



### Chamber Outlook:

Following the good news that the Hinkley Point C project has been granted approval by the EU Commission following a thorough State Aid investigation, various crucial steps towards the construction of Hinkley Point C are being progressed, as outlined below.

- Continued discussion and due diligence with the HPC Equity Partners leading to a final investment decision.
- EDF Group to finalise agreements with industrial partners for equity funding and with Infrastructure UK for debt funding
- Continued early Early Contract Involvement (ECI) with key contractors to ensure we are ready to start construction once funding is approved and to develop our construction plan and programme
- Continued procurement of the Tier 1 work and equipment packages

In the meantime, the work that the Hinkley Supply Chain Team is undertaking is ramping up as we engage with Tier 1 contractors on work packages where procurement momentum is building. Industrial Partners and Site Operations Steering Groups, which focus on opportunities for local suppliers, are co-chaired by EDF Energy and The Somerset Chamber of Commerce.

A number of local supplier groups are progressing viable proposals for the EDF Energy team to consider with interim contracts already in place for on-site catering and bus transport.

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Project Manager

### Recent Events:

#### November 2014:

##### North Somerset HPC Awareness Event

Over 50 people from 32 companies attended to hear an update on HPC construction. The event invitation was extended to companies that were not already registered on the Hinkley Supply Chain, that are based in the North Somerset area and had company capabilities relevant to potential early work requirements on the project.

##### Somerset Larder Celebration

90 delegates attended an event to celebrate Somerset Larder's interim contract award to supply catering services to Hinkley Point C. Invitations were extended to people on the Supply Chain that are registered as catering, food or drink suppliers based in the South West

## UPDATING YOUR REGISTRATION

- Has your company recently achieved new accreditations?
- Have your main contacts changed?
- Have you moved premises?

Ensure your registration is as accurate as possible to ensure you receive all the opportunities open to you.

[Click Here](#) to go direct to the supply chain log-in page

## Meet the Hinkley Supply Chain Team



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Supply Chain that are registered as catering, food or drink suppliers based in the South West. Somerset Larder is a membership organisation, with new membership applications welcome at any time. The event featured a series of short presentations from numerous individuals and organisations involved with Somerset Larder. There was an opportunity for guests to taste Somerset produce and a toast was made to the success of Somerset Larder with wine produced by Wraxall Vineyard.

## December 2014:

### Security Infrastructure Event

32 attendees from 22 companies attended an event to consider and discuss the full scope of the work package in more detail. Targetted invitations were sent out to portal registrations whose capabilities were core to the specific requirements selected by EDF.

### High Precision Engineering Workshop with NAMRC and MAS

32 attendees from 21 companies attended this event at Weston College, Business Enterprise Centre. Invitees were selected based on their precision engineering capabilities, size and turnover.

The format of the workshop included a general session on NAMRC support, routes to nuclear markets for precision engineering and meeting nuclear requirements. There were some smaller group discussions on specialist topics - quality procedures and issues, technical standards and advanced technologies. There were opportunities to meet the Hinkley Supply Chain, the NAMRC team and a MAS representative in one-to-one meetings, as well as networking with other precision manufacturers.

### ESF Bridgwater College Business Breakfast

34 attendees from 18 companies across Somerset attended a business breakfast at The Canalside in Bridgwater. Invitees were selected based on their registration capabilities, size and turnover.

The purpose of this event was to inform SMEs from the construction and related sectors of the funding currently available for Hinkley related training. This ESF funding is available for a wide range of training and hence the meeting provided the opportunity for SMEs attending to individually discuss their training needs with a training adviser. An update on Hinkley Supply Chain development activities was also given.

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## Future Events:

UKTI Nuclear Showcase: 27th - 29th Jan [Click here for details](#)

Finance Network Event: 20th Jan [Click here for details and to book a place](#)

Somerset Chamber B2B Dinner: 29th Jan [Click here for details and to book a place](#)

Developing an Export Strategy - 26th Feb [Click here for details and to book a place](#)

Crowd Funding Breakfast - 11th March For details email Andrea Pyle [businesssupport@somerset-chamber.co.uk](mailto:businesssupport@somerset-chamber.co.uk)

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Holford Valley View



Haul Road



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## Some of the questions we have answered recently:

**I'm a small company and not large enough for the contracts that may be coming out of HPC. What can I do to secure work?**

The majority of the 50+ Tier 1 contracts are indeed too large for many South West companies but do not discount the Tier 2 and Tier 3 contracts that may be available for smaller suppliers. If you are not on the portal then you may miss out on these opportunities.

Working collaboratively with other companies in your field could also be a way to secure work and has proved successful for 'Somerset Larder' which has won the interim contract to provide the catering on-site. More details on their journey can be found at their website [Click Here](#)

**What business support is available to help suppliers get ready for potential contracts?**

Many suppliers engaging with the project are already seeing the benefit of business improvement programs for their businesses. This support is available from a variety of organisations including the Manufacturing Advisory Service, local colleges and a range of private sector business support and training organisations. If business support organisations are registered on [www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk](http://www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk) with their core capabilities the team will be able to broker targeted support for suppliers.

**The Hinkley Supply Chain Team is contactable on 01823 443425 if you have any questions regarding your place on the HPC journey**



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## Useful Links:

NAMRC (Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre):  
[NAMRC](#)

MAS (Manufacturing Advisory Service):  
[MAS](#)

Hinkley Supply Chain:  
[HSC](#)

## Nuclear Case Study Video

[Into Somerset](#) has produced a video to highlight the opportunities that the construction of Hinkley Point C will generate. The case study reflects the huge boost to regional economic activity that will be generated in Somerset during the construction process.



Into Somerset Nuclear Case Study

## Next Newsletter:

March 2015