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A note to readers



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Life is full of surprises, and this year, "Celebrating Construction 2009" (CC09) in partnership with Birmingham City Council and Chartered Institute of Builders is no exception, attracting very nearly 1,000 representatives of the construction and building industries to the International Convention Centre in Birmingham on the evening of 24th April. This means that the number attending was practically the same as it was last year, which is exceptional in view of the present economic climate. We think this emphasises the importance of this event in our West Midlands calendar to demonstrate the quality and excellence of our industry and to celebrate it.

We extend our thanks to our sponsors, Homes and Communities Agency, Chartered Institute of Building, Advantage Offsite, University of Wolverhampton, Construction Skills, and Business Link West Midlands.

Our judges were impressed by the standard of the applications for the Constructing Excellence awards, the winners and runners up being listed on our website. The winners will go on to the national awards later in the year.

CC09 demonstrates that despite the recession, our industry can still produce quality and excellence to be proud of, which in turn will attract newcomers and leave a legacy for the future.

2012 Games Opportunities



In support of the 2012 Olympic Games, WMCCE is working in conjunction with Advantage West Midlands and the government portal CompeteFor.com to provide information about the London 2012 procurement opportunities.

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Want to know who from the West Midlands won a bid?

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News

CC09, Constructing Excellence Awards- The Winners



Close to 1000 construction professionals came together at the annual Celebrating Construction event on Friday 24th April at the ICC, Birmingham to celebrate excellence in construction throughout the West Midlands.

Winners of the West Midlands Centre for Constructing Excellence (WMCCE) awards were announced by Joanne Malin of BBC WM and George Marsh, WMCCE Chairman.

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See winners [here](#)

Olympic Park Visit to Witness Progress and Opportunities



Facilitated by Advantage West Midlands, some 25 to 30 senior representatives, mainly from the West Midlands construction industry attended a briefing and site visit to the Olympic Park, hosted by the Olympic Development Authority on 10th March. Some of these representatives already have work at the Olympic Park, others are looking.

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2012- How is West Midlands Construction Benefiting?



With the London 2012 Games just over three years away, competition for tendering within the construction industry is keen. A recent survey undertaken by the West Midlands Centre for Constructing Excellence (WMCCE), targeted relevant construction companies within the West Midlands region to assess the progress they have made in the tendering process in the run-up to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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A New Chairman for Best Practice Club- FORCE



Coventry Best Practice Club- the Forum for Constructing Excellence (FORCE) is pleased to announce that John Cave will be taking over as Chairman from Dhiran Vagdia after a successful three year term.

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Regional Construction Firm Bucks the Trend



J&A Stevenson, based in Telford, has been awarded contracts to supply its wares to a number of businesses in the public and private sector including High Street banking giant Barclays and outdoor clothing retail store Millets.

The two year old company manufactures and supplies non-slip flooring panels, handrails, steps, platforms, ramps and disabled access, all in compliance with Government legislation.

It is one of hundreds of businesses which have been helped by WMCCE by their innovative programme of business improvement services for the region's construction industry.

Upcoming Events

Meet the Olympic Delivery Authority

When: 21st May 09

Where: Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich

John Armitt, the Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority, is visiting the West Midlands with several of his senior procurement staff.

This networking event will allow West Midlands-based firms to meet with key decision makers from the Olympic Delivery Authority and main contractors for the Stratford site in East London... [more](#)

Refurbishment/ T-Zero

When: 28 May 09

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

BRE are addressing the carbon emissions from residential property through its Rethinking Housing Refurbishment programme to develop a step change in sustainable refurbishment.... [more](#)

Private Confidence in Public Recovery

When: 02 Jun 09

Where: ARUP Campus, Solihull

This one off event will bring together some of the leading regional figures from the Public and Private sector in Question Time style forum to look at the priorities for public sector intervention that will boost recovery and safeguard jobs in the West Midlands Construction Industry... [more](#)

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