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CECA North West

NEWS DIGEST FROM CECA NORTH WEST

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. If there are any items you wish to include, please let me know. If you would like to contact me, or wish to arrange a meeting, I can be reached via email: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk or mobile 07703 585027.

Civil Engineering Contractors' Association North West news

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Free and discounted services for members - what can we do for you?

CECA NW always wants to make sure it delivers the services that members want. So, please tell us what your priorities are. We are always looking for ways to enhance the services CECA NW offers to members, which currently include:

- Legal services (see below)
- Training
- Tendering support
- Market intelligence
- Lobbying

But, please contact Guy Lawson if there are any specific areas where we can be of assistance.

CECA NW Legal Advice Service

Willow Contracts has provided very high quality advice to CECA NW members over the last year - and their support and expertise for legal and contractual matters is highly recommended. The email address exclusively for members is CECAsupport@willowcontracts.co.uk and this will automatically contact Chris Hutchinson and his colleague. For the telephone service, the dedicated number is 01924 919392. In the event that the call cannot be taken any voicemail left is automatically routed to Chris's mobile phone. Call costs I am advised are at standard rates.

Tendering workshops

Members are invited to contact Guy Lawson for 1-2-1 tendering workshops, where he will advise on PQQs and ITTs, eg on how to present socio-economic and CSR data as effectively as possible. This is a free service to CECA NW members. Please contact him at the above number or email.

CECA NW - your contributions needed

Please find a link to the 2018 CECA NW video - aimed at promoting careers in the industry. It is now available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/r6ieFJ2LAPQ>

We will be producing a new video in 2019, so please send any video footage that you would be willing to let us include. Also, please send any case studies to appear in the annual flyer. Please see the attached which shows the format needed: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/ceca-north-west-flyer-2018/>

CECA NW Executive Committee, Wednesday 16 January 2019, 08.30 for 09.00

Daresbury Park Hotel, Warrington. All CECA NW members welcome, whether committee members or not - but please contact Guy Lawson to book a place.

CECA NW in the news:

Coverage on CECA's response to the Immigration White Paper

<https://www.businessupnorth.co.uk/government-must-continue-to-work-with-industry-on-eu-migrant-challenge-says-civil-engineering-contractors-association/>

Working Rule Agreement

Hard copies or a pdf version of the new edition of the Working Rule Agreement are available to CECA NW members free of charge. Please contact Guy Lawson to order your copy.

Three early dates for your diary:

CECA North by NW Dinner, Penrith, Thursday 23 May 2019

CECA NW Annual Golf Day, Leigh Golf Club, Thursday 27 June 2019

CECA NW annual awards dinner, Manchester, Friday 11 October 2019

GoConstruct

A campaign by CITB to attract more entrants to the industry: <https://www.goconstruct.org/en/>

GoConstruct has also produced a new infrastructure video which can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98rc8Ac-mF4>

Sponsoring the Civil Engineering Challenge

We are sponsoring resource packs to enable scouts and guides to achieve the Civil Engineering badge, developed by Pippa Higgins of Vinci. Please let me know if you would like more information. We are now funding over twenty groups to undertake the civil engineering challenge.

Training & Development

CECA NW 2019 legal and commercial seminars (free for CECA members)

Breakfast seminars: 8.30am - 10.30am

Brexit 15 January, Warrington <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-seminar-brexit-tickets-53681826789>

Payment update 5 March, Preston <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-seminar-payment-update-tickets-53681861894>

Collateral warranties 30 April, Warrington <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-breakfast-seminar-collateral-warranties-tickets-53682038422>

NEC compensation events 11 June, Penrith <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-breakfast-seminar-nec-compensation-events-tickets-53682207929>

Half day seminar: 9.00am - 12.30pm

NEC update - the changes between NEC3 and NEC4 26 February, Preston

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceca-nw-half-day-seminar-nec-update-tickets-53682305220>

CECA Training & Development Survey 2018

Key messages from the CECA Training & Development Survey, carried out between May and October.

