

Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update



Delivery Partners for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

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Dear



Welcome to the first Hinkley Supply Chain Newsletter of 2020! We're looking forward to discovering what Hinkley Point C (HPC) opportunities are in the pipeline this year and reflecting on the support provided over the past three years through the Hinkley Supply Chain Programme.

As construction continues well into its third year, our attention continues to be directed towards the MEH (Mechanical, Electrical, Heating, Ventilation and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning) phase. Progression is well underway, forming the relationships required and building on existing ones. This ensures that the wider HPC MEH Alliance and contractors are aware of the work the Hinkley Supply Chain Team is funded to do. We hope to announce an event later in the year where we can fully update people on the progress and opportunities of the MEH phase.

The Hinkley Supply Chain Team delivers a range of activity to maximise supplier engagement with Hinkley Point C. This includes an online registration portal, initial communications with potential suppliers and the work to facilitate early engagement with main contractors and consortia responses to date. All this is funded by both EDF and local government.

We now need to evidence the SME support we have given to a number of businesses in the South West to satisfy our funders. One of the pieces of paperwork you will receive (if you have signed up to the Hinkley Supply Chain Programme) is an Impact Review Form. Please help us by completing these in their entirety, the information you are asked to report on is confidential and fundamental to us receiving our funding. [The team](#) is able to assist you if you have any questions. Please help us by returning them - **completed in full** - by February 27.

Sam Evans

Project News

When the workforce returned from the Christmas break a significant change greeted them. The new North Plaza was operational and buses to site no longer delivered staff to the temporary East Office terminus. This new, much larger, facility allows staff quicker access to the site being centrally based. In addition, the visitor access to site is also accommodated in the North Plaza. Work during 2020 will see further development of the facility which will act as the main gateway to the site for the rest of the project.

Just before Christmas, the world's largest crane "Big Carl" made its first major lift - a 170 tonnes pre-fabricated steel dish which will form the base of the reactor containment liner and was over 46 metres in diameter. Working to a tight weather window, the lift was completed in the early hours of December 18 completing at 4.30am. The lift involved teams from EDF Energy, Tissot, Bylor and Sarens who had planned this key activity over a number of weeks.



Work continues at Avonmouth at the Balfour Beatty segment factory which is now producing concrete segments that will form the liner of the cooling water inlet and outfall tunnels.

Also being built at Avonmouth are the inlet and outlet header structures which will eventually sit on the seabed at the ends of the cooling water tunnels. The inlet structures are massive, reinforced concrete structures, five metres tall, eight metres wide and over 40 metres long, each weighing approximately 5,000 tonnes. Six of these will be pinned to the seabed and shafts driven to connect with the tunnels below.

The construction of Unit 2 nuclear island continues, learning valuable lessons from the work already undertaken on Unit 1. During December, the first of the five big concrete pours took place. The pour took 31 hours to complete and involved the placing of 1,868 cubic metres of concrete over 476 tonnes of steel reinforcement.



In January, HPC hosted a visit by Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth and Nadhim Zahawi MP, Minister for Business and Industry. They visited the site and met with some of the 500 apprentices. They also visited Hinkley Point B and the National College for Nuclear in nearby Cannington.

Senior project managers talked to them about how plans are advancing for a near identical station at Sizewell C in Suffolk. By

demonstrating the advantages of replication between Unit 1 and Unit 2 the project team was able to talk confidently about how the UK EPR design for SZC means that it can be built and financed at a lower cost for consumers.

Meanwhile, Stuart Crooks, HPC Managing Director, has released a short video which has been published on YouTube. It describes the progress made on the project and shows many views of the site and work taking place across the UK to support HPC. It's now three years since the construction started and during 2020 the civil construction will dominate. However, towards the end of the year the mechanical and electrical installation phase will begin. This is the first of these films planned to be released twice yearly. [Click here to view the film.](#)

Supplier Case Studies



"Proud to play a crucial part in HPC"

There are currently more than 4,500 workers on site at Hinkley Point C (HPC) and thousands more working on the project across the UK, in France and beyond.

Bristol-based Global Employee Mobility Ltd is proud to be playing a crucial part in the project, helping to ensure members of that workforce are in the right place at the right time.

The company specialises in relocation management and has been working with joint venture Bylor – a collaboration between Laing O'Rourke and Bouygues TP – to support key staff moving to work at both the HPC site and the HPC Delivery Command Centre (DCC) in Bristol for the last three years.

Nick King, Director of Global Employee Mobility Ltd, said: "We are a relocation management company supporting companies move their staff from one location to another.

"We deal with all aspects of the moving process and, in particular, we access longer term rental accommodation, buying and selling property on behalf of the moving employee and their family, visa applications, removals management etc."

