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Delivery Partners for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

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Welcome to the first Hinkley Supply Chain e-newsletter for 2023!

It is fair to say it has been a busy past few months both at site and for the supply chain team . . .

There has been substantial progress and success at Hinkley Point C over the last 12 months. Among a wealth of milestones there has been the completion of the power station's water-cooling tunnels, 5,000-tonne intake heads have been placed on the seabed of the Bristol Channel, and the opening of the reactor simulator and training centre.



Most recently, the world's biggest crane, Big Carl, lifted the final 11-metre prefabricated steel ring into place. Hinkley Point C's first reactor building now stands at over 40m and is ready for the installation of its iconic domed roof next year. Full details are in the project update below.

The project also continues to provide substantial, long-lasting benefits, having exceeded original targets for local investment and training. More than £4 billion has already been spent with regionally-based businesses and 1,100 apprentices have been trained in a huge breadth of different skills.

And the Hinkley Supply Chain team is playing its part in that investment by overseeing the official Hinkley Supply Chain portal in partnership with EDF. The team has just relaunched the website to make it even easier for businesses to register for contract opportunities – you can find more details about that below.

But in order to win contracts, businesses must be registered on the supply chain portal with their most up-to-date information. So, if you have not visited the website recently, please log-in to the portal to ensure your registration details are correct.

You can take a look at the [new website here](#).

Scott Jenkins, Hinkley Supply Chain Project Lead
Somerset Chamber of Commerce

Project Update

Big Carl, the world's largest crane, lifted the 304-tonne steel liner ring onto the first reactor building, the third and final ring to be installed on the building, which will eventually contain one of Hinkley Point C's two nuclear reactors. The unit has now grown in height by 11.6-metres and stands at 44-metres.

The liner ring, which was prefabricated in a factory on site, also features supporting brackets for the Polar Crane Beam. This internal crane will rotate 360° above the reactor and be used for refuelling.



The reactor building now only has the 'lid' to be placed on top, with the iconic dome lift scheduled later this year.

Big Carl's latest lift highlights the progress being made at Hinkley Point C, where teams are working 24/7 to make the plant operational as soon as possible. The power station will supply six million homes with clean, homegrown energy and is crucial in helping the UK avoid another energy crisis.



A 120-tonne auxiliary transformer has also arrived on site. It will be used in situations when main overhead line connection to the National Grid is unavailable. With a capacity of 60,000 litres of oil, the auxiliary transformer is 7m tall – the equivalent of a two-storey house. Kier BAM installed a permanent access road, which allowed the transformer to complete the final stage of its journey across the site, after its long voyage from the ABB factory in Cordoba, Spain.

And the Balfour Beatty team is concentrating on the next phase of its marine and tunnelling project - connecting the intake and outfall heads to the three undersea tunnels in a first-of-its-kind operation. Four of the six 40m-long steel casings needed have now been delivered. These casings will support the ground during the offshore drilling operations, which will be taking place next year. To put their size into context, they are almost the height of the Statue of Liberty.

In case you missed it – the official HPC end-of-year film!

Released just before the December Hinkley Supply Chain e-newsletter was issued, the 2022 HPC end-of-year film showcases some of the project's most impressive milestones of the year. It also features some of the people behind the new nuclear power station and just how they are getting the job done.

So in case you missed it, you can [watch it here!](#)



Hinkley Supply Chain launches new-look website

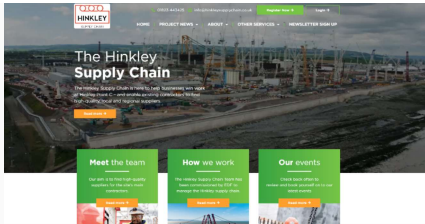
A new website has been launched to make it even easier for local businesses to benefit from the opportunities being delivered by Hinkley Point C.

Designed and operated by the Hinkley Supply Chain team, which is run by the Somerset Chamber of Commerce, the new site provides a link for local firms looking for routes into the project. It also steers existing Hinkley Point C contractors looking for high-quality local and regional suppliers directly to the information they need.

The Hinkley Supply Chain team has been working in partnership with the project since the beginning of construction. It works to maximise the opportunities for businesses in Somerset, the South West and South Wales.

Scott Jenkins, Hinkley Supply Chain Lead and Somerset Chamber of Commerce Project Manager, said "We have delivered a modern, easy to navigate website, which highlights the opportunities available on Britain's biggest net zero project.

"The Hinkley Supply Chain team can help anyone who is interested in getting involved with the project. To find out more, please visit our website and register online or contact me scott.jenkins@hinkleysupplychain.co.uk"



The Hinkley Point C project has invested more than £4 billion into companies in the South West, with millions of pounds worth of contracts still available. The project has prioritised local and regional suppliers, to leave a legacy of economic growth, jobs, and skills.

Andrew Cockcroft, Senior Stakeholder Relations Manager, Hinkley Point C, said: "We have already seen huge socio-economic benefits delivered to the region through Hinkley Point C and remain committed to continuing our focus on maximising local opportunity. The upgraded website will be an incredibly useful aid for those looking to take advantage of the opportunities throughout the supply chain."

The Hinkley Supply Chain works to help local and regional companies win contracts by highlighting their capabilities to the main HPC contractors. However, the team can only act on behalf of firms which are registered on the Hinkley Supply Chain portal.

It is free to register on the supply chain portal and for more information companies should visit the new website at www.hinkleysupplychain.co.uk or contact the team by emailing scott.jenkins@hinkleysupplychain.co.uk or telephoning 01823 443425.

HPC Jobs Service

The Hinkley Point C Jobs Service will be holding drop-in events in Bridgwater and Highbridge later this month (February) to give people the chance to find out more about forging a career on the project.



The HPC Jobs Service specialises in supporting local people into exciting, long-term careers across the project.

The drop-in information events are:

February 22, from 9.30am to 1pm at the Morland Hall, Pearce Drive, Highbridge, TA9 3FU

February 24, from 10am to 12 noon at Unit 22 (upstairs), Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 4TQ

More information is available on the [HPC Jobs Service website](#).

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