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the Built Environment

Sustainable Procurement

BESPN breakfast meetings

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How will the UK Government Sustainable Procurement Action Plan impact on your operating environment?

The Action Plan, including a set of updated standards launched on 5 March, puts in place clear lines of accountabilities and reporting, and develops plans to raise the standards and status of procurement practice in Government. Alongside the Action Plan, Government is also publishing an updated set of mandatory environmental product standards that will ensure departments procure the most sustainable commodities.

What does this mean for Public Sector Procurers?

Local Authorities need to lead by example, ensuring that they adopt established minimum product standards, known to deliver key environmental benchmarks and value for money. They must ensure that sustainability becomes embedded into all public service operations.

What does this mean for Construction and Built Environment Suppliers?

Clients are increasingly demanding products and services with lower negative environmental and social impacts. Sustainable innovation will provide a competitive edge, enhance corporate reputation and deliver social and environmental benefits.

SECBE is working with lead partners Business Link Solutions and a Project Advisory Board made up of key strategic players in the Public, Private and Academic Sectors within the Built Environment to create a Built Environment Sustainable Procurement Network (BESPN).

The BESPN is providing a professional Supply Chain Development programme to facilitate awareness and adoption of best practice and new business models, which will support achievement of the milestones set out for the Built Environment sector in the UK Government Sustainable Procurement Action Plan.

An estimated 80 businesses will take part in BESPN's networking activities that will help them to achieve a step change in their sustainable procurement performance.

The Network is offering six events, each of them focusing on different aspects of Sustainable Procurement. Participation in the network and attendance at these short breakfast meetings are **FREE**.

Who should attend

- Clients
- Public Sector Procurers
- Developers
- Designers
- Contractors

Breakfast meetings

1. Sustainable Construction Procurement and the role of the supplier

- What is sustainable construction procurement?
- Government drivers and the impact on the industry.
- Utilising the supply chain to drive change.

2. Corporate Social Responsibility and the Construction Industry – how procurement can meet the challenge

- What is Corporate Social Responsibility?
- What is the Construction Industry doing to address the issues?
- What steps can your organisation take?
- Using procurement to drive ethical sourcing/supplier training and development/community engagement.

3. Sustainability and the Construction Tender Process – what the procurer needs to know

- How to address sustainability issues through the tender process.
- Specifying sustainability outputs and performance measurements for your construction project.

4. Constructing Energy Efficient Buildings – procurement a solution?

- Building Regs – Requirements of Part L.
- Defining energy consumption targets for operation.
- Encouraging energy efficient solutions – use of renewables etc.

5. Construction Procurement – specifying green materials

- What is available on the market?
- Assessing the environmental impact e.g. low embodied energy/long life and low maintenance/contribution to lowering building energy consumption.
- Sourcing reused/reclaimed/recycled materials.

6. Construction Procurement – designing for climate change

- Climate change and the impact on the built environment.
- Developing the design brief.
- Practical measures for new build/refurbishment.

Booking form

Built Environment Sustainable Procurement Network Breakfast Meetings 0830 – 1000

Please complete this form and fax back to **0118 933 8798** or email: **events@secbe.org.uk**.

Details (one form per delegate)

- I would like to attend **Sustainable Construction Procurement and the role of the supplier.**
11th April 2007, Holiday Inn, Reading
- I would like to attend **Corporate Social Responsibility – how procurement can meet the challenge.**
12th April 2007, The Russell Hotel, Maidstone
- I would like to attend **Sustainability and the Construction Tender Process – what the procurer needs to know.**
17th April 2007, Holiday Inn, Guildford
- I would like to attend **Constructing Energy Efficient Buildings – procurement a solution?**
19th April 2007, Holiday Inn, Reading
- I would like to attend **Construction Procurement – specifying green materials.**
24th April 2007, The Russell Hotel, Maidstone
- I would like to attend **Construction Procurement – designing for climate change.**
26th April 2007, Holiday Inn, Guildford

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