

# CICES Publishing Award - New Professional

**£250 plus certificate – winning entry published in Civil Engineering Surveyor**

The CICES Publishing Award showcases talent for an individual who is in the early stages of their career.

## Back story

The award was conceived by Robert Horne, a successful construction legal practitioner. Mr Horne was presented with the first ever commercial management publishing award and rather than accept the prize money, he suggested using it to fund an award for new professionals. In Mr Horne's own words:

*"I very much believe that those of us who have managed to 'climb the ladder' within the industry have a duty to make sure that the ladder still reaches the ground and that all the rungs are in place (or replaced) to allow the next generation to climb behind us. I want to encourage tomorrow's talent today. Getting the first opportunity to write and be published and recognised for that contribution is a difficult but important rung on the ladder which I would like to help enable."*

Robert Horne is keen to encourage a new professional not only to raise their profile within their own organisation but within industry as a whole. Being published within *Civil Engineering Surveyor* can help an individual take the first steps on that journey.

## Requirements

Entrants are required to submit up to 1,000 words on a given subject. For 2023 the subject is 'How can we do it better'. The 'it' is left entirely to the writer's discretion and can be anything of choice.

## Judgement

Judges should ask the following questions about each of the shortlisted articles:

- Is the article entertaining and well written?
- Does the article contribute to and improve the general reader's knowledge of the subject area?
- Does the article raise points the general reader would not ordinarily consider?
- Does the article encourage interested readers to find out more or debate the issues raised?
- Does the article stand out considering the early career stage of the entrant?

## Terms and procedures

Applicants must be new to the civil engineering industry with less than 5 years' experience.

Articles are to be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief by the chosen deadline (dsmart@cices.org).

Late entries will not be considered.

The deadline for entries is 31 July 2023.

The prize is open to applicants of all ages.

Open to members and non members of CICES.

The prize covers a single article.

The article must be the author's own work.

The Commercial Management Practices Committee/Geospatial Engineering Practices Committee are to form a small judging panel to pick the winning article from the submissions. If any member of that panel is perceived to have a conflict of interest, including the chairs of the working group or the committee itself, they are to stand down and a replacement nominated by the remaining members of the group. If for whatever reason this is not possible, the Editor-in-Chief is to arrange a replacement.

The chair of the judging panel is to announce the winning entry in confidence to the Editor-in-Chief.

If the panel is unable to come to an agreement on the winning article, it is to pass its recommendations and reasonings onto the Editor-in-Chief who will decide the winning entry.

The winning entry will be notified by the Editor-in-Chief and notice of their award along with the article will be published in a future issue of *Civil Engineering Surveyor*.

Prize money of £250 and a certificate will be awarded to the winning entry.

In the event that the panel deems that the submitted entries are not of a high enough standard then no award will be made.