

Press Release

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NFB welcomes government's standard procurement questionnaire: a smarter way of cutting costs

The National Federation of Builders (NFB) is pleased to finally see the release of the government's standard pre-qualification questionnaire for construction procurement.

The NFB welcomes the news that the government is recommending the use of PAS 91 by public sector clients and that a more standardised approach is fully supported by Mark Prisk, the construction minister. The success of PAS 91 depends on its widespread adoption by public sector clients. If public sector clients are really serious about reducing the deficit, this is an easy win and too good a chance to pass up.

The NFB worked on the steering group with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, scheme operators and other industry stakeholders on one of the most pressing issues for its members.

Julia Evans, Chief Executive of the NFB commented: "The NFB survey urged the government to remove the cost from a needlessly costly, inefficient and time consuming process, rather than cut the cost of projects as investment in construction is one of the surest ways of boosting the economy."

Procurement survey: the roadblocks to success available from policy@builders.org.uk or via telephone on 08450 578 162.