

PRESS RELEASE

Horizon Construction achieves RoSPA Award for health and safety standards

The team at Horizon Construction, with its head office in Colchester, have achieved an internationally-recognised award for demonstrating high health and safety standards. Organisations receiving a prestigious RoSPA (“The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents”) Award are recognised as being world-leaders in health and safety practice.

Horizon Construction was amongst nearly 2,000 entrants this year, representing over 7 million employees, to be assessed for an accolade in the UK’s longest-running H&S industry awards scheme. Open to organisations around the world, the recognition by the accreditation of an Award demonstrates that standards ensure the safety of staff whilst at work, so they return safely to their families at the end of a working day. Horizon Construction received a RoSPA “Silver” Health and Safety Award.

All organisations which are accredited with an Award are committed to benchmarking their performance and development on an annual basis. This includes programmes to achieve continuous improvements in practices and higher levels of Award.

Phil Holding, Managing Director at Horizon Construction, said: “At this time of extreme challenges for individuals and businesses in dealing with the impact of a virus pandemic, the celebration of this accolade is somewhat muted. However, we cannot express enough how proud we are to have achieved this Award; perhaps even more so and relevant at this time. Horizon Construction is defined by its exceptional people and we place their health and safety and well-being at the centre of our business model and in everything we do. We know this positively impacts the quality of services we go on to provide to our clients. Achieving the Award has not gone without a lot of hard work by our team.”

Mr Holding continues: “We are delighted to be part of a vibrant awards community, where we will be actively involved in promoting best practice. We also look forward to delivering our commitment to the awards scheme to further raise health and safety standards.”

For more information about Horizon Construction visit <https://hcggroup.uk> and for RoSPA visit <https://rospa.com>.

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Notes for editor

- Media pack for press use only: <https://hcggroup.uk/downloads/20200331-press-pack>
- Julia Small, RoSPA's head of qualifications, awards and events, said: "The RoSPA Awards scheme is the longest-running of its kind in the UK, but it receives entries from organisations around the world, making it one of the most sought-after global accolades in health and safety."

"RoSPA wants every employee, wherever they are, to work safe in the knowledge that they will be going home unharmed and healthy at the end of every day. The RoSPA Award winners are vital to help achieve this goal, as by entering they are driving up standards and setting new benchmarks for organisations everywhere. Currently, around 7million people are directly impacted by the RoSPA Awards, but the scheme's influence is even wider."

- The majority of awards are non-competitive and mark achievement at merit, bronze, silver and gold levels. Gold medals, president's awards, orders of distinction and the Patron's Award are presented to organisations sustaining the high standards of the gold level over consecutive years.
- There are specialist awards for health at work, environmental management, safety delivered outside of the workplace, and fleet safety, and excellence trophies for the best international organisation, new entry, workforce involvement, leisure organisation, and organisation operating or based in Scotland. RoSPA's top accolade is the Sir George Earle Trophy.
- Headline sponsor of the RoSPA Awards 2020 is NEBOSH – the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health – for the 15th consecutive year.

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