

Balfour Beatty WorkPlace as Finalists in the PFM Awards 2008



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Balfour Beatty WorkPlace (BBW) has been nominated as finalists in two categories, both the "Partners in Sustainability" and "FMA Young Manager of the Year" at the PFM awards 2008.

FMA Young Manager of the Year Finalist – George Weekes

This award, presented by the Facilities Management Association, recognises the potential, commitment and knowledge of facilities managers early in their careers.

George Weekes is a Customer Service Manager for Balfour Beatty WorkPlace on the Metropolitan Police Contract in central London worth in excess of £25 million a year. George looks after the largest of 8 areas on the contract, managing a team of 12 engineers and 12 post room staff looking after some 20 plus sites.

Partners in Sustainability Finalist – The City of Stoke on Trent

Sustainability is now a top priority for most organisations and Balfour Beatty WorkPlace has demonstrated what can be achieved in the education sector.

The Stoke Schools PFI project involved a major refurbishment programme for over 100 schools in Stoke on Trent that in part would reduce both energy and water consumption. BBWP, were set a target to reduce the energy consumption of the school estate by 5 per cent from the 2003 base level, following completion of the majority of the refurbishment programme.

The initial focus was on lowering costs and improving energy management followed by investment in energy saving equipment. In support of a sustainability initiative, the schools were encouraged to become involved in the Eco schools programme that focuses on nine sustainability themes – biodiversity, energy, global perspectives, healthy living litter, school grounds, transport, waste minimisation and water. BBWP, Transform Stoke Schools and Stoke City Council also established an "I love my environment" initiative to raise awareness of the ways in which schools can be Eco friendly.

This encouraged all school users to participate in energy management and raise awareness of climate change issues. The gas consumption for the year 2007 has been reduced by 15,132,512 kWh from the 2003 base level – an actual saving of 25.7 per cent and £384,642 at today's costs.