

**BGB ENGINEERING CROWNED EAST MIDLANDS WINNER IN  
2006 EDGE EMPLOYER AWARDS**

East Midlands firm, BGB Engineering, is the regional winner of the Edge Employer Awards 2006, winning a prize of £10,000 for further investment into training. Through its excellent apprenticeship and traineeship programmes BGB Engineering battled it out to win the medium-to-large business category and will now go through to the national finals to be held later this year. Edge is an independent foundation dedicated to raising the desirability and status of vocational and practical learning among 14 - 24 year olds of all levels of ability.

BGB Engineering is a high precision electro-mechanical engineering company based in Grantham. A prestigious regional judging panel chose BGB Engineering because of its trainee programme. The company currently employs six apprentices. Three of these apprentices joined via BGB's work experience scheme, which, over the last five years, has been offered to 20 fifteen-year-olds and ten college students, aged 17-18 years old. All trainees benefit from working hands on alongside experienced and skilled members of staff.

The Edge Employer Awards rewards organisations that provide outstanding learning opportunities for 14–25 year-olds and in 2006 is also rewarding individuals for their learning achievements. This year Edge is awarding £300,000 to employers that provide quality apprenticeships, excellent work placements and other practical learning opportunities.

David T Holt (MD) at BGB Engineering said, "We are absolutely delighted to have won this accolade. Not only is it wonderful to be recognised for the opportunities we are providing young people, but we now have £10,000 to help us continue and build upon the great things that we are doing."

Andy Powell, CEO at Edge said "Edge is delighted to award this prize to BGB Engineering. BGB Engineering has created some fantastic opportunities for young people in the East Midlands region and has shown that hands-on learning is good for employers and employees alike. This is a great example of the good work we want to shine a spotlight on."

BGB Engineering will be attending the awards ceremony held in London on November 28 to discover whether it has become a national winner. Journalists are invited to attend the awards ceremony at London's Camden Roundhouse. The celebrity national judging panel, which includes

Simon Woodroffe, the founder of YO! Sushi and of Dragons' Den fame and Alexandra Amosu, founder of R&B Ringtones, will also be attending. [www.edgeawards.co.uk](http://www.edgeawards.co.uk)

Photos are available on request

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**Notes to Editors**

**About BGB Engineering**

- BGB Innovation is split into 3 different parts – **BGB Engineering**, BGB Marine and BGB Digilinc. See [www.bgbinnovation.com](http://www.bgbinnovation.com)
- BGB Engineering is a high precision electro-mechanical engineering company established in Grantham, Lincolnshire in 1976 - Currently employing 54 people
- BGB's core business is the provision of slip ring assemblies for wind turbines. Primary markets include Wind turbines, Rotary doors, Waste water treatment, other markets include packaging machines, cable bunching machines, leisure rides and slip ring motors/generators.
- Slip rings provide the dynamic electrical connections between machine static and rotating elements. They function as a rotary interface, continually transferring electrical power, signals and data through to 360 degrees

**About Edge**

EDGE is an independent foundation dedicated to raising the status and desirability of vocational and practical learning among 14-24-year-olds of all levels of ability.

- 1 EDGE believes in ensuring specific and defined routes exist for success through vocational learning at all relevant education levels.
- 2 EDGE wants to see vocational qualifications valued and desired by all, particularly: students, teachers, parents and employers
- 3 EDGE wants to see different routes to success through vocational learning invested in by educators and supported by industry.
- 4 EDGE also encourages academic success but is primarily concerned with raising the status and desirability of vocational learning.