

AEA provides technical support for CHPA awards

Leading energy and climate change consultancy, AEA, is providing key technical support to the Combined Heat and Power Association (CHPA) industry awards.

The annual CHPA conference, to be held on the 19th November, will bring together CHP practitioners and government to discuss the increasing importance of CHP in energy sustainability, as well as recognising achievements in CHP technology.

AEA has over 20 years of experience of CHP technologies, applications and Government Policies, and is the chief technical adviser to Defra (now DECC). The company employs some of the world's leading CHP experts. Drawing on this success, AEA was approached by the CHPA to provide evaluation and analysis for shortlisting nominations received by the CHPA.

Mahmoud Abu-Ebid, Knowledge Leader for CHP at AEA comments,

'CHP technologies plays a central role in delivering the Government's carbon reduction targets as well as diversifying our fuel supplies. AEA has a long history of energy markets reforms and policies, including over 20 years experience in CHP and we are delighted to be providing the technical analysis to the CHPA awards. Our involvement firmly acknowledges our leadership in the industry.'

As well as providing the technical analysis, AEA will also be sponsoring the Community award which recognises the CHP project, programme or initiative which has had the greatest impact in securing both environmental benefits and wider benefits to the community.

For more information on the CHPA awards, please visit <http://www.chpa.co.uk/>

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AEA is one of the world's leaders in the field of climate change and energy consultancy - operating in the UK, Europe, the US and China. It is the leading provider of advisory services to the UK Government and works extensively with the EU and major private sector organisations. With internationally renowned expertise in air quality and climate change, carbon management, resource efficiency and the environmental impacts of transport, AEA employs many world leading experts and provides a high-level of policy consultancy and a range of technical services to its public and private sector clients.

Recently, AEA completed a six-year environmental audit assessment on one of the world's largest integrated oil & gas projects, Sakahlin II in Russia, it is the manager for the UK government's Envirowise project, one of the world's largest resource efficiency programmes and provides carbon management expertise to many of the UK's largest private sector organisations. It is also supporting BT in the roll out of its £250 million programme to develop wind power sites that aims to generate 25% of the Company's electricity generation needs by 2016.

In October 2007, AEA was voted by environmental consultancy customers across the UK, as Best Consultancy for Climate Change and Renewables at the prestigious EDIE Awards.

Mahmoud Abu-Ebid is a Chief Consultant within AEA with overall responsibility for its CHP business. As Chief Technical Advisor to Defra, he provides policy and technical support on all CHP related aspects and represents Defra at a number of working groups dealing with CHP in the UK and Europe. During the last four years he has been heavily involved in supporting Defra in their negotiations on the EU Cogeneration Directive, through the European Parliament and the EU Energy Council. He represented Defra at the EU CHP Committee and Member States experts meetings, carried out a Regulatory Impact Assessment on the Directive on the promotion of CHP in the UK and is currently developing guidelines for the implementation of this Directive.

He also project manages AEA's team working on the Community Energy programme, providing support and advice to public sector organisations, including NHS trusts, Local Authorities, Housing Associations and housing developers, looking to develop CHP and community heating schemes



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