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## Offsite Supplier Scoops Specification Awards



### IN BRIEF:

- **Feature:** Awards release – record number of awards for Willenhall based company
- **Company:** Laidlaw Solutions Ltd

Laidlaw Solutions Limited once again featured prominently in the 2010/11 Specification Awards organised by the Guild of Architectural Ironmongery in conjunction with the RIBA. Held this year at Ironmongers Hall in the Barbican, Laidlaw's Rose Lodge project in Hebburn, Tyne and Wear was judged overall

'Winner of Winners' as well as 'Best Public Sector project'. Laidlaw worked alongside Laing O'Rourke and award winning healthcare specifiers Medical Architecture (MAAP) in the construction and fit-out of the £6.1m Specialist Care Centre. Twelve en-suite bedrooms cater for the specific needs of acute, enhanced and supported care adults with learning disabilities so products from the specialist Laidlaw Orbis Anti-Ligature range were specified throughout. The company was also 'Commended' in the 'Hospitality and Residential Buildings' category for its work with specialist fit-out contractor E. E. Smith on 'Bespoke Hotels' Bermondsey Square project.

The GAI / RIBA Specification Awards are acknowledged as recognizing the best projects, regardless of budget or scale, with each award being made jointly to the architect and ironmongery provider. Laidlaw Solutions Group Managing Director John Jefferies commented, "These awards recognise excellence in what is undoubtedly one of the crucial elements of any commercial interior. The ultimate accolade afforded to us as 'Winner of Winners' is a reflection of the hard work put in by Laidlaw personnel throughout what was an exacting specification and scheduling process. The two Laidlaw projects highlighted illustrate the totally different scheduling requirements for projects large and small that Laidlaw now routinely manages throughout the UK."

Receiving the awards with Architectural Ironmongery Division MD Peter O'Brien (far left) are Group Marketing Manager Shafiq Sharif, Regional Manager Clint Robertson, Ian Tyrens of Northumberland and Tyne & Wear NHS Trust and MAAP Project Architect Lianne Knotts. Completing the group are those involved in the Bermondsey Square Hotel project, Laidlaw Doorsets Major Projects Manager David Manley and Doorsets Division MD Ian Hopkinson and, on the far right E. E. Smith's Senior Buyer Matthew Incles. AI Sales Director Simon Walden is also featured second from the right.

Laidlaw confirmed its commitment to the promotion of design excellence by sponsoring the Public Education Buildings Award category. Group Marketing Manager Shafiq Sharif concluded, "The GAI / RIBA Awards continue to increase in prominence and as one of the industry's leading players we felt that sponsorship would help raise the profile of the event still further."

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