

PRESS RELEASE

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Design Quality Indicator is Innovation Award finalist

The Design Quality Indicator (DQI) has been selected as a finalist for the Innovation Award in the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM), Investor in FM Excellence International Awards Programme 2004.

The DQI is a toolkit used throughout the construction process, from the inception of a building, through its design, construction and in-use phases, to capture the opinions of all stakeholders about the design of their building.

At news of the nomination David Walker, the Chairman of the DQI Management Board said

"We are delighted that the CIC DQI entry has been selected as a finalist for the innovation award. The DQI is an important building evaluation tool that helps to highlight issues that will be pertinent over the life of a building. It can also provide feedback on building performance that can help in raising the quality of building design in the future."

The Construction Industry Council has led the development of the DQI since the idea of measuring design was first mooted in late 1999.

Case studies have shown that using the DQI as a post occupancy tool can help inform facilities managers about problems which users may be having with their building to inform development decisions.

The DQI is currently being used on 348 projects.

The winner of the BIFM Investors in FM Excellence International Awards Programme 2004 Award will be announced on 11 October 2004.

For further details on the DQI visit www.dqi.org.uk or contact William Hawkins on 020 7399 7414 email whawkins@cic.org.uk

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Notes to the editor

1. The development of the DQI has been led by the Construction Industry Council with sponsorship from the Department for Trade and Industry, the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, Constructing Excellence and the Strategic Forum for Construction and with support from OGC. The DQI has been developed into an easy to use web tool for everyone involved in the procurement and use of buildings.
2. CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.