

# Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update



## Delivery Partners for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

## December 2020

Dear



It seems that, despite the lockdown measures we have all been subject to, 2020 has absolutely flown by!

This year has been very different for many of us but the team has worked tirelessly to ensure businesses in the South West are being supported to access opportunities during the construction of Hinkley Point C.

While we may not have been able to hold as many workshops as we would in previous years, we have still been able to deliver the information and signposting to regional businesses registered on the Hinkley Supply Chain Portal.

This year, of the 4,300 plus regional companies registered on the supply chain portal, I can report that 742 unique businesses have been recommended for opportunities at HPC. Work packages have been as diverse as ever!

This engagement has come from our close contact with the project and the announced contractors at all tier levels. Although this has had to take different forms from our traditional routes of engagement, it has been maintained throughout the year and, in total, we have engaged with 18 unique contractors, discussing 77 work package opportunities, across 23 site contracts.

In 2020 we also relaunched the new look Hinkley Supply Chain website [www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk](http://www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk) which has been well received by both suppliers and contractors alike, with handy links to hints and tips videos (see below) and links to project news and the all-important EDF work packages and [contract](#) information page. The website has, in 12 months, generated over 54,000 views. Proving that this is a vital tool for our supply chain partners to obtain and find information on the project and their potential route to market.

For one final time this year, please could I ask you to update your registration if you haven't logged in for a while. Do you still have the correct contacts? Has your company added capabilities or accreditations? All this could be the difference between being considered or dismissed as a supplier. As my colleague Alan Windsor would say, think of your registration as your business CV – this is your opportunity to make a great first impression. If you need some tips for updating your registration view our videos [here](#).

It just leaves me to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from all on the Hinkley Supply Chain Team.

**Natalie Beacham, Hinkley Supply Chain Project Lead,  
Somerset Chamber of Commerce**

## Project Update

Despite the on-going pandemic, work on site has been able to continue thanks to the range of effective protection measures that are continuing to keep the workforce and the community safe. The approach has been commended by Public Health England and the independent nuclear regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation.



Despite the challenge, good progress has been made with construction. The milestone marks the end of a successful year for the Hinkley Point C Project. December has seen the completion of the first of three off-shore tunnels mined 33m below the Bristol Channel whilst Vessco Engineering in South Wales completed the manufacture of the reactor's first feed-water tank.

Project progress has been celebrated within [a new end of year film which can be viewed here](#) and which celebrates the achievements of the thousands of men and women working together to help deliver net-zero.

The MEH Alliance (Mechanical, Electrical and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning)) Joint Venture has now mobilised on site and has started installation work in one of the technical galleries.

This was due to take place next year but was brought forward so that lessons learned from other contractors on site on workforce mobilisation, working practices, logistics and site infrastructure could be embraced and implemented. This shared learning culture across the site is a strength that continues to bring significant benefits the project.

The impact of Hinkley Point C was positively highlighted by several speakers at the recent Nuclear Industry Association conference held on December 3. The project is leading the way in power station construction having drawn on the experiences of previous EPR new build projects in France and China. Follow-on projects in the UK will utilise best practice from HPC and the way the project interacts with the supply chain is considered to be very effective and should be replicated on major projects elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the UK Government has published its Energy White Paper which confirmed the

UK Government will enter negotiations with EDF in relation to Sizewell C. Simone Rosse, EDF's UK CEO said: "We're right behind Net Zero, and by investing in renewables and nuclear at Hinkley Point C and Sizewell C we're supporting decarbonisation while creating jobs across the UK. We will continue to help our customers find affordable, low carbon ways to travel and heat their homes and businesses.

"The time for action is now and we look forward to working with the Government to implement its energy and climate policies, including the financing of new nuclear."

## HPC Work Package Opportunities

Client Name	Work Package Name
APCO Technologies SA	Polar crane beams
BYLOR	Acoustic wall
BYLOR	Automatic doors
BYLOR	Ballistic doors
BYLOR	Glazed doors
BYLOR	Internal doors
BYLOR	Poly doors
BYLOR	Steel doors
MEH Alliance - Procurement Team	Marshalling cabinets

## Supplier Case Studies



***"Bridgwater firm hopes HPC contract will be the first of many"***

With over 30 years of development and experience, Bridgwater-based engineering services company Elecsis Limited will be working with Veolia Water Technologies on

Hinkley Point C's (HPC) raw water storage and water demineralisation control buildings.

"We hope this will be one of many contracts as the project develops and we can show the quality and technical expertise of Somerset companies," said Chris Pratt, Chairman and Managing Director of Elecsis.

