



DATAQUEST ACHIEVE TRIPLE GOLD AWARD

Dataquest UK, which supplies and maintains digital photocopiers, telecommunications, IT and document management solutions, has attained Gold standard status for the third year running under the Green Achiever scheme.

Having originally signed up to Green Achiever in May 2008, the London based company initially gained Silver status in March 2010 and its first gold in June 2011. It continues to demonstrate a keen enthusiasm for environmental issues which are increasingly incorporated to the company's operating procedures.

Some of the most recent steps taken include: the specification of all new low energy, low power supply office computers to individual users, the introduction of IP phones which shut down automatically when not in use and therefore draw less energy, the use of e-invoicing and universal leasing documents to reduce paper usage, the monitoring of waste for type and weight in an effort to effectively dispose of it and the installation of a plumbed-in water cooler system rather than bottled water coolers with plastic cups.

Ian Bacon, head of professional services at Dataquest, which is now only one of six organisations or businesses in the UK to hold triple Gold status, said: "In addition, to carrying out internal procedures, through review and monitoring, our environmental policy also looks at how we can positively influence our customers, for example, Dataquest actively helps its clients with strategies to reduce wasteful and unnecessary print output. Additionally our sales team are trained to understand the environmental impacts and life cycle assessments of the products they sell. The establishment of an environmental committee made up of people from across the business continues to help us to provide a focus for initiating and implementing improvement."

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