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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/>

Three dates for your diary:

CECA North by NW Dinner, Penrith, Thursday 23 May 2019 (after dinner speaker is policeman turned stand-up comedian Alfie Moore, star of BBC Radio 4's 'A Fair Cop'):

http://www.aldercross.com/events.php?event_id=138

CECA NW Annual Golf Day, Leigh Golf Club, Thursday 27 June 2019: events@falcongolf.co.uk

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

http://www.aldercross.com/events.php?event_id=136

What did CECA NW do over the last year?

- Arranged the Annual Awards dinner in October, attended by over 300 people. The awards went to: Project up to £1 million winner: CT Construction; Project between £1-5 million winner: PP O'Connor; Project over £5 million winner: A E Yates; Young Professional of the Year winner: Toby Hensman of Chartrange; Woman in Civil Engineering winner: Stephanie Curran of ACS; Collaborative Partnership winner: D Morgan; Social Value winner: Eric Wright; and Lifetime Achievement winner: Brian Goodacre of Harry Fairclough.
- Assisted the development of CECA North by NW to provide more activity for members north of Preston (including an inaugural dinner), and two half day seminars for CECA NW Foundations, the group for people new to the industry.
- Assisted six SME members with PQQs and tenders
- Arranged client liaison meetings with: West Cumbria Mining, Transport for Greater Manchester, Sellafield, Environment Agency, Homes England, Inovyn, Network Rail, Cumbria County Council and United Utilities.
- Arranged a Supply Chain Conference, focusing on rail.
- Arranged eight legal breakfast seminars, plus a half-day session on NEC4, and seminars on GDPR and HR & Taxation.
- Put on the Management Development Programme for engineers and supervisors in the NW.
- Produced the annual flyer, featuring the work of CECA NW members, plus a new careers video.
- Promoted a number of industry role models in the media to encourage young people to choose civil engineering.
- Lobbied for margins, fair payment, zero value frameworks, and all risk contracts to be treated as first priorities for CECA as a whole - with a Payment Summit due to take place later this year.

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.

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>

Training & Development

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

Breakfast seminars: 8.30am - 10.30am

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

Collateral warranties 23 April (please note the change of date), 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>

CITB Adopting Digital Skills for Construction Funding Workshop

CITB's Adopting Digital Skills for Construction Funding Workshop is on **Tuesday 26 February 2:00pm - 4:30pm** at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool City Centre (close to Lime St Station).

At the workshop they will introduce CITB's new structured fund for the development of digital skills for the construction sector.

This event will provide:

- an overview of this new funding commission
- guidance on the application process
- an opportunity to network and identify collaborative partners.

To book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/citb-adopting-digital-skills-for-construction-funding-workshop-tickets-55361328223>

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: **28 March 2019**.

CITB events explaining how to access CITB grant and funding: Civil Engineering

Thursday 28 March 2019 - Venue Salford-TBC. To book a place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grants-and-funding-civil-engineering-tickets-54646325631>

Two Construction Skills Fund projects announced in Greater Manchester

CITB and the Department for Education recently announced the award of £1.4 million of Construction Skills Fund spend was allocated to two projects in GM. The projects are set to train 1,075 people in construction, 875 participants will be job ready at the end of the training. 45% of total learners will be from non-traditional backgrounds and 15% will come from other industries (where automation puts low skilled jobs at risk). The two projects are: Procure Plus and Growth Company.

Liverpool Construction Skills Fund project announced

A new skills hub for the development of onsite skills in Liverpool has been announced. The Hub is funded through the £20 million Construction Skills Fund. The Liverpool Waters Construction Hub, based on-site within the Contractors' Village, will provide a branded single shop front doorway for all contractors and sub-contractors on site. To read more about the successful project click here:

<https://www.citb.co.uk/funding/types-of-funding/structured-fund/construction-skills-fund/on-site-training-hub/>

£38m funding boost for construction classrooms

Further education providers offering construction T Levels are set to benefit from a £38m funding boost to build new classrooms and refurbish existing buildings. T Levels are equivalent to A Levels and will be taught at more than 50 further education venues from 2020.

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>

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.

Policy & Industry Affairs

CCS £30bn public works framework

The Government's Crown Commercial Service has started the mega bid race for a recording-breaking Government works framework. The vast public works framework will be available for use by central Government departments and all other public sector bodies, including local authorities, blue light services and devolved bodies. It is the first time a construction works framework has been drawn up for this scale of project pipeline.

