

Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update



Delivery Partners for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

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Dear



Welcome to the June e-newsletter from the Hinkley Supply Chain and I am thrilled to be able to introduce you to our new Project Manager Scott Jenkins who will be heading-up our supply chain team.

Scott (pictured below) joined Somerset Chamber of Commerce and the supply chain team in May and is looking forward to meeting contractors and suppliers across the region.

He has over 10 years' experience in both the public and private sector, working on projects ranging from sustainable travel to e-commerce and, more recently, contact tracing as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

And he's certainly joined at a busy time! EDF has just published its 2022 socio-economic report which shows the opportunities and investment Hinkley Point C is bringing to the area and wider South West.

To date, the project has trained 922 apprentices and some £4.1 billion has been spent directly with companies in the South West. Some 1,400 companies in the region are now involved in the project.

Energy Minister, Greg Hands has also opened a new Welding Centre of Excellence at Bridgwater and Taunton College's campus in Bridgwater to support the project. You can read more about this below.

On site, dredging works are underway as the project prepares to lift the six cooling water heads into the seabed of the Bristol Channel. The lower and upper walls of the Turbine Hall are also on track for completion and in France, the reactor pressure vessel



(RPV) has undergone stress-relieving heat treatment, reaching a temperature of 625°C, as part of the tests undertaken to prepare the RPV for shipment later this year.

And finally, could I please ask you to update your registration if you have not logged-in for a while. Do you still have the correct contacts? Has your company gained capabilities or accreditations this year? All of this could be the difference between being considered or dismissed as a supplier.

**Emma Rawlings, Executive Director
Somerset Chamber of Commerce**

Project Update

The Energy Minister, Greg Hands has opened one of three new training centres to support the Hinkley Point C project. Together with existing facilities and investment into education and skills, the centres will be ready to help local people join the additional 4,000 workers needed for the next phase of the power station's construction.



The Minister unveiled the new Welding Centre of Excellence at Bridgwater and Taunton College's campus in Bridgwater. The project has invested £8 million into the three new training centres, in partnership with the college.

The Welding Centre will train and qualify 500 welders a year, helping local people into work and meeting skills shortages in the South West and across Britain.

It comes as Hinkley Point C publishes its 2022 Socio-Economic Impact Report, which shows that:

- The opportunities provided by Hinkley Point C are playing an important role in improving social mobility in the South West – making a difference to people who need support
- The district of Sedgemoor is seeing the largest growth in household income of any area in Devon and Somerset - above the regional average and above cities like Exeter and Plymouth
- The project has trained 922 apprentices and is on track to hit its target of hiring 1,000 apprentices during construction later this year
- £4.1 billion has been spent directly with companies in the South West, so far
- 1,400 companies in the South West are now involved in building Hinkley Point C, with 14,000 jobs across the region expected to be supported throughout the project

To read more click [here](#).

Supplier Case Studies

Specialist supplier for the HPC project

South West firm Kernow Fixings has been supplying the HPC project with products and solutions since early 2016. The company is a specialist supplier of fixings, fasteners,

supports and advice to the mechanical and electrical sectors, as well as the wider construction industry.

As a leading UK distributor to the industry, Kernow Fixings provides everything needed to install pipe and cable, whatever the application or challenge! This includes containment, strut, pipe supports, bracketry, fixings and a vast range of ancillary products such as site equipment and consumables. In addition, they offer design services, load calculations and other technical support.

Kernow also provides off-site fabrication services to enable quick, safe and cost-effective solutions tailored to customer requirements. This includes pre-cut lengths, H-frames, trapeze frames, support brackets and modules.

At HPC, Kernow Fixings works closely with several of the Tier One contractors, as well as many of their sub-contractors. This includes contractors working directly on the reactor buildings, the surrounding buildings, tunnels and off-site manufacturing plant. They have also supplied projects supporting HPC, such as the new accommodation block and infrastructure developments.

To read more click [here](#).

Meet the buyer events are back!

The Hinkley Supply Chain team is organising a meet the buyer event with Atkins at Aztec West in Bristol next month.

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The date has yet to be confirmed but if you are interested in attending to find out more about the opportunities at Hinkley Point C with Atkins, then please register your interest by emailing the Hinkley Supply Chain Lead [Scott Jenkins](#).

Hinkley Point C Community Fund reaches £13 million milestone



The project to build a new nuclear power station in Somerset has now awarded more than £13 million to community initiatives in the South-West.

The cash has come from Hinkley Point C's Community Fund, which has provided vital support to local charities, voluntary organisations, local authorities, and other

groups across the region.

£20 million will be awarded to groups during the project's construction phase, with four different types of grants currently open to applicants.

Andrew Cockcroft (pictured right with Cheddar Parish Council Chair Derek Bradley-Balmer), Senior Community Relations Manager at Hinkley Point C, said: “Our community funding is changing lives for the better now and for many years to come. I’m proud we’ve reached this milestone and I look forward to continuing our work in ensuring local people benefit from Hinkley Point C.”

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