

CECA Weekly Update

11 - 18 January 2023

CECA Workload Trends Survey - 2022 Q4

The CECA Workload Trends Survey for 2022 Q4 is now live and accessible at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CECAWorkloadTrends2022Q4>

The deadline for the survey is the close of business on **Friday 27 January**. Thanks in advance to members for completing this important survey, which is a vital tool in CECA's lobbying on behalf of our industry.

Net Zero Briefing

Click [here](#) to download a CECA member briefing (published 17 January) on Chris Skidmore MP's Net Zero Review.

Apprenticeship Levy Pledge

CLC and CITB have been working with the Department for Education to develop a new Apprenticeship Levy (AL) Pledge service to increase apprenticeship starts across our sector. The AL Pledge service was introduced to give employers more control over how their unspent AL funds are used. Pledges give employers more choice about where their money can go – employers can set the criteria including location, sector, type of job role and apprenticeship qualification level. Businesses that meet the criteria can then apply for the funds. So far, 25 construction employers have pledged almost £3m. This is a great start, and they would like to build on it in 2023 and double the number of pledges to 50. To support this ambition if you are an AL paying employer, we are asking you to consider pledging your unspent AL funds. If you are interested in pledging, please contact Jennifer Patel at CECA Y&H Jennifer.Patel@ceca-yorks.co.uk for further information and an 'expression of interest' form.

CLC Procurement Working Group

CECA is leading on a CLC Procurement Working Group workshop on pre-procurement engagement (ECI/ESI), due to take place in person in London (venue tbc) on 30 January. If you would like to attend or would like more information, contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

Rail - Join GBRTT's Commercial Partnership Sounding Board

Great British Railways Transition Team is working to create a simpler and better railway for everyone in the country. This includes working in close collaboration with the private sector to help innovate and drive improvements right across the railway. The creation of this new Sounding Board builds on conversations between GBRTT and the supply chain throughout 2022 about the role of the private sector. It will be a forum for businesses to input into the ongoing GBR design process. For more information and to submit an expression of interest click [here](#) - the deadline for EOI submissions is 27 January.

Make it Visible - Wellbeing Presentation and Industry Discussion – 24 January 2023

The CLC have tasked the Lighthouse Club and Mates in Mind to develop on an industry initiative called Make it Visible. As part of this, industry are being consulted upon to provide collective action to improve the provision of Welfare and Wellbeing in the workplace. The event on 24 January is open to everyone in the industry and everyone will have the opportunity to vote on what the key priorities are for the industry to improve its performance relating to Welfare and Wellbeing. The implementable strategies have already been identified through extensive research by Professor Billy Hare at Glasgow University, and these will be discussed in more detail at the event. If you would like to participate in this vital project and join the webinar, hosted by the Supply Chain Sustainability School, please register [here](#).

Collaborative Construction Procurement Training Hub (CCPT) Webinar - Procuring in Challenging Economic Times

This FREE webinar, which will take place on 1 February 2023 between 10.00am-12.00pm, will seek to provide support to industry as it faces the prospect of procuring and winning work in an increasingly challenging economic environment. It will focus on some of the challenges that arise as a result of market turmoil, and opportunities to ensure procurement can proceed while supporting

supplier sustainability. The webinar will include speakers from Cabinet Office, the Local Government Association, Construction Leadership Council and Construction Coach Maria Coulter. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

CECA Town Hall Webinar - 25 January 2023, 2.00pm-3.00pm, MS Teams

With the UK economy apparently in recession, and in light of current economic forecasts, CECA is working closely with Government and construction leaders to mitigate the negative impacts for CECA members. As we look towards a Spring Budget on 15 March, CECA's Chief Executive Alasdair Reisner would like to update members on how we are supporting you in these challenging times, and seek feedback as we make our representations to government. To book a place on the session, please contact CECA Public Affairs Executive [Liberty Hibberd](#) to receive full joining instructions.

Safe Digging: Let's Make A Difference

A synopsis, slides, and relevant YouTube videos from this October 2022 event are now available to download [here](#). CECA will be holding a follow-up event on this theme at The Bridge Hotel and Spa, Walshford, on Thursday 16 March, between 12.00pm-5.00pm. There will be a facilitated discussion between a number of major players operating in the utility sector and all attendees – with a view to finding out how industry can improve its performance (i.e reduce the number of strikes/incidents) when working around utility services. Further details to be announced in due course - to pre-book your place(s) click [here](#).

UK Government Unveils New 'Energy Bills Discount Scheme' For Businesses

The UK Government has announced the new "Energy Bills Discount Scheme" for UK businesses, charities, and the public sector, effective from April. Click [here](#) for more information, [here](#) for a fact-sheet, and [here](#) for UK Government guidance.

Apprenticeships Inquiry

You are invited to share your views on engineering and technology apprenticeships as part of the Fit for the Future apprenticeships inquiry. Led by Lord Knight and Lord Willetts in partnership with EngineeringUK, the inquiry seeks to identify ways to boost numbers and achieve sustained growth in engineering, manufacturing and technology apprenticeships, particularly for young people, to meet demand for skills in this area. The Inquiry aims to hear from a range of stakeholders across the UK including engineering and tech employers, young people, STEM outreach organisations, sector bodies, youth organisations, education and training providers, think tanks, policy makers and others. The call for evidence closes on 27 February. Click [here](#) to input your views.