- The approach taken was both online and telephone survey. Now in its third year, the response rate is regrettably again lower in 2018 (56 responses compared to 70 in 2017).
- In total, 21% of CECA member companies responded to the survey, with over 15,000 employees represented (2017: 27,000). Year on year, members report static employment levels between 2016 and 2017.
- In part due to the Apprenticeship Levy, large firms are forecasting a significant increase in apprenticeship recruitment in 2018, with a corresponding decrease in the number of graduate roles.
- While CECA members continue to report that their ability to access affordable high-quality training locally is valued, feedback on CITB's grant reforms show high levels of frustration with the system, but more importantly, an actual or expected reduction in the level of grant members will be able to claim. This is very likely to lead to reduced levels of training activity, especially in hitherto high take up areas such as short duration seminars where reduced number of courses will be grant eligible. This year, 45% report not being able to find or claim for this type of course.

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/CECA-Training-Survey-Report-2018-1.pdf>

NW Contractors' Training Group - free for all CECA NW members

The Group provides access to CITB funding to support training, and its members receive free or substantially discounted training. If you are interested in joining the Group, please let Gill Steele know: mgtpsteele@hotmail.co.uk Please could CECA NW members advise their Training Managers of this opportunity. Please contact Gill to book your place at the next meeting (January 2019).

CITB Employer Update

<http://elink-eu.azure.send.com/m/023a3170cc3440b2b5de2b317aba2411/610813C4/A6E289F7/102018n>

Fairness, Inclusion and Respect Programme (FIR) update

More introduction to FIR workshops are being run, plus Ambassador training session, and Ambassador coaching sessions. If any of this is of interest and you want your organisation to get involved or build on its existing activity then please do get in touch: Tolu Oke, T: 020 7697 1985; M: 07469 159 788

FIR Training and Project Manager, E: Tolu@supplychainschool.co.uk

FIR Toolkit: <https://www.supplychainschool.co.uk/default/fairness-inclusion-and-respect/fir-toolkit.aspx>

Policy & Industry Affairs

Pagabo picks 46 firms for £1bn medium projects deal

Procurement specialist Pagabo has selected 46 firms for its new countrywide framework for projects ranging from £250,000 to £10m.

Running for three years with an expected spend of anywhere between £50m and £1bn, the medium works framework has been set up to be used by any public sector body including schools, NHS organisations, housing associations, leisure providers, libraries and museums.

The three-year framework has been split into value bands of £250,000-£1m, £1m-£5m and £5m-£10m.

North	Midlands	Southwest	London/SE
Conlon Construction	Ashe Construction	Dawnus Construction	Ashe Construction
ENGIE Regeneration	ENGIE Regeneration	ENGIE Regeneration	Clegg Construction
Esh Construction	G F Tomlinson Building	Interserve	Coombs (Canterbury)
G F Tomlinson Building	Henry Boot Construction	Morgan Sindall	Dawnus Construction
Henry Boot Construction	Hobson & Porter	O'Hare & McGovern	ENGIE Regeneration
Henry Brothers	Interserve	Shaylor Group	Geoffrey Osborne
Hobson & Porter	John Graham Construction	Simons Construction	Henry Brothers
Interserve	Morgan Sindall	Speller Metcalfe	Interserve
John Graham Construction	NMCN	VINCI Construction UK	Morgan Sindall
Morgan Sindall	Seddon Construction		Neilcott Construction
Robertson	Shaylor Group		O'Hare & McGovern
Seddon Construction	Simons Construction		R G Carter Construction
Sewell Construction	Speller Metcalfe		Shaylor Group
Shaylor Group	The Casey Group		Simons Construction
Simons Construction	VINCI Construction UK		Speller Metcalfe
The Casey Group			VINCI Construction UK
VINCI Construction UK			

More than half a million potholes reported to councils in 2017

More than half a million potholes were reported by members of the public to local authorities in Britain for repair in 2017, an increase of 44% on two years earlier, according to data obtained by the RAC.

A freedom of information request made to the 212 councils in England, Scotland and Wales responsible for roads revealed that 512,270 potholes were reported last year to 161 authorities compared to 356,432 from 152 councils in 2015.

But when extrapolating the numbers to take account of the likely reports from the authorities who were unable to provide the RAC with data, the total is probably nearer 674,229 in 2017. The 2015 equivalent is 508,651 which represents a smaller increase of 33%.

English authorities, not including London, saw the worst rise in the number of pothole reports between 2015 and 2017 with a 55% jump from 269,486 to 417,881.

Government misses own prompt payment target

The Cabinet Office has slowed its payment of invoices since June 2017 and has not hit its own prompt payment target for over a year.

In 2015, the government pledged to pay 80 per cent of its invoices in five days and the remaining 20 per cent within 30 days.

