

Good news for the construction industry – about time

The Construction Framework South West (CFSW) has finalised its list of lead suppliers and amongst all the usual suspects is an unfamiliar name – Building Consortium South West (BCSW) – but it is a name that offers hope to many smaller regional construction companies.

BCSW has been formed by four companies with strong regional profiles that when combined, offer coverage for the entire area of the construction framework. The consortium matches the talents of E R Hemmings (Building) Ltd of Yate, Bristol as lead contractor, with Pearce Construction Ltd of Barnstaple, R J Leighfield & Sons Ltd of Swindon and C S Williams Ltd of Taunton.

The combination of these four companies delivers an almost unrivalled level of regional experience and is a boost for the communities around these companies who draw on local talent to fulfil their contracts.

A spokesperson for CFSW said of the inclusion on the list of the BCSW; “The consortium they have formed is a strong partner within the Framework. It is certainly a pointer to the future and a way in which smaller firms can compete with the larger names in the industry. A well supported regional construction framework will not only benefit the individual users but also the region and the economy throughout the South West.”

David Jones, managing director of E R Hemmings (Building) Ltd., and chairman of the BCSW steering group is understandably excited by the inclusion of BCSW in the construction framework; “this is just the first step in the process. It’s good to get on the list and justifies all the hard work the four companies put in, but it will be worth nothing if we don’t win contracts. We all have the ability to undertake the region’s smaller contracts to around £5 million and I expect the high quality work we have built our reputations on and the local experience each of us possesses will stand the consortium in good stead.

“It makes a change to report good news for a sector hit hard by the economic troubles and in particular for SME’s working in this sector, who have borne the brunt of the problems. When the economic recovery comes, as it surely will, then at least four companies with the insight to join forces and form a consortium to compete with the ‘big boys’ will be in a position to flourish. This consortium is a sign of things to come – and has been facilitated by the invaluable support and guidance of the National Federation of Builders (NFB) to which we are all members.”

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Notes to Editors:

Builders Consortium South West (BCSW) is a consortium of local construction companies that have formed a strategic alliance in order to service the Construction Framework South West.

The founding principles upon which the organisation is based are; Building Relationships, Building Confidence, Building Efficiency. The four members of the consortium are able to offer local expertise and experience combined with a regional presence. BCSW can provide maximised supply chain opportunities and the increased critical mass of its members provides buying economies with a focus on local delivery.

Builders Consortium South West (BCSW) membership consists of:

- E R Hemmings (Building) Ltd - Lead Contractor, located in Yate, Bristol.
- Pearce Construction (Barnstaple) Ltd - Located in Barnstaple.
- R J Leighfield & Sons Ltd - Located in Swindon.
- C S Williams Ltd- Located in Taunton.

All the individual businesses have local expertise and collectively form a powerful association of knowledge and skill.