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CEEQUAL is launching new Scheme Manual at CIVILS 2008

CEEQUAL, the assessment and awards scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering, will be launching Version 4 of its Scheme Manual for Projects at CIVILS 2008.

This is the first major upgrade of the Manual since the formal launch of Version 3 in 2003, with revisions having been made to the questions, scores and section weightings. The most significant changes are new questions on carbon, a thoroughly revised 'Historic environment' section, and improvements to the sections on 'Effects on neighbours' and 'Relations with the local community and other stakeholders'.

The new Manual reflects changes in practice and legislation since Version 3 was developed, resulting in an updated and more comprehensive set of assessment questions while the overall methodology remains the same. In addition to being used for CEEQUAL Assessments, the questions in the Manual provide project teams with an important checklist and influencer to enhance their project's environmental and social performance.

Copies of the new Manual can be ordered at the CEEQUAL stand at CIVILS 2008, stand E116, right next to the Civil Engineering Forum.

CEEQUAL Chief Executive Roger Venables says: "Version 4 is the result of a collaborative industry effort, prepared using CEEQUAL's Technical Advisory group of Assessors, Verifiers and client representatives, as was the launch version of the CEEQUAL Manual. Twenty-five organisations, representing a wide range of expertise in the different subjects the Manual covers, have been involved in reviewing and revising the questions and scores. The weighting of the different sections has also been revisited through an industry-wide consultation exercise."

Those unfamiliar with CEEQUAL will have the opportunity to attend a free seminar providing an introduction to CEEQUAL and the new Version 4 on Tuesday 18 November at 11.45am, in the Blue Lecture Theatre at CIVILS 2008. Advance booking of the seminar is recommended. Please contact Melanie Manton of the CEEQUAL Scheme Management Team at melanie.manton@ceequal.com.

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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 November 2008, forty-three CEEQUAL Awards have been made, including eleven 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.

Currently 131 further projects are being assessed and the total value of projects for which CEEQUAL applications have been made is now approaching £6 billion.