New data shows the Cabinet Office has not come close to meeting this target since June 2017 and the proportion being paid on time has been on a downward trend since then.

Bam Nuttall, Murphy and Osborne land Network Rail CP6 deals

Bam Nuttall, J Murphy & Sons and Osborne have been awarded three Network Rail contracts for Control Period 6. The contracts, worth at least £4bn, for the period ranging from 2019-2024 are for the framework to deliver renewals and enhancements in Anglia, the South East and Wessex.

Network Rail awards first CP6 contracts

Story Contracting and AmcoGiffen have been awarded the first major contracts to be let by Network Rail for the CP6 control period from 2019 to 2024. The contracts are the first of three that will be let for Scotland and North East structures and building renewals and enhancements, worth together £645m. Story Contracting picked up the £135m deal for renewals and enhancements work in Scotland, while AmcoGiffen has secured work on the London North East route valued at around £190m. The remaining and most significant work-bank 'Lot 1', will be announced later this year and is valued at £320m.

Mini robots plan to fix underground pipes

New micro robots will be built to repair the country's underground pipe network and cut the disruption caused by road excavations. Scientists from four British universities will use a £26.6m government investment to develop 1 cm long robotic devices that use sensors and navigation systems to find and mend cracks in pipes. The traffic closures and disruption to businesses of these roadworks is estimated to amount to more than £5 billion. Robots will also be developed to be sent to hazardous work places such as offshore wind-farms and nuclear decommissioning facilities.

Rail Sector deal announced

Rail Sector Deal between the government and the rail industry has also been announced and is focussed on an increased use of technology in order to innovate and reduce the costs of infrastructure.

It is hoped that rail reform will begin to be delivered from 2020 and over the next five years £48 billion of investment will go to the railway industry. The deal includes commitments such as establishing a common data-sharing platform; establishing a 'shared apprenticeship' programme; and a plan to significantly reduce digital signalling costs by 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rail-sector-deal>

Aerospace Sector deal announced

A multi-million pound 'government-industry' Aerospace Sector Deal aimed at developing the future of flight was announced on 6 December 2018. According to Greg Clark, Secretary of State for Business, the deal represents "our modern Industrial Strategy in action, combining the forces of government and industry to boost a sector that is vital to our future economy, export capabilities and will place the UK at the forefront of the next generation of air travel".

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/aerospace-sector-deal>

Immigration White Paper

The much-delayed White Paper is expected to include:

- Scrapping the current cap on the number of skilled workers such as doctors or engineers from the EU and elsewhere
- A consultation on a minimum salary requirement of £30,000 for skilled migrants seeking five-year visas
- Low-skilled workers may be able to apply for short-term visas of up to a year
- Plans to phase in the new system from 2021

Workers' rights overhaul revealed

The government has announced a raft of laws aimed at transforming UK workers' rights. New measures, announced today, includes a day one statement of rights to workers, detailing their eligibility for sick leave and pay and details of other types of paid leave, such as maternity and paternity leave. The proposals feature plans to introduce a single labour market enforcement body to ensure workers' rights are properly enforced. Maximum employment tribunal fines are to be quadrupled for employers who are found to have shown malice, spite or gross oversight from £5,000 to £20,000. The holiday pay reference period will be extended from 12 to 52 weeks in a bid to ensure seasonal workers are paid time off they are entitled to.

Gove launches landmark government blueprint for resources and waste

Businesses and manufacturers will pay the full cost of recycling or disposing of their packaging waste, under a major new government strategy unveiled by environment secretary Michael Gove. The move will overhaul England's waste system, putting a legal onus on those responsible for producing damaging waste to take greater responsibility and foot the bill. The announcement forms part of the government's new Resources and Waste Strategy, the first comprehensive update in more than a decade. It will eliminate avoidable plastic waste and aims to leave the environment in a better state for future generations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-and-waste-strategy-for-england>

Calls for clarity on future of £20bn Wylfa Newydd

Reports in Japan have raised questions over the future of the £20bn Wylfa Newydd nuclear plant on Anglesey with claims that the project's main backer Hitachi could be set to back out. In a second major blow to the North West's new nuclear programme, after fellow Japanese company Toshiba pulled out of Moorside in Cumbria, reports in the Japanese press claim Hitachi is set to scrap its investment in Wylfa Newydd. Negotiations between the UK Government and Hitachi are still ongoing and business secretary Greg Clark signalled his backing for the proposals in June this year. Since then, Hitachi has moved the project forward after the Planning Inspectorate backed Hitachi's development consent order, which would allow construction to begin. In August, global construction and engineering firm Bechtel was named as project manager for the £20bn scheme, which is expected to require 9,000 workers on site during peak construction in 2023.

