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## Olympic Park Enabling Works receive CEEQUAL 'Excellent' Award

The Olympic Park Enabling Works project was presented with two CEEQUAL 'Excellent' Awards at an on-site event on Tuesday 7th September 2010. The CEEQUAL assessment was carried out in two packages, North and South Area, and both teams achieved an exceptionally high score with 94.2% and 94.1% respectively.

Both packages were designed and project-managed by Atkins, with the construction packages divided between BAM Nuttal for the South Area and Morrison Construction for the North Area. In addition to the Whole Project Awards presented to the two project teams, the two contractors received separate Construction-only CEEQUAL Awards, which also both scored above 94%. The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) is carrying out CEEQUAL assessments for all the Olympic Park infrastructure works.

The Award certificates were presented by CEEQUAL Chief Executive Roger Venables, who congratulated the project teams on their exceptional performance, saying "The CEEQUAL team is proud that the ODA chose to use CEEQUAL, and I am particularly pleased to discover that teamwork and technical performance benefits have flowed from carrying out the assessment, and that the design and later the construction management have been influenced by the CEEQUAL question set."

Mike McNicholas from Atkins said about the project: "This was a vast, technically complex project and a fantastic showcase for civil engineering, as well as a brilliant demonstration of collaborative working – the Atkins team alone included engineers, project managers, ecologists, soil scientists and sustainability experts."

ODA Director of Infrastructure and Utilities Simon Wright said: "We are pleased to pick up these awards, which are worthy recognition of a project that laid the foundations for the Olympic Park and the new homes, sporting venues, parklands and new infrastructure that will benefit generations to come. The skyline of east London is being transformed by the new venues we are building, but it was the early Enabling Works programme that came quickly out of the blocks to lay the platform for the huge progress we are now seeing."

For further details about the project and the steps taken that led to its excellent performance in the CEEQUAL assessment, see: [http://www.ceequal.com/awards\\_068.htm](http://www.ceequal.com/awards_068.htm)

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### About CEEQUAL

CEEQUAL is the assessment and awards scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering and public realm projects. It celebrates the achievement of high environmental and social performance and demonstrates the commitment of the civil engineering industry to environmental quality. CEEQUAL is being promoted by the ICE, CIRIA and a group of committed industry organisations such as CECA and ACE.

The scheme rigorously assesses performance across 12 areas of environmental and social concern, rewarding projects on which clients, designers and constructors go beyond the legal and environmental minima to achieve distinctive environmental standards in their work.

Applicants for a CEEQUAL Award report a range of benefits from using CEEQUAL as a driver for improvement and having their project assessed. These include:

- Reputation-building and good PR – including delivery of the applicant's environmental, sustainability and/or corporate social responsibility policies.
- Improvements to projects and best practice – ranging from whole-life costing, waste minimisation, resource efficiency (materials, water, energy), to reducing complaints and environmental incidents.
- Demonstrating commitment to the environmental agenda – to clients, within the team and the organisations involved, and to the industry as a whole.
- Enhanced team spirit – developing a positive “we must score well here” attitude and rewarding teams that have gone the extra mile.

Since the Scheme's launch in 2003, more than eighty CEEQUAL Awards have been made. Projects that have achieved an Award are listed on the CEEQUAL website. Currently about 180 further projects are being assessed and the total value of projects that have been or are being assessed now exceeds £15 billion.

For more information about CEEQUAL please visit [www.ceequal.com](http://www.ceequal.com).

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