

Press release: Better journeys ahead with groundbreaking contract awards

We've announced deals with 13 supply chain partners to collaborate regionally to carry out up to £8.7 billion of work on England's motorways and major A roads.

The deals have been set up using a new industry-leading approach, the Routes to Market Regional Delivery Partnership, which incentivises companies to improve safety and journeys on our roads. It contains incentives for results which include:

- shorter duration and more accurate management of roadworks to help drivers better plan their journeys and experience predictable journey times
- buying more efficiently and buying locally – using the capability of a region to benefit the region
- encouraging innovation, for example lighting and signs designed to need less maintenance, reducing disruption and improving road worker safety
- reduced road noise and increased environmental benefits

Our Chief Executive Jim O'Sullivan said:

Routes to Market represents a fundamental change in the way we deliver road projects. It will be performance rather than price based, focusing on building the right projects with the best outcomes for road users and the communities we serve.

It demands a major step up in our supply chain to embrace innovation and team work, and in their ability to deliver value.

The 13 companies – known as Delivery Integration Partners – will be part of the Regional Delivery Partnership working with us. They will develop, design and construct highway projects across England from 2019 through to 2024.

Until now, we've procured work on a scheme by scheme basis. This new approach provides a secure pipeline of work, instilling confidence to invest in skills and employment. Driving value for money, innovation and delivery certainty, the Regional Delivery Partnership model has been designed to start a long overdue transformation within the infrastructure construction sector.

The value of work allocated across the 13 companies is as follows – the values mentioned are shared between suppliers on the lot over a six-year period (includes RIS1 budget and RIS2 estimate):

Lot 1 – South West and Midlands – £200m – two partners: Geoffrey Osborne Ltd; and Griffiths / Farrans Joint Venture (Alun Griffiths (Construction) Ltd and Northstone (NI) Limited trading as Farrans Construction)

Lot 2 – South East and East – £350m – two partners: John Graham Construction Ltd; and Volker Fitzpatrick Ltd

Lot 3 – North West, North East, Yorkshire and Humber – £200m – two partners: Amey Sir Robert McAlpine Joint Venture (Amey OW Ltd and Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd); and North Midland Construction Plc

Lot 4 – South West – £800m – two partners: Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd; and Taylor Woodrow

Lot 5 – Midlands – £1,250m – two partners: BAM Nuttall Ltd; and Skanska Construction UK Ltd

Lot 6 – South East – £1,100m – two partners: BAM Nuttall Ltd; and Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd

Lot 7 – East – £2,800m – three partners: Costain Ltd; Galliford Try Infrastructure Ltd; and Skanska Construction UK Ltd

Lot 8 – North West, North East, Yorkshire and Humber – £2,000m – three partners: Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd; Costain Ltd; and Kier Highways Ltd

The work is arranged into 18 packages of schemes, awarded to Delivery Integration Partners in bands of up to £100m (lots 1 to 3) and over £100m (lots 4 to 8).

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

[News story: Committee on Radioactive Waste Management visit to Hinkley Point C](#)



The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) visited Hinkley Point C on 2 October 2018, to observe progress made with the construction of 2 European Pressurised Water Reactors (EPRs). The facility is operated by EDF Energy.

The Committee members were shown a video which provided an update on the progress made on the project. This was followed by a very interesting tour of the facility which highlighted the sheer scale of the operation. The tour included a visit to the “Deep Dig”, a vast excavation 21 meters below sea level which will contain a 54 meter tall water pumping station for reactor unit 1.

The Committee also visited the nuclear island of reactor one, and the Hinkley Point C jetty which is currently under construction to transport building materials on site.

The Committee would like to thank EDF Energy for the opportunity to observe progress in construction of the new EPRs.

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[News story: Committee on Radioactive Waste Management visit to Sizewell B](#)



The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) visited the UK's only operating Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR), [Sizewell B](#), on 5 October 2018. The facility is operated by EDF Energy.

Officials from EDF Energy provided an introductory presentation to the CoRWM which included a high-level overview of waste management practices at the site, with a particular emphasis on safety. The Committee was impressed by the experience and commitment of the staff, and the high safety standards at the site.

The EDF Energy officials gave the Committee an excellent tour of the facility. The tour included visits to:

- the Spent Fuel (SF) storage ponds
- SF dry storage
- the Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) store
- the pin store
- the generator hall.

Discussions with EDF Energy during the tour provided useful insights into waste management which the Committee will discuss with Radioactive Waste Management (RWM).

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UK Government Minister for Wales, Nigel Adams said:

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to think of every man and woman who has lived, fought and died defending our freedom. That is why I urge people from communities all over Wales to come together at this significant time of remembrance to ensure that the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women, and continue to make, are not forgotten.

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