Safe use of forward tipping dumpers

Please find details of the current Construction Plant-hire Association consultation on forward tipping dumper guidance. A link for the guidance can be found at: www.cpa.uk.net/sfpsgdumpers/

Doing business with Sellafield (LINC and CTM update)

LINC with Sellafield Ltd has now transitioned over to the CTM system. In order to qualify for LINC in CTM please either login with your existing details or if you are new to CTM register as a 'new supplier' and navigate to RFQ 10536 - LINC Qualification.

<https://sharedsystems.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=SELLAFIELD>

£40 million national thermal hydraulic facility planned for Anglesey

The UK Atomic Energy Authority has announced its plans for a "£40 million advanced nuclear reactor technology centre" in North Wales. The plans have previously been flagged in the UK's 'Nuclear Sector Deal' and will facilitate the "development of Small Modular Reactors and Advanced Modular Reactors" according to the UKAEA. The UKAEA's role at the new testing facility will be to "work with UK companies to identify how their requirements can be met by the thermal hydraulics facility". The details will then be used to "produce a design with a detailed costing and operational model, which will enable the UK and Welsh Governments to develop business cases for the funding and decide during 2019 how best to proceed with construction, commissioning and eventual operation".

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukaea-to-design-national-thermal-hydraulic-facility--2>

CECA: Infrastructure Can Create New Industrial Heartlands Across The UK

The report - The social benefits of infrastructure investment - highlights the positive impact that investing in infrastructure has on the lives of people in the UK, supporting creation of new homes, improving health and rebalancing the economy away from London.

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Cebr-CECA-report-The-Social-Benefits-of-Infrastructure-Investment-FINAL-December-2018-compressed.pdf>

CITB sells CPCS

CITB has confirmed it is selling its Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) to awarding organisation NOCN Group. The move is part of CITB's Vision 2020 programme to "take on a more strategic and influential role focusing on securing the right training mix, high standards and quality assurance building employer confidence in the market." The programme has already seen CITB announce plans to exit direct training.

Hunt for smart motorway trio to deliver £7bn plan

Highways England is advancing plans to deliver all the smart motorway programme through a single alliance arrangement. Radical plans to adopt a full alliance model for all smart motorway work are now underway with bids being invited to find three tier one contractors, two designers and a new production manager specialist to create a production hub. This promises a major shake-up in the motorway industry where around eight contractors are presently engaged. The entire 10-year spend is expected to be around £7bn with the new 'on-site assembly partners' sharing out £5.95bn across three new operating regions in the north, midlands and south. The arrangement will also include two design partners allocated to the north or south and a single production management partner, accountable for the programme-wide management activities within the production hub. Further documents will soon be available on the website, with submissions due back on **18 January**:

<https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

New consultation on the draft NPS for Water Resources Infrastructure begins

Defra has published its consultation on the draft National Policy Statement (NPS) for Water Resources Infrastructure. The deadline for responses is **31 January 2019**. Defra has said that it is looking for views and responses on "whether the draft NPS provides an appropriate and effective framework for the examining authority (the Planning Inspectorate) and the Secretary of State to examine and make decisions on development consent order applications for nationally significant water resources infrastructure projects in England".

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/draft-national-policy-statement/>

CECA: Retentions

In 2013, following consultation with members, CECA signed up to support the delivery of Construction 2025. This included delivering on a commitment to the complete abolition of cash retentions by 2025. CECA is now working with other industry representatives to deliver these objectives and we would like to form a short working group to generate updated evidence to feed into this workstream. If you would like to be part of this then please email marieclaudhemming@ceca.co.uk

MoD £15bn defence estate pipeline

The Ministry of Defence plans to spend £4bn optimising its defence estate as part of its latest £15bn five-year procurement pipeline. The MoD's estates management arm the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) has announced schemes covering the next five financial years. Among these is the defence estate optimisation programme, which aims to help deliver a 30 per cent reduction in the MoD's built estate by 2040.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/748581/20180808-Procurement_Plan_FINAL.pdf