"I was invited to sit on the HPC steering committee for quite a number of years so I am very pleased to win our first contract for the project, which I hope will be one of a number once the build reaches the point where our type of products are required," he said.

To read more [click here](#).

***"Delivering a variety of services to national and international contractors"***



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 on track.

One of these is Bristol headquarters-based construction, refurbishment and building reactive and planned maintenance contractor, Lancer Scott Ltd, which also has bases in Taunton, Port Talbot, Bournemouth and Central London.

Lancer Scott has been working on site for two years and has delivered a variety of general building and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) services directly and indirectly to a number of site-based national and international contractors.

To read more [click here](#).

## Over £4 million awarded to local projects from HPC Community Fund



More than £4 million has been awarded to local initiatives in Somerset since the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Community Fund was launched in 2017.

Val Bishop, Programmes Director at Somerset Community Foundation (SCF), who administer the Fund, said: "We're absolutely delighted that in just three years we've awarded over £4m in grants. The HPC Community Fund continues to support many groups and organisations' projects to increase opportunity and improve the quality of life and wellbeing in communities most affected by the construction of Hinkley Point C, reaching smaller 'grassroots' charities as well as larger organisations."

Andrew Cockcroft, Senior Community Relations Manager, Hinkley Point C said: "I am extremely proud to see the substantial positive impact our Community Fund is delivering to a wide variety of groups and organisations in the local area surrounding Hinkley Point C. We are absolutely committed to ensuring that the benefits and opportunities of the project are accessible for local people, especially as the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic continue to affect us all."

The HPC Community Fund delivers the Open Grants Programme for larger applications, typically over £10,000, and the Small Grants Programme awards grants of up to £5,000 - or up to £10,000 over three years - for charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises that normally operate on less than £100,000 per year. Visit [www.hpcfunds.co.uk](http://www.hpcfunds.co.uk) for more details on deadlines for applications.

The HPC Community Fund is part of a wider £20 million commitment of funding, provided by EDF through Section 106 agreements, for communities that are affected by the development of the new nuclear power station, to promote their social, economic and environmental wellbeing and enhance their quality of life.

More information about the HPC Community Fund is available from the Somerset Community Foundation on 01749 344949 or by visiting [www.hpcfunds.co.uk](http://www.hpcfunds.co.uk).

## Hinkley Point B to begin defuelling by July 2022

After nearly 45 years of quietly helping to power Britain, a proactive decision has been taken to move Hinkley Point B power station in Somerset into the defuelling phase, no later than 15 July 2022.

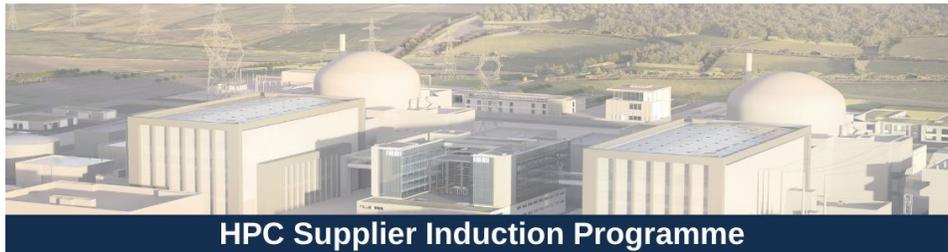


Hinkley Point B started generating low carbon electricity in 1976 and since then has safely produced more than 300 TWh of power – an amount of energy that would meet the electricity requirements of every home in the UK for three years.

Peter Evans, Station Director of EDF's Hinkley Point B power station, said: "This station has delivered more low carbon energy during its lifetime than any other UK nuclear station. This is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the dedication of all those who have worked here over the decades."

In 2012 EDF extended the estimated generating life of Hinkley Point B by seven years, from 2016 to March 2023. Today's announcement means the site will stop generating just a few months ahead of this and over 15 years longer than originally planned back in the 1960s.

## HPC Supplier Induction programme



Covering key aspects of nuclear excellence, this comprehensive training programme will provide you with a thorough understanding of HPC values, and help you implement this learning throughout your organisation.

Nuclear specialists will guide you through key topics such as nuclear safety, counterfeit fraud, commercial engagement and continuous improvement.

Designed to fit around existing business commitments, this flexible, online programme will include:

- On-demand modules
- Live Q&A sessions
- In-programme projects to help you apply all learning to your own business

Delivered through the [Hinkley Supply Chain Programme](#) and funded by the West of England Combined Authority, the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership and the Welsh Government, the Supplier Induction Programme is available at no cost to small and medium-sized SMEs across Devon, Somerset, Bristol, Banes, and Wales: [FIND OUT MORE.](#)

\* Funded for eligible small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) based across the South



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