



Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update

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Dear

With final contracts signed between EDF Energy, Chinese investment partner CGN and UK Government on September 29th, we are now into the delivery phase for the construction of Hinkley Point C. A project of this size will still take time to fully mobilise so even with substantial preparations already in place patience will still be required by suppliers seeking contractor contracts and work package detail. We expect to hear of contract awards for a series of work packages required in the earlier phases of the project in the next few weeks.



Dale Edwards - CEO
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With the Hinkley Point C project now beginning its main construction phase, we will be increasing the frequency of this news update, aimed at keeping you informed about the latest project news, work package information and contract awards. We are also heavily engaged with uncovering work package opportunities for the South West Supply Chain - see our summary update below.

Yours sincerely

Dale Edwards
CEO Somerset Chamber on behalf of the Hinkley Supply Chain Team



Hinkley C Project Update

On 15th September 2016, the UK Government formally provided approval for the construction of Hinkley Point C to proceed. Read EDF Energy's full statement on the UK Government decision [here](#).

The milestone was quickly followed by the final signing of projects principle contracts, marking the end of the project's development phase following years of rigorous preparation and planning. Full detail can be found [here](#).

What is happening on site?

EDF have an online interactive map which allows you to visit the Hinkley Point C construction site for a virtual tour. Find out about key construction activities taking place, including the temporary jetty, the concrete batching plant and [more](#).

Where can I see the latest site photos?

What is the apprenticeship levy?

In the 2015 Autumn Statement, the UK Government outlined plans to increase apprenticeship participation to 3 million by 2020 by making funding changes and introducing an apprenticeship levy.



It affects all organisations above a certain size, committing them to paying a percentage fee of their PAYE wage bill.

With the clock ticking away to the introduction of the levy, now is the right time for organisations to review their current apprenticeship scheme, consider the implications of the levy and consider how to maximise the opportunity and minimise the risk.

[Read more](#)

Growth Hubs

Growth hubs are local public/private sector partnerships led by the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). They join up national and local business support so it is easy for businesses to find the help they need. Find your local growth hub here:

- Gloucestershire
<http://www.thegrowthhub.biz/>
Tel: 01242 715400
- West of England
<https://www.wearegrowth.co.uk/>
Tel: 01275 378876
- Swindon & Wiltshire
<http://www.wiltshirebusinesshub.co.uk/>
Tel: 01225 402096
- Heart of the South West
<http://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/>
Tel: 03456 047047

Where can I see the latest site photos?

EDF have recently launched an Instagram account [@hinkleypointc](#) enabling you to view photos of construction progress and milestone moments directly from the HPC site.

If you wish to receive Hinkley Point C project update information via e-mail, please visit: <https://contactus.hpcenquiries.com/> and enter your details. You can unsubscribe from these updates at any time.

If you are on Twitter, you can receive regular updates by following [@edfehinkleyc](#)

Supply Chain Engagement Update

The Hinkley Supply Chain Team (a collaborative team from Somerset Chamber of Commerce, SWMAS Ltd and Business West) has been working with EDF Energy for a number of years to capture the capability of suppliers interested in the project and to engage with main contractors in order to identify the work package opportunities for the South West supply chain.

Once suppliers register on the Hinkley Supply Chain Portal with accurate information on core capabilities, this is then mapped against project requirements to help the Hinkley Supply Chain Team source relevant suppliers for work packages identified. Main contractors can also log in to search for and make direct enquiries to registered suppliers.

Supply chain engagement results so far include facilitating the responses from 6 local supplier consortia (25 suppliers) for a range of site services that resulted in contract awards of circa £435 million being awarded. We are expecting more opportunities to arise within site services activity at Hinkley C.

In addition to the site services activity, we are working with the construction Tier 1 contractors to increase local supplier engagement. We are engaged with Kier BAM, Costain and BYLOR procurement teams to identify work packages with potential for local supplier engagement. In the last 6 months we have identified and promoted a range of suppliers for work packages requirements within the Earthworks, Park and Ride, Jetty and Marine Works contracts. This work continues and we are now engaging with more main contractors in line with the project program.

SEIC Update

The Somerset Energy Innovation Centre is going from strength to strength with the latest cohort of new tenants including EDF Energy, Kier BAM and local supply chain consortia FACE, HOST and Somerset Passenger Solutions.

Having the mix of Tier 1s and local companies in the building alongside the HPC supply chain team is proving to be a winning mix, with introductions being made and new relationships emerging that should see an increasing amount of supply chain activity delivered by local business.



For those not looking for an office space, but want to be part of the centre and the activities we deliver, our new dedicated desk offer is a great solution. Taking a desk on easy in, easy out terms gives you a physical presence in the building and opens up the same opportunities and access to our facilities that our larger tenants receive. Not to mention, access to our new cafe, run by Somerset Larder and providing some of Somerset's finest local produce for your lunch.

You can find more details about the Somerset Energy Innovation Centre at <http://www.somersetenergyinnovationcentre.co.uk>

Tel: 03456 047047

- Dorset
<http://www.dorsetgrowthhub.co.uk/>
Tel: 03454 586480
- Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
<https://www.ciosgrowthhub.com/>
Tel: 0300 4563565

Your Registration

We encourage suppliers to ensure their registration details on www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk are up to date with the right contacts, latest financial information and accurate capability summaries.

Any queries, please email office@hinkleysupplychain.co.uk or call 01823 443425

Sedgemoor Business Conference - Spotlight on Exporting

Be in with an Exporting Chance! Sedgemoor District Council is urging small businesses in the area, as well as larger ones, to learn more about the opportunities for exporting by attending a free half-day Business Conference on 3rd November.



The conference, being hosted by the Council at Bridgwater's McMillan Theatre will focus on the hot topic of Exporting. A spokesperson for Sedgemoor District Council said there were still seats left for the conference which was a chance for companies already exporting to share experiences and for those thinking of taking the plunge to get expert advice.

For more information please contact economic.development@sedgemoor.gov.uk

Useful Links:

Hinkley Supply Chain:
[HSC](#)

Somerset Energy Innovation Centre
[SEIC](#)

SWMAS Ltd:
[SWMAS](#)

Business West:
[BWES](#)

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There are links to previous editions of the newsletter
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<http://www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk/news/newsletters/>

Q2 2016-2017 Manufacturing Barometer Survey



SWMAS has now launched their Q2
2016-2017 Manufacturing Barometer
Survey The Manufacturing Barometer

is a quarterly survey that charts the experiences of English SME
manufacturers. It is the largest survey of its kind and has informed both
government industrial strategy and the national debate on manufacturing. Run
by SWMAS since 2009 in the South West of England, the Manufacturing
Barometer records trends in employment, turnover and investment. Each
quarter, a 'special focus' explores an issue in greater depth. In the past this
has included issues such as productivity, overseas production and energy
efficiency.

Q2's special focus is looking at the uncertainty on the UK's future trading
relationship with the EU and we're asking senior decision makers within SME
manufacturers to share their thoughts and concerns about sourcing from and
supplying to the UK.

You can find a link to the survey [here](#).