

# CECA Weekly Update

3 - 10 May 2023

## CECA Workload Trends Survey 2023 Q1 - Still Time To Contribute!

The CECA Workload Trends Survey for the first quarter of this year is open and accessible at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CECAWorkloadTrends2023Q1>.

CECA is grateful for member support in completing this important barometer of the state of trade in our industry.

## CECA Infrastructure Futures Group

CECA is to hold online meetings of the recently-established Infrastructure Futures Group with Louise Stewart (Project Pay, 14 June 2023, 9.30am-11.00am - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME); Max Sugarman (Intelligent Transport Systems UK, 29 June, 2.00pm-3.30pm); and Marek Suchocki (Autodesk, 11 July, 2.00pm-3.30pm). These meetings will be held via MS Teams - if you would like to attend, or to know more about the group's work, contact CECA Director of Operations [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

## Mental Health Awareness week – 15-21 May 2023

Please note that it is Mental Health Awareness Week from Monday 15 May to Sunday 21 May 2023. The designated week is a time to help focus on the issues that are important to you and your colleagues, although different organisations will have a slightly different view as to what is important to their workers. To help you navigate to the most appropriate advice please use any one of the following links:

- HSE Workright - [here](#);
- SMAC-23 - [here](#);
- Mates in Mind - [here](#);
- Lighthouse Club - [here](#);
- Make it Visible - [here](#);
- Mental Health Foundation - [here](#).

## Scaling Wellbeing & Welfare Improvement in the Built Environment: #MakeItVisible Launch

The industry launch of the new Make It Visible portal will offer an opportunity to discuss and debate how we can scale much-needed improvements to welfare and wellbeing in the construction & built environment sector. The virtual conference will take place on Wednesday 24 May 2023 between 12.00pm-2.00pm via Zoom. For more information, including details of speakers and to book your place(s), click [here](#).

## RAPID Ofwat Supply Chain Questionnaire

The Ofwat RAPID (Regulators' Alliance for Progressing Infrastructure Development) team would like to gain an understanding of the supply chain's views/opinions/knowledge on the upcoming RAPID pipeline. Please find the link to the survey [here](#). All responses will be automatically recorded on the MS Forms system. Deadline for responses is **15 May 2023**. (Note: RAPID has been set up to identify and address issues relevant to the development of joint infrastructure projects and to analyse the feasibility of nationally strategic supply schemes. 18 schemes have been proposed so far and we are encouraging more schemes to be planned. These schemes have the potential to help meet the water needs set out in the National Framework for England).

## CITB HS&E Test for Managers & Professionals

The CITB HS&E test for Managers and Professionals will be changing on Tuesday 27 June 2023. To pass the new test CITB are strongly recommending that candidates revise using the new revision materials. The new test will cover six additional subjects of relevance to today's managers: mental health; leadership; occupational health governance; behavioural safety; new technologies; and improving legislative compliance. The updated revision book (GT200-V9) is available to purchase from the CITB shop, and the

official CITB HS&E test app for managers and professionals revision app is available to download from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. The app costs £6.99 and can be used to take mock tests in advance of a scheduled test. Further information can be found on the CITB website [here](#).

### STB Conference 2023

CECA is a supporter of the STB Conference, which will take place at The Vox, Birmingham, on 5 June 2023. For more information and to book your place click [here](#).

### Seawork – Marine Civils Best Project Nominations

Seawork Marine Civils in conjunction with ECM (European Commercial Marine) have opened nominations for their Marine Civils Best Project Award for 2023. As a key supporter of the Marine Civils event in June, CECA are encouraging members to send in nominations relating to projects where they have overcome significant challenges in delivering their marine civils project. For further information, please email [awards@seawork.com](mailto:awards@seawork.com) or simply fill in the form by following [this link](#).

### CITB Strategic Plan Consultation

CITB is seeking views on its proposed Strategic Plan for 2024-2028. Click [here](#) for more information and to input your views. Please note the deadline to contribute has been extended to 18 May 2023.

### CECA Meeting with Ofwat Chairman

CECA recently met with the Chairman of Ofwat, Iain Coucher, to better understand the challenges of completing AMP7 and how the industry is preparing for AMP8. It was confirmed that there will be a significant increase in spend in AMP8 compared to AMP7 but the split between TOTEX and OPEX will need clarifying in most cases. Once determined, the level of spend on Capital projects should be a little clearer. Spend in AMP8 is likely to focus on the removal of Nitrogen from receiving watercourses, stormwater overflows, water resilience, and leakage – although it was noted that not all water companies would have the same level of spend in each area. For further information or please contact CECA National Civil Engineering Director [Peter Crosland](#) in the first instance.

### Inspiring Change Conference & Awards 2023

Nominations are now open for the Inspiring Change Awards - click [here](#) for more details and to enter. In addition, registration is open for this year's Inspiring Change Conference, which will take place on 27 June 2023 at No. 11 Cavendish Square, London - click [here](#) to book your FREE place(s). If you are interested in sponsorship or exhibiting at the conference, e-mail [InspiringChange@supplychainschool.co.uk](mailto:InspiringChange@supplychainschool.co.uk).

### Plant Sector Representative Organisation (PSRO) Webinar - Keeping the Construction Sector informed about Plant-based Skills and Carding

The construction industry's Plant Sector Representative Organisation (PSRO) will be hosting a webinar in order to provide an update on its formation, function, work undertaken and future activities in supporting the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) in achieve their objectives set out within their Skills Strategy. This will include consideration of the implications of the strategy on the construction plant sector. The PSRO Skills Webinar is to be held on Wednesday May 17 2023 from 10.30am - 12.30pm. The webinar will be hosted by Kevin Minton, Chair of the PSRO. CECA Chief Executive Alasdair Reisner, PSRO Board member and member of the CLC People and Skills Committee, will provide an update on the progress being made with the CLC Skills Strategy. To book your free place, please email [enquiries@psro.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@psro.org.uk) with the title 'webinar' where a link to the meeting will be returned.

