

CONSULTANCY OF THE YEAR

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This award is open to consultancies such as architects, engineers, surveyors and project managers. Judges were looking for evidence of encouraging collaborative working, strong team integration and recognition of health and safety. Entrants needed to include details of projects throughout 2007, demonstrating how they have played a key role in their success.



Building Health

www.buildinghealth.co.uk

Building Health was set up three years ago to provide specialist occupational health screening for the construction industry, with a particular emphasis on workers in the demolition sector. Staff travel to sites throughout the UK, providing health screening for this often-transient workforce, many of whom work away from home and cannot visit their doctor even if they wanted to. Building Health acts as an advocate for its clients, even taking them to the GP if necessary.

Capita Symonds

www.capitasymonds.co.uk

A new "Power of 10" plan to grow Capita Symonds' revenue by £10m in three years focuses on customer relationships, staff development and financial performance. Leadership and management development, empowering staff to make decisions and building a shared sense of identity all contribute to success. It won two out of the three Building Schools for the Future projects it bid for, as well as all the local government support services contracts it tendered for.

Halcrow Group

www.halcrow.com

A strong performance in 2007 saw Halcrow's turnover and profit rise for the fifth year in succession, as well as securing 50% of its work outside the UK. Its business, with a turnover of £388m last year, has grown across every sector, and its staff numbers increased to 7,600 – 16% up on the previous year. It helped the Channel Tunnel Rail Link finish on time and budget, as well as winning projects such as Crossrail, Highways Agency Area 10 and London Underground work.

White Young Green

www.wyg.com

In its tenth and most successful year, White Young Green saw revenue grow by 32% to £220m and profit grow by 43% to £19.6m, as well as completing six acquisitions. It works on a partnering basis across all projects, successfully shown on the MoD's Project SLAM, and strives to achieve continuous improvement. Health and safety and training are key issues for the business, as is people development, and most of its offices are Investors in People accredited.