



Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update

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There appears to be a growing excitement among all key stakeholders as we edge closer to the final investment decision.

There are positive messages coming from all areas, including the UK government, the French government and of course EDF Energy. The Chancellor's recent visit to China and announcement of an initial government guarantee for Hinkley Point C provided by Infrastructure UK will help de-risk the first £2billion of potential Chinese investment.

In the meantime, the Somerset Chamber team has been busy developing new work groups and furthering relationships with the newly appointed Tier 1 preferred bidders. Good progress is being made and we will leverage the support from our newly formed joint venture with SWMAS and Business West in order to widen the scope of the supply chain.

We very much hope that in our next newsletter we will be in a position to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the early build stages are presenting.

Project Update

The UK government recently announced a guarantee, provided by Infrastructure UK, for the new nuclear power station planned for Hinkley Point C. The initial deal is set to be worth around £2billion and will help pave the way for a final investment decision by EDF Energy, supported by China General Nuclear Corporation and China National Nuclear Corporation later this year, with further amounts potentially available in the longer-term.

Vincent de Rivaz, chief executive of EDF Energy, said:
"The Chancellor's approval of the infrastructure guarantee is a clear sign of the government's commitment to Hinkley Point C.

"The government's determination to bring about a renewal of infrastructure and to attract inward investment to the UK is demonstrated by this good news.

"It is further progress towards a final investment decision on a project which will provide reliable, affordable low carbon electricity for decades.

"We welcome the government's support for the industrial participation by EDF and its Chinese partners."

China's participation in the UK's new nuclear programme was strongly endorsed by the Chancellor and the Energy Secretary during their visit to Beijing. They demonstrated their strong commitment to Hinkley Point C and provided a powerful answer to those who doubt that the country can get its act together on infrastructure.

The move from discussion into delivery is the time

UPDATING YOUR REGISTRATION:

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

To ensure you receive all the opportunities open to you, please check that your registration is as accurate as possible.

[Click here to go directly to the supplychain login page](#)

Alan Windsor - Hinkley Supply Chain Data Coordinator:



Alan has become a valued member of the Hinkley Supply Chain Team since joining in May 2015. He is responsible for the data that is held within the Hinkley supply chain.

Working closely with South West businesses to promote investment into the area, his role involves ensuring that companies within Somerset and the wider South West are given an opportunity to register for work on the construction of the Hinkley Point C new nuclear power station.

For leadership

Vincent de Rivaz, CEO of EDF Energy, also delivered some powerful messages on leadership and long term thinking in a recent speech at Dungeness power station, and separately in a letter to the Financial Times.

These messages resonate with the decisions and strategies that are being adopted by a number of Somerset and South West businesses.



He was clear that "short term events don't change the long term case", not only for the need for new nuclear power generation at Hinkley Point C and Sizewell but for all large infrastructure projects.

He pointed out that "the moment when we move from discussion and rhetoric into delivery is the time for courage and leadership" and he reflected the views of many of us in business when he observed "the country has spent too long avoiding the big decisions required to invest in major infrastructure."

[Click here to read the full speech](#) and [a copy of his letter to the FT.](#)

From the perspective of the Hinkley Supply Chain Team, the messages highlighted are just as relevant for individual businesses in the supply chain as in regional / national government. However, they are not always well understood, so below we outline and comment on some of the key issues raised in de Rivaz's speech and letter.

[To read more please click here](#)

Heart of the South West LEP bid success - what it means for the supply chain

The Somerset Chamber of Commerce and its delivery partners SWMAS Ltd and Business West have successfully tendered for the interim business support service for Hinkley Point C, to continue to build the capability of South West businesses for this once-in-a-generation project. This support will complement and further develop the wide range of supply chain opportunities arising from the Hinkley Point C construction.



The Hinkley Supply Chain Team will continue to provide work package assessment and broker specific business growth and readiness support so that businesses located within the Heart of the South West (HOSW) LEP area are better placed to take advantage of Hinkley Point C contracts with EDF Energy and its industrial partners.

