

# LONDON CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

The one-stop-shop for procurement of public sector construction projects across London and the Home Counties.

Designed by the public sector for the public sector.

LCP membership gives you access to efficient, compliant procurement platforms with pre-qualified, experienced contractors.

We all thought 2020 was a difficult year but 2021 gave it a run for its money and proved particularly challenging in the world of construction. Well documented scarcity of materials saw unprecedented price increases and simultaneously led to delays in project completion across all sectors. December offered a glimmer of optimism as product lead times shortened suggesting that suppliers to the industry were getting to grips with backlogs and measures to increase capacity were paying off. This had a positive impact on material inflation with the lowest month on month increases since March. Perhaps the biggest challenge going in to 2022 is the combination of a shrinking labour market and rising wages. Figures from The Office of National Statistics show that at the end of September 2021 there were 43,000 unfilled vacancies across the industry, the highest figure in over 20 years. Employers are having to raise wages to retain existing staff and attract new ones which creates additional pressure particularly for SMEs. If you have any examples of how contractors are addressing these challenges why not share them with us at [lcp@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:lcp@haringey.gov.uk)

## Spotlight on Contractors

### Thomas Sinden

2022 sees Thomas Sinden, one of our Major Works framework contractors, reach a significant milestone. Anna Madden from their Business Development team told us plans are in place for a celebratory event in the summer to recognise their 30th anniversary, she also stated: *'Thomas Sinden is proud to be celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. So much has changed since the company was formed, as the number and complexity of projects have increased over the years, a fantastic team has been formed. We build long term relationships with our customers founded on an uncompromising drive for operational excellence. We are currently on-site undertaking works at Central Parade, which is our first project procured under the LCP Framework for the London Borough of Waltham Forest. This important scheme allows us to be able to use our new build, refurbishment and heritage skills providing new homes for local people.'*

## LCP Major Works Framework Portal Launch

In November LCP launched a brand new major works portal which is available to all our members at no cost. It incorporates pre-tender stages, e-sourcing & performance & contract management functionality and has been designed & built from scratch by our team. We have already run a number of training sessions for members and suppliers and it has been great to see that they are as impressed with the portal as we are. After attending one of the first member sessions Patrick Hollins from London Fire Brigade said: *'The Major Works 19 Portal ...has been built with communication and compliance at its core. From the client's perspective it presents significant opportunities to bring efficiency to the procurement process, taking pressure away from internal resource. Having been developed with input from both client side and contractor side organisations, it provides the opportunity for greater communication and collaboration, a theme that is becoming more and more important particularly in the current market conditions.'*

To book your place on the next training sessions contact [lcp@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:lcp@haringey.gov.uk)

## DPS Analysis- 2021 In Numbers

Total contract value  
awarded via LCP DPSs:

£52.9m

Average saving versus  
pre tender estimate:

11%

The value of contracts awarded through our DPSs more than doubled compared to 2020. Minor Works accounted for over £40m and Professional Services delivered almost £12.5m. LCP members are seeing compliant, competitive outcomes that also provide value for money. In addition they are able to utilise our brokerage function which saves takes pressure off of their project teams and ensures tenders are issued on time every time.