Homes England launches Strategic Plan 2018/19 - 2022/23

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/752686/Homes_England_Strategic_Plan_AW_REV_150dpi_REV.pdf

New 'employer toolkit' to support EU staff

The Home Office have launched an official 'employer toolkit' aimed at helping HR teams support their EU staff. Its purpose is to arm employers with practical information on how EU citizens will be able to apply for 'settled status'. This is so HR teams are better equipped to answer potential questions and directly help their EU employees over the next few years.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-employer-toolkit>

Skills and Training Fund - up to £10k grant for members with less than 100 employees

CITB established an annual fund of £3m to support small businesses with their training and development needs. Few CECA members have applied for this funding which is worth £10k a year to a business with 99 employees - there's a sliding scale. According to the records, more than half CECA members would be entitled to apply. The closing date is: **March 2019**. To be eligible for funding companies must:

- Have fewer than 100 PAYE staff
- Be up to date with CITB Levy payments and Levy Returns
- Be CITB registered

<https://www.citb.co.uk/funding/types-of-funding/skills-and-training/>

...and launches new £5m fund

CITB will welcome applications from organisations that work with one or more of these groups, to help them find work in construction:

- Young people not in education, training or work, particularly where existing networks are already in place
- Long-term unemployed
- Service Leavers who left the military at least 12 months ago
- Women wishing to join construction
- Full-time learners (focussed on CBE diploma students)

<http://elinkeu.clickdimensions.com/m/1/84168655/p1-b18302-5dc525a607fc4285a3030f4aecca751/1/99/e9e62d1f-0534-4dc5-83cc-83b9be75c79b>

North West - and the North

Winners of £1.5bn North West Construction Hub high value framework announced

Projects: £35m+

- Balfour Beatty Construction
- BAM Construction
- Bouygues UK
- John Graham Construction
- Kier Construction
- VINCI Construction UK
- Wates Construction

Projects: £15m - £35m

- Balfour Beatty Construction
- Bouygues UK
- Bowmer and Kirkland
- Eric Wright Construction
- ISG Construction
- John Graham Construction
- Kier Construction
- Seddon Construction
- VINCI Construction UK

Projects: £8m - £15m

- Bowmer and Kirkland
- Conlon Construction
- Eric Wright Construction
- ISG Construction
- John Graham Construction
- Kier Construction
- Laing O'Rourke
- Seddon Construction
- Wates Construction

GMSF: Greater Manchester to complete 65 new transport projects in next five years

Andy Burnham, alongside deputy mayors Sir Richard Leese and Bev Hughes, and the leaders of Greater Manchester councils, set out a series of bold and far-reaching new housing and transport proposals. The host of leaders were in attendance to reveal Greater Manchester's Plan for Jobs, Homes and the Environment - the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF).

A central aim of the radically rewritten document is the bold vision of building a minimum of 201,000 new homes by 2037, mainly focused in Manchester, Salford, Trafford and Oldham, alongside 6.5m sq ft of employment space.

The plan focuses on making the most of Greater Manchester's brownfield sites, prioritising redevelopment of town centres and other sustainable locations. It will also help to address the housing crisis with a minimum target of 50,000 additional affordable homes - 30,000 of which will be social housing.

Elsewhere, the announcement also included more details on Greater Manchester's 2040 Transport Strategy Delivery Plan which sets out all the transport improvements to be implemented by 2025, as well as longer-term plans.

The transport plan identifies more than 65 projects that will be completed within the next five years, including: Metrolink's Trafford Park Line; the purchase of 27 new trams; an upgrade of Salford Central railway station; a £160m new walking and cycling infrastructure across all 10 districts; expanding the city-region's electric vehicle charging network; and new interchanges in Tameside and Stockport.

GMSF: 201,000 homes target

The long-awaited Greater Manchester Spatial Framework outlines the sites, including some Green Belt release, which will be used to deliver a minimum of 201,000 new homes by 2037, mainly focused in Manchester, Salford, Trafford and Oldham, alongside 65m sq ft of employment space.

https://www.gmcameetings.co.uk/meetings/meeting/642/joint_gmcaagma_executive_board

Tender date for A66 northern trans-Pennine dualling

Highways England is aiming to invite tenders for the A66 northern trans-Pennine dualling in October 2019. The agency set out its provisional timetable as it invited contractors to take part in market testing for the 50-mile strategic transport corridor between the M6 and A1(M) motorways.

