

CECA Weekly Update

9 - 16 November 2022

Construction Leadership Council - Net Zero Sites Consultation

Businesses from across the sector are being asked to give their views on the first ever unified plan to slash the amount of diesel used on sites. Last year the Construction Leadership Council's CO₂nstructZero campaign set a target to cut the amount of diesel used by construction by 78% by 2035. Since this announcement, a group of organisations including contractors, plant firms, clients and trade bodies have been working together to set out a plan for how this target can be achieved. The outcome of this work – [Consultation Draft: Zero diesel sites route map](#) – has been published to provide firms across the industry with an opportunity to give their feedback on the proposals. Consultation responses are being collected via [this link](#). You can also view a short promotional video on the consultation [here](#). Closing date for responses is midnight on **2 December 2022**. CECA strongly urges members to contribute to this important piece of work.

Construction Leadership Council Webinar: Conflict Resolution - 2.00pm-3.00pm, 17 November 2022, MS Teams

This free CLC webinar has been arranged to outline best practice in managing and avoiding conflicts in the current climate. The implementation of conflict avoidance practices reduces the financial costs of disputes and enables projects to be delivered on time and on budget. The speakers will be Janey L. Milligan, Managing Director, Conflict Dispute Resolution; and Matthew Molloy, Adjudicator/Arbitrator/Mediator, MCMS Ltd. If you would like a place contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

CECA Workload Trends 2022 Q3

Click [here](#) to download the most recent CECA Workload Trends Report for 2022 Q3, and click [here](#) to read CECA's press statement on its findings. CECA would like to thank all members who took the time to complete the survey.

HS2 Meet The Bidder - 7 December 2022

Tier 1 contractors Taylor Woodrow and Gülermak are seeking to engage their supply chains for HS2's development at Washwood Heath, Birmingham. This event will offer the opportunity to understand the opportunities available and for those attending to have One2One meetings with short-listed tenderers. The event will take place on 7 December 2022 between 10.00am-1.00pm online via MS Teams. If you would like to attend, contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

Working Minds

CECA is a proud supporter of the HSE's Working Minds campaign, which has reached its first anniversary. Click [here](#) for more information and to download relevant resources. HSE Working Minds Campaign – 1 Year On. Members are encouraged to sign up as 'Champions'. Work-related stress is now the number one cause of employee sickness absence, with major factors causing work-related stress including workload pressures - tight deadlines, too much responsibility and a lack of managerial support. The HSE is calling for a culture change across Britain's workplaces where recognising and responding to the signs of stress becomes as routine as managing workplace safety. Key to the success of the Working Minds campaign is the support of industry, and it is hoped with your support, we can raise the profile and awareness of stress and the impact it has on mental health and business. There are lots of ways you can support and be involved from simply signing up, sharing social posts or doing something more proactive in your sector or own workplace. Click [here](#) to sign up.

IfATE - Construction Public Survey

The Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education are running two public surveys: the first, on apprenticeship qualifications, is available [here](#) (deadline 26 November); the second, on the IfATE's communication strategy, is available [here](#) (deadline 21 November). In addition, IfATE are to launch a new Construction Bulletin, to be published via e-mail every two months - if you would like to receive it, click [here](#).

CIPR Construction and PProperty Group (CAPSIG)

CECA Chief Executive Alasdair Reisner will be addressing an in-person event at CIPR on behalf of the Construction Leadership Council communications team at SEC Communications, 14 Greville Street, London EC1M 8SB on 6 December 2022, 6.00pm-9.00pm. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. If you are interested in attending, contact [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

CLC - Retention Payments Under NEC Contracts

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) in collaboration with NEC has published joint guidance to industry on the use of retention clauses under NEC3 and NEC4 Engineering and Construct Contracts (ECC), and sub-contracts. Click [here](#) to download the guidance. The CLC has also organised a free webinar to support the new guidance and an opportunity to learn more, which will take place on Monday 16 January 2023 at 2.00pm. To register initial interest, please contact info@necontract.com.

