



Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update

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Dear

My first six months as CEO of Somerset Chamber of Commerce has flown by, and it has been fascinating to understand the complexities and opportunities that Hinkley Point C could bring for South West businesses.

I am delighted that during this period further work packages have been identified for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team to start matching to the 3,200 businesses registered on the portal.

It is also encouraging that good progress has been made in creating a Professional Services team to support the Hinkley Point C project. The consortia agreement that we have entered into with SWMAS and Business West will help businesses to take advantage of current and future nuclear opportunities.



On a more personal note, I am pleased to share the wonderful news that Alan Windsor from the Hinkley Supply Chain Team has recently become a father for the first time. I am delighted that both mother and son are well, with Alan coping with the joys of a new-born in the household!



Dale Edwards
CEO
Somerset Chamber of Commerce

South West Skills Show - July 5th

The South West Skills Show will be the largest employer-led skills and careers event in the South West.

The Skills Show will provide a stage for young people, and those within their sphere of influence, the opportunity to 'have a go' at a range of work related skills, speak to employers from all over the South West, many with global operations. It will offer the chance to look at specific careers, talk to people already doing the jobs, and gain a complete understanding of the routes in to employment, an apprenticeship or further education.

For employers and sponsors, the show provides a unique opportunity to showcase their businesses and industry to a large number of local young people, meeting and shaping the employees of the future.

For more details and to book your free place visit

<http://southwestskillsshow.co.uk/>

Project Update - Strategic

Over the past few weeks some significant steps have been taken relating to the Hinkley Point C (HPC) project.

On April 22nd EDF announced confirmation of the significant recapitalisation of the company agreed by the EDF Board. Although not specific to HPC, the financial action plan enables EDF to deliver its overall investment programme.

The Board also decided to undertake a formal, non-binding consultation on HPC with the French Unions via the Comité Central d'Enterprise. This is a well understood statutory process in France, at the end of which the CCE will be invited to give its "advisory opinion". Following this the EDF Board will meet and make its Final Investment Decision.

At the UK Parliamentary Energy and Climate Change committee on 24 May, EDF Energy CEO Vincent de Rivaz explained:

"EDF has secured its overall financing, we are consulting with the trade unions, and the teams are still working hard on the project.

"Hinkley Point C is a strategic project for France and for China. It is as essential

for EDF as it is for the UK. We are ready to deliver it on time and on budget"

Hinkley Point Training Agency



Building better energy together

The Hinkley Point C (HPC) development will be one of the largest infrastructure project in Europe and will provide approximately 25,000 employment opportunities over the course of the build.

The project presents a significant opportunity for employers, people and the economy within the South West. To help support the recruitment needs and promote local employment and skills, a job brokerage service and skills

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A letter from Emmanuel Macron, the French Minister for Economy and Industry was also sent to the select committee in which he said that the French authorities remain fully behind the HPC project.

"I have every confidence that a final investment decision can be made rapidly after the end of the consultation, and that it will signal the development of a very fruitful collaboration in the industrial and energy sectors between our countries," he said.

Andrea Leadsom, the UK's Energy Minister, also speaking at the Select Committee, informed them that the Government was fully confident in Hinkley Point C and that new nuclear was a key part of Government policy to build a diverse source of energy projects.

During a visit to the HPC site in Somerset, she said she was overwhelmed by the massive amount of work that had taken place and was confident that EDF was fully committed.

Site Update

Work to ensure the Hinkley Point C project's readiness ahead of a final investment decision is continuing, including project planning, engineering design and commercial supply chain activities.

Enabling works continue on site with the commissioning of the first concrete batching plant and the erection of the second. Five concrete factories will be eventually required, one will be used by Kier Bam to produce shotcrete (or spray concrete) which will be used to stabilise the sides of the deep excavations.

Procurement of essential site operations packages continues with several preferred bidders now in the final stages of contract negotiation prior to final signature. The contracts all have additional aspects added due to the complexity of the project and the financing requirements stipulated by HMG. Just as a reminder, Site Operations will provide the services needed to support the construction workforce and hence needs to be ready before construction starts.



The project will base its staff induction and on-boarding activities at the newly opened Somerset Energy Innovation Centre SEIC. It will also be the base for union training, procurement and supply chain development. This facility is jointly managed by SWMAS, Somerset Chamber & Business West and was built with EU, Council and HPC S106 funds and already has several Tier 1 contractors as tenants. Workers joining the project will be provided with top class induction and on-boarding in a new state of the art facility. This best in class

approach is in line with the provision of high quality services and support for all those involved on the project and is seen as a means to attract and retain the workforce at HPC.

Work Package Opportunities

The Hinkley Supply Chain Team, now a collaboration between Somerset Chamber of Commerce, SWMAS Ltd and Business West, is actively engaged with the Tier 1 teams preparing for delivery of the Earthworks, Marine Tunnels, Temporary Jetty and some of the Park and Ride facilities. A proactive programme agreed by the Industrial Partners Steering Group, which is co-chaired by EDF Energy and Somerset Chamber, engages the Hinkley Supply Chain Team with the procurement teams of the Tier 1 contractors in order to get advanced notice on the range of work packages to be delivered.

