



## 2022 PROJECT CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

### All Projects must achieve the following criteria:

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- Located within the UK.
- Have a completion date between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
- U-value achievement of 0.30 W/m<sup>2</sup>. K or less.
- Have the approval of all parties involved in the project including the building owner if deemed to be required.

### Written statements 'guidance' for ALL PROJECT (P) entries:

- Please provide details explaining the background to the project, e.g., design brief, how it came about, what the client is looking to achieve etc.
- Specific design / technical challenges and how you were able to overcome them.
- Details relating to the installation of the EWI system (if applicable) paying particular attention to any specific challenges on site.
- Thermal performance enhancement achieved by the installation of EWI.
- Contributory factors such as design, location and aesthetics which make it a 'stand-out' project.
- Quotes from the client regarding the finished project.

### New Build & Refurbishment Project (P) Criteria:

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These categories recognise skills and finishes in render, brick, clay, ceramic, stone, traditional (wet/dry dash, lime, harling, and rough cast).

These categories are split by type of **main** finish.

1. Mainly finished in a textured render of traditional (dry dash, lime, rough cast etc)
2. Mainly finished in brick slip, brick, clay, ceramic, or stone effect

For example, inspiration:

- Specific design / technical challenges and how you were able to overcome them.
- Evidence of thermal performance enhancement achieved by the installation of EWI.
- Contributory factors such as design, location and aesthetics which make it a 'stand-out' project.
- Evidence of high-quality workmanship.
- If applicable, evidence that it fits in with the criteria of being traditional.

### Render Only (P) Criteria

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Showcasing high quality render finishes onto to substrates where the insulation is fitted elsewhere i.e., cavity walls, steel / timber frame / backing boards.

For example, inspiration:

- Evidence the wall contains some type of insulation.
- Evidence of hand or machine applied finishes.
- Evidence of type of render used i.e., silicone, acrylic, mineral, one coat, wet / dry dash etc.
- Evidence of specification.

## **MMC / Offsite (P) Criteria**

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To reflect the increasing popularity of EWI being used in projects utilising modern methods of construction (MMC), providing innovative alternatives to traditional house building. In addition to building faster and better-quality homes, 'tackling the skills shortage' has also been identified as a key driver in this sector.

For example, inspiration:

- The Judges will be interested in why EWI was specifically selected for this project.
- Evidence of insulation / type.
- Evidence of type of structure.
- Installation sequence i.e., all done off site or part on / off site.
- Evidence of U value requirement and how it was achieved.

## **EWI Excellence Award (P) Criteria**

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Combining last year's environmental award and a previous category for architectural excellence, this category recognises projects that have made significant environmental impact in some way – for example this could be through stunning or transformative design, by way of achieving ultra-low / vastly improved energy standards, by utilising alternative methods to power the site such as wind turbines / other types of renewable power or, indeed, any other eco-friendly initiative.

This category puts the spotlight on projects which acknowledge the UK/Scottish Governments commitment towards zero carbon and the way in which EWI can be selected as an exciting, versatile façade across all sectors and scales – new-build, refurbishment, high rise, low rise, large scale works or one-off designs.

For example, inspiration:

- How the design met the client's brief and primary reasons for the design.
- Examples of creative use of EWI to deliver the design objective.
- Environmental & Energy Conservation evidence.
- Evidence of projects that have achieved an exceptional U value or built to Passivhaus / ultra-low energy standards.
- Evidence of alternative methods to power the site such as wind turbines or other types of renewable power.
- Evidence of 'Plant a tree' or similar schemes to help nature thrive.
- Evidence of 'hybrid' innovative working practices introduced in the workplace to tackle the 'new normal' evolution of remote working.

## **EWI Industry Impact Award Criteria**

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Combining last year's training award and innovation award, this new category goes a step further to reward training, innovation, or service that's gone above and beyond or excellence in any way that's resulted in significant positive impact to the EWI industry.

It's your chance to nominate a person, a product, or a company that you feel deserves recognition for the impact made in 2021 / Q1 2022.

The award acknowledges game-changing developments and initiatives covering areas such as installation practices, project management, health and safety and changes in working practices that have had a positive impact on the environment.

It also recognises successful company training schemes or individuals such as training managers and apprentices who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to training and qualities that have made the individual stand out from the rest.

The award also recognises product innovation / development with entries being judged on the product's technical abilities, their "solution to a problem" approach and how the product has "made a difference" to the EWI industry.

For example, inspiration:

- Evidence of how an innovation has either addressed a need or resolved a problem.
- Examples of innovation in methods, and in successful training schemes.
- Results of training initiative including number of apprentices, qualifications achieved and training hours and impact on Company, e.g., productivity, company image, staff retention.
- Evidence of the impact on a company and/or colleagues through training initiatives.
- Significant training achievements (individual).
- Commitment to personal development and progression through skills and learning.
- Evidence of service contribution to the organisation, or a project where the individual exceeded expectations.

### **Component Supplier of the Year VOTE**

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An award to celebrate the contribution made by component suppliers into the EWI industry, frequently described as the cornerstone of the industry. Voted for online by INCA Contractor and System Designer Members.

#### **Guidance to assist reasons for your online vote:**

- Comments on service from placing an order through to delivery.
- Detail of the nominations ability to understand customer requirements.
- Quality of products.
- Competitive prices.
- Reasons why the Component Supplier deserves recognition.
- Testimonials.

### **Installer of the Year VOTE**

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The Installer of the Year Award recognises the achievements of INCA contractor members for innovative solutions, community engagement and excellence of installation. This award is for INCA Contractor members only. Voted for online by INCA System Designer & Associate Members.

#### **Guidance to assist reasons for your online vote:**

- Comments on quality of service.
- Evidence of customer satisfaction.
- Meeting environmental obligations.
- Details of innovative solutions.
- Quality of the installer workforce.
- Testimonials.

### **Outstanding Achievement VOTE**

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The Outstanding Achievement Award recognises an individual who has made a real difference to the EWI industry through personal attainment. We would like to see a diverse range of nominations including Directors, Managers and Operatives who have demonstrated success in areas such as business development, health and safety, marketing, environmental initiatives, and technical development.

Your online vote outlining why the nominee deserves the Outstanding Achievement Award should reflect how the individual has championed EWI and raised the profile of the industry.

**Nominations welcome from all INCA Members. Winner to be selected by the INCA Board of Directors.**