

# Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update



## Delivery Partners for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

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As the Covid-19 restrictions ease further, many more of our registered suppliers are returning to their places of work. Throughout this challenging time, the Hinkley Supply Chain Team has been and will continue to work hard to uncover potential opportunities for the regional suppliers registered on the portal.

We have also been busy making some amendments to our processes and are pleased to announce the launch of our new Hinkley Supply Chain website. Utilising existing features, such as the EDF work packages list, we have added pages to make it easier for those registered on the supply chain portal to contact us and have given our information pages a new look to make them more engaging and easier to navigate.

We have also produced a [new infomercial](#) for both existing and up-coming site contractors to explain how the Hinkley supply Chain team is uniquely placed to assist their procurement teams to find high quality regional suppliers for their HPC contracts. This is backed-up by an A5 flyer which explains how we can promote regional businesses meeting their requirements.

We do, though, need your help, as we can uncover opportunities and promote suppliers registered on the Hinkley supply Chain portal. If the information we are sharing does not accurately reflect your business, your capabilities or have the correct contact information, you may miss out on these opportunities. We would urge everyone [to visit our new website](#), log-in to their registration, ensure it is up to date and promotes their business to its fullest extent.

Your Hinkley Supply Chain registration is your Hinkley Point C

business CV and, as the old saying goes, we only get one chance to make a first impression. We would encourage you to make sure your first impression is a lasting one that puts your business at the forefront of the contractors' minds when they are looking to engage with our registered supply chain members.

If you have any problems logging-in to your Hinkley Supply Chain registration, please contact the team on [office@hinkleysupplychain.co.uk](mailto:office@hinkleysupplychain.co.uk) who will be able to assist.



If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss HPC and the opportunities available, please get in touch with the team to arrange this. This can be done virtually or face-to-face.

Finally, we would like to welcome some new members to the wider team – we welcome Sam Evans back to team. Sam has joined one of our supply chain partners, SWMAS, as a nuclear supply chain specialist on a contracting basis and will be assisting regional companies to make the most of the Hinkley Supply Chain opportunity. Also joining SMWAS is Tim Evans who will be providing support to SMEs in Somerset and Devon.

Best Wishes.

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

## Project Update



The safety of workers and the community continues to be the top priority at Hinkley Point C as the measures put in place to prevent the spread of infection become the norm. The project is carefully remobilising and increasing site numbers slowly to ensure that any impact does not undermine the social distancing countermeasures in place.

Work on site continues in most areas with good progress being made on both nuclear islands. Work on the cooling water tunnels continues with the first tunnel now over 1.6 km in length. An important milestone was reached in early August when the 1,000<sup>th</sup> segment ring was installed in Unit 1 intake tunnel. Preparations to launch the two other TBMs are underway with the outfall tunnel TBM due to be installed towards the end of the summer.

The MEH phase has begun with the fitting of the first five out of 156 storage tanks. The next phase of construction is being led by an innovative joint venture – the “MEH Alliance” formed by EDF and its major contractors Altrad, Balfour Beatty Bailey, Cavendish Nuclear and Doosan Babcock. (MEH stands for Mechanical, Electrical and HVAC - heating, ventilation and air conditioning). In addition to supporting existing jobs, 1,200 new posts and 300 apprenticeships will be created over the coming years.

In addition, a new engineering design centre in Bristol has opened to support the next phase of construction at the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station. The UK EPR Design Centre at Aztec West brings nuclear designers and engineers together from EDF and British engineering partners and suppliers.

The team will be able to quickly resolve issues to support the construction and commissioning programme, using their experience of the EPR nuclear reactor design and

UK regulatory environment. This approach draws on experience from other EPR construction projects and is another of the innovations helping to drive efficiency and productivity at Hinkley Point C.

Led by EDF, around 700 people from different companies from the UK and abroad will be employed there by 2021. It will bring an additional 300 jobs to Britain to support the design, construction and commissioning of UK EPR nuclear reactors at Hinkley Point C in Somerset and Sizewell C in Suffolk. It will build the long-term skills needed to support operation of the power stations.

## HPC Work Package Opportunities

Using intelligence gathered through communications with contractors at HPC, the Hinkley Supply Chain Team has identified six priority capability areas of focus over the next six to twelve months.

These six work categories are expected to be needed as the project progresses, so the team are currently gathering information about the specific requirements and relevant qualifications which may need to be attained for each.



This will be shared with regional suppliers well in advance to ensure they have the time to upskill and/or qualify if needed so they are at the forefront of these opportunities. Each work category will have a key contact as listed below. Please get in touch directly if you wish to register an early interest in support\* from the team:

- Design Engineering Services ([jonathan.wren@swmas.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.wren@swmas.co.uk))
- Electrical Control & Instrumentation (E C & I) Design, Manufacture and Supply ([adrian.peckitt@swmas.co.uk](mailto:adrian.peckitt@swmas.co.uk))
- Testing, Inspection & NDT, Qualification and Commissioning ([sam.evans@swmas.co.uk](mailto:sam.evans@swmas.co.uk))
- Welding & Structural Steelwork ([mary.payne@swmas.co.uk](mailto:mary.payne@swmas.co.uk))
- Pipework ([peter.cornish@swmas.co.uk](mailto:peter.cornish@swmas.co.uk))
- Civil Construction - Supply and Install "Fit-Out" Trades ([office@hinkleysupplychain.co.uk](mailto:office@hinkleysupplychain.co.uk))

While still in early stages of development, if your company has expertise in any of the above areas, you can expect to hear from the relevant team member over the coming weeks.

*\*Support is fully funded for eligible small and medium-sized (SME) businesses based in the South West and South Wales – [Click here for more details](#)*

## Supplier Case Studies

***"We're proud to be supplying HPC"***

Somerset company Chard Truck Services and its subsidiary Water2U has been helping to keep the Hinkley Point C (HPC) site supplied with a fresh



supply of water for cleaning and testing purposes.

The company has been tanker specialists since 1997 and operates a fleet of water tankers devoted to the Water2U service. All the water tanker drivers have National Water Hygiene training via EUSR (the Energy and Utility Skills Register) and vehicles can each carry between 15,000 and 27,000 litres.

At HPC, Chard Truck Services provides bulk water deliveries across the site where mains water is not available with the supplies used for drinking, washing and welfare facilities. They also carry out the scheduled on-site tank hygiene cleaning and swab testing services. All water supplied is drinkable as standard and is sourced from the company's designated mains water supply at the Chard depot.

To read more [click here](#).

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## 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](#).

# 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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