Single carriageway sections total 21 miles with plans to also enhance capacity at the junctions at Scotch Corner on the A1 and M6 J40 at Penrith. Consultant Arcadis is presently working up designs and economic and environmental assessments for the route. Costings have still not been finalised but the project is expected to come in at over £800m.

Northern Powerhouse Rail plans held up after Yorkshire leaders claim NW section is prioritised

Plans for a high speed rail network serving the cities of the North are yet to be submitted to the Government because of fears the leg connecting Manchester and Liverpool could be prioritised over the trans-Pennine section. Transport for the North's business case for Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) was due to be handed in to the Department for Transport in December, with a decision due in 2019.

Summer start for £25m Carlisle flood defence plan

The Environment Agency has committed to start work next summer on improving flood defences in Carlisle. Detail of a flood risk management scheme for the town will be revealed in January with the Government having set aside £25m for the project. Since flooding in early December 2015 caused by storm Desmond, the Environment Agency has been exploring ways to protect the area in the future.

Contractor search starts for M55 link road

Lancashire County Council has opened the tender for a main contractor as it seeks to deliver the Heyhouses link road. One of a raft of projects given support in October 2017 by the Department for Transport, which pledged £5m to the scheme, the £16.8m contract is for a link road to be built, improving access from Lytham St Annes and Blackpool to the M55. The proposed link road is to open up development sites close to junction 4 of the M55. It would connect the existing roundabout at Whitehills Road to the north with Heyhouses Lane near the Cypress Point development site to the south. A tenderer's workshop is to be held on **Friday 11 January**, which all tenderers are recommended to attend. The deadline for those wishing to tender to express their interest is **25 January**.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/>

Goostrey quarry returns to planners with 800 objections

Proposals by Sibelco to extract 3.3 million tons of industrial sand from a site near Goostrey have again been recommended for approval, more than six months after the plans were first withdrawn from committee. The 180-acre site is across two parcels of land either side of New Platt Lane, with Cheshire West & Chester considering the application for an 81-acre portion of the wider area. The remainder of the site falls within the boundaries of Cheshire East, which signalled its intention to allow the project to go ahead last year. The sand is proposed to be extracted by dredging to a depth of 4.5m on the site and would involve sand and other material being extracted via a small boat and then pumped through a pipeline to a processing plant north of New Platt Lane.

CECA Wales Rail Conference: De-mystifying the rail sector 15th January 2019, Abergele

We have arranged a "mini-conference" for members to try to "de-mystify" the rail sector. It will be held in north Wales on 15th January at the Kinmel Hotel in Abergele and will bring together speakers from Transport for Wales, Network Rail and Keolis Amey. It will set out the potential opportunities that exist across the rail sector in Wales and how contractors can prepare themselves to operate in this sector. More information can be found on our website via this link <https://bit.ly/2LfH2CU>

To reserve your place please contact Deborah Gray at Deborah.gray@cecawales.co.uk as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may register via our website <https://www.ceca.co.uk/wales/contact/>

Preston in the running for major transport funding

Commuters around Bournemouth and Preston will benefit from faster and easier journeys thanks to a share of a £2.5 billion government fund. Preston will look to develop plans to upgrade the South Fylde and East Lancashire rail lines, a parkway station at Cottam and interchanges for intra-urban buses, cycling and walking.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bournemouth-and-preston-in-the-running-for-major-transport-funding>

Northern Powerhouse Rail Survey

Please find a link to a survey, seeking the views of business on Northern Powerhouse Rail and the impact an improved rail infrastructure will have on your business now. The survey will inform a report that will be presented to the Secretary of State for Transport highlighting the urgent need for investment in our transport infrastructure in the North of England, with a view to launching a bespoke campaign 'We Back Northern Powerhouse Rail': <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nprail>

Sefton decides against appeal on port access route

A planning application for the A5036 Port of Liverpool access road is likely to come forward early next year after Sefton Council decided not to appeal a High Court decision on the £335m project.

The council had launched a challenge over the road earlier this year but lost its legal fight to order Highways England to re-consult on the proposals, which are designed to ease traffic on the A5036 Dunning's Bridge Road by building a dual carriageway through Rimrose Valley country park.

The route is three miles long, and is a bypass through the Rimrose Valley area linking the Princess Way section of the A5036 to the south and Broom's Cross Road to the north, including new junctions, bridges and footbridges. It also includes an upgrade to dual carriageway on Broom's Cross Road between the new bypass and the Switch Island Interchange, and de-trunking of the existing A5036 between the Switch Island Interchange and the Princess Way section of the A5036. The scheme is intended to take freight away from residential areas on the congested A5036.