With the help of the Tier 1 teams, we are continuing to assess the work packages requirements and identify suppliers that have relevant capabilities that meet the Tier

skills, a job brokerage service and skills agency have been developed; 'Hinkley Point C Jobs' and the 'Hinkley Point Training Agency' (HPTA).

The key aim of the HPTA is to act as a conduit for up to date skills demand intelligence from tier 1 contractors, supply chain and EDF Energy so that providers can plan, develop and implement relevant skills training in good time to meet the needs of the project. In particular:

- Providing an effective and efficient "one stop shop" for supply chain employers to access skills provision.
- Coordinating and developing the capacity, expertise and resources of the local, regional and national skills systems.
- Providing an efficient route for local employers to upskill or re-skill local people to fill any vacancies generated through staff migration to the HPC project.

Can HPTA help your business or project?

www.hinkleytraining.co.uk or email info@hinkleytraining.co.uk

The Somerset Business Awards 2016

The Somerset Business Awards 2016 opened for entry on 1st June. Now in its 12th year, the Awards celebrate successful Somerset companies and offer an excellent opportunity for all business sectors to meet, be inspired and showcase their achievements to their peers.



To enter the Somerset Business Awards (your company must be based within the administrative boundaries of Somerset - see T&Cs for more details)

Visit www.somersetbusinessawards.org.uk.

Entries close at midday on Monday 22nd August.

Somerset Chamber Annual Charity Golf Day - Thursday 18th August

1 criteria. These supplier lists will then be considered by the Tier 1 teams for inclusion in a forthcoming tendering process. It is therefore critical that all suppliers review their registration details to ensure they are up-to-date - specifically detailing the latest information sought on financial turnover, accreditations and points of contact.

£15 million in government funding headquartered in Somerset and Cumbria funding to set up the National College for Nuclear

The College is one of five National Colleges that will create the workforce of tomorrow by delivering high-level technical training to thousands of learners across England. Set across two hubs - one in Somerset and one in Cumbria - the College aims to train over 7,000 learners by 2020.

Young people in Somerset and Cumbria set on a career in the nuclear industry were given a boost on 9th May, as the Government announced £15 million in funding to support the creation of the National College for Nuclear that will be based at two sites, one in Somerset and one in Cumbria.

The College, which is set to open its doors in late 2017, will meet the demand for highly skilled workers in the nuclear sector and will offer courses designed by employers for a range of highly specialised careers.

Professional Services Supplier Group briefing encourages collaborative engagement

Over 80 representatives from professional services businesses across the South West gathered at The Canalside, Bridgwater on Tuesday 10th May for a briefing on the Professional Services Supplier Group, co-chaired by Dave Peacop, NNB (EDF Energy) Hinkley Point C Head of Site Operations, and Dale Edwards, CEO of Somerset Chamber of Commerce. The event brought together the experiences gained by Foot Anstey, Ashfords LLP and Albert Goodman in assisting businesses to understand the full scope of the requirements needed (by EDF and potential Tier 1 contractors) in order to be project-ready.

Dale Edwards opened the event, explaining how the need for a professional services group had become evident as more businesses and collaborations approached contract stage. Dale stated, *"It is important that local and regional businesses are supported by fully informed suppliers who have a complete understanding of the appetite, knowledge and requirements of tendering for large scale contracts."*

With a full HPC site update received from Dave Peacop, the attendees then went on to hear valuable advice from Nick Hancock and Rachel Lawrence of Albert Goodman, as well as Ruth Murray of Ashfords. All presenters at the event have experience of working with a variety of local businesses, from early collaborators that are now at preferred bidder status, to individual contractors working with Tier 1s. Their combined experience, alongside the legal framework details highlighted by Stephen Ovenden of Foot Anstey, emphasised the level of work required to understand the procurement processes behind this unique build project.



Hinkley Supply Chain Team Project Lead Chris Langdon addresses the room.

With an initial focus on finance, legal, project management, human resources and insurance, the group will invest time and resources into identifying the key professional services required by suppliers in order to win and deliver contracts. By developing a model of engagement, the group aims to present a joined up and

coordinated 'toolkit' response to any business or group of businesses that are pushing forward in their bids to work on HPC.

Calling golfers of all levels - join us for the Somerset Chamber's Annual Charity Golf Day at Oake Manor Golf Club near Taunton, this year in aid of '[Stand Against Violence](#)'

Following a day on the golf course, a two course dinner will be provided, along with presentations to the day's winners, a charity raffle and auction.

For further details, please click [here](#).



Useful Links:

Hinkley Supply Chain:
[HSC](#)

Somerset Energy Innovation Centre
[SEIC](#)

SWMAS Ltd:
[SWMAS](#)

Business West:
[BWES](#)

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Once the initial framework is in place, there will be opportunities for links into other professional services not noted as 'core' requirements at this time.