Chris Langdon, Project Lead for the Hinkley Supply Chain, said, "The funding will provide the resource to support supplier groups responding to site operation work packages - five have already been announced as preferred bidders. Ongoing work with Tier 1 contracts will enable us to continue to identify and assess future work packages. This will allow targeted suppliers the time to develop their offer in order to meet future requirements."

This contract provides the resource for a short-term gap in provision, with the intention that longer term activity for 2016 and beyond will be commissioned via the ERDF/ESIF open call process.

Accommodation for Workers

Bridgwater-born-and-bred, Alan brings to the team a variety of skills gained through his previous roles working in the automotive, tax and manufacturing sectors.

He is an avid supporter of Manchester United and is the captain of the Marketeers Carnival Club in Bridgwater.

Somerset Chamber Events:



B2B Dinner

The final Business to Business (B2B) Dinner of 2015 will be hosted at Cadbury House in Congresbury, North Somerset on Thursday 12th November.

Join the Somerset Chamber of Commerce for superb networking opportunities in a new location. For those of you who have not attended the Chamber's B2B Dinners before, these are some of the most popular in the Chamber events calendar, with a rotating table plan to ensure you meet as many people as possible, both before and during dinner.

Anyone in business looking to network and make new contacts in a friendly and relaxed environment is welcome to attend. Please note that this is a Somerset Chamber event and is not Hinkley related.

[For more information or to book.](#)

International Trade Forum

The next Export: Somerset International Masterclass will be held on Wednesday 9th December. Organised by the Somerset Chamber of Commerce in association with UKTI, this event on Identifying and Managing Export Risk is open to both existing exporters and those considering international trade.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact Lottie Francis on 01823 444924 or [email](#)

Useful Links:

Hinkley Supply Chain:
[HSC](#)

NAMRC (Nuclear Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre):

[NAMRC](#)

Accommodation for workers

While EDF Energy will be providing accommodation in Bridgwater for the many workers expected to be employed at Hinkley Point C, it is widely recognised that additional accommodation will be required. In collaboration with the Local Authorities, EDF Energy have launched Somerset Homelet (www.somersethomelet.co.uk) a one stop shop for both individual landlords and tenants.

In addition, many companies that provide a larger scope of accommodation in Somerset have already registered their interest with the Hinkley Supply Chain Team and with EDF Energy directly.

So what happens next?

There are plans to amalgamate the two databases and have a single register of accommodation providers. This information will be included on a dedicated website that can then be accessed by those organising accommodation within the area, either for themselves or for company staff. It is anticipated that the type of accommodation will be defined by sub-categories including bed and breakfast, guesthouse, self-catering and hotels. To ensure that the website is as effective as possible for both the host and guests, the level of information provided will need to be thorough and up-to-date. With this in mind, if you have registered on either of the accommodation lists mentioned above, you will be contacted in due course to provide further information.

For more information or to register your accommodation, please visit www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk



Hinkley Point Training Agency Update September 2015

Over the past two years, the concept of a partnership based agency to support the skills and education needs of the Hinkley Point C project has been explored and discussed by the Department of Business Innovation and Skills (BIS), EDF Energy and regional skills providers.

What is the HPTA?

The Hinkley Point Training Agency (HPTA) acts as a hub for a diverse range of training providers and is designed to be the focal point for skills intervention. It will enable employers to access quality assured training designed to meet rigorous EDF Energy quality standards in a timely manner. It will provide the vehicle through which employers, providers and key local stakeholders can collaborate to source and/or develop solutions to employers' skills-related needs and access funding to support delivery. It will also play an important role in monitoring the quality of skills provision (non-nuclear), working with and complementing existing quality assurance arrangements to ensure that employers receive a consistently high quality service.

[To read the full article, please click here.](#)

MAS (Manufacturing Advisory Service):
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