



THE HINKLEY POINT PROJECT UPDATE FROM SOMERSET CHAMBER

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The development is expected to generate £18billion of investment over the next decade, with £100million per year likely to be spent in Somerset alone at the peak of construction, an important boost to economic growth and job creation in the region. Additionally it is envisaged that it will leave a lasting legacy for the South West, with the region becoming a low carbon and nuclear centre of innovation and excellence.

It is fantastic that over 3,000 businesses across the South West have already registered for the supply chain and that a sizeable number of businesses and consortia are already at preferred bidder status, which could see contracts in excess of £250million awarded.

The year ahead is expected to be an important one for the Hinkley Point C development and we look forward to continuing our work with local businesses to ensure that Somerset and South West suppliers are in a good position to benefit from this once-in-a-generation opportunity.

Dale Edwards - CEO, Somerset Chamber of Commerce

Project update

The Hinkley Supply Chain Team is ready for a significant increase in activity on the project in 2016. A project as large and complex as Hinkley Point C will always take some time to fully mobilise, but we have the mechanisms, contractor relationships and supplier capability intelligence in place to fully engage as contracts are issued and mobilisation begins. More information is regularly becoming available on work packages - make sure you check the new [Hinkley Supply Chain](#) website for updates and further details.

Our collaboration with SWMAS Ltd and Business West continues to develop, bringing the relevant capability and capacity to deliver valuable supplier matches for the project, its main contractors and the local and regional supply chain..

Schneider Electric

EDF Energy has selected Schneider Electric UK & Ireland as a preferred bidder for the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station, subject to the Final Investment Decision. Schneider Electric, a global specialist in energy management and automation, has been awarded preferred bidder status for a contract to supply its medium-voltage PIX switchgear range to ensure safe operations and reliable energy management at the site.

Cannington Bypass

A new bypass to route traffic around the village of Cannington was officially opened by EDF Energy on Thursday 17th December. The road links the existing roundabout on the A39 Cannington southern bypass with the C182 (Rodway) which leads directly to Hinkley Point.

It is part of a £16million package of road improvements paid for by EDF Energy to provide a permanent lasting legacy from the new Hinkley Point C development. EDF Energy has invested significantly in a number of schemes ahead of the main works at Hinkley Point C to mitigate pressures on the local road network. These include new roundabouts on the A39 at Washford Cross and at Sandford Corner, and road improvements at Taunton Road/Broadway in Bridgwater.



Nigel Cann, Hinkley Point C Site Construction Director, thanked local residents for their understanding during its construction. He said that EDF Energy was determined to minimise the impact of the Hinkley Point C project by investing in local road improvements.

It is anticipated that more than 80% of the aggregate material needed for the Hinkley Point C project will come by sea rather than by road.

Cllr David Hall, Somerset County Council's Cabinet Member for Business, Inward Investment and Policy, said, "The bypass has been an important element of the preparatory works that EDF Energy are progressing as part of Hinkley Point C and to see the end of its construction before the end of the year is brilliant news for all, particularly the residents of Cannington."

Skills Charter

EDF Energy is leading by example by signing up to the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board's (ECITB) Skills Charter as part of its ongoing plans to build the first new nuclear power station in the UK for a generation at Hinkley Point C.

The skills charter recognises EDF Energy's commitment to skills development to ensure the long-term competence and training of its workforce. The signing also underpins EDF Energy and the ECITB's promise to develop new talent to feed the future of the nuclear industry in the UK and to help close a national skills gap.

High Precision Collaboration



The 'Advanced Precision Engineering Consortium' (APEC) is one of a number of supplier consortiums that have been created, with assistance from the Somerset Chamber's Hinkley Supply Chain Team, to make the most of the opportunities around Hinkley Point C and other large infrastructure projects.

However, whereas the majority of these collaborations have been formed in response to a potential work package request, APEC differs in that it has been driven by a group of proactive companies prior to a specific requirement being identified.

The partnership between high precision engineering firms CAM Machine Components (CMC), Berry & Escott Ltd, TMB Patterns Ltd and Metaltech Precision Ltd has resulted in a 'one-stop-shop' that can deliver a comprehensive range of skills and capabilities across a variety of engineering fields. To read more about how the consortium has developed, the support they have received and their advice for those considering collaboration,

Dale Edwards (CEO Somerset Chamber of Commerce)