

Graduate - Mechanical (Design) Engineer

Ascendant Access is the UK's market leader in the design and manufacture of Vehicle Mounted Powered Access Equipment. Due to market demand and expansion opportunities, we are looking to recruit a Graduate Engineer to join our newly formed, small and innovative engineering team, located in Newcastle. This team is in its infancy and this is a great opportunity to become involved in its growth from the start.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To develop and maintain Engineering Standard Operating Procedures
- To convert 2D Engineering Drawings into 3D Models/Drawings
- To develop and maintain machine Technical Construction Files (TCFs)
- To understand and evaluate customer requirements
- To assist in the day-to-day running of the Drawing Office
- To learn team roles and contribute to team goals

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

- To have experience in the use of 2D/3D Modelling/Drawing packages (AutoCAD/AutoDesk Inventor/Solidworks)
- To be able to carry out intermediate to advanced stress analysis

QUALIFICATIONS

- To hold a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Mechanical Engineering or an equivalent field of study
- To have achieved or expected to achieve at least a 2:2 Bachelor of Science (BSc) or Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) University level degree in Mechanical Engineering or an equivalent field of study.

If you have the correct qualifications for this vacancy and want to work in a friendly environment where everyone shares a common goal to grow the business to its potential, including a profit share incentive scheme, then please apply for this position by emailing your CV and covering letter to: jlawrence@ascendantaccess.com



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Operator of the Year

Mark Smithson of Mark Smithson Transport has been presented with the ALLMI Operator of the Year trophy, following his success in this year's competition at Vertikal Days.

"It feels great to have won the award in what was an extremely close fought competition, involving some very good operators," said Smithson. "The prize includes a free ALLMI course of our choice and we look forward to taking advantage of this, which will further increase our knowledge and awareness of all lorry loader related activities. As for the £250 prize money, I would like to donate this to 'Help for Heroes', which is a very worthy cause." Jon Kenyon, the ALLMI instructor who trained Smithson, also received a cash prize of £100, which he donated to Cancer Research UK. He said: "I trained Mark back in 2012, prior to my employment with ALLMI. He's an extremely good operator and so it came as no great surprise to see him finish in first place. The cornerstone of the ALLMI scheme is the safe and efficient use of lorry loaders and the competition is designed to prove that operating in this way produces the very best results."

ALLMI/Balfour Beatty update

Further to a recently held meeting, a joint statement has been prepared by ALLMI and Balfour Beatty Construction Services UK.

"Further to previous discussions and the reports provided at recent ALLMI meetings, we are pleased to confirm that on Tuesday 17th June a meeting took place in London between representatives of ALLMI and Balfour Beatty Construction Services UK. A friendly and highly constructive discussion took place, as a result of which Balfour Beatty has confirmed its acceptance of the ALLMI Appointed Person qualification for all types of lifting operations involving lorry loaders." (Note: Balfour Beatty already accepts the ALLMI operator, slinger/ signaller and Crane Supervisor qualifications).

"It was also agreed that ALLMI will provide assistance and co-operation to enable further clarification of other lorry loader related matters, including what competency requirements will be accepted on Balfour Beatty sites."

"In addition, we are pleased to report that representatives of Balfour Beatty will be attending ALLMI training courses relating to various lifting team roles, either on an appreciation basis or in an observational capacity. The purpose of this is to assist Balfour Beatty in determining how to disseminate the relevant information and training throughout its organisation."

Should you have any queries regarding the above-mentioned issue then please contact the ALLMI office.





Ground conditions good practice

The Strategic Forum Plant Safety group, of which ALLMI is a member, recently released a draft good practice guide entitled 'Ground Conditions for Construction Plant', covering all types of mobile equipment.

The group has been developing guidance concerning the management of ground conditions for all types of mobile equipment for some time. The project resulted in the publication of a preliminary document which was circulated for comment and consultation. ALLMI members were given a period of time within which to comment on that information and the resulting feedback was then collated on behalf of the association for submission to the group. The Strategic Forum recently reconvened in order to undertake a productive comment process, which was very productive and successful. The next step is for full publication to take place. ALLMI technical director Alan Johnson said: "We look forward to the final document being available, as this guidance will be incredibly useful for all those involved in lifting operations."

UKCG joins ALLMI's Training Scheme Review

The UK contractors group (UKCG), has confirmed that Steve Howard of Lend Lease will be its representative for the forthcoming ALLMI training scheme review.

The project leadership group will oversee the training scheme review process as a whole, with a number of smaller, specialised working groups being responsible for the detail of each course type. The first meeting has been scheduled for mid-October and it is expected that there will be at least two consultation phases throughout the process.

Howard said: "I'm very pleased to be representing the UKCG on this important project and I have no doubt that the project leadership group will address numberous pertinent industry issues throughout the course of the review."

Further progress reports will follow and so look out for updates in future editions of ALLMI Focus.