CCS Construction Works and Associated Services:

- Lot 1a: Minor building works (regional sub lots) (£0k - £3m) - £3.5bn
- Lot 1b: Minor civil engineering works (regional sub lots) (£0k - £3m) - Total value £1.5bn
- Lot 2: Construction Works and Associated Services (£3m - £10m) - £4bn
- Lot 3: Construction Works and Associated Services (£10m - £30m) - £4bn
- Lot 4: Construction Works and Associated Services (£30m - £80m) - £4bn
- Lot 5: Construction Works and Associated Services (£80m +) - £3bn
- Lot 6: Residential - £2.25bn
- Lot 7: High rise resi (regional sub lots) - £2.25bn
- Lot 8: Maritime - £1.5bn
- Lot 9: Airfields - £750m
- Lot 10: Demolition - £3bn
- Lot 11: Construction management - £250m

Interested firms have until **15 March** to submit bids.

A bidders' conference will take place on **8 February**. In order to participate in the event bidders must register their interest via the construction mailbox: construction@crowncommercial.gov.uk

The bid pack can be accessed from the CCS website:

<https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

CLC Chairman, Andy Mitchell: Industry must prepare for every Brexit eventuality

A No Deal Brexit will hit construction hard, but the industry needs to prepare for it, says Construction Leadership Council chair Andy Mitchell. A No Deal Brexit would hit our industry hard. It would affect over £10bn of the products we import and around £5bn of those we export, our ability to recruit and retain the 13% of the construction workforce - or the 30% in London, who are foreign nationals, most from the EU, and the regulation and certification of construction products. Firms would be affected, regardless of whether they are large or small, or their place in the supply chain.

The prospect of the UK leaving the EU without a formal agreement is unlikely. It is probably less likely than most other outcomes. But whilst it remains a possibility, a responsible construction industry has to prepare for it. We owe this to those who work in our firms, our clients and to our own suppliers to ensure that we understand what the key risks are and act to mitigate them.

New infrastructure bank post-Brexit?

The government is coming under more pressure to replace funding the country will lose from the European Investment Bank (EIB) after Brexit on March 29 with peers claiming that Britain will not receive any share of the profits that the EIB has accumulated, nor any interest or dividends.

Under the prime minister's Withdrawal Agreement, the UK will receive the 3.5bn euros (£3bn) of capital it has paid into the EIB but is set to miss out on profits amounting to 7.6bn euros (£6.6bn).

The report published by the Lords EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee identifies the impact Brexit has already had on the benefits the UK receives from the EIB. In 2016, it lent a total of 7bn euros for 54 projects - this has dramatically dropped to 1.8bn euros for 12 projects in 2017 and just 932m euros for 10 projects last year.

The committee has used its report to argue that Britain should give "swift and serious consideration" to creating a state-backed infrastructure bank to replace funding the country will lose.

CECA: Data Protection & Brexit - Are You Prepared?

If your organisation shares personal data with organisations in the European Economic Area (EEA), you will need to take steps to ensure you continue to comply with data protection laws if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. For UK businesses that only share data within the UK, there will be no change.

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/data-protection-brexit-are-you-prepared/>

Network Rail: Alliances announced for Scotland and South of England

Network Rail has named its preferred alliances to deliver track and rail system renewals and improvements in Scotland and the South of England, worth an estimated £5bn. Colas Rail and AECOM will work with Network Rail across the south of England, while a three-way joint venture of Babcock Rail, Arup and Arcadis will deliver upgrades in Scotland. Deals are still subject to contract terms being finalised and agreed, with procurement currently operating a standstill period.

£300m South West Wales civils framework winners

South West Wales Regional Civil Engineering Contractors Framework

Large civil engineering projects (over £5M):

Total pipeline: £50m - Andrew Scott, Walters UK, Dawnus Construction, Alun Griffiths (Contractors), Dyer and Butler

Medium civil engineering projects (£1.5m-£5m):

Total value £43m - Knights Brown Construction, Walters UK, Dawnus Construction, Alun Griffiths (Contractors), Dyer and Butler

RICS: Commercial and industrial activity stagnates

Growth in workloads within the commercial and industrial segments has come to a standstill for the first time in six years.