Government Grants To Install Electric Vehicle Chargepoints

The Office for Zero Emission Vehicles champions the take-up of electric vehicles across the UK. Installing chargepoints can be hugely beneficial for your business. You can potentially claim 100% of the costs of installing an electric vehicle charging point as a capital allowance. Some of the expenditure may also qualify for the new super deduction, equating to a 130% enhanced deduction of the total cost. There are grants of up to £350 to cover the cost of buying and installing a chargepoint. Further grants, of up to £15,000, are available to small and medium sized businesses to help cover the cost of installing chargepoint infrastructure. Find out more [here](#). Grants are also available to companies renting out commercial units (see [here](#)). To apply, businesses will need to have a Companies House or VAT number.

Businesses To Be Give UK Product Marking Flexibility

Businesses are to be given an additional 2 years to apply new product safety marking. The UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) marking has been introduced as part of the UK's own robust regulatory framework. It shows that products comply with our product safety regulations which are designed to protect consumers. However, given the current economic climate, the UK Government has announced that the original deadline for changing to UKCA marking, which was to be the end of this calendar year, has now been extended to 31 December 2024. Click [here](#) for more details.

River Thames Scheme – Consultation Events

Please find details of the River Thames Scheme consultation events taking place both in person and online during November/December to download [here](#).

New Hospitals Programme Industry Day

The New Hospital Programme's rescheduled Industry Day will now take place in-person and online on Tuesday 13 December. The goal of the event is to outline how businesses across the supply chain can play a role in the biggest hospital building programme in a generation. Aiming to deliver 48 hospitals by 2030, members of the programme team will set out how building Intelligent Hospitals of the future and providing a Sustainable Legacy will call upon the skills and expertise of companies of all sizes, across a broad range of sectors. At present, in-person tickets have been fully allocated, but for more information, to register your interest, or to attend online, click [here](#).

Story Start Up

Story Contracting have launched a brand-new scheme, Story Start Up, which will create new opportunities for entrepreneurship, help organisations to grow, enable new business creation and support economic growth. Through the initiative, ideas that relate to the construction and infrastructure industry can benefit from a range of financial and professional support services that are designed to help start-ups and businesses across the UK. If your application is successful, whether your idea is just a prototype, or is ready to go to market, Story Contracting will offer financial support in the form of a grant, loans or investment where Story would remain involved in the project. This could aid companies and entrepreneurs in starting or growing a company, diversifying, or innovating. Applications are always open, however those received before Sunday 27 November 2022 will be considered for interviews in December 2022/ January 2023. Click [here](#) for more information or to apply to the scheme.

CECA HS&W Group Meeting, Thursday 1 December 2022 – UPDATE

The next CECA HS&W group meeting will be a Face to Face meeting at Winvic's site office at the Peddimore Employment Park, near Minworth, Birmingham. The meeting will start at 10.30am and close at 12.30pm followed by a light lunch. The meeting will include a presentation on the Peddimore Development, along with discussions around Safe Digging and other key health, safety and wellbeing topics. We would like to make this an 'attended meeting' if possible. Please contact [Peter Crosland](#) if you are interested in attending. Full Agenda and location plan to be sent out in due course.

CECA Environment Group Meeting, Thursday 8 December 2022

The next CECA Environment Group meeting will take place on 8 December at IMechE, One Birdcage Walk. The meeting room will be available from 12.30pm with lunch served at 1.00pm. Meeting starts at 2.00pm and will finish c. 4.00pm. (There will be a social event following the meeting – most likely to be a nearby hostelry). Key presentation will be on Biodiversity Net Gain from Dr Tim Hounsome and John Davies of RSK biocensus. We have also secured speakers on the Lower Thames Crossing which should be of interest to some members. The Environment Agency will be in attendance as usual to discuss key matters – particularly around Concrete Wash Water disposal. Please contact [Peter Crosland](#) if you are interested in attending.

Autonomous Plant in the Industry

CECA has been approached by the HSE to help determine the extent of autonomous plant being used across infrastructure projects. Whilst this machinery can be invaluable in certain situations, the research is looking at whether this machinery is adequately covered through existing safe working practices guidelines and for that matter, training provision. CECA members are asked to contact [Peter Crosland](#) in the first instance, if you are interested in providing information around this topic area.

