.

By submitting an entry for this award, the party making the submission hereby warrants to the Judges and to The Concrete Society that it owns the copyright to all of the plans, photographs and other images submitted, or has obtained the copyright owner's consent to the submission, and the potential use of them as outlined in the paragraphs above, and the party making the submission hereby indemnifies The Concrete Society and the Judges against any liability that may arise out of the submission to, or use by, The Concrete Society of any such plans, photographs or other images, howsoever arising.

Other Awards

Specialist sector awards sponsored by industry bodies are often featured at the Society Annual Awards ceremony. Entry for a Society award entitles, where appropriate, automatic entry to these specialist sector competitions and, at the Society's discretion, to international awards competitions.



Entry Form

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NAME of building or structure

LOCATION

TYPE OF STRUCTURE *(please tick)*

Building

Civil Engineering

DATE OF COMPLETION

(Note: The Award is for structures completed in a structural sense between October 2008 and December 2009 and not entered previously).

NAME(s) of persons and/or ORGANISATIONS submitting entry

Contact Name & Organisation:

Telephone No:

Address:

Fax no:

e-mail:

OWNER

Contact Name & Organisation:

Telephone No:

Address:

Fax no:

e-mail:

ARCHITECT (name including partner/principal involved with scheme)

Firm:

Contact Name:

Telephone No:

Address:

Fax no:

e-mail:

CONSULTING ENGINEER (name including partner/principal involved with scheme)

Firm:

Contact Name:

Telephone No:

Address:

Fax no:

e-mail:

OTHER FIRMS (involved in the design)

Firm:

Contact Name:

Telephone No:

Address:

Fax no:

e-mail:

Design aspect for which they were responsible:

CONTRACTOR (including name of director/principal involved in the scheme)

Firm:

Contact Name:

Telephone No:

Address:

Fax no:

e-mail:

SUPPLIERS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS *(please state all firms with substantial involvement in the concrete work and their role; use a separate sheet if necessary.)*

This should include suppliers of materials (eg concrete, cement, reinforcement, admixtures), specialist sub-contractors (eg prestressing, slipforming), consultants (eg service engineers, landscape consultants) etc. The purpose of asking for such detail is to ensure firms involved in winning projects have the opportunity to participate in the Awards and attend the Dinner)

Firm:

Contact Name:

Telephone No:

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DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Please supply on a separate sheet a description of the project details in accordance with 3(a), (b) and (c)

All communications concerning entries for the Award should be addressed to:

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