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A note to readers



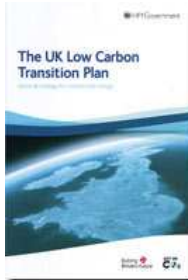
Michael Thompson
WMCCE, Executive
Director

It may be the Summer season when things go quiet, but one of the highest priority activities for WMCCE during these difficult times is to engage with the small to medium sized enterprises within the West Midlands Construction Supply Chain and to provide business support to them. This helps them to survive and also helps them to be stronger for when the economy improves. Some of this engagement is in partnership with Business Link West Midlands. To help us, we have recently appointed 23 delivery partners who have a wide range of specialist skills. More about this within this newsletter.

In the last Newsletter, we reported on some of the successes of our industry, particularly related to new forms of housing that are coming to the fore. It is pleasing to note that both of the events that have taken place in the last two months, NuBuild in Stoke-on-Trent and the "House in a Day" at Telford, are looking promising with the prospect of new projects coming out of both events, leading in time, hopefully, to the setting up of new factories and new employment, as well as new sustainable homes in the region.

News

The UK Low Carbon Transition Plan: National Strategy for Climate Change



The White Paper sets out the UK's transition plan, to 2020, for becoming a low carbon country:

Some key steps include:

- All government departments to have carbon budgets;
- 40% of our electricity from low carbon sources by 2020;
- New nuclear power stations;
- £3.2 billion to help households become more energy efficient
- Rolling out smart meters to all homes by 2020;
- Introducing clean energy cash-back schemes;
- A competition for 15 towns and villages to be pioneers in green innovation.

Download the White Paper [here](#)

Construction Talk Podcast: Offsite, a threat for Onsite?



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Topic: Offsite and Onsite Constructions: Where the industry is heading to? What will be the socio-economic impacts?

Guests:

- MARTIN GOSS – Managing Director, [Mitech-Consult](#)
- NEIL GIBBONS – Sales & Marketing Director, [Buchan Concrete](#)
- MATT COOPER – Senior Consultant, [ARUP](#)

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Construction Supply Chain Engagement



The West Midlands Centre for Constructing Excellence (WMCCE), since its award of a second Advantage West Midlands / European Regional Development Fund contract, "Building on Advantage", at the start of this year, is furthering its engagement with construction supply chains in the West Midlands.

WMCCE sees engagement with the supply chains to be a high priority activity. It is complementary to the Construction Action Plan developed for the West Midlands Task Force and helps small to medium sized companies (SMEs) to survive the recession and to be fit...[more](#)

Queen's Award presentation for Alumet



On July 17th, Southam based specialist construction company Alumet staged a ceremony for the presentation of The Queen's Award for Enterprise. This is the second time in 5 years that the company has received this prestigious accolade and the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire Mr. Martin Dunne duly came...[more](#)

House successfully built in 7 hours



Over 200 people from the construction sector turned up to the Shropshire Constructing Excellence Club Build a House in a Day event on 11th June at Telford College of Arts and Technology to watch the two bedroom factory built house erected on site. There was great excitement

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.

➔ [See Tenders](#)

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

➔ [Read the Monthly Briefing](#)

Coming Events

Be2CAMP

When: 12 August 09

Where: Fazeley Studios, Birmingham

An 'unconference' about social media, digital tools and the built environment....[more](#)

Technical Training Sessions

When: 26 August 2009

Where: WMCCE, Birmingham

How to use tools and resources to achieve improved resource efficiency, waste reduction, and cost savings in construction projects....[more](#)

Thinking Skills and how to overcome Challenges

When: 03 September 2009

Where: Wolverhampton University, Telford

The development programme is aimed at all women wishing to develop a career in construction, e.g. new...[more](#)

Dealing with Difficult People

When: 08 September 2009

Where: University of Salford, Maxwell

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Dealing with contamination on existing residential developments, CIRIA

When: 15 September 2009

Where: RegenWM Balcony Rooms, Birmingham

This workshop will discuss the practicalities of investigations and remediation on residential property. It will explore practical access and working...[more](#)

See all coming events [HERE](#)

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