The latest RICS Construction and Infrastructure Market Survey points to a broad-based slowdown in the pace of output growth as political uncertainty takes its toll.

Results from the final quarter survey last year indicate workloads moderated across all sectors and geographic regions.

£20m fund available for future road ideas

Highways England is launching a £20m fund to develop new ideas on how future roads will be designed and maintained. Firms are invited to look at the impact of technological advances like low carbon, connected and autonomous vehicles on how the UK's transport network operates.

The competition opens on **11 February**. For more information and to apply:

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/303/overview>

UK Major Ports Group: Freight firms leaking £539m through congestion

Traffic jams and rail bottlenecks are costing the country's freight firms and ports upwards of £500m every year, while there is an urgent need for a "freight-first approach" to ensure a post-Brexit UK can continue to trade and transport goods easily, according to a new report.

Research commissioned by the UK Major Ports Group congestion has estimated traffic on key routes in the country obstructs the UK economy - amounting to 50,000 HGV hours wasted every day and three million tonnes of rail freight restricted annually.

The study claims that congestion could be eased by prioritising improvements on just 2.4% of England, Wales and Scotland's road network and seven major railways junctions.

Debbie Abrahams MP: late payment bill includes calls for project bank accounts

Debbie Abrahams MP has put forward a bill calling for payments on government and public authority contracts to be made through project bank account. The Public Sector Supply Chains (Project Bank Accounts) Bill will get its second reading in March.

<https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/publicsectorsupplychainsprojectbankaccounts.html>

CP6 awards for Scotland and North East

Scotland and North East are operating two frameworks in CP6:

FRAMEWORK 1: RENEWALS AND ENHANCEMENTS

Lot 1: SNE - value £320m BAM Nuttall Limited

Lot 2: SCO - value £135m - awarded to Story Contracting

Lot 3: LNE - value £190m - awarded to AmcoGiffen (Amalgamated Construction Ltd)

FRAMEWORK 2: GEOTECH

Lot 1: LNE - value £47m Story Contracting

Lot 2: SCO - value £100m QTS

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>

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

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>

News from ACAS

Age discrimination

<https://acasnational.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/A870226980DA68332540EF23F30FEDED/CD3C32AD5BBD4477F1E87EB810D8F10A>

North West - and the North

£70bn plan to transform transport links across the north of England

Transport chiefs claim the 30-year road and rail upgrade scheme will boost the economy by £100bn and “leave a legacy for future generations” creating 850,000 jobs.

Transport for the North (TfN) announced the proposals, which they say will result in 1.3 million people living within an hour’s train journey from Manchester airport and at least four major northern cities.

The report has identified seven “corridors” where investment should be focused including the creation of a new rail network, called Northern Powerhouse Rail.

Proposed developments to train services include:

- A new line between Liverpool and the HS2 Manchester spur via Warrington.
- A new line between Manchester and Leeds via Bradford.
- Upgrading the line between Leeds and Hull.
- Upgrading the Sheffield to Hull line.
- Upgrading the the Hope Valley line between Sheffield and Manchester.

<https://transportforthenorth.com/70-b-blueprint-transform-north-economy/>

CECA’s response to TfN’s Strategic Transport Plan

Transport Initiatives Director for CECA NW, Chris Jackson said: “CECA has long been a strong supporter of rebalancing the economy and we welcome this comprehensive transport plan to transform the economy of the North - and peoples’ lives - for the better. It is vital that there is a system in place to monitor the delivery of projects and to continue promoting the economic and social case for infrastructure investment in the region. CECA was closely involved in the development of the plan and we strongly commend the strategic approach Transport for the North are taking to long-term investment - a policy we hope to see replicated in all parts of the UK.

“We hope that TfN’s status, as the first statutory Sub-National Transport Body, will enable the plan to become Government policy and to be fully funded. Contractors will be keen to see a clear planned programme of work, recognising that many schemes in the North are needed now.

“Industry and government at all levels must clearly demonstrate both the economic and social case for investment in infrastructure to transform the region’s economy. We cannot allow this potential pipe-line of work to become a pipe-dream.”

