



THE RAC CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED

A1R Services

The judges wanted to send a clear message to the industry that smaller companies can achieve environmental credentials to be proud of with the decision to highly commend A1R, the smallest entrant in the field. The Hertfordshire company has 12 employees but it supplied an impressive resume 'punching above its weight'. Among the notables were the fact that all its workforce are signed up for hydrocarbon training, a commitment to paperless service records and a high standard of F-Gas management. Working on contracts including NHS trusts, industrial sites and ambulance fleet maintenance, A1R has achieved excellent customer testimonials too. "A great range of work for a small company," judges concluded.

FINALISTS

WR Refrigeration

Regular finalist WR had initiatives a-plenty to offer again this year, with its flagship HFO/HC/CO₂ Training Academy recognised elsewhere. Other achievements include a National Apprenticeship scheme, the launch of WR Electrical and the winning of significant new business. Judges noted there had been a real culture change at the firm and predicted further success in years to come.

Capital Cooling

Another regular finalist, Capital Cooling again caught the judges' eye with consistent work, particularly on glass door chillers and hydrocarbon integrals with the Co-operative Group. This year Capital has also launched a national air conditioning operation, to add to its already broad offering encompassing service, installation, cabinets and coldrooms.

Ceilite Airconditioning

Ceilite was another firm that impressed the judges as 'a small company doing the right thing' – even extending to achieving Investors In People status. The firm has made a particular speciality of health and safety training and has developed its own training and guidance Toolbox Talks. On the environmental front, it has made headway with installation of heat pumps, including heat pump door heaters.