Measuring & Improvement Of Productivity – FREE Workshops For CECA Members

From 24 January, CECA and [BBI Services](#) will be running a series of free workshops on productivity for members. This FREE set of workshops will assist CECA members in developing their productivity KPIs/measures, and then illustrate how to drive these forwards for better outcomes. Delivered remotely, the workshops will adopt a collaborative working approach, using BBI Services' digital whiteboard platform. Participants will be able to explore further opportunities to build their skills and engage their teams in continuous improvement activities. For more information and to book your place(s) please click [here](#).

Recognition of CE Mark - Official Announcement

The UK Government has announced that the period during which the CE Mark will continue to be recognised for construction products has been extended until 30 June 2025. This is a two and a half year extension on the planned date of transition, which had been 1 January 2023. Click [here](#) for more information.

BEIS Payment & Cash Flow Review

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy is to undertake a review of payment and cash flow with regards to small businesses, and with particular reference to late payment. Click [here](#) to read the review's terms of reference. CECA is particularly keen to hear from members on this topic - if you would like to input your views, contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

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.

NUAR Advisory Group

Peter Crosland, National Civil Engineering Director for CECA National, has recently been appointed to the Cabinet Office NUAR (National Underground Asset Register) Advisory Group. The role of the Group is to communicate constructively about the project in organisations and beyond; use expertise, influence and authority to assist the project in achieving and exceeding its envisaged outcomes; represent stakeholder interests, provide feedback and to provide advice and constructive input on progress as required. CECA members will play a key role in supporting the development of this important project. If you would like more information about this work, please contact [Peter Crosland](#).

SMAC 2022 Feedback

CECA is planning to collate industry feedback on the involvement of members and non-members with last year's (2022) *Stop. Make a Change*. The review is key to finding out first hand what works and what doesn't work, therefore we would be extremely grateful if you could spend a few minutes looking back at what you covered last year and whether it could have been improved upon. All feedback will be treated in the strictest confidence, but will be used to develop the SMAC programme for 2023. Please send all information to [Peter Crosland](#) in the first instance. If you haven't already got this year's date in your diary, it will run between Monday 9 - Friday 20 October.

CECA Training & Development Group

The next meeting of the CECA Training & Development Group will take place on 26 January between 11.00am-3.00pm. Further details, including the meeting location/format, will be issued in due course. If you would like to attend contact [Briony Wickenden](#).

CECA HS&W Group Meeting Dates – 2023

The following dates have been set aside for the HS&W meetings;

7 March – 10.30 to 12.30 via MS Teams

7 June – 10.00 to 1.00pm, F2F, London

14 September – 10.00 to 12.00 via MS Teams

5 December – 2.00 to 4.00pm, F2F London with social after.

CECA Environment Group Meeting Dates – 2023

The following dates have been set aside for the HS&W meetings;

22 March – 1.00 to 4.00pm, F2F ImechE, London

14 June – All Day – F2F, Seawork/Marine Civils, Southampton. Combined with CECA Flood & Marine Group.

September – TBA

November/December – TBA

CECA Water Group Strategy Meeting

A meeting is to be held on the 23 February – location still to be determined, however the purpose of the meeting would be to agree an Action Plan to deliver against a number of pressing issues including; AMP8 spend is likely to be two to three times larger than that in AMP7 i.e between £20bn to £30bn; use of DPC contracts; the resilience of the supply chain; meeting the challenges of skills and training within the water sector. It would be useful to know if there are any other burning topics that would need to be added to the Agenda, which will be sent out in due course. If you would like to attend or for more information, contact CECA National Civil Engineering Director [Peter Crosland](#).

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.

Compensation Events Seminar – 26 January 2023, 8.30am – delivered by Bevan Brittan at The Bridge Hotel & Spa, Walshford, LS22 5HS. Click [here](#) for more information and to book a place.

Mental Health First Aid 2 Day Course – 31 January and 1 February, 9.00am-5.00pm – delivered by Sam Leigh (Sleigh Services) at the CECA Y&H Office in Morley, Leeds - FULLY BOOKED.

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.

Safe Digging: Let's Make a Difference! – Thursday 16 March, 12.00pm – 5.00pm – The Bridge Hotel & Spa, Walshford, LS22 5HS. Click [here](#) for further information and to book places.

CECA Y&H Dates for the Diary: AGM & Members' Meeting, The Bridge Hotel & Spa, 24 March 2023 - click [here](#) to register interest; Carbon Workshop, Avenue HQ, Leeds City Centre - click [here](#) to book your place(s).

CECA North West

Click [here](#) for details of CECA North West's forthcoming events. Click [here](#) to download version 3 of the CECA NW Education Toolkit (published December 2022). Click [here](#) to read the CECA NW Chair's Quarterly Report for 2023 Q1.

CECA North West Training & Events

Upcoming events include:

- Webinar - PR Crisis Management - Wednesday 25 January 2023
- Seminar - Network Rail NEC4 Contract Amendments - Tuesday 14 February 2023
- CECA North by North West Dinner, Penrith - Friday 19 May 2023.

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

CECA NE Dates For The Diary

- CECA NE Skills Forum – 2 March 2023 @ CECA NE Office
- Health, Safety & Environment Forum @ 23 March 2023 – CECA NE Office
- Annual General Meeting – 23 June 2023 @ CECA NE Office
- Mock Trial - 6 July 2023 @ Venue TBC
- Health, Safety & Environment Forum – 20 July 2023 @ CECA NE Office
- CECA NE Skills Forum – 7 September 2023 @ CECA NE Office
- Annual Dinner – 10 November 2023 @ Grand Hotel Gosforth Park
- Christmas Closedown - 22 December 2023.

All CECA NE training and events can be found [here](#).