

Liverpool Construction Best Practice Club

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Future Trends in Public Procurement and Opportunities for SMEs

Wednesday 4th November: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

**LJMU Art and Design Academy
2 Duckinfield Street, Liverpool, L3 5RD**

Over the next 5 years trends in public investment in construction will place a number of challenges on the organisations involved including value for money, carbon and communities. In response to this The **North West Regional and Improvement Partnership (NWIEP)** is currently funding a project to set-up construction related framework agreements with the potential to make significant efficiency savings.

These frameworks will be the largest and most ambitious collaborative procurement exercise for construction projects of its kind in the region drawing on the extensive experience of procuring and managing frameworks across the region and beyond.

Through sharing resources, expertise and buying power the objective is to bring construction projects in on time and within budget. The North West Construction Hub (NWCH) has been given a mandate from the sub regions to procure three frameworks giving organisations the opportunity to link similar projects from across the region, such as the schools' Primary Capital Programme, into single programmes of work.

The Seminar will cover the following areas as an introduction:

- **What is NWIEP?, NWCH and its role within NWIEP?**
- **The ' 3 Framework Mandate' - (Medium / High / Low)**
- **How Organisations will need to respond to this**

Chair: Professor Peter McDermott, Associate Director, CCI

Peter is responsible for the strategic development of CCI, ensuring alignment with governing policy and the latest research. He is a specialist in the field of construction procurement and manages research contracts concerning strategic procurement and advises upon impact of newer forms of procurement within the construction sector.

Speaker: John Finlay, Procurement Manager Corporate Technical Services, Manchester City Council

John is a member of the Corporate Technical Services Management Team, his primary function over the last five years has been to assist Manchester City Council in developing new partnered framework arrangements to deliver construction programmes and construction related consultancy services. As the Business Manager responsible for procuring new long term partnered framework agreements, John has taken an active role in managing his Procurement Team and Partners in putting these new arrangements into place in line with 'Best Value', Latham, Egan, Gershon and National Procurement initiatives. These successful developments led to two national procurement awards for his team in 2007, Government Opportunities (GO) and Society of Procurement Officers (SOP). This in turn has led to his lead involvement in the procurement activity of the North West Construction Hub as part of the North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership.

If you would like to attend please email the LCBPC event coordinator Barbara Parry at :- barb_and_ian@tiscali.co.uk . Places will be reserved in order of application.