



# Press Release

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## **CECA: Construction Talent Retention Scheme Will Safeguard Industry**

Civils contractors today described the Construction Leadership Council's Talent Retention Scheme, announced by the Chancellor at today's Summer Statement, as a 'vital' component of safeguarding the infrastructure sector and protecting jobs.

The Construction Leadership Council's Talent Retention Scheme (CLC TRS) was conceived to help talented individuals showcase their experience and expertise and help businesses find the skills they need. It is a not-for-profit programme, supported by business organisations, member companies, professional institutions, unions, and other stakeholder organisations.

The online portal supports redeployment of staff at risk of redundancy from across the sector, while also enabling temporary employee loans between businesses. It also gives displaced workers from other sectors a route to find new employment in construction, while offering businesses a platform to find the skills they need.

The not-for-profit programme now has funding secured until the end of April 2021, providing a free online platform for any business or organisation looking to hire, while ensuring that candidates' skills and experience are given a prominent platform within the wider industry.

Commenting, Chief Executive of the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Alasdair Reisner said: "Our industry will be central to securing the UK's economic recovery from Covid-19. This is a fantastic initiative that will safeguard our sector, which is both highly skilled and requires the retention of skills to operate at its full potential.

"CECA is fully supportive of the Construction Talent Retention Scheme and anticipates it will be key to ensuring that where there are unavoidable job losses as a result of the end of the furlough scheme in October, employees will be able to find new employment within our industry.

"We have been working with the CLC and other stakeholder to bring this initiative to fruition. That the Government has chosen to implement it not only shows an awareness of the scale of the challenge we face in returning the economy to growth, but the role UK construction will play in doing so in the months and years ahead."

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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.
2. The online portal is located at <https://www.tr-system.co.uk/construction>

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