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### **FPS Annual Awards – Rewarding Excellence in Ground Engineering**

The Federation of Piling Specialists (FPS) has launched the **FPS Annual Awards**, which will celebrate excellence in ground engineering and the achievements of outstanding individuals who have contributed to the advancement of the sector.

The inaugural awards will be presented at the FPS Annual Dinner, which is being held Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016, at the prestigious Shakespeare Globe Theatre on London's Southbank.

There are four categories within the awards open for nominations and a fifth for separate judging; two focussing on companies and three on individuals. The Company awards recognise Safety & Innovation and Technology, whilst the individual awards celebrate Early Career Technician, Early Career Professional and the Chairman's Award.

Speaking about the awards, Alasdair Henderson, Chair of the FPS said: "There are many awards across the industry that recognise the broader construction and geotechnical sector, but not those companies and individuals who are directly involved in piling and foundations work. The FPS awards celebrate excellence in piling and in particular young technicians and professionals committed to learning and personal development. They also applaud piling companies that have gone that extra mile to demonstrate safety innovation or the application of technology that has improved quality, productivity or any aspect of their business."

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For more information about the FPS and its Awards Dinner, contact the FPS by email [fps@fps.org.uk](mailto:fps@fps.org.uk) or visit the FPS website [www.fps.org.uk](http://www.fps.org.uk).

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### **Notes to Editors | About the FPS:**

Established in 1964, the Federation of Piling Specialists (FPS) has proactively worked with its members to drive up standards within the industry. From a handful of members back in the days when rotary techniques were coming into use and crane-mounted and hydraulic equipment was in its infancy, the FPS represents most of the leading piling and geotechnical specialists in the construction sector.

Its independent auditing process, which all prospective members need to go through, ensures the highest standards are met, and this audit is repeated every three years to ensure standards are maintained and continually improved.

The FPS works closely with its members to establish standards and provide guidance across all piling and geotechnical areas as well as on wider construction related issues that affect the sector such as Building Information Modelling (BIM). Safety and training are the highest priorities.

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