### Buyers' Event at UK Construction Week

Following our successful materials summit with the Builders Merchants Federation last year, CECA has agreed to run an event at [UK Construction Week](#) on 4 October 2023 at the NEC, Birmingham to bring together buyers and procurement specialist from CECA members together with counterparts from the materials supply and merchant sector. If you would like to take part in the event, please contact CECA chief executive [Alasdair Reisner](#).

### Safe Digging: Let's Make A Difference - New Event

CECA NW, NE & Y&H, in conjunction with CECA national, are holding a further 'Safe Digging' event at Halton Stadium, near Runcorn, on Thursday 25 May 2023. The event will highlight issues around with utility services and will include presentations from LSBUD,

Vac-Ex Ltd and examples of good practice from Balfour Beatty, United Living Infrastructure Services, Great British Communication, Costain, Clancy and also a demonstration of excavation techniques – both Vac-Ex and Ground Penetrating Radar. There will also be a presentation on changing behaviour / culture change. If you are interested in attending the event, please register via Eventbrite by clicking [here](#).

#### **CECA HS&W Meeting – Wednesday 7 June 2023, London**

The next CECA HS&W meeting will be an in-person meeting held in London from 10.00am-1.00pm including lunch. Exact location to be confirmed. Presentation topics will include fatigue and fatigue management from Eric Ball of CDP/Parkhealth and potentially HAVS in relation to pothole repairs from a representative of the HSE. Please contact CECA National Civil Engineering Director [Peter Crosland](#) if you are interested in attending this event. The following dates have been set aside for HS&W meetings;

14 September – 10.00am-12.00pm via MS Teams

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

#### **CECA Environment Group Meeting – Tuesday 23 May 2023 via MS Teams**

The next CECA Environment Group meeting will take place via MS Teams between 10.00 and 12.00pm. Ruth Young (Environment Group Vice-Chair) will give an update on BAM's activities around the research & development of low carbon concrete. A Teams invite has already been sent out, however if you still want to join the meeting but haven't got an invitation, please contact CECA National Civil Engineering Director [Peter Crosland](#) in the first instance. The following date has been set aside for the next meeting;

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

#### **CECA Highways Maintenance Group - 24 May 2023, 2.00pm-4.00pm, Online via MS Teams**

The next meeting of the Group, with Simon Wilson (Future Highways Research Group, Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport), is scheduled to take place online on 24 May 2023 between 2.00pm-4.00pm. If you would like to attend, contact [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

#### **CECA Y&H Training Activities**

Preparation for Adjudication Webinar – Tuesday 23 May 2023, 1.00pm - delivered by Bevan Brittan via MS Teams. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

Preparation for Adjudication Seminar – Thursday 25 May 2023, 8.00am – 10.00am – delivered by Sarah Wilson of Bevan Brittan at The Bridge Hotel & Spa, Wetherby. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

Carbon Workshop – Thursday 8 June, 1.00pm-5.00pm, Avenue HQ, Leeds City Centre. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

How Adjudication Works Webinar – Tuesday 27 June, 1.00pm - delivered by Bevan Brittan via MS Teams. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

½ Day Online Tendering Masterclass – Tuesday 19 September, 9.00am – 1.00pm. Click [here](#) to book your place(s).

#### **CECA Y&H Dates for the Diary**

- 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 (and please note this link is updated weekly). 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, and click [here](#) to read the Spring 2023 NW Political & Economic Report.

## CECA North West Training & Events

Upcoming events include:

- CECA NW Seminar - Payment Under NEC4 - Main & Subcontract, 19 May 2023, 2.00pm-4.00pm - The North Lakes, Penrith, CA11 8QT. This seminar will be delivered by Geraldine Fleming of Driver Trett. Geraldine has worked in the construction industry for over 25 years, specialising in dispute resolution for the last 20. She is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor, and also holds a law degree. She has been employed on preparing, defending and negotiating claims on a wide range of projects both in the UK and overseas. Book your place at this free to attend seminar [here](#).
- CECA North by North West Dinner, Penrith - Friday 19 May 2023. The North Lakes, Penrith, CA11 8QT: 7.00pm – 11.00pm. Following the Driver Trett seminar, the North by NW Dinner will be held in the same venue so you can attend both events should you so wish. The drinks reception will start at 7.00pm in the Cross Fell Suite where dinner will be served at 7.30pm; the dress code is business wear. The meal will be followed by our after-dinner speaker, the record-breaking adventurer and ultra-endurance athlete, Alex Staniforth. Bookings are being taken now for individual places and full tables (maximum of ten guests). The ticket cost has been held at the 2018 rate of £60+VAT. For further information and to reserve your place(s) please contact [Alison Shea](#).
- CECA North West Lakes Four-Peaks Challenge - 21 June 2023.

For further information and to book places, 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

- Preparation for Adjudication – CECA & Bevan Brittan - 23 May 2023, 8:30am-10:00am, @ CECA NE Office
- CECA NE Spring Golf - 25 May 2023, 1:30pm @ Castle Eden Golf Club
- Annual General Meeting – 23 June 2023 @ CECA NE Office
- Mock Trial In Association With DAC Beachcroft - 'Diesel Theft' - 6 July 2023 @ Durham County Cricket Club
- 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.

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