2009 NJUG Awards – Short List Announced!

Hosted by Louise Ellman MP, Chair, House of Commons Transport Select Committee

November 9 – The National Joint Utilities Group has announced the finalists for the 2009 NJUG Awards, which recognises excellence within the street works industry. They were selected by an impartial judging panel from entrants across the UK and the winners will be announced at the NJUG Winter Reception on 1st December 2009 in the House of Commons Terrace Marquee.

This prestigious event will be hosted by Louise Ellman MP, Chair of the House of Commons Transport Select Committee, with a closing speech from Sadiq Khan MP, Minister of State for Transport. For the second year running the reception is kindly being sponsored by Virgin Media, who will also be speaking.

Each award category represents a statement from the NJUG *Vision for Street Works*:

- The NJUG Safety Award – Safety is the number one priority
- The NJUG Avoiding Damage Award – Damage to underground assets is avoided
- The NJUG Partnership Award – Utilities work together and in partnership with local authorities to minimise disruption
- The NJUG Quality Award – Utilities deliver consistent high quality
- The NJUG Sustainability Award – Utilities maximise the use of sustainable methods and materials
- The NJUG World Class Award – Significant achievement towards making street works in the UK world class

NJUG CEO, Les Guest, said: "The submissions represent case studies of best practice in the street works industry, from both NJUG members and non-members. Utilities and contractors need to clearly demonstrate that they are making every possible effort to improve standards of operation in order to minimise disruption. The annual NJUG Awards are aimed at recognising and sharing examples of this, so we can turn these instances of good practice, into ones of common practice."

For more information about the 2009 NJUG Awards, please go to http://www.njug.org.uk/category/5/pageid/79/ or contact NJUG on 020 7340 8737.

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The Short List

Below are the short listed entries for the 2009 NJUG Awards. The winners will be presented with the awards at the NJUG Parliamentary Reception on 1st December 2009

Damage is Avoided Category

- Farrans Construction Limited: *Belfast Streets Ahead Public Realm Project*
- Infotec: *Virtual Trialholes*
- National Grid & AMEC (M1 Corridor Gas Alliance): *3rd Party duct removal and replacement agreement*

Partnership Category

- Bristol Water PLC, and Bath & North East Somerset: *A37 Road Reconstruction Nr Bristol*
- National Grid and Staffordshire County Council: *Partnership and co-operation in Staffordshire*
- National Grid and AMEC: *3rd Party duct removal and replacement agreement*
- Severn Trent Water: *Stourport Investment*
- United Utilities, National Grid, Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions, Gallagher Construction, Cheshire West and Chester Council: *Ellesmere Port Water and Gas Replacement*

Quality Category

- Central Networks Infrastructure Services: *Excellence in Noticing*
- KLG Consulting: *Notice Wheel*
- Laing O'Rourke: *X-plo're web portal*
- Northern Gas Networks: *York City Gas Mains Project*

Sustainability Category

- Laing O'Rourke: *Maximise use of stabilised materials*
- National Grid and Murphy: *Use of sustainable materials / Ecosand*
- Thames Water Utilities Limited: *VMR Recycling and Strategic Waste Action Group*
- Veolia Water Three Valleys in collaboration with SQS Ltd: *Reinstating Sustainably through Partnership*

Safety Category

- Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions: *Our approach to ZERO HARM*
- Carillion Utility Services: *Aim For Target Zero*
- EDF Energy Networks: *Street Works Refresher Training – DVD "On Any Workday"*

World Class Category

- Winner to be announced on the day

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About The National Joint Utility Group (NJUG)

NJUG is the only UK industry association representing utilities on street works issues. Our full members include the Energy Networks Association (representing electricity and gas companies), Water UK (representing water and waste water companies), National Grid, Openreach, and Virgin Media. Our Associate Members are Clancy Docwra, Skanska Utilities, Balfour Beatty, Morrison Utility Services, Morgan Est, NACAP, PJ Keary, First Intervention, Carillion, Enterprise, Laing O'Rourke and Amec. Including members through trade associations, NJUG represents thirty-nine utility companies.

NJUG is the utility arm of the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee representing street works in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales known as HAUC(UK). Please see http://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/ for further information.

NJUG's focus is on promoting best practice, safety, quality and co-ordination of works as well as representing utilities in discussions with Government and other stakeholders on street work issues.

Street works are essential activities carried out by electricity, water, gas and communications utilities to maintain, enhance, extend, renew and repair their networks.

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