

Clean sweep for MITIE in Europe

MITIE, the strategic outsourcing and asset management business, has recently represented the UK helping to win the EuroSkills 2008 cleaning challenge in Rotterdam. The winning UK team competed against six other European countries, coming home with four gold medals. The team of four was made up of two people from MITIE and two from other UK businesses.

MITIE was the joint UK winning team of the UK Team Clean Challenge in 2007, a government-backed skills competition for the UK's cleaners, which then led to them competing in the EuroSkills challenge.

More than 400 skilled youths from 30 European countries take part in the European skills competitions. This is the first year in which cleaning has been a category in this competition for under 27s. There were 49 trades ranging from hairdresser to web designer and from bricklayer to electrician, from nurse to gardener and from trucker to florist.

The team had to show best practice in three hour tasks in cleaning offices, hospitals and stripping and resealing vinyl floors. The UK team won in each of the cleaning categories. The four gold medals included overall team winner and overall manager. Kirsty Steele and Craig Robinson, both from MITIE, won overall supervisor and overall cleaner respectively.

Martyn Freeman, Managing Director of MITIE's cleaning and environmental business, said: "To be the UK joint winning team was a great achievement but to go on and win four gold medals in the European competition is fantastic. We're very proud of Kirsty and Craig for representing MITIE in such a positive way and hope we can do the same again next year."

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What is MITIE?

We're the strategic outsourcing and asset management company.

What does that mean in practice? Providing everything from strategic consultancy, to world-class delivery on the ground. From long-term infrastructure planning, to facilities management, property and engineering services. Our strategic input can add value at the highest level, while our practical management expertise can save customers money and maximise their returns.

At the same time, it's not just *what* we do, but *how* we do it that makes us different. Our people are passionate about what they do, committed to working in partnership with their clients, and will always look for a fresh answer to a new challenge.

We work with our clients in three ways; some take full advantage of our whole range of expertise by buying the whole suite, others may only need one aspect of what we do:

Strategy and consultancy
+ **Facilities and project management**
+ **Service delivery**

In other words, we think, we manage, and we deliver.

The thinking phase is all about finding strategic answers to long-term challenges about assets and resources. Facilities and project management puts those plans in place, and our unrivalled range of services is one of the best in the business.

There's a lot more to MITIE than you probably think. We're a big company with big ambitions. A leading FTSE 250 support services business, with 49,000+ people, revenues in excess of £1.4bn, and a reputation for being the best.

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