



## **Press Release**

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## CECA: Contractors Welcome Appointment Of New CITB Chair

Civils contractors today welcomed the appointment of Peter Lauener as the new Chair of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

Mr Lauener, whose previous roles include Chief Executive of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Director of Skills at the former Department for Education and Skills, will take up the post on 1 May, when James Wates steps down from the role he has held since 2010.

Commenting, Director of External Affairs for the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Marie-Claude Hemming said: "Peter will bring a wealth of experience to this position and will chair CITB at a crucial time for the UK's construction industry.

"Industry and government must work together to ensure the right skills are in place if our sector is to deliver the substantial pipeline of work that is envisaged.

"CECA would like to take the opportunity to thank the former Chair James Wates for his contribution over the last eight years.

"We look forward to working closely with Peter to ensure that as an industry we rise to the challenge of developing the right skills, and attracting sufficient new entrants, so that our members can continue to deliver the infrastructure the UK depends upon."

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## Notes to Editors

1. The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents over 300 contractors of all sizes, covering approximately 80% of the civil engineering market in Great Britain. Our members build infrastructure that provides the basis for economic sustainability and quality of life in communities across the country.