

# Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update



## Delivery Partners for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

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Dear



Welcome to the October edition of the Hinkley Supply Chain newsletter. You may have seen recently that it has been five years since the final contracts were signed and in our project update, we will give you a run-down of the progress that has been made on site during this time. Some £3.2 billion has been spent in the regional economy since work began.

As usual, the team have been busy contacting suppliers about relevant opportunities and in the last few weeks you may have seen an expression of interest for a painting opportunity with OTIS. OTIS is also looking for lift installers, so if you have this capability or know someone who does, get in touch with one of the team!

In this issue, we have case studies from Select Visa Services and Kloeckner Metals, both of whom have been successful in winning contracts with HPC but have had very different journeys to supplying the site.

You may have seen in the press that the new interactive visitor centre has opened at Cannington Court. Some members of the team were lucky enough to be invited to the opening reception and site tour. It was great to be able to see the visitor centre as well as see the progress on site.

As always, as a team we have been working hard behind the scenes to uncover opportunities for the supply chain, but as ever we need your help – remember to keep your registration up to date. If you need any help logging in to your registration, updating your profile or, if you would like someone to come out and see your business to discuss support we can offer, get in touch.

**Natalie Beacham, Hinkley Supply Chain Project Lead,**

## Project Update

Five years after getting the go-ahead, the number of people across Britain working on the Hinkley Point C power station has reached 22,000. The growing number includes 6,300 on site, compared to just 1,500 at the height of the pandemic last year.



Final contracts for Hinkley Point C were signed on September 29, 2016. Since then, 3,600 British companies have won contracts on the project. This includes more than 400 businesses in the North of England where spending so far has already topped £1.2bn. The firms include many large and small companies like Blackburn-based Assystem, Darchem on Teesside or Kaefer in Jarrow. By the end of the project £18bn will have been spent with British businesses.

The nuclear power station will be essential in helping Britain achieve net zero emissions by providing reliable low carbon electricity to meet 7% of the country's needs, working alongside wind and solar generation in place of fossil fuels like coal and gas.

### Project progress

- The next prefabricated 17m high section of the first reactor building is complete and ready to be lifted into place by Big Carl
- Work to build the 16m high floor for the first turbine and generator is under way, ready for the world's most powerful "Arabelle" turbine which arrives later this year. Each turbine can produce more than 3% of the nation's electricity, enough for more than 3m homes
- 3.5 miles of cooling tunnels have been completed and six 5,000 tonne water intake heads are ready for installation
- Work to install the 230 miles of pipes and 5,500 miles of cables is underway
- Training for the first cohort of power station operators has begun
- The country's first "T-pylons" have been installed for the station's 35-mile grid connection

### Jobs and skills

- Around 22,000 people in Britain are now working on the project - with suppliers and contractors in every part of the country
- During construction, 74,000 people in Britain are due to work on the project
- Numbers on site are due to increase to around 8,500 in the next 18 months
- 800 apprentices have been trained so far
- Hinkley Point C has worked with trades unions and colleges to fill skills shortages

and bring new people into the construction and nuclear industries, with new training centres for welders, electricians, construction workers and nuclear specialists

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## Supplier Case Studies

**kloeckner metals**

UK

### *Excited to be part of important national project*

Kloeckner Metals is one of the UK's leading stockholders and processing suppliers of multi metals for construction and high integrity sectors such as nuclear and marine.

The company was recently awarded a multi-million Pound contract by BYLOR to produce embedment sleeves for Hinkley Point C.

Part of the global Klöckner & Co Group, Kloeckner Metals UK is certified with Fit 4 Nuclear status (F4N), which is a testament to its commitment to continuously improve operational standards in line with nuclear requirements.

This contract will see Kloeckner Metals UK supply processed and coated embedment sleeves to Tier 1 Contractor BYLOR – a Laing O'Rourke and Bouygues TP joint venture. Two local South West businesses will assist Kloeckner Metals UK with the coating of the embedment sleeves.

Peter Whiting, CEO of Kloeckner Metals UK said: "BYLOR's decision to select Kloeckner as their supplier is a huge endorsement for our capabilities and management expertise. We are extremely excited to be part of such an important national project."

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### *Helping workers to take up jobs at HPC*

Select Visa Services (SVS), which is based in Clifton, Bristol, has found its services even more in demand post-Brexit as it helps Hinkley Point C's contractors obtain the correct working visas to be able to work on the ground-breaking project.



Post-Brexit, all non-British and non-settled workers need to have approved UK visas to work in the UK.

Companies and projects all over the UK have been looking to add UK immigration help to their HR and legal departments to support staff. SVS offer this service to all UK-based companies. Over 35,000 UK based companies have already applied.

At HPC, SVS has been helping managers, employees and family members obtain UK visas to take up jobs on the project. And it can be an extremely complex process.

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# New visitor centre opens at Cannington Court

The new Hinkley Point Visitor Centre has been officially opened by the High Sheriff of Somerset, Thomas Sheppard, at a reception for local stakeholders.

Some 50 guests were given a tour of the new centre based in Cannington Court, a restored 12th century Benedictine nunnery which combines the latest in energy saving technology and digital learning with an historic space for events and conferences.



The new centre encourages visitors to explore how electricity is created in a fun and interactive way. People of all ages can learn why we need to produce low carbon energy and how EDF is helping Britain achieve net zero emissions through the construction of Hinkley Point C and the use of renewable sources such as wind and solar power.

Jane Tomaney, Visitor Centre Manager, said: “We are very excited to be welcoming guests to our new centre, which sits in the lovely setting of historic Cannington Court. During the pandemic we have not been able to receive visitors, but our doors are now well and truly open. I’d encourage anyone interested in fighting climate change and how electricity is produced to come and explore more for themselves.”

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