To read more click [here](#).

"Specialist engineering firm ideally placed to play key role in Hinkley Supply Chain"



BERRY & ESCOTT

Berry & Escott Engineering continues to demonstrate its capabilities in nuclear as the company celebrates the expansion of their dedicated stainless steel facilities and the re-granting of their Fit 4 Nuclear certification.

In response to increased customer demand within the nuclear sector, the company has invested heavily in a new unit at their base on Bridgwater's Blake Mill Business Park, enabling the expansion of their dedicated stainless steel fabrication and production facilities.

Opened in October, the new unit creates an additional 2,500 sq ft dedicated to the company's work across all grades of stainless steel, further enhancing their ability to offer the highest levels of cross contamination protection and specialist customer service.

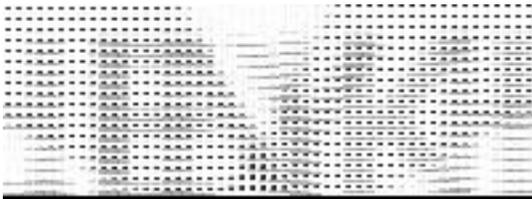


Berry & Escott undertakes a wide range of specialist and highly technical work for the nuclear sector, from bespoke large-scale fabrications to high quality small and large batch projects. The new facilities also house specialist equipment, additional office space and meeting rooms to support the company's continued focus in this area.

October also saw a further celebration for the company, as Berry & Escott was successfully re-granted their Fit 4 Nuclear certification. The certificate can be viewed on the website alongside the company's Nuclear Safety Policy and other key industry accreditations and policy documentation.

For more information about Berry & Escott, visit www.berryescott.co.uk or telephone 01278 444861.

Specialist Group Relaunches



A specialist group of legal, financial and management professionals dedicated to advising businesses trying to win work at Hinkley Point C (HPC) is relaunching with an updated website, new members profiles, case studies and a communications plan.

As of 1 January 2020, the Hinkley Professional Services Group (PSG) officially relaunched and the group's first event, a Business Advice Surgery, will take place later in the year on March 26 at the Somerset Energy Innovation Centre.

Hinkley PSG members will be providing advice alongside representatives from the Hinkley Supply Chain. Places can be booked [online via this link](#).

The concept of the Hinkley PSG was first suggested back in 2016, when EDF Energy and the Hinkley Supply Chain realised there was a need for a specialist professional service group of regional firms which could provide advice to businesses wishing to bid for work at or connected to HPC.

To read more [click here](#).

Hinkley Supply Chain Events

Hinkley Point C – Update and Opportunities
Leigh Court Business Centre, Bristol
March 11th 8.30am - 12.30pm

This event is designed to help attendees gain a basic introduction to working at Hinkley Point C during the construction phase. The agenda will include: a site update, an understanding of the timeline of the project, how to make the most of your portal registration and preparing yourself and/or your business for Hinkley.



The event is aimed at managing directors, business development directors and commercial directors. Speakers will include Jamie Driver, HPC Supply Chain Engagement Manager, Natalie Beacham, Business Advisor for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team, and Alan Windsor, Business Reporting and Information Officer for the team.

[Click here to book your place today.](#)



Civil Nuclear Showcase March 3-4, Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel, London

The Civil Nuclear Showcase is a unique opportunity for representatives of the international nuclear industry to meet, network and discuss the latest developments in the civil nuclear marketplace.

Senior delegates are expected from the UK and across the globe, including Canada, Central Europe, China, France, Germany, Japan, South Korea and the United States. Taking place at a critical time for the industry, with the UK's nuclear sector deal developing and the future of nuclear emerging as a key theme in debates around combatting climate change and the energy transition, this flagship event is not to be missed.

[More information is available here.](#)

Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards 2020



HPC suppliers are being encouraged to enter the Somerset Education Business Partnership Awards, which celebrate the hard work of all who inspire young people and develop future skills and talent across the country.

Maybe you know someone who has inspired a young person about their future career choices or your business has provided a quality work placement for a student. With ten award categories, there is plenty of opportunity to celebrate the work of individuals and teams who are providing the best in careers inspiration and work-related learning in Somerset.

Entries must be submitted by March 13, 2020, and will be judged by an independent panel, including a representative from returning headline sponsor, Milsted Langdon. Award finalists will be invited to celebrate at the awards evening to be held at the Somerset County Cricket Club on April 30, 2020.

Full details of the award categories and how to enter can be found on the Somerset Education Business Partnership website at www.somerset-ebp.co.uk/awards.

Calling South West businesses who have won Hinkley Point C contracts



Has your company won an HPC contract and would you like to tell us your good news?

[Email](#) us and we may be able to share your success in a future newsletter.



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