

Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update



Delivery Partners for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

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As the Coronavirus lockdown begins to ease across most industries, it's positive to hear from our supply chain partners that businesses are beginning to return to some form of normality. Of course, we are not out of the woods yet and there will still be some hurdles to overcome, but with this experience to draw on in future, we would hope that we can avoid a full lockdown and a repeat of these difficult months on both a business and personal level.

Throughout the crisis, we at the Hinkley Supply Chain Team have been liaising with business organisations as well as EDF and the Somerset Chamber of Commerce to bring the latest information to our website pages. This has proved a valuable resource and, of course, it won't stop now. Any important updates will be cascaded through the supply chain from the news section of our website. Where we identify sector focussed information or opportunities, these will be distributed via email to the registered contacts on your registration.

This past month has seen the release of the latest Hinkley Point C Socio-Economic Report which confirms the benefits to the regional economy from the construction of the first new nuclear power station in a generation. Highlights include the news that £1.67b has been spent with South West companies to date, 10,300 jobs have been created and £119m of community investment delivered to date.

You can find more details in this newsletter and read the full report [here](#)

If you would like to explore the supply chain and find out more about contracts that have been awarded, you can use the newly released [supply chain map](#) to explore the local, regional and national supply chain utilised so far in the construction of Hinkley Point C.



Finally, if you would like any tips on improving your Hinkley Supply Chain registration two of our team members, Alan Windsor and Natalie Beacham, have released an online tutorial (recorded pre-social distancing regulations) to share tips and pointers on how best to update your portal registration, this can be viewed [here](#).

From all at the Hinkley Supply Chain Team we hope you and your staff are keeping well.

Best Wishes.

Alan Windsor, Hinkley Supply Chain Information Manager,
Natalie Beacham, Hinkley Supply Chain Business Advisor,
Somerset Chamber of Commerce

Project News



The safety of workers and the community continues, as always, to be the top priority at Hinkley Point C (HPC) as the measures put in place to protect workers and prevent the spread of the corona virus become the norm. On-site, social distancing is well observed and numbers remain at around 2,500 – about half the number before the crisis.

Despite the challenges, a major milestone was achieved at the start of June with the completion of the second unit's common raft – the base for the nuclear reactor itself. This milestone is known internationally as J-0 and marks the start of the construction of the nuclear island superstructure. This comes just a year after achieving the same milestone on Unit 1. More details are given below.

Work on-site continues in the main areas including the nuclear islands, cooling water infrastructure and offshore marine works.

The site operations teams have been very busy introducing the changes to the working arrangements and preparing to receive more staff. Work to complete the North Plaza site access facilities continues and should be fully operational towards the end of the year.

Every year the project publishes a report on the positive socio-economic impact the construction brings to the South West region. The report, "Realising the socio-economic benefits" is [available online](#) and provides details of how people and businesses have benefitted from the construction of HPC. The Hinkley Supply Chain Team is proud to have played a part breaking a major target to secure over £1.67 billion spend within the region. More details can be found below.

Lastly, the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Sizewell C was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate last month. This is the start of the process to enable the building of a sister station in Suffolk. The Planning Inspectorate have a specific period to review the application before it becomes available for public review. A period of consultation will then follow ending with a recommendation to the Secretary of State about a year later. EDF's strategy is to utilise the learning, the resources and the supply chain at HPC to build this second EPR project which would also contribute about 7% of the UK's electricity demand.

HPC Work Package Opportunities

There are a wide range of upcoming work packages available, which the Hinkley Supply Chain Team is working on with existing HPC contractors. Opportunities include:

For Bylor:

- Blockwork supply and installation
- Drywalls and linings installation
- Partitions supply and installation
- Demountable ceilings
- Wall finishes supply and installation
- Floor finishes installation
- Raised floors
- Internal doors supply and installation
- Internal glazed screens supply and installation,
- WC, shower cubicles and sanitary ware - supply and installation
- Painting and decorating
- Printer managed service

For Linxon:

- Construction of steel framed buildings
- Low voltage cable installation
- Temporary offices supply and install

Supplier Case Studies

Falcon keeps firms on the move at HPC

Hinkley Point C (HPC) continues to break records and hit milestones but it's the businesses and people behind the scenes who are ensuring the project keeps moving on time and to schedule.



