

# Home office **site checks**

**The Home Office is warning the construction businesses not to provide the work opportunities for illegal workers. It undervalues the UK national workers or those with the right to work in the UK, lower the industry standards and provide a risk for customers due to unchecked qualifications.**

Illegal workers in the construction industry are targeted by both the Home Office and the Considerate Construction Scheme. Immigration enforcement officers will be visiting construction sites and examining companies who are employing illegal workers.

So-called 'Right to Work' checks will enable to find employers that are using illegal labour what might result in a maximum fine of £20,000 for every illegal worker. Moreover, the government will introduce new measures to ease the prosecution process for employers and to enable prison sentences or company closures. Illegal workers will be committing a criminal offence and may have earnings seized and face the risk deportation.

Contractors are advised to check the potential worker documents and have records of such checks. There are cases where illegal migrants use fraudulent papers, certification, etc. The Considerate Construction Scheme will check if the contractor fulfilled requirements to carry out the Home Office's Right to Work check.

The Home Office, HMRC and the Health and Safety Executive launched in October last year Operation Magnify- the programme of site visits aimed at reducing the illegal employment. It targeted the construction businesses that are employing or exploiting illegal workers. The Considerate Constructors Scheme from 2016 is including the illegal workers checks in his agenda.

#### **Employers have to:**

- See the potential worker's original documents.
- Check that documents are valid in the presence of the job applicant.
- Make and keep copies of documents and record the date of the 'Right to Work' check.
- If you need help contact the Home Office or use the Employer Checking Service.



# MEET THE BUYER EVENTS

Meetings of buyers and suppliers from construction industry are an excellent way to build business relationships. There are various events during the year where such networking is available. It is the unique chance to interact with representatives of the major construction industry companies, what allows finding mutually beneficial opportunities. If you would like the opportunity of growing your business with one of the best construction companies, attend networking events.

First of all, building shows are perfect to familiarize with innovations and products but also are used as platforms to meet professionals from the industry. Many shows provide networking facilities where buyers, developers, contractors, architects and suppliers can engage. During various construction shows, there are arrangements for face to face meetings, which enable to build the valuable business relationships. Interested firms are encouraged to check the discussion panel slots availability at chosen construction events, for instance, London Build 2016 will feature Meet the Buyer on 26th and 27th October 2016, which will be ideal for accessing local major developers and contractors.

Another interesting option for firms looking to progress into public sector or getting on to the larger project's ladder is Constructionline, who hosts many so-called 'Meet the Buyer' events each year



across the UK. It is an opportunity for small firms to find out about the available tenders or the procurement process. During such events, there is a possibility to register the interest in projects or present the business to potential buyers. Buyers enhance contractors and subcontractors portfolio or find new suppliers. Meet the Buyer events provide the valuable introduction for small firms to meet with some major buyers in the construction industry and make it easier for them to find reliable construction companies or new and innovative suppliers. Various construction specialists are participating in such events to expand their base of subcontractors. Moreover, Meet the Buyer events are organised too by the construction buyers, who seeks new suppliers for their new projects. Firms are encouraged to

look for companies open days and meet the buyer events in council newsletters, websites and local papers.

Meet the Buyer events are perfect opportunity to speak on a one-to-one basis and most are free to attend. Potential suppliers can present their businesses but before talking to buyers it is important to understand the purchasing process- IBB Builder recommends the Building Regulations article (page 12-13). Briefly, during the one-to-one meeting with the buyer firm can find out how their procurement process looks like, where contracts are advertised, how to get on the approved contractor list and what to do to be considered for their project.



## BOOK REVIEW

# Building Information Modelling For Dummies

**by Stefan Mordue, Paul Swaddle, David Philip | Paperback Edition – 15th October 2015**

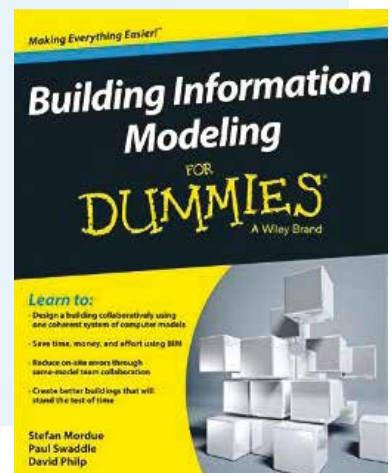
Written by the team of experts in the field of BIM this easily readable guide is perfect to get involved in collaborative Building Information Modelling. It is easy to follow introduction and guidance on BIM which will become a mandatory practice in building industry in the UK and recently has been attracting more attention.

Inside readers will find:

- How does BIM make a change in the construction industry?
- What are potential returns from BIM implementation?
- What errors and costs can be avoided using BIM?

- What data is used in BIM?
- How does BIM work on each stage of the construction process from planning and construction to management?

With more developed computer technologies and easier access to the databases, it is possible to apply the collaborative working in the form of the digital model in the construction industry. To make the most of the BIM technology construction businesses have to be well-informed and engage. IBB Builder recommends this position for everyone that is in transition to BIM or simply would like to broaden the general knowledge about BIM standards.





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A nighttime photograph of a construction site. Several tall red tower cranes are illuminated with bright white lights at their bases and have red warning lights at their tips. They are positioned around a building under construction, which is partially lit. To the right, a modern glass skyscraper is visible, also illuminated. The entire scene is reflected in a body of water in the foreground, creating a symmetrical effect. The sky is dark.

**Getting Access to**

# **Levy and Grant system**