



Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update

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Project Announcement

It is with a real sense of pride that we hear this week that EDF Energy has announced that five Somerset supplier alliances, representing over a dozen Somerset and South West businesses, have been named among EDF Energy's preferred bidders for the proposed Hinkley Point C development - with allotted contracts worth over £225 million pounds.

This confirms three key ingredients are in place: -

- The Somerset entrepreneurial spirit is thriving in the county and quality suppliers are stepping up to the Hinkley Point C challenge
- EDF Energy is following through on its stated commitment to engage with quality local suppliers for very significant elements to the project
- The Somerset Chamber of Commerce and the HPC Project Delivery Team it manages are delivering on the innovative supply chain engagement promised.

The local supplier alliances announced are:

Construction Operations Management Alliance (COMA) - construction utilities contract.

Somerset Infrastructure Alliance (SIA) - management of site infrastructure.

HOST - management of the worker accommodation campuses.

Somerset Passenger Solutions - provision of workforce transport to and from the construction site.

Somerset Larder - catering provision and food supply.

These announcements follow three years of innovative and intensive activity by the suppliers, the EDF Energy's Project Delivery team and the Somerset Chamber of Commerce. Large infrastructure projects have not engaged with local supplier groups in this way before.

Activity has included work package briefing events, numerous workshops and meetings leading to procurement viability and competency checks, effective collaboration with new legal entities and alliances set up. This has required significant investment of time and money and not all supplier groups have been successful. Other supplier groups continue to work on their proposals for EDF Energy to consider.

The approach taken by EDF Energy and Ken Owen - Hinkley Point C Commercial Director, has focused on developing a partnership approach to delivering project needs. This has given the local supply chain the opportunity to work up viable, competent and competitive proposals. Facilitated by the

Somerset Chamber of Commerce and working with some of Somerset's best

The Somerset Business Awards 2015



[The Somerset Business Awards are back for the 11th year and there is still time to enter!](http://www.somersetbusinessawards.org.uk)

With 14 categories to choose from there is something for all Somerset businesses.

Now firmly established as a key date in the business calendar, the Awards celebrate thriving Somerset companies and offer an excellent opportunity for all business sectors to meet and showcase their outstanding achievements. There are countless benefits to entering the Awards, including the positive impact on reputation, widespread publicity and a proven track record of an increase to the bottom line.



If you still need more persuasion, Rich Clothier, Managing Director of Wyke Farms - the winner of the Environmental Award and Business of the Year 51+ from 2014 - says,

"To be recognised in the Somerset Business Awards is a fantastic boost for the team and the business. We are immensely proud of our Somerset roots and the standard of businesses in this region is so high, so to be one of the best in Somerset is something that

Somerset Chamber of Commerce and working with some of Somerset's best suppliers the results are proving innovative and ground breaking. Suppliers realise there are significant challenges ahead as they secure the contracts and start delivery.

Although activity at the Hinkley Point C construction site slowed in June 2015 - as major elements of Site Preparatory works were concluded, , good progress is being made by EDF Energy towards the Final Investment Decision. In the meantime a great deal of improvement work has been carried out by many companies, and our observation is that we all need to be continuously focused on raising our game.

One of the simple ways in which you can do this is to ensure you are presenting up-to-date information in your portal registration. Please help us to help you - keep your registration up to date. Have you revisited it recently?

I am also delighted to announce a strengthening of the support for supply chain development following a collaboration between the Somerset Chamber of Commerce, SWMAS Ltd (delivering the Manufacturing Advisory Service) and Business West Ltd (delivering Business Support). This collaboration will increase the supply chain footprint across the South West and enable the Hinkley Supply Chain Team to draw upon a bigger pool of available resource.

I am confident that working with our consortium partners will accelerate the development of supply chain activity and enable more local businesses to win more contracts.

Neil Murphy
CEO, Somerset Chamber of Commerce

Precision Engineering Study Trip

South West precision engineers that are currently engaged on the Fit For Nuclear (F4N) programme were invited to visit Birmingham based IMI Truflo Marine* in June. The purpose of the event was to enable precision engineering companies with potential to supply the nuclear sector to gain real understanding, knowledge and best practice from other companies in the sector.



Facilitated by the Hinkley Supply Chain Team and Nuclear AMRC, delegates were able to observe how the nuclear culture, quality and safety behaviours, protocols and customer requirements permeate all levels of the company's operation, through to their supply chain.

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South West Supply Chain

The sheer scale of the Hinkley Point C project means that EDF Energy and its main contractors will need access to a robust, high quality supply chain. Currently there are 1,950 Somerset suppliers on the Hinkley supply chain portal and only 700 South West regional suppliers. The Hinkley Supply Chain Team has therefore been growing the scope of its activity to include target capabilities of South West suppliers outside Somerset.

One of the best in Somerset is something that helps us in every aspect of business. Our customers and suppliers recognise the Somerset Business Awards as a recognition of both quality and professionalism."

[The Awards are open to Somerset businesses and are free to enter. To find out more click here](#)

Somerset Chamber Annual Charity Golf Day 2015



The Somerset Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its 9th Annual Charity Golf Day, which will take place on Thursday 17th September at Taunton Pickeridge Golf Club. We are delighted to be supporting a local Somerset charity and Chamber member - The Conquest Centre.



Teams of four or individual players are invited to participate in what is primarily a relaxed, 18 hole golf tournament, with the aim of supporting a local charity as well as enjoying good company and the experience of playing one of Somerset's premier golf courses.

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Dan's Engineering - Getting Hinkley Ready



Based in Bridgwater, Dan's Engineering has over 30 years' experience and specialises in the design, welding, fabrication and installation of stainless and mild steel fabrications. In September 2014, managing director Dan Puddy attended a Somerset Chamber event to find out more about the Hinkley Point C project and quickly decided that he wanted to get involved.

"The Hinkley Point C project is a very big opportunity and it's right here on our doorstep so we wanted to make the most of it," said Dan.

The Somerset Chamber of Commerce and its Hinkley Supply Chain Team were instrumental in getting Dan's Engineering involved in the opportunity as well as ensuring that the company is well-placed to bid for work. Dan explains, "The Somerset Chamber provided us with a lot of information about the project, the sort of work that would be coming out of Hinkley Point C and the accreditation requirements. We went to a number of their Hinkley events and they also introduced us to John Ruddleston at MAS who has been helping us complete the Fit For Nuclear programme."

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"Stop Press - Local Suppliers miss out on opportunities at HPC"

This is a headline we definitely don't want to see!

Has your turnover increased? Have you recently gained new accreditations or improved your facilities? If so, make sure you update your details on the Hinkley supply chain portal.

Several Tier 1 suppliers use an initial filter on annual turnover and ISO accreditations in determining Requests For Information (RFI) lists. If you don't provide accurate, up-to-date information, this could result in your company being removed from lists of potential suppliers.

One local company narrowly avoided being passed over recently precisely because of this lack of information.

Each and every company on the supply chain portal should take the time to check their registration details and ensure that their capacity, competency and contact details are accurate, up-to-date and relevant.

Jamie Driver, the local NNB Supply Chain Engagement Manager, remarked, "Almost every week I get asked for details about local companies from our Tier 1 contractors wanting to use local suppliers. I can only provide the details on the portal. It is a real shame that some local companies have put so little effort into their registration and hence they will never get past the starting post. Somerset has a lot to offer but information needs to be up to date!"

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