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NFB launches inaugural annual awards to celebrate construction success

The National Federation of Builders (NFB) has today (Friday 27 January 2012) announced its first annual awards scheme to celebrate the high quality work and commitment delivered by members to improve the built environment.

The awards reflect the dynamic nature of the construction industry and provide a unique opportunity for NFB members to showcase and be recognised for their work.

Commenting on the scheme, NFB Chief Executive, Julia Evans said: "We are delighted to offer NFB members the chance to be recognised for the contributions they make to the UK construction industry.

"Whilst steeped in history, today the NFB is a modern, proactive organisation and our annual awards provide a further reassurance of the quality offered by our members."

Brian Adams, Chief Executive of CSCS, main sponsor for the 2012 scheme said: "As the preeminent competence card scheme for construction, CSCS is proud to be sponsoring the first annual awards to recognise and celebrate the major contribution that NFB members make to the industry."

Culminating in a gala awards luncheon at The Grand Connaught Rooms, London on Thursday 24 May 2012, the following categories will be awarded:

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[New Build of the Year 2011](#) - sponsored by [Design House Media](#)

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Entry closes at 5pm on Friday 30 March 2012 and an expert panel of adjudicators will shortlist entries for announcement on Friday 27 April 2012. Application packs and further information can be found at www.builders.org.uk

Tickets for the gala awards luncheon are available at £50 + per person + VAT or £450 per table of ten + VAT. Tickets can be booked by emailing nfbawards2012@builders.org.uk or by completing a booking form available at www.builders.org.uk

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Notes to Editor:

1. The NFB is one of the UK's longest established trade federations for small to medium-sized (SME) builders, contractors and house builders across England and Wales. It was created 150 years ago to represent the building profession and to help create the conditions for its members to thrive and contribute to the economic success of the UK. Its members range from the sole trader to large, multi-million pound construction companies, with turnover ranging from below £500k to £500m plus. The NFB provides advice, training and business solutions to ensure members stay up to date.
2. The NFB campaigns on the issues that impact the construction industry such as procurement, utilities, sustainability and funding. It represents the industry at government and industry forums and is an active media commentator and policy influencer.
3. Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) was set up to help the construction industry to improve quality and reduce accidents. CSCS cards are increasingly demanded as proof of occupational competence by contractors, public and private clients and others. For further information visit www.cscs.uk.com
4. Award categories:

[Commitment to Health, Safety and Welfare](#) - sponsored by [Construction Industry Publications](#)

This award recognises an innovation that has brought about a significant positive change in the behavioural culture of an organisation towards health, safety and wellbeing. This could include a demonstrable commitment at the top of the company then permeating right across the organisation; a new or improved safety management system that has shown buy-in from workers, or changes in processes which have made staff think about health and safety in new ways. The receipt of awards is desirable but does not preclude the winning of this award as we are looking for evidence of new ideas in practice.

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[Commitment to Environmental / Sustainability](#) - sponsored by [Gamma Business Communications](#)

Recognising an initiative or system that demonstrates clear benefits to the environment, such as reduced carbon footprint, or demonstrable evidence of the successful adoption of sustainable solutions such as energy saving products and methods. This could include the adoption of a network scheme that has made a difference to the attitudes and behaviour of staff and resulted in a boost to the bottom line to the benefit of the environment, or a new partnership that demonstrates tangible evidence of environmental benefit.

[New Build of the Year 2011](#) - sponsored by [Design House Media](#)

Awarded for a project that demonstrates design impact, enhancement of the community, successful collaborative working, energy efficiency or other such benefit to the community and to business. This could include the successful adoption and use of Business Information Modelling (BIM), leading to streamlined approaches and savings to the bottom line; a successful example of collaborative working such as with a consortium; innovation in ways of building relationships with procurers; example of best practice in project management or a visually pioneering design.

[Corporate Social Responsibility Project of the Year 2011](#) - sponsored by [Westfield Health](#)

For any project that benefited the community, from simply raising funds to encouraging the active involvement of the community in special projects.

[Refurbishment of the Year 2011](#) - sponsored by the [British Safety Council](#)

Awarded for the innovation and creativity in improving a building or estate. The winner will be able to demonstrate examples of collaborative working, ambitious make-overs, evidence of the adoption of new trends and working methods to create originality, or economic savings through new ways of working.

[Heritage Project of the Year 2011](#) - sponsored by [Total Merchandise](#)

Awarded for innovation and creativity in improving a heritage building or estate. Examples of collaborative working, ambitious make-overs in keeping with the challenges to maintain tradition, or evidence of the adoption of new trends and working methods to create originality, or initiatives to keep alive the skills and specialist knowledge required for restorative work will bring success in this category.

[Apprentice Scheme of the Year 2011](#) - sponsored by [NFB Training](#)

For commitment and innovation in ways of hiring and keeping apprentices, the winner of this award will be able to evidence job creation or other benefit to the student, and creation of new opportunities for the mutual benefit of employer and student, such as jobs in the community or inspiring partnerships with local learning institutions.

Sheer numbers of apprentices is not a benchmark for this award, rather the innovation, commitment and dedication to furthering the knowledge and skills base and job opportunities of the next generation.



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[Housebuilder of the Year 2011](#) - sponsored by [Show House Magazine](#)

Recognising innovations in housebuilding in a challenging economic climate, from maintaining volume developments to creating innovative ways to attract sales. This could also include those that have diversified into lettings or part sales if they show the benefit to the company and community. It also includes successful low carbon housebuilding and the use of energy efficient materials.