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**AEA supports UK's longest running environmental business awards**

AEA emphasised its role as a driving force behind the environmental excellence of UK businesses last week as a main sponsor of the Business Commitment to the Environment (BCE) Environmental Leadership Awards.

The 2009 BCE Awards ceremony, which took place on 1 July at the Lincoln Centre in London, was opened by AEA Director, Tim Curtis and Richard Lambert, Director-General of CBI. This is the sixth consecutive year that AEA has sponsored the BCE Awards. A representative from AEA is also a member of the panel of assessors, which uses demanding criteria to judge the entries.

The BCE Awards scheme is one of the most prestigious environmental award schemes in the UK. Regarded as a top accolade by customers, businesses and regulators, the awards provide businesses with the opportunity to demonstrate environmental responsibility, innovation and leadership. This year's winner of the top award, the Sir Peter Parker Award, was Bovis Lend Lease. Other winners included Pfizer, Sainsbury's, Toyota Manufacturing UK and River Dart Country Park.

Commenting on the BCE Awards, Robert Bell, Chief Technical Director, AEA said: "The BCE Awards enable AEA to demonstrate our commitment to promoting environmental excellence in business. Never, in the award's 35 year history has business faced such economic adversity. It is therefore more important than ever to highlight the achievements of those business leaders who are demonstrating that excellent environmental performance is also excellent for bottom line performance."

The BCE Award scheme is open to all UK businesses that pay corporation tax and is free to enter. Entries for the 2010 Awards must be submitted by the 5 October 2009. AEA will once again sponsor the awards, and urges environmentally aware businesses to enter and achieve peer and public recognition for their achievements.

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