Take Falcon Vehicle Solutions, which has bases in Taunton and Bridgwater, as well as a modern workshop in Bridgwater.

The vehicle rental company has provided a wide range of vehicles on contract hire to a number of different local, national and international contractors who are working directly on site at HPC.

Clients include Somerset Larder, which uses LCVs and refrigerated HGVs, Windsor Catering, which uses 3.5t fridge vans and makes use of flexible fleet hire and Construgomes, a Portuguese sub-contractor which has used more than 10 vehicles for workers to use while working at HPC.

To read more [click here](#).

HPC smashes target for spending in the South West



The Hinkley Point C power station project has smashed its target of spending £1.5 billion with businesses in the South West, five years ahead of schedule. New figures released in the project's latest Socio-Economic impact report show that £1.67 billion has now been spent with more than 1,100 companies across the region. The report can be read [here](#).

Somerset has benefitted from £368 million of the spend, whilst the Bristol area has seen £448 million. £147 million has been spent in Gloucestershire and £59 million in Devon.

The report shows that:

- 640 apprentices have now been recruited so far, from steel fixing and crane operations to commercial management and hospitality
- More than 10,000 jobs have been created to support the project so far and it is on track to hit a target of 25,000 by the end of construction
- 11,000 people have been trained and assessed in Somerset at the Construction Skills Centre. New facilities such as a Welding Centre of Excellence are being established to help to overcome nationally significant skills gaps
- Spending across the UK is also increasing as construction progresses – boosting the UK's industrial capacity and creating new jobs. For example, spending on contracts in the Midlands and across the North of England, for example, has already reached almost £1.1bn

To read more [click here](#).

Hints and tips video from the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

While the events and workshop schedule has been put on hold due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Hinkley Supply Chain Team has compiled a video tutorial to help both existing and would-be HPC suppliers.



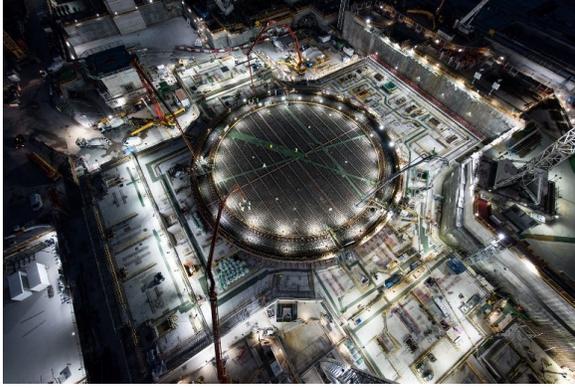
The tutorial is full of hints and tips for companies who may already be working on the project and need to update their portal registration, or for those who are new to HPC and registering for the first time.

The video tutorial is available on the Hinkley Supply Chain website and can be viewed here: <https://www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk/news/online-tutorial/>.

HPC achieves latest milestone on schedule

Workers building the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station have completed the 49,000-tonne base for the station's second reactor on schedule - meeting a target date set more than four years ago.

The final concrete pour of 8,991m³ set a new UK record for a single, continuous pour. It surpasses by 37m³ the previous



record during construction of the base for Hinkley Point C's first unit in June 2019.

The power station in Somerset will produce reliable low carbon electricity and – alongside renewable power - will help Britain move to a future without polluting fossil fuels.

This major milestone in nuclear construction was completed by teams who

have had to adapt to new Coronavirus working conditions. Their achievement, known as “J-zero”, comes less than a year after the completion of the first reactor's base in June 2019. It is the second major goal in 2020 and the successful completion of both follows the achievement of all the project goals in 2019. The date for achieving J-zero on Unit 2 was set more than four years, before the final investment decision was taken.

To read more [click here](#).

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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