

Construction Project

- The Hinkley Point C

The Hinkley Point C is the largest construction project in the UK with over 8,500 workers on the site. EDF is the world's leading nuclear power utility and one of Europe's largest energy companies with 38 million customers across Europe and 156,000 employees worldwide.

EDF, owned by the French government, plans to build the first new nuclear power station in the UK since 1995, which is the vital part of the solutions to the UK's electricity needs. The Hinkley Point C will provide 7% of the UK's generation needs whilst minimising carbon output. Hinkley Point C is a big opportunity for UK steel, construction and manufacturing sectors. It will create thousands of jobs.

- The construction and operation of Hinkley Point C will create 25,000 employment opportunities and aims to create 1,000 apprenticeships
- Over 60% of the project's construction

value is predicted to go to UK companies

- Later projects will benefit from the skills gained from the construction of Hinkley Point C
- Additional benefits will be seen in the supply chain and from the planning and regulatory precedents set

Hinkley Point C will sit alongside an operating nuclear power station, Hinkley Point B, and one being decommissioned, Hinkley Point A, on the northern Somerset coast in the south-west of England. It is an extremely expensive project. Its two 1.65GW European pressurised reactors (EPR) would be among the biggest in the world. Of the original £16bn estimated cost, £14bn was for construction with another £2bn covering items such as the acquisition of sites, regulatory approvals and training future employees. In October, EDF increased its cost estimate by £2bn blaming the increase on inflation.

Finding work at HINKLEY POINT C

Hinkley Point C will be one of the largest and the most technologically complex projects in the UK

that will require the skilled workforce, for instance in excavation, groundworks, concrete pouring, steel fixing and scaffolding. There are procurement opportunities available for all qualified suppliers, but there are also vacancies for workers. Opportunities include construction, civil engineering, electrical installation, hospitality, catering, logistics, security, site services, support roles and others over the coming years.

Workers interested in working on Hinkley Point should email: hinkley-jobs@edf-energy.com for further information. Workers will be recruited from across the UK, with priority to those living within a 90 minute journey from the site. UCATT trade union is protecting workers rights for Hinkley Point C projects.

For contractors wishing to join the new build supplier chain for Hinkley Point C project should email: nnbsupplier@edf-energy.com for more details. To qualify there is need to meet the procurement requirements. Companies could work directly for EDF Energy or for one of their key partners or further into the sub-contract supply chain.

(Source: EDF Energy)



North England Build 2016 Expo

IBB Polish Building Wholesale exhibited at the North England Build 2016 Expo on 27th - 28th April 2016. As it is the ideal event for any new product, technology or business launches, we promoted our new IBB branch in Manchester and showcased IBB BUILDER magazine during the event.

North England Build is the new leading construction event attended by the major construction companies and numerous industry bodies. The exhibition presents the innovative technologies and products and will showcase the latest construction projects as well as updates on tender opportunities and regulations.

Visitors have access to Skills Hub zone for network opportunities with leading construction companies, recruitment agencies, and universities. There were 22 free CPD training workshops to attend for updates on the latest government policies and industry developments. All workshop attendees will be provided with a CPD certificate within 28 working days after the expo. Moreover there were numerous conferences and Live Demos of the latest products and solutions on the market. Visitors benefited from various networking opportunities including Meet the Buyer sessions. North England Build featured materials, technologies, green build, plant and equipment, infrastructure, building and interiors.



BOOK REVIEW

Spon's Architect's and Builders' Price Book: 2016 by AECOM (141st Edition)

This is an expensive book (approx. £150.00) but worth investing as it provides the most accurate and detailed construction price information for the UK market. Its unique Tender Index, updated through the year allows for the price adjustments for changing market conditions. It is a perfect guidance for all size projects including those exceeding £3,500,000 in value.

Inside the book reader will find the access code to set up an online account to this 2016 edition until the end of December 2016. SPON's Online is the data record available on computer, smartphone or tablet. Reader can browse and search the content of the book, highlight and share notes.

Book consists of:

- 20,000 prices for the most frequently specified items, the majority with labour constants and detailed build-ups.
- Hundreds of alternative materials prices for the more unusual items.
- Detailed guidance on wage rates, daywork, cost limits and allowances, property insurance and professional fees, plus useful formulae, design criteria and trade association addresses.
- Updated, free of charge, two or three times a year – see inside for registration details. Updates are available online at www.pricebooks.co.uk

Book is aimed at those who are estimating the cost of projects or looking for saving possibilities while making the material, technology or labour decisions. It is a highly recommended excellent builders' price guide!



UCATT

- the UK's only union specialising in construction

UCATT is the trade union dedicated to construction workers in the UK with over 80,000 members. UCATT ensures the fair conditions and working rights for builders. Construction employers still try to exploit builders by employing under umbrella companies, use agencies or through bogus self-employment. UCATT emphasises the importance of the basic employment rules with paid holidays and sick pay.

UCATT campaign for builders rights, support them during employment problems and offers range of services to its members. Members get access to various legal services, tax return specialists or employee benefits and financial services like Building and Civil Engineering Schemes (B&CES).

Whatever the problem the construction worker encounters, it will be dealt with by UCATT. Help is available during negotiations concerning worker's pay, terms and conditions of employment with employer- private or public sector. Whether it will be a matter related to contract terms, disciplinary and grievance procedures or training and health and safety trade union representatives are there to help.