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/ceca-transport-for-the-norths-strategic-transport-plan-must-move-from-draft-to-delivery/>

Transport for Greater Manchester’s Transport Strategy 2040 (delivery 2020-2025)

Key priorities are: tackling climate change, creating a thriving economy, and supporting ‘world-class connectivity that keeps Greater Manchester moving’. The Greater Manchester Strategy is supported by this 2040 Transport Strategy Delivery Plan (2002-2025) which contains a strong commitment to providing a transport system which: supports sustainable economic growth and tackles congestion; improves the quality of life for all by being integrated, affordable and reliable; protects our environment and improves air quality, and capitalises on new technology and innovation.

https://assets.ctfassets.net/nv7y93idf4jq/5M1Wlyfjj2giEsaUy00yaG/c9c1665385b04d9490e5908ad01e860d/190104_Draft_Delivery_Plan_2020-2025_.pdf

What is the future of infrastructure? Manchester Museum of Science & Industry, 6 March 2019

Join Amey and a panel of experts for a frank conversation about the challenges and potential solutions facing the future private financing of infrastructure. To book your place:

<https://www.partnershipbulletin.com/amey->

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BCEGI confirmed for next phase of £1bn Middlewood Locks

BCEGI has been confirmed on phase two of the £1bn Middlewood Locks development in Salford. The next phase will consist of four separate buildings of up to ten storeys providing 546 apartments, with two of the buildings connected by podium gardens. It will also include ground-level parking and landscape gardens providing connectivity with public realm and park space surrounding the canal, which forms the central feature to the development.

Carlisle sets out next steps for UK's largest Garden Village

Carlisle City Council is looking to start the second stage of masterplanning for its 10,000-home St Cuthbert's Garden Village by the end of the month with a consultation due to be held in May. The site is one of 14 of the Government's Garden Villages across the country and sits to the south of the city centre. In terms of housing numbers, Carlisle City Council claims the site is the largest in the country with the capacity for 10,325 homes.

Graham wins £47m Liverpool City Centre Connectivity scheme

Graham has begun the first package of works for the £47m Liverpool City Centre Connectivity scheme. The firm will focus on re-engineering major routes and widening pavements from the city's commercial district through to the retail and knowledge districts. The first element will begin on Victoria Street running from North John Street to the Queensway Tunnel and is expected to complete in November.

Next phase of £22m Great Howard Street upgrade begins

Liverpool's Great Howard Street will be closed to inbound traffic for four weeks under the latest phase of a £22m upgrade. Contractor Osborne, which started preparatory works last summer, has now kicked off the next phase of works on the scheme; this will see Great Howard Street become a full dual carriageway once the scheme completes in autumn 2019.

The road links the centre of Liverpool to the north of the city and travels past major regeneration areas including Ten Streets, Liverpool Waters and Everton's proposed Bramley Moore Dock stadium

Improvements planned for Bolton station

Network Rail, Northern and TransPennine Express have announced a £1m package of improvements at Bolton station, where passengers have been heavily hit by over-running engineering works over the last two years. Over the coming months, new signage and seating will be fitted at the station, with toilets and waiting rooms being refurbished, pigeon netting fitted to aid cleanliness, while the under-used Victorian building on platforms four and five will be revamped, potentially to be used for retail or community use.

Liverpool heat networks

Liverpool City Council has won a Government grant to support the development of two heat networks at Paddington Village and Liverpool Waterfront. The grant of £72,000 from the Heat Network Development Unit, part of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, is intended to cover the costs of a specialist project manager to work across both schemes. Paddington Village's heat network is currently out to tender, while a feasibility study is due on the Waterfront network.

£24.5m Heywood link road out to bid

Rochdale Council has started prequalifying firms to build a 2.5km direct link between the M62 and South Heywood. The new link road will open the way for Russell Homes to build up to 1,000 houses and 1.5m sq ft of commercial space on green belt land in Greater Manchester.

The South Heywood Link Road will be built between junction 19 of the M62 and Pilsworth Road in Heywood, the site of an industrial estate. Please see tenders section for more details.

Expressions of interest need to be back by **20 February**. Contact Jamie Cooper by email at Rochdale Council: jamie.cooper@star-procurement.gov.uk

Specialist contractors chosen for £205m Area 10 works

Highways England has teamed up with 20 contractors to help improve journeys for road users in Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Cheshire and South Lancashire. The area 10 asset delivery framework covers 10 different specialisms of work and will run for four years. During this period the £205m work programme will cover a range of activities that include renewal work to roads and bridges, and improvement schemes. The new framework contractors will work alongside Amey which secured both the maintenance and response, and design services deals for the area.

