

AMEC Scoops National Training Award

We are delighted to report that AMEC Power and Process UK won the UK Skills National Training Award in recognition of the exceptional achievement in the training and development of our Overhead Linesmen in the safety critical power transmission market.

Since the Training and Development Centre was opened in 2005 21 trainees have gained NVQ 3, 36 trainees have achieved NVQ 2 and a further 22 are currently progressing NVQ 2. Many more linesmen will be needed to provide sustainable resource levels to deliver current and future project commitments. The training programmes have been developed in close consultation with our key customers National Grid, Scottish Power and Scottish and Southern Energy.

The National Training Awards are managed by UK Skills which is an independent organisation which champions skills and learning for work through competitions, awards and events. The organisation was established in 1990 with the primary purpose of raising skill levels in the UK through skills competitions and managing the UK team which competes in the World Skills Competition.

The National Training Awards are the UK's number one accolade for businesses, organisations and individuals who have achieved

lasting excellence and success through training and learning. Effective training enables individuals to achieve their potential, organisations to achieve their aims and objectives, and the UK workforce to compete in global markets. The Award's aim is to recognise and celebrate the people and the organisations who create success through training and personal development. Winning the award is recognition not only good people development, but also the outstanding results gained by putting what has been learned into practice.

The National Training Awards have 3 levels of achievement recognised. Highly commended signifies showing potential, the regional award is in recognition of outstanding achievement, and the prestigious National Award in recognition of exceptional achievement.

AMEC won the highest honour by being selected for a National Training Award which was presented at the Gala Dinner in London on 13 December 2007.

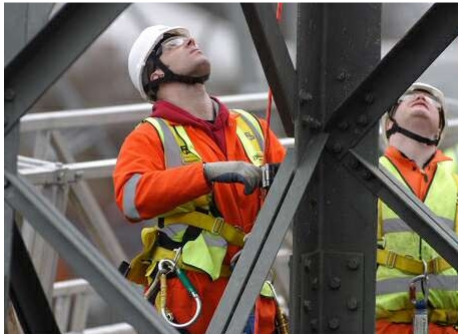
This award recognises the vision, determination and skill of AMEC's Overhead Linesmen Training and Development Centre in developing a best in class training and development process, a team which AMEC is very proud of.

Spotlight on the BBC

An exciting half-hour documentary featuring AMEC's vital work in the UK power transmission industry was shot on location at AMEC's Training and Development Centre

in Darlington and was broadcast on BBC1 on 13 August at 7:30 pm.

The programme was entitled "Real Men - On High" and follows the training, challenges and ultimate success of a dedicated group of our Overhead Linesmen, who continue doing a superb job in helping to renew and maintain the national grid.



Above: AMEC linesmen

The programme portrays the power transmission industry in a very positive light. AMEC's role in renewing energy assets of strategic national interest in a safety-conscious and professional way was a theme throughout the programme.

This was an excellent opportunity for AMEC to showcase work opportunities where skills are in severe shortage.