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MORRISON UTILITY SERVICES WINS BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY EAST OF ENGLAND AWARD FOR EX-OFFENDER PROGRAMME

Morrison Utility Services, one of the UK and Ireland's leading service providers in the utilities sector, is the proud winner of the East of England Test Bed Award, a Business in the Community (BITC) Regional Award, which was presented on 9th June 2009.

The award recognises Morrison Utility Services' work with ex-offenders and the Probation Service, a programme which began in 2007 and offers employment and training to selected ex-offenders in Suffolk and Norfolk. The recruitment process looks to identify people who have the right attitude and aptitude to succeed and to date it has achieved an 80 per cent success rate in retaining ex-offenders offered employment.

Jim Arnold, Area Director, Morrison Utility Services, says:

"Developing potential through training and mentoring is essential to us achieving a diverse, sustainable workforce. We are faced with an increasing skills shortage in our industry, which we believe needs to be approached creatively and with commitment. The work we have undertaken with ex-offenders to date demonstrates just that and we look forward to building the programme over many more successful years."

Mike Brophy, Regional Director for Business in the Community said:

"I congratulate Morrison Utility Services on its achievement. The work that it does with the prison and probation services is fundamental to helping to reduce re-offending and gives ex-offenders a chance of a better life. It is fantastic to see so many strong examples of responsible business practice in the East of England."

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We are committed to working closely with our clients to deliver cost effective solutions, which do not compromise safety, quality and service delivery.

Photography

Morrison Utility Services' Kevin Cooke receives the East of England Test Bed Award from Trevor Williams, Regional Director of National Offender Management Service (NOMS).