Space Solutions shortlisted for a hat trick of awards

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Workplace design experts Space Solutions is celebrating after receiving a hat-trick of nominations for this year's prestigious British Council for Offices (BCO) Awards.

The commercial property experts have been shortlisted in all three of their award submissions, including two nominations for the interior fit out category for separate projects.

Now in its sixth year, the BCO Scotland Awards are held to celebrate excellence in office space across the country. Space Solutions has been recognised for its innovative interior design services for the new UK headquarters in Aberdeen for Teekay Petrojarl, the largest Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) operator in the North Sea. Set over three floors, the design reflects the organisation's core values ethos through a vibrant and dynamic office space which fits the varied needs of the work teams as well as providing a flexible space for future expansion.

The second nomination for the same award is for a project closer to home, the design and fit-out of Space Solutions' new Edinburgh office at Lochrin Square. The new office promotes collaborative working through an open plan design, which features a selection of formal and informal settings, including a café lounge area to promote staff wellbeing. Space Solution's designers and architects worked closely to create a space which works for both clients and staff, presenting a functional and comfortable experience.

Space Solutions, which helps businesses get the most from their workspaces, has also been shortlisted in the Exterior Build category for the base build and fit out works for Bibby Offshore's new headquarters in Aberdeenshire. The design makes clever use of curtain wall and rain-screen cladding components to provide a striking horizontal silver feature to the central main entrance elevation. Silver 'bullet' profiles of the curtain wall slice across the mirrored glass before cutting through the ceramic rain-screen feature, which returns on either side.

Steve Judge, managing director of Space Solutions, said:-"To have been shortlisted for all three of our award submission is a great honour and is a real testament to the talent and hard work of our team. It is especially rewarding to have been shortlisted for the design and fit-out of our new Edinburgh office and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved.

"Last year marked a busy period for Space Solutions as the business continued to grow. In addition to a 20% increase in staff members, we also expanded our core services with the addition of hospitality design specialists, Purpose Design and a specialist FF&E division. We also delivered an increased number of UK and international projects, expanding our services in the Middle East, which we hope to build on significantly this year. We have had a terrific start to 2014 and we are looking forward to building on the success of 2013."

Space Solutions, which has offices throughout Scotland, London and Oman, is currently working on projects for Edinburgh Napier University, First State Investments in Edinburgh, and has recently been appointed as part of the consortium for the new Ayrshire College in Kilmarnock.

The winners of the awards will be announced at a ceremony in Glasgow on 4 April, 2014.

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