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Atkins' renewable energy work in Ireland scoops major industry award

Atkins has won the Renewable Energy Award at this year's CMG Building and Design Awards in Dublin. The award commends Atkins' contribution, innovation and excellence within the industry, recognising its achievements in the application of renewable energy solutions in Ireland including such projects as Ballybofey Leisure Centre and Kill Hill Wind Farm. The company was said to have demonstrated extreme capability and leadership in renewable energy innovation and sustainability.

Bernadette O'Connell, Atkins' technical director, accepted the award at the prestigious awards ceremony at the Four Seasons Hotel in Dublin. She said: *"Atkins is in business to succeed and winning prestigious awards is evidence we are getting it right. This award is a credit to all our multidisciplinary teams in the Dublin, Cork and Galway offices who are dedicated to delivering outstanding projects and first-rate consultancy services. During the past 12 months Atkins has continued to show leadership in enabling renewable energy projects in the region through various projects including our windfarm work."*

Atkins' work on the Kill Hill Wind Farm in Co. Tipperary was among the projects recognised. The multidisciplinary team was commissioned to undertake a 2 phase Environmental Impact Assessment for the 70MW wind farm. The team provided surveys and reports including noise modelling, water quality, air quality, cultural heritage, visual impacts and detailed photomontage, shadow flicker and flora and fauna, working closely with the client to ultimately achieve planning permission for phase 1 of the development. Phase 2 of the development is on going. The wind farm will provide electricity supply for up to 30,000 homes.

The consultancy was also commended for its work providing a low energy design solution for the Ballybofey / Stranorlar leisure centre in Co. Donegal. Atkins designed the building with particular emphasis on maximising natural ventilation and daylight to provide optimum building insulation levels and energy efficient plant. The team integrated numerous renewable energy options for the design of the building, including combined heat and power, solar water heating, geothermal heat pumps and biomass boilers, ensuring an holistic and sustainable approach to the project.

Tom O'Malley, managing director of Atkins in Ireland, said: *"It is a tremendous honour to be recognised by our industry in this way. Our success is a team effort thanks to the commitment, technical expertise and deep market knowledge of our people. We have demonstrated resilience to extremely difficult market conditions over the last year and have maintained our full multidisciplinary capability. Our performance demonstrates our ability to respond quickly to a changing marketplace and to flex our resources."*

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Recent projects include:

- Major infrastructure works, such as the design and programme management of the civil works for the Dubai Metro red and green lines in the UAE;
- Critical programme management of storm protection works in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Southern Louisiana, USA, providing expertise in coastal restoration, engineering, environmental and GIS support to rebuild defences and protect habitats;
- High profile transport planning and urban design – our innovative scheme to deliver a diagonal crossing at Oxford Circus in London, UK, has helped tackle the problem of pedestrian crowding;
- Key rail projects – providing architectural and engineering design services on Crossrail, Europe's biggest civil engineering project in London, UK, and designing stations, tunnelling and track systems for Gautrain, South Africa's first high speed line;
- Vital water and environmental projects – as part of a joint venture, Atkins is providing technical assistance to the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Reform Programme in Nigeria, which will benefit up to three million people;
- Multidisciplinary building design – Northwood Primary School in Darlington, UK, is an exemplar project which raises standards for environmental design and community engagement.

Atkins was named Consultancy of the Year in the CIBSE Low Carbon Performance Awards 2010; received the first ever certification of the Carbon Trust Standard awarded to an engineering consultancy in the construction sector; and was named among *The Times* Top 50 Companies Where Women Want to Work 2009 and *The Times* Top 100 Graduate Employers 2010. Atkins was also construction and civil engineering sector winner for the fifth consecutive year in the Target National Graduate Recruitment Awards 2010 and was awarded a RoSPA Gold Award 2010 for excellence in control of health and safety in the workplace.

Atkins is the official engineering design services provider for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.