

CECA Weekly Update

8 - 15 February 2023

CECA Procurement Group Workshop - 21 February 2023

CECA is leading the CLC's work on drafting guidance on Best Practice in ESI and in local authority procurement. Members are invited to join this informal workshop to discuss these two projects. If you would like to attend, or to know more about this work, contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

Budget 2023

CECA has written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt setting out our priorities ahead of the 2023 Budget (due on 15 March). If you would like to read CECA's submission contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

Consultation On Proposals To Amend & Improve The Reporting On Payment Practices and Performance Regulations

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has published a consultation on proposals to amend and improve the Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance Regulations, and whether they should extend beyond their current expiry date of 6 April 2024. Click [here](#) for more details. The consultation is open until 28 April 2023.

Interchange 2023

CECA is a supporter of Interchange 2023. Interchange is FREE to attend but places are limited, and will take place at The Vox, Birmingham, 18-19 April 2023. For more information and to book your place(s), click [here](#).

CO₂nstruct Zero Business Champions

Round 13 of the CLC's popular CO₂nstruct Zero Business Champions are now open. Click [here](#) to download the CZ priorities, and [here](#) to download a set of interview questions. Please note **SMEs are strongly encouraged** to apply. Click [here](#) for more details and to make an application.

Delivering Enterprise Models In The UK Rail Sector

CECA, in conjunction with the Railway Industry Association and Network Rail, has published a new report '*Delivering Enterprise Models in the UK Rail Sector*.' Click [here](#) to read it.

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.

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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

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 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 - Frank Whittle Room, IMechE, 10.00am for 10.30am start with Lunch at 12.30pm.

A meeting is to be held on 23 February 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 Roads Group - 7 March 2023, 2.00pm-3.30pm, Online via MS Teams

[Nichols](#) are undertaking a piece of work for National Highways and ORR on the development of an efficiency framework for RIS3 (starting in April 2025). They have been asked to engage with the supply chain to gain feedback on some of the assumptions made in the framework. Specifically, how capability development in the supply chain is a crucial enabler to efficiencies. The CECA Roads Group will meet online to discuss RIS 3 efficiencies on Tuesday 7 March 2023 between 2.00pm-3.30pm - if you would like to attend, contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

CECA Roads Group - 10 May 2023, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Online via MS Teams

The following meeting of the CECA Roads Group will take place online on 10 May, when we will hear from Council Member Anna Delvecchio, who will update the group on the work of the Highways Sector Council to date. If you would like to attend contact [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

CECA Highways Maintenance Group - 8 March 2023, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Online via MS Teams

The next meeting of the Highways Maintenance Group will be a conversation between CECA Chief Executive Alasdair Reiser and Dominic Browne, editor of *Highways* magazine, and will take place online on Wednesday 8 March 2023 between 2.00pm-4.00pm. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions on priorities for the sector in 2023 and beyond. If you would like to attend, contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

CECA SME Group - 11 April 2023, 2.00pm-3.00pm, Online via MS Teams

The UK Government has published a consultation on Amendments to the Payment Practices and Performance Regulations 2017. This notably looks at including an additional value reporting metric and retention payments in the construction sector. The focus of this meeting will be late payment and CECA's response to the Government's payment review. If you would like to attend, contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

CECA Y&H Training Activities

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

Mental Health First Aid 2 Day Course - Thursday 28 February & Wednesday 1 March 2023, 9.00am-5.00pm, CECA Y&H Office, Morley. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your place(s).

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.

NEC Case Law Webinar - Tuesday 21 March, 1.00pm - delivered by Bevan Brittan via MS Teams. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

NEC Case Law Seminar - Thursday 23 March, 8.00am-10.30am, The Bridge Hotel & Spa, Walshford, LS22 5HS. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

Carbon Workshop - Wednesday 19 April, 9.00am-12.30pm, Avenue HQ, Leeds City Centre. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

CECA Y&H Dates for the Diary:

- AGM & Members' Meeting, The Bridge Hotel & Spa, 24 March 2023 - click [here](#) to register interest;
- Tendering Masterclass, CECA Y&H Office, Morley, Leeds, 4 May 2023 - click [here](#) to book your place(s);
- Annual Golf Day, Ridding Park, Harrogate - 14 June 2023 - further details in due course;
- Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation, Majestic Hotel, Harrogate - 29 September 2023.

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:

- CECA NW Workshop - Contract Formation & The Battle of the Forms - The Innovation Centre, Sci-Tech Daresbury, WA4 4FS, 9.00am-10.30am. To book your place at this FREE seminar click [here](#).
- CECA North by North West Dinner, Penrith - Friday 19 May 2023.
- CECA North West Lakes Four-Peaks Challenge - 21 June 2023.

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

- CECA NW Briefing - Why The LEPs Matter (January 2023) - click [here](#).
- CECA NW Briefing - Crisis Management in PR (January 2023) - click [here](#).

CECA NW Flyer 2023

We will shortly be producing the new flyer, showcasing projects carried out by CECA NW members across the region. Please send material for inclusion to [Guy Lawson](#) in the same format as in [the 2022 edition](#).

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](#).