Highways England will be working with successful contractors to ensure that they are mobilised and ready to begin delivering key services from April 2019.

Road Lighting and Electrical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ainsty Timber Marketing	Temporary Traffic Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carnell Support Services• Crown Highways• J McCann & Co (Nott'm)	Road Markings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WJ North• Wilson & Scott (Highways)• L&R	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colas• Chevron Traffic Management• HW Martin (Traffic Management)
General Civil Engineering	Roadlines <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road Restraint Systems & Fencing• Colas• Joe Rookcroft & Sons	Structures and Structural Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concrete Repairs• Taziker Industrial• Balvac
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carnell Support Services• AE Yates• Interserve Construction	Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carnell Support Services• AE Yates• Forkers	Expansion Joints <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volkerlaser• Route One Infrastructure
Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crown Highways• J McCann & Co (Nott'm)		
Landscape & Ecology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ground Control		

Metrolink tram-train expansion wins Government backing

The Government has signalled its support for the potential introduction of tram-trains to expand the Metrolink network, which could see services extending to Wilmslow, Marple, and Wigan, with more detailed proposals expected to come forward before the summer.

The expansion of the Metrolink to include tram-trains was mooted alongside the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, released earlier this month.

The tram-train system, which is currently being tested for feasibility, would enable adapted Metrolink vehicles to run on the same rail lines as trains.

Metrolink heads to Stalybridge and Middleton in 2040 expansion

Metrolink extensions to Stalybridge, Port Salford, and Middleton along with tram-train services to Wigan, Wilmslow, Hazel Grove, and Marple will all be considered within the next five years as part of Greater Manchester's wider transport strategy through to 2040.

£150m M6 smart motorway contract delayed

The start of a £150m smart motorway contract along the M6 has been delayed again.

The smart motorway upgrade along a 16km stretch of motorway between Wigan and Warrington was originally due to get underway in October. Costain was awarded the deal for work between junctions 21a and 26 last June.

Chris Jackson of CECA NW to speak at Cumbria Event, 28 February 2019

For more details: <https://mailchi.mp/placenorthwest/lancashire-update-327721?e=8a4807ebf1>

Green light for £42m flood defence scheme

A £42m scheme designed to protect thousands of homes and businesses in Hull from flooding has been given the go-ahead. Led by the Environment Agency, the Humber Hull Frontage Improvement Scheme will upgrade tidal flood defences at eight locations along the estuary foreshore, including at St Andrew's Quay and Victoria Dock Village.

GMSF: consultation underway

The consultation into the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework is now open, after the 10 council leaders and Mayor Andy Burnham approved the rewritten statutory document at a Combined Authority meeting. The consultation will be open until **Monday 18 March**. You can give your views here:

www.gmconsult.org

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

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.

<https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/news/greater-manchester-leaders-reveal-bold-plans-for-city-region-s-future/>

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.

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>

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. planning application to Manchester council for the building.

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.

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

South Heywood - Junction 19 Improvements

Expressions of interest close on 20/02/2019.

Contact: Jamie Cooper, Rochdale MBC, Email: jamie.cooper@star-procurement.gov.uk

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

Wigan: Carriageway Resurfacing Works 2019/20

Expressions of interest close on 22/02/2019.

Contact: Dave Hibbert, Wigan Council, Email: d.hibbert@wigan.gov.uk

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

Oldham: Construction and Highways Works & Services Framework

Expressions of interest close on 27/02/2019.

Contact: Dan Cheetham, Oldham Council, Email: dan.cheetham@oldham.gov.uk

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

A562 Upper Parliament Street Improvement Works

Expressions of interest close on 11/02/2019.

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

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

Non-Strategic Road Repair Works Package

Expressions of interest close on 14/02/2019.

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

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

Leicester: Highway Maintenance and Construction Framework Contract

Expressions of interest close on 18/02/2019.

Contact: Jigna Dhorajia, Leicester City Council, Email: jigna.dhorajia@leicester.gov.uk

Register via EastMids Tenders: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Calderdale: Highway Works Contract

Expressions of interest close on 04/03/2019.

Contact: Paul Davis, Calderdale Council, Email: paul.davis@calderdale.gov.uk

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

....and finally

See the designs for HS2's Old Oak Common station

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BtfwKy5DOEE/>