

One card ACTpro solution for Atkins

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ARJ Security has provided Atkins Engineering and Design Consultancy with an ACTpro access control solution for its new regional HQ in Bristol.

Atkins is a multinational engineering and design consultancy, whose expertise is acquired by public and private sector clients positioned in a number of key markets including aerospace, defence, transport and oil and gas.

It has recently been appointed official Engineering Design Services Provider to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Atkins has moved into a new four storey, 9,000m² regional headquarters in Bristol, England and with access into and within the building of paramount importance, a robust, secure and flexible access control solution was required.

Flexible system

A systems specification was compiled for ARJ Security by Atkins' facilities manager, Pauline Simpkins. Requirements included system scalability, dual card presentation, free access on certain doors at specific times and the ability to print customised security passes for staff and visitors alike.

The ACTpro access control system was selected by ARJ Security. Project management and design assistance was provided to ARJ Security by Richard Huison, ACT sales executive for Southern England.

By installing ACTpro mifare readers the ACTpro access control system could be integrated with the cashless vending system already in place. This gave Atkins a one card solution for access control and cashless vending, reducing ongoing costs and administration.

Exceeds specification

Alan Jones of ARJ said: "ACT are always willing to go the extra distance to ensure their system matches and exceeds the specification set out by the client. The ACTpro system is flexible and is developed for easy installation. Their technical support team are second to none in the business"

Pauline Simpkins, Atkins facilities manager, said: "We are delighted with the ACTpro access control system put in place by ARJ. It meets all the criteria we had set out from the start plus more. We are particularly pleased with the integration with our cashless vending and the ability to create individual card templates for both staff and visitors."