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RIDBA Launches New Awards Event for 2017

The Rural and Industrial Design and Building Association (RIDBA) has launched the RIDBA Building Awards 2017. Formerly known as the Farming and Agricultural Buildings Awards (FAB Awards), the new and improved Awards will remain the highlight of the industry calendar, comprising of new award categories and recognising innovation and excellence in the industrial and agricultural building industry.

Entries are now open for four award categories covering the full spectrum of the industries that RIDBA represents:

- **Rural** – Cattle, Equestrian, Captive (zoo) and Domestic
- **Industrial** – Light, Medium or Large
- **Other** – Retail, Manufacturing, Leisure, Education and MOD
- **Training** – Schemes and Projects or Managers and Apprentices

Entries close on 25 November and the winners will be selected by a panel of independent industry experts who will be looking for high quality workmanship, technical complexity and environmental qualities amongst additional criteria. The new RIDBA Training Award will recognise the commitment of RIDBA members to investing in a qualified and skilled workforce. Our confirmed judges so far are: David Collier (David Collier Rural Planning); Martin Heywood (RIDBA Technical Consultant); Graham Willmott (Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Roofwork (ACR)) and Sarah Garry (Skills Policy Manager, Build UK).

The winners will be announced by 'Countryfile' presenter Ellie Harrison in front of over 100 industry guests at an Awards Dinner taking place at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Cardiff in March 2017. From securing a competitive edge to being recognised for outstanding work there are a huge number of reasons to enter the Awards. Award winners are also highlighted in RIDBA promotional materials and wider industry publications so the Awards are an excellent opportunity for RIDBA members to raise their company profile.

RIDBA Chairman, James Anthony said:

'RIDBA has achieved a great deal within the industrial and agricultural building industry and the Awards will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase some exceptional work. A RIDBA award will be the sign of a true industry benchmark and excellence which will help companies stand out in the crowd.'

The RIDBA Awards 2017 are open exclusively to RIDBA members plus suppliers, architects and specifiers working with RIDBA members. The Awards entry form can be completed [here](#).

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Notes to Editors

1. [The Rural and Industrial Design and Building Association](#) (RIDBA) is the recognised trade association for the modern agricultural & industrial buildings industry.
2. [The Criteria and Entry Form](#)
3. External organisations interested in supporting the Awards can be download the details of the sponsorship packages from the [RIDBA website](#).