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CECA North East - LEGAL SEMINAR

Assessing Defined Cost under NEC 4 Options C, D and E

Wednesday 2 December 2026

This CPD session discusses under options C, D and E, the assessment and payment of Defined Cost is fertile area for disputes in NEC Contracts. This session will examine the common issues encountered and responsible for disputes.

This seminar will cover:

- Determining the normal place of working for people employed by the Contractor
- Assessing how time is allocated for working within the Working Area and what records are required (turnstile records, timesheets etc)
- How is the weekly cost of directly employed people calculated and presented and dealing with sensitive information
- Dealing with bonus and incentive payments and when do such payments qualify
- Are rest days for shift work payable under Defined Cost
- Distinguishing between people not employed by the Contractor but paid according to time working in Working Areas and Subsubcontractors (labour only)
- Assessing costs of Equipment, including Equipment owned by the Contractor or its sister or parent company
- How should Subcontract payments be assessed and what level of detail should be provided
- What should typically be allowed for in the Contractor's fee percentage

Who Should Attend ?

- Contractors - Commercial, Directors, Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers
- Clients (including Local Authorities, Water, Highways, Environment) - Commercial, Procurement, Legal, PQS's
- Consultants



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Face to Face Seminar

Castle View Suite
Durham County Cricket Club
Wednesday 2 December 2026

8.30am – 9am Registration
9.00am – 10.45 Presentation / Q&A

CECA Members £Free

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We are dedicated to providing expert guidance and support throughout the construction industry supply chain, helping our clients navigate challenges and achieve successful outcomes. Our extensive experience and commitment to excellence make us ideal partners for managing risk and resolving construction and engineering disputes effectively.

Our team of experts provide comprehensive services designed to manage, resolve, and prevent disputes. With extensive industry experience, and both technical and legal qualifications, we offer tailored solutions that address the unique challenges faced by our clients.