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## A note to readers



**Michael Thompson**  
WMCCE, Executive  
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The major event in the WMCCE calendar for October is Interbuild, starting on Sunday 18th October where we will be exhibiting in partnership with Business Link West Midlands and UKTI. On the same stand, we have invited 12 smaller companies to exhibit with us their innovative products. This gives them an all important opportunity to display their products, not only to the rest of the West Midlands Region, but also to the Nation and Overseas. Next to our stand will be Tomorrow's World, hosted by our partners, BRE. From 19th - 21st October, there will be presentations on a variety of subjects each day.

With the grip of the recession still in place, it is heartening to note several initiatives which are presented in this Newsletter. Not least are the 12 Innovation Vouchers that are being offered through the Innovation Voucher Scheme to businesses in the construction sector.

Finally, don't forget that applications for the West Midlands Constructing Excellence Awards are due in by 30th October. There is still time to obtain the application forms and to get your applications in. Quite a number of applications have already been received.

For all of these things, see the details below.

## Invitation to Enter Constructing Excellence Awards 2010



WMCCE is now calling on construction related companies to enter the Constructing Excellence Awards 2010.

In partnership with Birmingham City Council's Building Consultancy Service, and the Chartered Institute of Buildings (CIOB), the awards will be presented at the Celebrating Construction dinner on 30 April 2010 at the ICC, Birmingham.

This year, the award categories are:

- Leadership in People Development
- Integration and Collaboration Working
- Health and Safety
- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Project of the Year

[See Application Information Pack](#)

## MTech Consult: New OffsiteOnline Directory launched



MTech Consult has launched Offsiteonline.co.uk, a unique independently verified web directory offering free access to information about over 820 offsite manufacturers and suppliers, covering offsite products and services that are available today... [visit](#)

## See you at Interbuild 2009!



WMCCE is delighted to announce it will be exhibiting in collaboration with Business Link West Midlands (BLWM) and UK Trade and Investment (UKTI) at Interbuild 2009 on stand A50 located within hall 5 at the NEC Birmingham.

Our stand will also feature 12 construction companies supported by WMCCE, which will be showcasing their innovative products... [more](#)

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## New West Midlands for 2012 website launched



The West Midlands Leadership Group for the 2012 Games has launched a new regional 2012 website Wmfor2012.com, which is a comprehensive guide and portal to all things 2012 in the West Midlands.

Whether you are a business wanting to find out how to tender for London 2012 contract or an individual looking to volunteer for the Games, the website has everything you need to know.... [visit](#)

## Glenigan & WMCCE Collaboration: Prospects Sept. 09 West Midlands



Pursuing its vision of bringing the industry together and making the West Midlands region more competitive, WMCCE joined force with Glenigan, the leader in the UK construction trends and activities, to give you some market intelligence on the state of the industry in the region.

See the first issue of Construction Industry Prospects, West Midlands Sept 09 issue [here](#)

## Race discrimination in the construction industry inquiry report



Following a research on the nature and causes of non white ethnic minority underrepresentation within the construction industry, the Equality and Human Rights Commission has now released a report with its findings and recommendations.

Non-white ethnic minorities make up just 3.3% of the Industry workforce compared to 7.9% of the national workforce, the level of non-white... [more](#)

## 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

### Value Management Master Class - Maximising Value for Minimum Cost

**When:** 12 October 2009

**Where:** WMCCE, Embassy House, Birmingham

This two-day Master Class for the regions project professionals aims to improve their skills in problem solving, decision making and leading teams, using the core tools of Value Management (VM)... [more](#)

### Waste Management Legislation Explained

**When:** 14th October 09

**Where:** Birmingham City University, Perry Barr

This seminar will discuss the site waste management plans and provide indepth information on related legislation and policy that affects... [more](#)

### Mind the Gap: Disaster Management Planning

**When:** 14th October 2009

**Where:** RICS Office, Waterloo House, Birmingham

This event aims to provide information on disaster management planning and the role of surveyors in building back better.... [more](#)

### Insolvency

**When:** 15th October 09

**Where:** Davis Langdon Office, Colmore Plaza, Birmingham

The talk will provide a general introduction to insolvency, including an outline of the types of insolvency appointment, and the differences between them... [more](#)

### 'West Midlands: Fit for the Future?' Annual Conference

**When:** 20th October 09

**Where:** The Ramada Hotel, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield

The 2009 Observatory conference will follow on from a think piece report