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## Exeter Science Park design achieves CEEQUAL 'Excellent'

The Exeter Science Park project infrastructure team has been presented with a CEEQUAL 'Excellent' Client & Outline Design Award at the ICE South West Annual Dinner on 4th June 2010. The prestigious environmental award was presented by Richard Coackley, Vice President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Partners in the Science Park project are Devon County Council, the South West RDA, Exeter City Council, East Devon District Council, The Met Office and the University of Exeter. Devon County Council is leading on the infrastructure development, funded by the South West RDA, with LDA Design responsible for masterplanning, landscape design and urban design. Parsons Brinckerhoff are the engineering & environmental consultants and are also carrying out the CEEQUAL assessment.

The project is being assessed as a Whole Project Award under the CEEQUAL scheme, and achieved an 86% score in the Interim Client & Outline Design stage of the assessment.

Tim Obee, Parsons Brinckerhoff's project manager, commented: "CEEQUAL has provided the structure and focus to guide us towards, and achieve, the exemplar sustainable development envisioned by the project's public sector partners. The unique skills and roles of the collective partnership have led to innovative sustainable solutions for renewable energy, drainage and transport that would not have been possible under more conventional circumstances. Devon County Council made specific reference to CEEQUAL in its brief, as excellence in environmental management is one of its key objectives. We are delighted with this award, which shows that everyone's high expectations have been met."

For more information about the project please see [http://www.ceequal.com/awards\\_067.htm](http://www.ceequal.com/awards_067.htm).

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.

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### About CEEQUAL

CEEQUAL is a scheme operated by and for the UK construction industry to promote improved sustainability in project specification, design and construction and to demonstrate the commitment of the civil engineering industry to environmental quality and social performance.

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 sixty-five 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 is now exceeding £15 billion.

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

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