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A note to readers



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As we approach the Festive Season and the first signs of winter are in the air, there is still much discussion, after a particularly difficult year for the West Midlands Construction Industry, as to whether we are starting to come out of the recession or whether there is yet more to come. Let us hope that it is the former, although a recent survey within the industry suggests the cautious view that it could be a gradual process.

You will see reported in this newsletter the Minister of State for Europe, Chris Bryant MP, visit to the West Midlands to meet with those who have benefited from European Funding. The new WMCCCE website maps many of the companies that have been assisted in this way by WMCCCE.

We have other Ministerial interest through Ian Austin MP, Minister for the West Midlands, in connection with the Construction Action Plan which was set up under the West Midlands Taskforce. WMCCCE is already in touch with the newly appointed Chief Construction Advisor, Paul Morrell, who is aware of the work being undertaken on the Action Plan and the path to recovery.

Seasons Greetings to all, and here's to a better New Year than the one that we have just been through.

Ministerial visit puts Construction Sector Successes in the Spotlight



The West Midlands Centre for Constructing Excellence (WMCCCE) welcomed the Minister for Europe, Chris Bryant to the region as part of a tour to see the positive impact of European Regional Development Funding...[more](#)

12 Companies Sign up for CIAPS



Twelve West Midlands based construction related businesses are joining the Construction Industry Accredited Performance Scheme (CIAPS) following introductions from the 'Find it in Sandwell' project. The project, run by Sandwell Council, is engaging local businesses, from all sectors, to become capable and preferred suppliers for future projects...[more](#)

KPI Launch



Representatives from WMCCCE, Constructing Excellence, the Centre for Construction Innovation North West (CCINW), Amazia and Carillion came together last month to present the annual launch of the UK Construction Industry KPI's.

The event, held at Wolverhampton Science Park, demonstrated the impact of the use of measuring performance in the industry with examples of companies doing well from using KPI's throughout the recession...[more](#)

[See presentation](#)

Companies Across the UK are Building London 2012



The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) has published a document which shows the extent of the business benefits created by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

A map also shows the spread of contracts across the UK including a security firm from Wolverhampton that has designed, manufactured and installed the perimeter fence for ...[more](#)

A New Website for WMCCCE



A new WMCCCE website was launched on 14th November with more content, a more up-to-date design and an improved structure.

Michael Thompson, WMCCCE Executive Director, who has been leading the redesign project said: "As well as adding a lot more content, we have given the website a cleaner and more modern design that is in keeping with the new WMCCCE branding...[more](#)

For more information or to have a browse go to www.wmccce.org

Constructing Excellence Awards: The National Winners of 2009



The winners of the National Constructing Excellence Awards were announced at Lords cricket ground in London on 10th November

Upcoming Events

Bidding Masterclass Course

When: 17 & 18 December 2009

Where: WMCCCE

This two day course will give you people the skills, strategies and disciplines to ensure you submit outstanding pre-quals and bids that put you out in front of the rest... [more](#)

Breakfast Briefing: Low Carbon and Renewable Energy in the Construction Sector

When: 18 December 2009

Where: WMCCCE

This briefing aims to give a general overview of low carbon and renewable energy in the construction sector... [more](#)

Preparing for the Carbon Reduction Commitment

When: 8 January 2010

Where: WMCCCE

The Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) is a new mandatory emissions trading scheme starting in April 2010 that will affect organisations in both the public and private sector that are large energy users. Discover how this may affect your business... [more](#)

Asbestos Awareness and Health and Safety

When: 11 & 12 January 2010

Where: Hereford and Worcester
Chamber of Commerce

Our aim is to ensure that you are more aware of the facts, obligations and best practice around asbestos and health and safety issues in the construction industry... [more](#)

Workshop: Low Carbon and Renewable Energy in the Construction Sector

When: 14 January 2010

Where: WMCCCE

This briefing aims to give a general overview of low carbon and renewable energy in the construction sector... [more](#)



WMCCCE has teamed up with Glenigan to provide you with intelligence on the West Midlands construction industry. Look out for free monthly reports on one of the following:

Prospect Report: Discover how the regional market is evolving.

Top 20 League Tables: The top Clients, Contractors and Specifiers from the region