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Press Release

LABC Regional Award Winners Prove Quality Work Pays Off

The 2011 LABC South East Regional Building Excellence Awards took place on Friday 10th June at the Copthorn Hotel Effingham Park, Gatwick. A total of 11 awards were given that celebrated the excellence of building quality in a variety of projects from large commercial developments, education and housing projects to domestic refurbishment, along with awards for technical innovation, best partnership and sustainability.

Unlike other industry awards, the LABC Awards recognise the importance of building control in creating a high quality, sustainable built environment in England and Wales. Local authority building control helps to ensure better design and builds by cooperative working between local councils, developers, designers and builders to avoid costly corrections during construction and to make sure projects comply with the highest standards of safety, sustainability and accessibility.

This year's finalists showcased how local authority building control is at the forefront of facilitating high environmental standards in difficult economic circumstances and proving how innovative and sustainable development can also be very cost effective.

The 2011 award winners were:

Best Domestic Project: Wheelwrights. **Architect:** Tim B Cooksey Design Partnership. **Contractor and developer:** TBC Contracts Ltd. **Local Authority:** Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Best Partnership: Hampshire County Council. **Architect:** Property Services, Hampshire County Council. **Local Authority:** Building Control Partnership.

Best Small Housing Development: 110 Bouverie Road, West Folkstone. **Architect:** Guy Hollaway Architects. **Contractor:** Coombs of Canterbury. **Local Authority:** Shepway District Council.

Best Technical Project: Bembridge Lifeboat Station, Isle of Wight. **Architect:** Alan Culshaw Associates Ltd. **Contractor:** BAM Nuttall. **Local Authority:** Isle of Wight Council and the Borough of Poole.

Best Social Housing Development: Adjacent to 12 Moat Park House, Charing. **Architect:** Michael Cook Associates. **Contractor:** Jenner (Contractors) Ltd. **Developer:** English Rural Housing Association. **Local Authority:** Ashford Borough Council.

Best Community Development: Sikh Temple. **Architect and Developer:** Calford Seaden Partnership. **Local Authority:** South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership.

Best Sustainable Development: Sustainable Construction College. **Architect:** Stephen George and Partners. **Contractor:** Winvic Construction Ltd. **Developer:** Prologis. **Local Authority:** Dartford Borough Council.

Best Large Housing Development: The Landmark, Bexhill. **Architect:** Cardy Construction. **Developer:** Waydale Estates. **Local Authority:** Rother District Council.

Best Small Commercial Development: 7 Hotel Diner, Polhill, Halstead, Kent. **Architect:** Andrew Barrett. **Contractor and Developer:** Paye Homes LLP. **Local Authority:** Sevenoaks District Council.

Best Large Commercial Development: Lemo UK Headquarters, Worthing. **Architect:** Haskoll. **Contractor:** Denne Construction Ltd. **Developer:** Lemo UK. **Local Authority:** Adur District and Worthing Borough Council. **Engineer:** Hemsley Orrell Partnership.

Best Education Development: Surrey Sports Park. **Architect:** Hadfield Cawkwell Davidson Ltd. **Contractor:** Willmott Dixon Ltd. **Other:** SKM Anthony Hunts. **Local Authority:** Guildford Borough Council.

LABC Chief Executive Paul Overall said, "The standard of entries was once again extremely high showing the excellent work that is being carried out in the South East region. All the finalists deserve recognition for their great work in helping to improve building standards, boost sustainability and efficiency and show that despite a difficult economic backdrop, standards do not have to slip. Our congratulations go to the finalists – and especially the winners – all of whom have helped to show the importance of local authority building

control. All the regional winners will now be nominated for the LABC National Awards which take place on Tuesday 1 November 2001 at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4SD.

Nearly 300 construction professionals attended the dinner and Wendy Hurrell from the BBC presented the 11 winners with their trophies. Money was also raised for LABC President Mick Henman's charity– the British Heart Foundation. The event was sponsored by LABC Warranty, Exova Warringtonfire, Roger Bullivant and Warrington Certification.

The complete list of winners, finalists and project descriptions can be found at <http://www.labcawards.org/Home.htm>. For more information about the LABC National Awards please visit the LABC Awards website at www.labcbuildingexcellenceawards.uk.com.

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Further Information

LABC South East comprises all the Local Authority Building Control teams in Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex and Kent who are members of LABC.

LABC is the member organisation representing all local authority building control departments in England and Wales. Its membership includes 3,800 professional surveyors and support technicians and has a 70% market share of building control in these sectors: domestic conversions and improvements; new homes and apartments; commercial offices, workshops, industrial and warehouses; education; healthcare; care homes; retail; leisure and entertainment; and stadiums.

LABC promotes the design and construction of buildings that are safe, accessible and environmentally efficient to comply with the Building Regulations. LABC builds awareness of local authority building control amongst the public, developers, designers and contractors. It also works with trade organisations, manufacturers, distributors, research establishments, test houses and professional institutions to support innovation in building.

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