

CARBON move out of neutral to pull ahead and win TeamBuild 2013

A team of young professionals from AStudio Architects, AECOM, Ramboll UK, and Resolute Asset Management, solved a real-life construction challenge to scoop a £1,500 top prize!



TeamBuild 2013 challenged teams to plan, design and deliver a student accommodation development at the exciting Holyrood site in Edinburgh. The real masterplan from Balfour Beatty and the University of Edinburgh was used as the basis for a weekend of quick-fire challenges on an exemplar BIM-led residential scheme. This fascinating project provided the background for a series of taxing scenarios at all stages of the construction process, watched and scored by eminent Judges from all fields across the construction industry. Seven teams, representing twenty six top construction companies, made it through to the hotly-contested finals, and impressed throughout with their professionalism and dedication.

The winning team, awarded a cash prize of £1,500 by the Worshipful Company of Constructors, were CARBON, a group from AStudio Architects, AECOM, Ramboll UK, and Resolute Asset Management. The prize was awarded by the Master, Alan Longhurst (RIBA). CARBON impressed the judges with their consistent teamwork, professional presentations, and innovative approaches to collaboration.

Team members were Jago Boase (ICE), Shahadat Hossain (CIBSE, IET), Fabrizio Matillana (ARB), and Omar Raza (RICS).

The Winners of the Judges Prize of £1,250, awarded for the team which showed the greatest improvement over the weekend, were Team Tekton, a mixed team from Costain, Expedition Engineering, Office MMX and Useful Simple Projects, including members from the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE), and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

The Procurement Strategy Prize of £1,250, awarded by the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects, was awarded by Master Jaki Howes to SENSE, a team from C2HMHILL and Fereday Pollard, which included members of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

The objectives of TeamBuild focus on developing skills in leadership, communication and coordination beyond the sum of the of the individual's skill. The competition helps identify the way teams must work together in the construction industry by challenging them with scenarios common to construction projects across the UK.

This year TeamBuild was delighted to welcome Peter Hansford, the Government Chief Construction Advisor, who praised the way the competition integrated BIM and encouraged teams to learn and develop in ways which align with the aims and values of Governments' Industrial Strategy for Construction.

The overall standard of the event was extremely high, and all of our seven finalist teams should be congratulated on an immense achievement. Further details of each of the finalist teams is published on our website. A special thank you to Balfour Beatty and the University of Edinburgh, who were our site sponsors this year.

TeamBuild is an annual competition held in November of each year. Entries for the 2014 competition will open in June.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

TeamBuild aims to promote understanding and co-operation between young professionals in the construction industry and counts as 4 days CPD as well as helping competitors fulfil several of the core objectives required for chartered membership of many institutions.

Now in its 23rd year, the competition continues to attract the brightest young professionals from some of the best construction practices around the UK and Ireland. It is an exhilarating, fast-paced, challenging and exhaustive test of skills, leadership and collaboration.

Teams produce a short prequalification document in September, from which only seven teams qualified to join the finals weekend held at Lane End, a conference venue in Buckinghamshire. The seven finalist teams were made up of up to six individuals from varying disciplines, including architecture, structural engineering, environmental engineering, project management, interior and urban design, and surveying.

During the day, in a simulation of the design and construction process for the development of a real site, competitors hardly have time to gather their thoughts before presenting their team's work to pre-eminent judges who represent industry institutions including CIBSE, CIOB, ICE, and the IStructE Educational Trust. The teams have to role-play and respond to challenging questions that would rattle the most experienced of presenters.

Notes to Editors

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Background information

The idea for the competition arose within the Institution of Civil Engineers around 1990, as a result of poor communication between construction professions aiming to deliver projects for clients.

- It is a communication, management and team-working competition, with the focus on project delivery, and not exclusively on a design solution.
- It was originally known as the Build-a-Building Competition, and has been held annually since 1992.
- For more information or photographs contact Alex MacLaren or Richard Hart

Photographs

Professional photographs, which can be used for publication, will be uploaded here from 0000hrs Tuesday 19th November.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/55330576@N02/>

High-Resolution versions of images are available on request.

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Peter Hansford, Gov't Chief Construction Advisor

I congratulate Teambuild for offering unique and valuable training for young people in construction. Our Government Vision for 2025 headlines five points: People, Smart Processes, Sustainable Construction, Growth (including a strong supply chain) and Leadership. I have seen them all here this weekend. I have been delighted to witness all the competitors working together in strong collaboration, grow in their presentation skills, and impress with their knowledge of BIM and new technologies. This is a great event. Congratulations to all who took part.

Audrey Gilmour, Design Manager at Balfour Beatty Construction

Teambuild provides a fantastic opportunity to develop and build collaborative relationships for a diverse range of young construction professionals. It has been inspirational to watch the relationships and personalities develop during the weekend as individuals come together to form cohesive and dynamic teams. We would encourage all young construction professionals to consider participating as an essential element of their continuing professional development.

Richard Rooley, Chairman of the Competition

This was the closest competition we have had for years, and the standard was exceptionally high. Of particular note was the friendship and collaboration within teams and also between competitors. The future of our industry is in good hands.