

# First Minister congratulates Ammanford firm on major Aston Martin contract

The news follows a decision by the Welsh Government earlier this year to advertise Aston Martin contracts on its Sell2Wales procurement site.

It was the first time that private sector contracts had ever been advertised on the Sell2Wales channel and was part of a move to ensure that Welsh companies are well placed to benefit from Aston Martin's move to Wales.

Companies from across the UK tendered for the work at St Athan but today Aston Martin announced that Ammanford based TRJ Ltd were successful in winning the lucrative contract for Phase 2 of the construction of its new manufacturing facility.

The company were previously successful in gaining a contract for Phase 1 of the construction in December 2016.

Speaking about TRJ Ltd's success, the First Minister said:

"Our decision to open our Sell to Wales procurement channel to Aston Martin was designed to ensure that businesses right across Wales feel the benefit of the company's decision to locate here. I am so pleased that Ammanford based firm TRJ have been successful in winning the contract for the next phase of construction at Aston Martin's St Athan facility. This is exactly the sort of outcome we had hoped for and I look forward to seeing more Welsh businesses benefitting from Aston Martin in the coming months."

Aston Martin President and CEO Andy Palmer commented:

"This is yet another step on our journey in Wales, with the facility now starting to take shape. TRJ have proven themselves during 'Phase 1' and we look forward to working with them over the course of this next phase of the project."

In February 2016, Aston Martin announced that it had chosen St Athan from 20 potential global locations as its second manufacturing facility. A recruitment drive last year began the search for up to 750 new employees who will work at the facility.

Over 40 employees who will work at St Athan have already been hired and are working and training at the company's manufacturing facility in Gaydon, Warwickshire

You can find out more about TRJ's success in securing the Aston Martin

contract, and the opportunities it will provide for workers and apprentices  
in this short film <https://youtu.be/W3Q459Jw10>