UCATT was established in 1971 when four unions joined - the ASW (Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers), the ASPD (Amalgamated Society of Painters and Decorators), the ABT (Association

of Building Technicians) and the AUBTW (Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers). Since then UCATT has been campaigning against the self-employment status for construction workers. Self-employment enables employers to avoid sick pay and holiday pay and to attempt to deny basic employment rights and protection against unfair dismissal. It undermines safety and training standards. UCATT has 500 branches across the country and UCATT member can choose the shop steward or safety rep to represent them at their workplace.

UCATT helps CONSTRUCTION WORKERS to get

- Paid annual and public holidays
- Industry sick pay on top of statutory sick pay
- Rights to a guaranteed 39-hour working week, plus overtime rates
- Proper notice and notice pay
- Adequate rest and lunch breaks
- Full implementation of construction safety regulations
- Union safety representatives on every site
- Accident compensation
- Free legal advice
- Training
- Discounted financial services

If your site falls short on any of minimum rights, then contact UCATT on freephone **0800 262 467**. For information on membership rates and how to register visit the UCATT website www.ucatt.org.uk

BENEFITS OF TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP

- Workers in trade union organised workplaces earn on average 9% more.
- Representatives allows worker to have a stronger voice on pay or health and safety.
- Trade union agreements in the construction industry have delivered more holidays than the statutory minimum for workers.
- Union fight to get better working conditions and have stronger voice in health and safety issues.
- Trade union solicitors will support workers in any legal cases, tribunals and compensation claims.
- Trade union solicitors win settlements on behalf of members and all monies awarded are paid to members.
- Trade union protects the employment rights in the workplace, ensures worker are not unfairly dismissed.
- Trade union supports the training and development opportunities at workplace.

(Source: UCATT)



London Boiler Cashback Scheme

On the 2nd of February 2016 the London Boiler Cashback Scheme was opened on a first come first served basis. It is administered by the Energy Saving Trust on behalf of the Mayor of London. The £400 can be received towards the boiler replacement to the highly efficient upgraded model. As stated on the Mayor of London website replacing of old boiler gives the benefits per year of 20% reduction in energy used for heating, £340 saving on heating bills, save approximately 7640 KWH and 1.5 tonnes of CO₂.

The Scheme is open to homeowners or private landlords of properties in London. The rented property has to be managed by the agent accredited by the Mayor's London Rental Standards. Private landlords may apply for cashback for a maximum of ten properties. The accredited private landlord must obtain the tenant's consent to the works before applying for a voucher. Other criteria are the model of existing boiler to be a gas, LPG, oil or solid fuel boiler that is in working order, is 70 per cent, or less efficient and is the main boiler at the property.

The scheme will not be available if:

- the main source of heating is an electric boiler or electric heater(s)
- the existing boiler is more than 70 per cent efficient
- the existing boiler is not the main boiler used to heat the property
- the existing boiler is not working
- the applicant is a boiler installer or manufacturer
- the property is not in London
- the applicant is a private landlord and neither he nor any agent managing the property, are London Rental Standard-accredited
- the applicant is a council, housing associations or private tenant

To apply for the grant applicant has to complete the following steps:

1. Check boiler efficiency

The existing boiler has to be 70 per cent or less efficient. It might be the one when it has a permanent pilot light; it is gas fired and over 15 years old or it is oil fired and over 25 years old. This is typically a G-rated boiler that is either gas, LPG, solid fuel or oil fuelled. Electric boilers or electric heaters do not qualify for the scheme.

Get the quotation for the replacement from the Gas Safe registered qualified installer or a Micro-generation Certification Scheme (MCS) certified installer or equivalent, or a member of a competent persons scheme (such as OFTEC or HETAS). It is suggested to get few quotes for cost comparison.

2. Apply for the scheme by completing an online application at boilercashback.london.gov.uk

The following details will be required: contact details, the make and model of your current boiler, bank details, the details of the installer and their accreditation or registration number.

3. If successful receive the £400 cashback voucher.

Voucher is valid for 12 weeks from the date of issue. If the boiler is not installed within the 12 weeks, the cashback voucher will expire and claim

will be rejected. Payment for the installation will be required before receiving the cashback.

4. Install boiler

The replacement must be an A rated gas or condensing oil boiler (at least 90 per cent energy efficient SAP2005 rating or a renewable/low carbon heating technology).

5. Claim £400 cashback

The voucher may be redeemed when the installation of the new boiler has been completed. Send the voucher; invoice marked paid, and all information required (terms and conditions are available from www.london.gov.uk). All this should be sent to by post and must arrive no later than ten working days after the voucher expiry date. The voucher must be signed by the applicant and his installer, and the invoice or receipt must include the installer's accreditation/registration number. The payment will be processed via BACS transfer, within 21 working days of receipt. Payment will only be made to the applicant, and not to the installer or a letting agent.

The record of documents obtained with a new boiler installation, including the original of any quotations and invoices from installer must be kept for six years following payment of the rebate, and authorised representatives of the Greater London Authority must be allowed to inspect and take copies of these records if required.

To prevent fraud, there will be checks of installers' accreditation, boilers compliance with the scheme, property checks to avoid multiple applications, accreditation checks of landlords.

The scheme is a time limited offer so apply now to avoid disappointment.

