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## **Value of projects assessed under CEEQUAL is approaching £6bn**

*CEEQUAL – the awards scheme set up in 2003 to promote environmental and sustainability excellence in civil engineering – has received a record number of applications this year, with a construction value of more than £6bn.*

The total construction value of projects applying for verified assessments under CEEQUAL has risen from just over £3bn in September 2007 to almost £6bn at the end of September 2008 – an increase of nearly 100 per cent.

Roger Venables, CEEQUAL's Chief Executive, says: "This year has seen the fastest growth so far – a clear sign of the increased significance the construction industry, and society as a whole, now places on sustainability and environmental performance. We are extremely pleased with this progress."

Organisations and projects that have registered for CEEQUAL assessments over recent months include the Highways Agency, Network Rail, Transport Wales, Yorkshire Water, the NI Environment Agency and Translink Northern Ireland, Transport Scotland, Yorkshire Water, the ODA, Atkins, Jacobs, RPS, White Young Green, Arup, Costain, Taylor Woodrow, Carillion, Morrison, Dean & Dyball, Balfour Beatty – indeed 39 clients, 33 design firms and 29 contractors are involved in this year's projects alone.

To find out more about CEEQUAL – and about the projects that have received Awards – visit [www.ceequal.com](http://www.ceequal.com) or contact CEEQUAL at Crane Environmental, 12 Cranes Drive, Surbiton, Surrey KT5 8AL, Tel: 020 8399 4389, email: [support@ceequal.com](mailto:support@ceequal.com).

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# CEEQUAL

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## About CEEQUAL

CEEQUAL is the assessment and awards scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering. It celebrates the achievement of high environmental and social performance in civil engineering and public realm projects. CEEQUAL Awards are achievement awards, rather than the result of a competition, and can be applied for at any time.

### CEEQUAL:

- promotes improved sustainability in project specification design and construction
- demonstrates the commitment of the civil engineering industry to environmental quality and social performance
- assesses performance across 12 areas of environmental and social concern
- provides a checklist of appropriate action for project teams to use as their project is developed and constructed.

## How does an assessment work?

CEEQUAL is a self-assessment process, carried out by a trained CEEQUAL Assessor. The assessment result is then independently verified by a CEEQUAL-appointed Verifier.

It is recommended that a decision to apply for a CEEQUAL assessment is taken early in the project so that a CEEQUAL file of evidence can be compiled as the project progresses. It is also possible to have an Interim Verification and Award after some or all of the design has been completed.

The Assessor is sent a copy of the CEEQUAL Manual and a spreadsheet scoring table. The spreadsheet is used to record the scores for each question relevant to the project and to record details of the necessary evidence.

Following completion of the assessment, Award certificates are presented to all project partners at suitable industry events.

## Awards achieved

Up to July 2008, forty CEEQUAL Awards have been made, including ten Interim Awards. Details of projects that have achieved an Award – and the organisations involved – can be viewed on the Awards pages of the CEEQUAL website, [www.ceequal.com](http://www.ceequal.com).

Currently 115 further projects are being assessed and the total value of projects for which CEEQUAL applications have been made is now approaching £6 billion.