

## Press Release

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### **ROCHDALE CONTRACTOR WINS UK'S BEST EMPLOYER IN CONSTRUCTION**

For the second year running, Richardson Projects has scooped the leading prize at the Best Employer in Construction Awards 2007, held at an auspicious ceremony at Lords Cricket Ground in London.

The regional building contractor and regeneration developer was amongst hundreds of other companies who entered the national awards which were organised by Contract Journal, in the hope of achieving this prestigious prize which is highly sought after within the construction industry.

Richardson Projects were short listed to 4 contractors within the Building Contractor category (101 – 200 staff) following the submission of questionnaires which staff were asked to complete anonymously. Winners were selected solely on the feedback given by the staff in the 30 question survey.

One of the employee's responses read: *"The Company invests both time and money into training it's staff. Everyone works together and recognises the same goals. The company is like one big family and I enjoy coming to work!"*

In fact, the Company's commitment to investing in their employees through training and development is reinforced through close links with local colleges and training centres such as Oldham College, CITB and Construction Safety Services. We recruit 8 apprentices and trainees per year through links with local colleges who are encouraged to complete HND and Degree courses to help fulfil the skill shortage within the industry. Many of our staff are also recruited from the local areas in which the company operates.

The company also have an active social club which is managed by Pat Richardson our Company Secretary who is keen to ensure that all staff experience a work-life balance. Organised employee social events alongside above average company benefits ensure high staff retention levels, enhance productivity and positively affect company profitability.



Alan Richardson, Managing Director who accepted the award said:

*"I am absolutely delighted to win this high profile award for the second year running and second time of entering! I am really pleased that our staff consider our company to be a great place to work and that they appreciate the efforts we take to create an enjoyable working environment. In recognition of winning this award and as a thank you to the high numbers of employees who responded to the questionnaires, we have awarded an extra day's leave to staff during 2007."*

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**Additional Information**

Richardson Projects has extensive experience in construction, property development and urban regeneration spanning over two decades. Their strong portfolio encompasses a variety of clients across their Yorkshire and North West territories which is testament to their ability to complete projects on time, within budget and to the highest specifications.

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