

Schneider Electric achieves “Excellence” at the 2010 Property Council NZ Awards.

The Property Council NZ awards ceremony was held on Friday, 18th June at the Langham Hotel, with 750 guests attending celebrating outstanding commercial property projects developed throughout New Zealand. Schneider Electric won the Excellence award for the Industrial Property Award category.

Submissions for the awards are open to both members and non-members of Property Council New Zealand. Each entry goes through a thorough 12 week evaluation process, in which ten judges review each submission, short list nominations and conduct site visits, including in depth interviews with the building developers, design consultants and occupiers.

Entries need to show innovation in architectural or engineering design, the efficiency of structure and construction materials and quality of external and internal design finishes. Economic and financial data are also judged on the return on investment, operation and maintenance factors, the degree of difficulty, environmentally sustainable features and urban design principals. Operational factors include air conditioning systems and the quality of building services such as lighting, lifts, security and fire protection. The ability to cope with changes in technology and a positive contribution to the build environment are all considered.



Schneider Electric's New Zealand head quarters, completed in August 2009 was designed and built from the outset to be an Industry showcase of sustainable best practice. The project developer Goodman chose to prepare and submit the Schneider Electric building for the industrial award category, for which the development won the highest honour for an excellence award. Excellence awards go to specific properties that in the judges' opinions, best meet the judging criteria. These excellence awards are not always made in every category and are limited to one per category.

John Dunn, chief judge and Principal of John Dunn Property Consultancy Ltd puts the win down to a few particular areas. “The Schneider Electric building showcases an impressive range of leading edge features in sustainability and energy efficiency. It is a building that offers a high level of user satisfaction and performed highly over all six judging categories”, says Mr Dunn.



“We are very proud and would like to thank Goodman Developers, Macrennie Construction, RDT Pacific project management, Eclipse Architecture, ECS Electrical Consulting and TS Bishops Electrical contractors, who in partnership with Schneider Electric were able to deliver an industry benchmark. Following our building opening in February, we have showcased the facility already to over 800 industry and property executives who by completing our energy management and energy efficiency building tour, appreciate environmental considerations and improved financial performance do go hand in hand. These best practices do not need to be expensive, and significant savings can be realised even in low cost projects”, Schneider Electric NZ Country President David Gardner.

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