



## Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update

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### Chamber Outlook:

Confidence is high that the Final Investment Decision (FID) for the development of Hinkley Point C will be achieved within the next few months.

A great deal of time and money has already been invested by local business and it's exciting to see this commitment paying off with local businesses already providing goods and services to the site as it continues significant preparatory works.

We continue to manage the local supply chain engagement for EDF Energy, and we are pleased to announce that more than 2500 businesses have registered their interest to supply the site.

We are working tirelessly to find innovative ways to match up the needs of EDF Energy with the 2,500 businesses wanting to get involved in both the build and 60 year operation of Hinkley Point C. We already have 8 substantial "work groups" comprising of multiple local firms, reviewing forthcoming work packages, and we have many more planned.

With the site set to employ nearly 6000 people during the build of the new power station, the opportunity for the local economy and the employment prospects for our communities are tremendous.

All good news for Somerset.

Neil Murphy - CEO Somerset Chamber of Commerce



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SCoC.

## 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

### Hinkley Point C Progress Update:

Since the last update, EDF and the UK Government have been working hard to finalise all agreements on Hinkley Point C and are making significant progress in all areas with the shared objective of finalising documents in the coming weeks. This will allow a final investment decision to be possible in the next few months. EDF is also making progress in discussions with future investment partners in the project. In particular, progress is being made with Chinese partners on all aspects of their nuclear industrial co-operation in the UK, which is part of the wider partnership between EDF and Chinese companies."

Work on site to culvert the Holford Stream is progressing well. This will divert the stream into a 700 metre tunnel and allow the stockpiling of material from the main construction area to the southern section of the site.

The construction of the two site access roundabouts is well underway. The first concrete batching plant is taking shape and a programme to commission and test this will follow.

[Click here for more](#)

### EDF Energy - Zero Harm Health & Safety Policy:

EDF Energy has five principles of Health & Safety. These principles form the basis for their approach to health and safety in the work place and are critical to achieving their Zero Harm

## Local Hustings

The Somerset Chamber of Commerce are hosting a series of hustings across Somerset in the lead-up to the General Election on 7th May 2015.

The hustings events, which are open to all and free of charge to Somerset Chamber members, will ensure that the business community can hear from and influence candidates prior to the General Election. Having developed a clear business plan for Somerset based on the key business issues identified by the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), the Somerset Chamber hustings will explore candidates' views on these important business issues.

Dates for hustings are:  
1st April - Somerton and Frome:

Edgemoor

approach to health and safety in the work place and achieving their zero harm ambition:

- \* Every job will be done safely, no matter how important or urgent it is
- \* Each of us has a personal responsibility for our own health and safety and for those around us
- \* Putting people to work carries a specific responsibility and accountability for safety and health, which can be visibly demonstrated
- \* Each near miss we learn from reduces the chance of harm next time
- \* Each of us will spot, report and deal with hazards to help create a harm-free workplace

EDF Energy's five 'Simple Actions' focus their people on the ways they can put these principles into practice on a day-to-day basis:

- \* We always address unsafe behaviours
- \* We always attend work fit for duty
- \* We always hold the hand rail on stairs
- \* We always keep our workplace tidy and free from obstructions
- \* We always look where we are going to avoid slips, trips and falls

## Working with Nuclear AMRC



The Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (Nuclear AMRC) has launched a new initiative to help manufacturers in Somerset make the most of nuclear opportunities at Hinkley Point and beyond.

**NUCLEAR AMRC** Nuclear AMRC Local is a new programme to provide on-the-ground support in the UK's key nuclear regions, launching in Somerset in collaboration with the Hinkley Point C supply chain team.

"Manufacturers who are based close to the new build and decommissioning sites are in an excellent position to join the supply chains for these multi-billion pound projects," says Dave Prescott, Nuclear AMRC Local programme manager. "We want to make sure they have the knowledge and capabilities they'll need to win work."

The Nuclear AMRC works with manufacturers of all sizes to help them win work in civil nuclear and other innovative energy sectors. It is part of the national High Value Manufacturing Catapult. Its research factory in Sheffield is home to over £26 million worth of production-scale manufacturing facilities, including many welding and machining cells which are the largest or most advanced available for collaborative R&D anywhere in the world. All of these facilities, along with the expertise of the centre's engineers and researchers, are available to manufacturers to help them optimise their current manufacturing processes or develop new tools and techniques.



Inside one of the Nuclear AMRC's large-scale state-of-the-art machining cells, a Dörries Contumat vertical turning/milling lathe.

The Nuclear AMRC also works with UK manufacturers to raise their quality, capability and cost competitiveness. The centre has worked with industry partners to develop a range of support programmes, including Fit For Nuclear (F4N), a unique service to help manufacturers test and develop their readiness to bid for work in civil nuclear. With support from the Regional Growth Fund, F4N now offers grants of around £10,000 to support SMEs through business excellence or R&D projects.

For more information [Click Here](#)

## Weston College maximising opportunities of Hinkley Point C

Weston College, recognised as the top Further Education College in the country, has already undertaken a significant amount of training working closely with Hinkley staff, to prepare people for the wide ranging opportunities the Hinkley Point C development will provide. The College,

along with others in the South West, has also successfully secured funding from the European

Edgar Hall  
2nd April - Taunton Deane:  
Taunton School  
8th April - Weston-Super-Mare:  
The Hive  
9th April - Wells: Wells Golf Club  
14th April - Bridgwater and West  
Somerset: Bridgwater College  
Cannington Centre

To book a place [please click here](#)

## Somerset in Business Conference - Thursday 4th June

We invite you to join one of the county's largest annual business events with 300 delegates and 30 exhibitors.

Listen to an impressive line-up of prominent Somerset business speakers and maximise your networking opportunities in the interactive exhibition space. Refreshments and a buffet lunch provided.

Raise your company profile by taking a trade stand, attending as a delegate, advertising in the conference programme or through a branded insert in the delegate goody bag.

Time: Registration 09.00 End  
Time: 16.30 Venue: Junction 24,  
North Petherton

Cost: Delegate Cost £25.00 Non  
Members £35.00

For more information contact  
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444924 or [click here](#)

## Useful Links:

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

**MAS (Manufacturing  
Advisory Service):**

Social Fund to reduce the cost of the training.

Training opportunities through the Hinkley fund include training in the following areas to date:

- Hospitality Services
- Facilities
- PMO
- Engineering
- Team Leading
- Driver Training
- Business Support
- Statutory Online Courses



[Click here to read more](#)



With Hinkley Point C poised to present a seismic shift in access to talent and available workforce, there's never been a more important time to highlight your current and future challenges.)

The West of England Local Enterprise Partnership is seeking your input to ensure that local businesses have the skills that they need both now and in the future. The results of this survey will ensure that schools, colleges and other training providers are equipping future staff with the skills that your business needs. Business from all sectors, of all sizes, have already shared their skills challenges, now it's your turn.

Burges Salmon, Knightstone Housing and KPMG have shared their skills challenges with the LEP - Have you? Please have you say here - it shouldn't take more than 10 minutes. (Only for businesses in the following counties - N Somerset, Bristol, B&NES, S Glcs)

To take the survey [Click Here](#)

[MAS](#)

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