CECA Working with Cabinet Office

CECA has also been approached by the Geospatial Commission within the Cabinet Office to carry out a review of the current stage of the NUAR (National Underground Asset Register) programme. They are looking for a small working group comprising a range of Tier 1, Tier 2 and SME organisations who work directly within the utility sector and who are keen to be involved in assessing the proposed platform which is currently classed as 'private beta' – this means the system can be assessed by actual practitioners who can also provide feedback to the geospatial team. A small workshop is proposed to take place in London in early December. Anyone interested in joining the workshop please contact [Peter Crosland](#) in the first instance.

CECA Southern Members' Meeting – Thursday 1 December 2022

CECA Southern is delighted to advise that its next Members' Meeting will take place in London on Thursday 1 December 2022 at etc.venues, Marble Arch, 86 Edgware Road, London W2 2EA. The following speakers will address the meeting:

- Tim Griffiths, Director, Ofwat - Tim will talk about AMP8 expectations and engagement
- Alasdair Reisner, CEO, CECA – Alasdair will update members on CECA's activities
- Kate Walker, CEO, Diabetes Safety Organisation – One Less Campaign.

A networking lunch will be available to all attending from 12 noon, with the meeting due to commence at 1.00pm. The meeting should finish by approx 3.00pm. As this is the last meeting of the year, members are invited for a Christmas drink at the The Duke of York Gastro Pub, which is about a 5-minute walk from etc.venues, from 3.00pm-5.00pm. Members from all regions and devolved nations are welcome to attend - if you would like to do so, please contact [Leone Donnelly](#).

CECA Yorkshire & The Humber

CECA Yorkshire & The Humber are holding a Client Liaison meeting with West Yorkshire Combined Authority on 22 November 2022. This meeting will take place at Avenue HQ in Leeds City Centre, and will run between 9.00am-12.30pm. There will be lots of opportunities for discussions on opportunities available within the Region, and also challenges facing the industry. If you want to book a place, please e-mail [Jemma Carmody](#).

CECA Y& H Training Activities

Compensation Events Webinar – 24 January 2023, 1.00pm - delivered by Bevan Brittan via MS Teams. Click [here](#) for further information and to book places.

Schedule of Cost Components Webinar – 21 February 2023, 1.00pm - delivered by Bevan Brittan via MS Teams. Click [here](#) for further information and to book places.

CECA North West

Click [here](#) for details of CECA North West's forthcoming events. Click [here](#) to download the most recent CECA NW Skills & Training Bulletin, click [here](#) to download a CECA NW report on LEP activities, and [here](#) to download CECA NW's Political & Economic Report for Autumn 2022.

Webinar: The Benefits Of Employing Ex-Offenders - Tuesday 13 December 2022, online, 10.00am-11.00am

This session will be run by Cumbria & Lancashire Prisons Group Regional Employment Lead and the New Futures Network Senior National Employment Manager for Construction who will explain the process of recruiting former prisoners and advise members how to get involved with the national construction event running in prisons across England and Wales from 23 January to 3 February. To register, click [here](#).

CECA North West Training

Upcoming events include:

- Webinar - Legal Update 1 - Wednesday 7 December 2022
- Virtual Workshop - Facebook Advertising - Thursday 8 December 2022
- Webinar - Legal Update 2 - Tuesday 17 January 2023
- Webinar - PR Crisis Management - Wednesday 25 January 2023
- Seminar - Network Rail NEC4 Contract Amendments - Tuesday 14 February 2023

For further information and to book places, click [here](#).

CECA NE Dates For The Diary.

- CECA NE Change Management - 17 November 2022, 9:00am - 12:30pm, MS Teams - click [here](#).
- CECA (North East) site visit - SMART CONSTRUCTION / KOMATSU (Birtley) – 22 November 2022 - click [here](#).
- CECA NE Management of Sub-Contractors - 8 December 2022, 9:00am - 12:30pm - click [here](#).
- CECA NE Communicating Effectively with Clients - 19 January 2023, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, MS Teams - click [here](#).