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CECA North West: COVID-19

COVID-19: WHAT IS CECA DOING FOR OUR NW MEMBERS?

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. For the time being, it will replace the usual weekly digest, but details of tender opportunities and other industry news will be circulated in due course.

I would like to stress that CECA NW is here to support our members during this difficult time. What follows is a digest of current and planned activity.

But, if you have any queries, an issue you want to raise, or we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Guy Lawson, Director, CECA NW, email: guy.lawson@ceca.co.uk
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Latest briefing, 29 April 2020

Here is CECA's latest briefing for members, which includes:

- Covid-19 Case Studies
- Coronavirus testing
- CIS tax consultation - postponement
- Webinar: Financial support for small businesses during coronavirus
- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme - Survey

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CECA-Briefing-Note-Covid-19-CECA-Update-29-April-2020.pdf>

CECA Briefing - Covid-19 & Human Resources

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CECA-Briefing-Note-Covid-19-Human-Resources-23-April-2020.pdf>

Construction Recovery Plan webinar with Alasdair Reisner, Friday 1 May 2020

In this webinar, CECA CEO Alasdair Reisner will outline details of the plan and seek your feedback on its proposals. Attendees will be able to participate in a Q&A session at the end of the webinar.

<https://cecatraining.clickmeeting.com/447549965/register>

CPA: Supplementary Site Operating Procedures for Plant Occupations in England

<https://www.cpa.uk.net/news-events/cpasplantoccupationsspo/>

CECA NW contractual webinars with Geraldine Fleming of Driver Trett

Following the two successful webinars that Geraldine has run for us, the next will be on the importance of accurate record keeping during and beyond COVID-19, and takes place on **Wednesday 13 May 2020**. We are also planning a longer NEC4 webinar - in two parts. Further details shortly, but please let us know if there are any topics you would like us to cover.

Lockton: PII renewal webinar

On **Tuesday 5 May 2020**, Lockton is running a webinar to give CECA members an update on the contractors' PII market for buyers and how to get the best results:

<https://emailcc.com/cv/7c7aa09763a47d389c3ef07904575ec26664c1a7>

Construction industry response to COVID-19

Since the initial outbreak of coronavirus in March 2020, businesses from across the industry have been playing their part in fighting the disease, providing vital resource to those on the frontline, and safeguarding construction workers and local communities. Please see this website that we have launched, which showcases examples of these responses: www.constructioncovid19response.co.uk

Please send any case studies for inclusion to Huston Gilmore: hustongilmore@ceca.co.uk

Step-by-step guide to the Job Retention Scheme

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/881800/Coronavirus_Job_Retention_Scheme_step_by_step_guide_for_employers.pdf

R&D Tax Relief service

Place North West and Recoup Capital have teamed up to offer the property community a vital financial aid scheme. In the UK, companies are able to claim tax relief for research and development activities. This includes many of the activities carried out as part of property development, advice and construction. Qualifying points include:

- Groundwork and sub-structural issues
- Environmental issues
- Parking and transport issues

<https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?e=&u=ee248c61407842ae1ddc0cc38&id=5d13e62ec5>

Learning in Lockdown

Please see details of this resource from Scape. The scheme starts on **18 May 2020** and will run for 5 full days.

<https://www.scapegroup.co.uk/learning-in-lockdown>

IED: Commission for Economic Renewal launched

The Institute of Economic Development (IED) has today launched the Commission for Economic Renewal, which will bring together some of the UK's foremost economic development practitioners and academics to formulate the policies and interventions it believes will be needed to rebuild economies in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

https://ied.co.uk/news_events/commission_for_economic_renewal/

Contractor matching for CECA NW members

This new service to help balance workforce/workload capacity between CECA NW members is now live. We are contacting all members to find if they are short of capacity or have spare capacity, and arranging opportunities, where feasible, for CECA NW members to work together. Chris Jackson is the contact for client organisations and directors of major projects in the North West chrisjackson@ceca.co.uk ; Jacqueline Vail is the contact for CECA NW members: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

If you have any queries, or would like to know more, please contact Guy Lawson, guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk tel: 07703 585027

NW Careers: jobs, vacancies and apprenticeships & work experience

The CECA NW section of the website now has a Vacancy Board, plus sections for people seeking apprenticeships & work experience and jobs: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/nw-careers/>

The process is simple - for contractors with vacancies, complete the form and return to Jacqueline Vail, and I will circulate it in the newsletter and on social media. For people seeking apprenticeships, work experience and jobs, again, they should complete the form and return to Jacqueline or me and I will circulate the details without their personal information (to comply with GDPR). You may wish to make your subcontractors, plant operators etc aware of the service too.

Vacancies

We currently have four vacancies with CPUK Civils & Remediation: Quantity Surveyor, Assistant Quantity Surveyor, Contracts Manager and Environmental Engineer - please contact Jacqueline Vail for details: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

Seeking work

We have an experienced NW-based civils Project Manager seeking a new role; a candidate seeking a role in Project Direction or Design; and a PhD in Civil Engineering from University of Manchester looking for work. Please contact Guy Lawson for details: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk

Seeking apprenticeships

We have a number of individuals seeking apprenticeships:

- A Salford-based graduate seeking an apprenticeship leading up to a QS role, within a 45 minute radius
- A Wigan-based A level students seeking a civil engineering apprenticeship

Please contact Jacqueline Vail for details: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

Builders' Merchants

Please find a link to the BMF's website, listing which merchants are remaining open (I suggest you check for updates):

https://www.bmf.org.uk/BMF/Information_Centre/COVID19-bulletins/Is-my-local-builders-merchant-open.aspx

And here are the CLC's guidelines on builders' merchants operating

<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/news/builders-merchants-branch-operating-guidelines-during-covid-19/>

Manchester City Council: Surfacing Framework

Deadline: 25 May 2020

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=3ebccea-9d79-ea11-80ff-005056b64545>

United Utilities: Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (PIN notice)

United Utilities proposes to deliver a scheme titled Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP) via Ofwat's Direct Procurement for customers approach, engaging a competitively appointed provider (CAP) to design, build, finance and maintain this major water resilience supply project. The HARP project will provide long term resilience and security of water supplies from the Lake District to the Manchester and Pennine region by renewing the Haweswater Aqueduct.

Proposed bid timetable:

- March 2021 - publish contract notice
- April 2021 - PQQ Submission deadline
- May 2021 – invite successfully shortlisted bidders to tender
- November 2021 – tender submission
- February 2022 - Best And Final Offer
- March 2022 - Award

<https://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:168986-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML>

Highways England: £4.5bn smart motorway alliance contractors appointed

Highways England has selected its three contractor partners to deliver the future smart motorway programme (SMP) worth up to £4.5bn.

Costain has picked up the northern region, with a BAM Nuttall/Morgan Sindall joint venture appointed for the Midlands and Balfour Beatty the southern area.

The ten year framework will see the SMP Alliance deliver a key element of the Government's second Road Investment Strategy, with a greater emphasis on technology and increased efficiency.