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## Design Quality Indicator Wins Tools of the Trade Award 2007

Design Quality Indicator (DQI) was announced a Tools of the Trade Awards Winner 2007.

The Awards, launched in 2006 by The British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA) and South East Excellence, showcase the best toolkits available for practitioners working to create sustainable communities in the South East.

DQI was rated as one of the best toolkits in terms of content, accessibility and practicality.

Currently being used on over 800 projects, DQI is a pioneering toolkit used through the construction process for evaluating design quality of businesses.

Upon hearing of the award Giles Oliver Chairman of the DQI Management Board said: "We are delighted at this recognition for the terrific value that the DQI brings to client, design team and users. In both public and private sectors the DQI is helping set a new level of understanding and commitment to quality at all stages of projects. From the Welsh Assembly to the smallest primary school, the DQI is proving its worth for the hundreds of projects who have pioneered its use in practice. This is a vote of confidence in the champions, facilitators and stakeholders who have committed themselves to raising design quality across all procurement routes"

For further details on DQI visit [www.dqi.org.uk](http://www.dqi.org.uk) or contact William Hawkins on 020 7399 7414 email [whawkins@cic.org.uk](mailto:whawkins@cic.org.uk)

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## Notes to the editor

1. CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.
2. BURA, the British Urban Regeneration Association was formed in 1990 to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, experience and information for the emerging regeneration sector. BURA has become the leading independent organization for those involved in regeneration. Its unique strength is derived from its wide range of members who represent the private, public and community sectors, and this distinguishes it from all other sectoral interest groups. BURA identifies and promotes best practice in regeneration and advocates an integrated approach to the social, economic and environmental issues involved. For further information visit [www.bura.org.uk](http://www.bura.org.uk)
3. South East Excellence is a Centre of Excellence formed in response to a call from the Government for all Regional Development Agencies to establish such Centres. South East Excellence is supporting the development of the wide-ranging skills needed to build sustainable communities across the region, championing design quality through the South East Design Champions Club, the first of its kind nationally, and via the South East Regional Design Panel, which looks at design quality in significant development projects. For further information on the Centre, visit [www.southeastexcellence.co.uk](http://www.southeastexcellence.co.uk)

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