

BESA Announces Record Awards Shortlist

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The [Building Engineering Services Association](#) (BESA) has launched its [Industry Awards](#) shortlist for 2024 having received an all-time record high number of entries.

The awards, which were free to enter, reward individuals, teams, and companies responsible for delivering projects, products, innovations, and initiatives that demonstrate excellence in building services engineering.

The winners will be announced at this year's BESA Awards dinner at the historic [Brewery, Chiswell Street, London](#) on October 17 following the Association's [Annual Conference](#) at the same venue earlier in the day.

The headline sponsor of the gala event hosted by celebrity compere Tom Ward is [Mitsubishi Electric](#) and the dinner is also being supported by [CIBSE](#) and the [Installer Show](#).

There were more than 100 entries, and several new categories were introduced this year including Retrofit Project of the Year to reflect the growing focus on refurbishment of existing buildings to meet net zero targets and improve occupant health and well-being.

The increased focus on training and skills has led to the first Training Provider of the Year Award for BESA's training partners. This sits neatly alongside the new Competence and Compliance category which celebrates the growing focus on raising professional standards and helping building engineering firms prove their ability to comply with increasingly stringent legislation.

Rising stars

The [BESA Industry Awards 2024](#) also continues the Association's long-standing tradition of celebrating and rewarding apprentices and other emerging building services talent, and this year sees the first Rising Star of the Year award. Nominees were drawn from the growing ranks of impressive young engineers employed

by BESA member companies.

Entries were also received for the relaunched Manly Trust Management Training Award that provides valuable support for a particularly promising individual who shows leadership potential.

Although some awards are exclusively for BESA members, many were open to the whole sector to ensure the programme reflects the full breadth of building services expertise.

There are awards for outstanding projects and firms as well as individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for the greater good of the industry. Categories cover the full supply chain from manufacturers and distributors through contractors, engineers, and clients, and they reflect the industry's efforts to get to grips with today's big issues like building safety, indoor air quality, and diversity.

An expert panel of judges was assembled from across the sector and includes both the current BESA President Claire Curran and President-elect Adrian Hurley. Young engineers were also well represented on the panel which included members of BESA's NextGen Network.

The full shortlist for BESA's Industry Awards 2024 can be [found online here](#) and you can book your places at what is expected to be the Association's largest ever [awards dinner here](#).