Eden Project North secures council cash

The Eden Project North is set to start work on a planning application for its Morecambe Bay vision after four local partners agreed to provide a £1m funding pot. Lancaster City Council is one of four groups along with the Local Enterprise Partnership, Lancaster University, and Lancashire County Council which are each providing £250,000 towards developing plans for the scheme, which will be built on the former Dome entertainment centre and Bubbles swimming pool in Morecambe. The £1m pot will build on the £100,000 already secured from the Chancellor's Autumn Budget, with a feasibility study having completed in September.

Plans approved for major terminal extension at Leeds Bradford Airport

Plans have been approved for the extension to the main airport terminal building at Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA). The two/three storey extension to the main airport terminal building is set to provide larger immigration and baggage reclaim areas, improved departure gate facilities, additional retail and food and beverage outlets and additional free seating. The green light given by Leeds City Council means construction work will look to commence in spring 2019.

Lancashire bypass clears planning hurdle

The building of a dual carriageway between Windy Harbour and Skippool near Poulton-le-Fylde has edged closer, after the Planning Inspectorate agreed to examine Highways England's plans.

HE's £100m proposal, to bypass the existing A585, has been put forward as part of the Government's £15bn Road Investment Strategy. The Planning Inspectorate will now scrutinise the idea and invite formal public responses before letting the Secretary of State decide if the new road can be built.

Plans revealed for latest Airport City development

Icon Industrial has revealed plans to build a new industrial unit at its £100m Manchester Airport site.

The proposed 102,500 sq ft development will include a single 95,000 sq ft industrial/warehouse building and 7,500 sq ft of integrated office accommodation, with 141 car parking spaces. Icon Industrial, a strategic joint venture by Stoford Developments and TPG Real Estate, has submitted a reserved matters planning application to Manchester council for the building.

Liverpool showcases Lime Street public realm

Liverpool City Council will outline proposals for revamped public realm including a new square outside Lime Street station. Part of a wider £45m connectivity programme announced in 2016, the public realm works will see St George's Plateau significantly widened. Beginning in 2020, this work will see Lime Street reduced to single carriageway for northbound traffic only, with access into the city centre via St John's Lane. The proposals for Lime Street also include a water feature at the southern end of the plateau, within the city's World Heritage Site. A new bus park and layover is also proposed on Old Haymarket; this will include the repositioning of the Queen Square bus station for northbound bus routes, and the Liverpool One bus station for southbound buses.

Langtree sets out Parkside plans

The group has increased its focus on local authority joint ventures in recent years, with projects including Sci-Tech Daresbury - a joint venture with Halton Council - and at Hollinwood, where the company has partnered with Oldham Council. Other large projects include the Parkside Colliery regeneration in St Helens, which is again being delivered in a joint venture with the council. A link road to connect this site with the M6 has recently secured £24m of funding. Plans are already in for the first phase, totalling 1m sq ft of logistics space, while Langtree said an application for the second phase is expected in the second quarter of next year.

Department of Transport to invest £53m in North West roads

The Department of Transport have revealed that some £53m is set to be invested in the North West's roads, with Lancashire to receive the fourth-highest amount of funding per 1,000 people in the region. Following the announcement of the Budget, drivers and cyclists will be encouraged to see that the extra £53m from the DfT will be committed to road repairs across the North West counties of Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Cheshire, and Lancashire, with the Roads Minister keen to "keep drivers and cyclists safe."

£12.4m cash injection for pothole repairs in Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester will get an extra £12.4m cash injection to tackle potholes after a freezing winter and scorching summer have left many roads in a crumbling state. The funding will come from the £420m announced by the Chancellor in the Autumn budget, with Manchester, Stockport and Bolton to benefit from the biggest shares.

Cumbria local government shake-up talks planned

Council leaders have agreed to start talks with the government about Cumbria becoming a unitary authority. A restructure could see seven existing authorities replaced by either one or two new councils. The county council was told that having just one authority could save an estimated £24.6m a year.

Green light for Surf Snowdonia expansion

Plans for an activity centre and 106-bedroom hotel at the Surf Snowdonia Adventure Parc can proceed after Conwy Council's planning committee gave a "minded to approve" verdict.

