

LCP NEWSLETTER

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1. Welcome to the LCP newsletter

LONDON CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

We've all had to adapt to a changing environment in recent times both at work and at home. On an almost a daily basis there have been new challenges to address and an ever growing 'to do' list as we discover how best to maintain our quality of service and output in a largely virtual world.

The weeks have become months and we wanted to briefly pause, take stock of what's been achieved and share with you how the [LCP](#) have adapted to these changes.

2. LCP's response to Covid-19

Our covid-19 response focused on three key priorities:

understanding our member's needs, supporting our supply chain and the wellbeing of our staff.

Client Contact

We have increased the frequency of contact with our members, sharing feedback regarding the challenges being faced by the construction industry and working with them to minimise risks to their current and planned projects.

Supplier Contact

We have been in constant dialogue with our suppliers (initially via questionnaires) and more recently through Teams calls, to understand the impact on their organisation and operations. We have been able to provide reassurance re future opportunities to allow them to plan for the future.

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Staff Wellbeing

Staff wellbeing included practical measures such as ensuring the team are adequately set up to work from home on an ongoing basis, and establishing a pattern of regular contact both on a one to one and team level.

Our focus has been on ensuring we can maintain business as usual in terms of output, new business and regular social online catch ups.

The end of week quiz has quickly become a fixture in the diary and the team regularly catch up over a virtual coffee.

3. New Ways of Working

Training

LCP have always supported suppliers and members via regular training sessions for both our Major Works portal and Dynamic Purchasing Systems.

One of our first actions when lockdown started was to review the [training plan](#) and test the available technology to ensure we could keep running the training virtually.

Since the end of March 2020, we have run 8 sessions via Microsoft Teams with more to come throughout the year.

[Read More](#) to book a training session if you are a registered Supplier or Client.

Optional Brokerage Function for Minor Works, Professional Services DPSs and Major Works Framework

Since the beginning of May we have started brokering requirements on behalf of our members on our Dynamic Purchasing Systems.

For members working to tight schedules the time saved is a huge plus and on the Major Works side of things and we have been supporting a number of members by running their EOI's for them and supporting them with online Soft Market Testing events for organisations such as Westminster City Council:

"after deciding to utilise the LCP framework Lots 1.3 and 1.4, Westminster City Council were very pleased with the speed of the LCP's response to any queries, the level of support and assistance received, the information received throughout the process from EOI stage to going live.

The LCP were very helpful in keeping us informed of the market feedback especially following the supplier engagement events we held, and as a result one of the reasons for the change in scope to package A.

The process has really improved the relationship Westminster has with the LCP Contractors, we have received high interest from the market and therefore we are confident of receiving quality bids for both work packages.

Thank you for your support LCP"

Westminster City Council

For Major Works, we have now increased our offering to support our Members with the running of their EOI processes and Soft Market Testing events online.

While the wider industry adapts to the challenges Covid-19, this type of client support is extremely beneficial in helping members shape their procurements and work in partnership with contractors, minimising risk for both parties and maximising the success factors for the project.

4. What's New for the LCP?



Dynamic Purchasing Systems

There has been a great deal of interest in using our Dynamic Purchasing Systems from new and existing members alike.

Many of whom are attracted by the ability to support localism agendas via DPS procurements.

Our team have worked closely with them to ensure locally based suppliers are able to access the system and submit enrolments in a timely fashion in order to access relevant procurements when they go live.

Major Works Platform Development

There has also been a lot of work behind the scenes collaborating with our technology partners on the next phase of our Major Works portal.

The next wave of developments will see the addition of e-sourcing functionality and a streamlining of the EOI process.

There is a thorough testing programme to complete before these improvements go live but members can expect to access them Winter 2020.

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