

## **NFB WELCOMES OFT FINDINGS ON COMPETITION AWARENESS IN CONSTRUCTION SECTOR**

### ***EVALUATION OF OFT ENFORCEMENT IN CONSTRUCTION SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS IN BEHAVIOUR***

The National Federation of Builders today welcomed the OFT's independent evaluation of its recent competition enforcement activities in the construction sector, which finds significant improvements in business behaviour.

Julia Evans, Chief Executive of the NFB, said: "The NFB worked with the OFT to develop a code of conduct that clearly communicated companies' obligations under competition law and this has been effective in raising awareness and compliance among NFB members."

The NFB is encouraged to see that trade associations are seen as more important sources of information than in 2008. The NFB offers a freephone legal helpline to advise members on all legal issues and the regular member seminars on legislative changes, including ones directly in relation to the subject of the OFT inquiry, have been very effective. This is borne out by the OFT's research.

The Code of Conduct can be found on the NFB's website at:

[http://www.builders.org.uk/resources/nfb/000/289/991/Competition\\_law\\_code\\_of\\_conduct\\_-\\_August\\_2009.pdf](http://www.builders.org.uk/resources/nfb/000/289/991/Competition_law_code_of_conduct_-_August_2009.pdf)

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### **Notes to Editors**

The NFB is one of the UK's longest established trade federations for small to medium-sized (SME) builders, contractors and house builders across England and Wales. It was created 150 years ago to represent the building profession and to help create the conditions for its members to thrive and contribute to the economic success of the UK. Its members range from the sole trader to large, multi-million pound construction companies, with turnover ranging from below £500k to £100m plus. The NFB provides advice, training and business solutions to ensure members stay up to date.

The NFB campaigns on the issues that impact the construction industry such as procurement, utilities, sustainability and funding. It represents the industry at government and industry forums and is an active media commentator and policy influencer.

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