



Project Announcement

The following announcement was made by EDF Energy on 1st April.

EDF Energy and the UK Government have made good progress on the work to finalise the agreements which will enable a final investment decision (FID) in the coming months for the proposed Hinkley Point C nuclear power station. There has also been continuing positive progress with future investment partners in the project.

EDF Energy has carried out extensive work with its contract partners to make the Hinkley Point C project ready for a final investment decision. The company has invested significantly in a series of preparatory activities including site preparations (earthworks, drainage works and culvert construction, concrete production facilities and welfare facilities) and road works.

These works are now nearing completion. EDF Energy will complete road works currently in progress at Taunton Rd/Broadway in Bridgwater, the Washford Cross roundabout in West Somerset and the Cannington bypass. The next phase of work on site and in the associated developments will require a substantial increase in spending levels, and will begin as soon as the final investment decision has been made.

In the meantime, work to ensure the project's readiness will continue, including project planning, engineering design and commercial supply chain activities.

How does the Hinkley Supply Chain Team view the announcement?

In the period until a final investment decision is made, this announcement is bound to have an impact on companies in the local and regional supply chain.

Neil Murphy, CEO of Somerset Chamber, recognises the challenge it may pose for some but explains: "Some of the early construction phases at Hinkley Point C are nearing completion and the next phase requires significantly more investment. The scale of the investment that EDF Energy has already made is enormous and there comes a point where a commercial decision needs to be taken to wait until all agreements are in place before the next phase begins. However, the will to get this project underway is undiminished so this period is also an opportunity for suppliers to prepare to be 'Hinkley Ready'."

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Thinking of recruiting staff?

Should you be considering a recruitment drive for staff or have positions you are keen to fill in the near future, the Hinkley Point C Jobs Service would be pleased to hear from you to help you fill these positions. Please call 01278 436132 or email hinkley-point-jobs@edf-energy.com and one of the team will be happy to help.

The service is free and currently has over 2000 registrations. The recent announcement by

Nuclear New Build '15 Conference



The Nuclear Industry Association is holding Nuclear New Build 2015 on 30 June and 1 July in London.

The conference will bring together the main nuclear new build developers, the supply chain as well as keynote speakers from inside and outside the nuclear sector.

With new build gathering pace, delegates will be able to establish links across the industry and take advantage of unrivalled networking opportunities.

Hosted by Steph McGovern and with more than 350 people forecast to attend, it will be the leading conference of 2015.

Registration, sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are now open; keep an eye out for the programme.

www.nia-nnb.glasgows.co.uk

Date: 30 June - 1 July 2015
Venue: Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London

The Business Guide to LinkedIn

Is your business maximising opportunities on LinkedIn? Join us for this breakfast event in association with Jim Rowe Social Media and Wincanton Businesses Together where Jim will provide you with tips to ensure time spent on LinkedIn is valuable in helping to generate new business.

Date: Weds 27th May
 Time 7.30am
 Venue: Wincanton Racecourse

Members Discount Cost: £20.00 Non Members £25.00

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ELECTRON MICROSCOPY WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

The Plymouth Electron Microscopy Centre (PEMC) team at Plymouth University is proud to announce that the 12 hours of free support for businesses, funded by ERDF, is now available until 30 June 2015, with more spaces available for companies to get involved.

From exploratory investigations to in-depth analysis, from aerospace to precision engineering. If you would like the opportunity to see how electron microscopy could help your company, contact Claire Pearce for an initial exploratory conversation:

Tel: 01752 588908 or email Clair Pearce for more information
claire.pearce@plymouth.ac.uk

Useful Links:

NAMRC (Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research

The service is free and currently has over 2000 registrations. The recent announcement by EDF Energy will mean that additional well qualified candidates will become available over the next few months. (For example; office administrators, support service workers, security guards, ground workers, and construction plant operators)

Alstom Supply Chain



The Hinkley Supply Chain Team has been working with Alstom who are the Tier 1 industrial partner that will be supplying the Steam Turbine - Generator and Balance of Plant equipment for Hinkley Point C.

This pilot activity, funded by BIS, has focused on identifying local and regional suppliers that have the capability to manufacture a wide range of components and equipment needed by Alstom. The packages range from large pressure vessels to Equipment mounted in Skids and Modules. As a result of this work, several suppliers, new to Alstom, are in a prequalification process for this valuable work. Others have also been considered and are being supported to gain the levels of accreditation demanded by the client prior to prequalification.



Somerset in Business Conference 2015 - Made In Somerset

This year's conference will take place on Thursday 4th June at Junction 24, Bridgwater Entitled 'Made in Somerset' and hosted by Somerset Chamber of Commerce, the event will be facilitated by Dr Adam Marshall, Executive Director of Policy and External Affairs at the British Chambers of Commerce.

An impressive line-up of high profile speakers include Graham Cole, Chairman of AgustaWestland; Simon Howes, South West MAS; Chris Ormrod, Prime Minister, Ministry of Cake; Chris Pratt, Managing Director, Elecsis; and Douglas Cordeaux, Managing Director, Fox Brothers.

The event will start at 9.00 with the first two sessions taking place in the morning after which a buffet lunch will be served followed by the third session.



The Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre's MANTRA lorry will be present, packed with the latest machinery and simulators, designed to give delegates a hands-on experience with real cutting-edge technologies.

If you would like to promote your business by taking an exhibition stand, placing a branded item in the delegate goody bag or advertising in the conference programme please contact us. Discounted rates are

available for Chamber members.

For further information or to register for the event, [Click Here](#) or call Lottie Francis on 01823 444924.

Join the UKTI 2015 nuclear mission to Taiwan

Taiwan Power Company (Taipower), a state-owned electric company, will issue major tenders for the following topics in the next 3 years:

- nuclear waste management and technologies
- stakeholder engagement
- planning work for decommissioning for 2018
- life extension assessment

UKTI Taipei is working with Taipower to make sure that UK companies are well placed to respond to these tenders when they are issued. Companies who are interested to receive

some more information should get in touch with UKTI Taipei, via the "Click Here For More Information" link below.
In addition to this the UKTI team is preparing the 2015 Nuclear Outward Mission to Taiwan which will coincide with our Third UK-Taiwan Nuclear Workshop. The Workshop will be co-organised with Taipower.

UK companies that are interested in this mission should inform us of this within your response. Please include information about whether you are already working in Asia and your preferred areas of interests for the mission. This mission will be visiting Taipei around June or September and it will also visit to Tokyo.

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