DCO submitted for Preston Western Distributor

Robertson Group and the Tom Barron Pension Fund have submitted a development consent order for Preston's £190m Western Distributor link road directly to the Secretary of State after discussions with Lancashire County Council broke down. Lancashire County Council approved a planning application for the road, which is due to link the M55 with the A583 Riversway to the west of the city, in October last year, and a business case was signed off in January this year, despite costs on the project rising by around £60m. The compulsory purchase order and land assembly process was signed off in February.

The Manchester Lecture 2019: Trains, planes & automobiles, 17 January 2019

<https://www.cices.org/news/events/manchester-lecture/>

Jobs

Manchester contractor seeks Quantity Surveyor

Roles & responsibilities:

- Managing multiple projects at once including pre-tender involvement
- Assist with client accounts including applications for payment, invoices, variations and final accounts
- Implement weekly CVR and monthly management project reviews
- Administer sub-contract accounts including assessing liabilities, making payments, issuing notices and agreeing final accounts
- Ensuring that the financial aspects and impact of a contract are clear to management
- Providing detailed financial reports i.e. budget monitoring, cost & value
- Ensure the maintenance of auditable records relating to all relevant aspects of the company's operations, including those pertinent to specific projects
- Have clear responsibility for the management of all physical works
- Provide accurate progress reporting for site works
- Ensure the effective management of all projects under your control is carried out in accordance with client requirements, current legislation and industry standards.
- Performing risk and value management
- Identifying, analysing and developing responses including commercial risks
- Devise accurate, efficient commercial systems in a bid to support and improve current structure.
- Meet all deadlines in a proactive and forthcoming manner to include all internal weekly/monthly commercial reporting meetings.
- Weekly report meetings with senior management on current tenders, projects won to ensure an accurate project forecast is in place

Qualifications & experience required

Academic Qualifications Required:

- Relevant degree level qualification
- CSCS Competency
- Full UK Driving Licence

System Element Responsibility:

- Update relevant sections of management systems
- Ensure accurate and live commercial information/files/reports/software associated with the tasks outlined in this job description are in the management system

Experience Level(s) Required:

- Five years' experience in the performance of duties outlined within this job description
- Proficient in all Microsoft office excel, word, project
- Experience working in contracting commercial department

Interested parties should contact Guy Lawson in the first instance.

Work Experience

A 17 year old student, currently studying Architectural Engineering at Cronton College, is seeking work experience. His course includes an Industry Placement module on which requires him to complete 45-60 days of work experience, working Thursdays and Fridays every week. In his GCSEs, he achieved an A in Level 2 Design Engineer Construct and he is continuing with Level 3 as part of the course. He also achieved an A* in ICT. If you are able to offer a placement in the Halton, Warrington and Frodsham areas, please let me know.

Tenders

Princes Park Lake Infrastructure Improvements

Expressions of interest close on 25/01/2019.

Contact: Lorraine Cross, Liverpool City Council, Email: lorraine.cross@liverpool.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

A59 County Road Walton Road Improvement Works

Expressions of interest close on 21/01/2019.

Contact: Craig Garsed, Liverpool City Council, Email: craig.garsed@liverpool.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Bolton Street - Market Street, Bury

Expressions of interest close on 25/01/2019.

Contact: Chris Bayfield, Bury Council, Email: c.bayfield@bury.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Moorbottom Road, Holcombe (Footpath Repairs)

Expressions of interest close on 14/01/2019.

Contact: Andrew Liddle, Bury Council, Email: a.liddle@bury.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Hard Ings Road Improvement Works

Expressions of interest close on 30/01/2019.

Contact: Richard Bruce, Bradford MDC, Email: richard.bruce@bradford.gov.uk

Register via YOR Tender: <https://www.yortender.co.uk/>

Term Service Contract for the Repair, Maintenance and Installation of Highway Road Marking and Specialist Surfacing

Expressions of interest close on 11/01/2019.

Contact: Alex Peyton, East Riding of Yorkshire, Email: alex.peyton@eastriding.gov.uk

Register via YOR Tender: <https://www.yortender.co.uk/>

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Rotheram explores Merseyside monorail

Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram has revealed he and the Liverpool City Region leaders are considering the potential for an overhead railway to return to the city's waterfront.

Known as the Dockers' Umbrella, the light railway operated from the 1890s to the 1950s when it was deemed too expensive to repair and was demolished.