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The National Federation of Builders appoints ISOQAR to its National Associate Panel.

The National Federation of Builders (NFB) has announced the appointment of accredited certification body ISOQAR, part of the Alcumus Group, as a National Associate Member.

The Federation collaborates with partners across associated industries to form its National Associate Panel, offering members subsidised products and services' to enable them to work more cost effectively.

The introduction of ISOQAR to the panel offers NFB members the chance to enjoy preferential rates when using ISOQAR to gain their ISO 9001 certification. Members who are already in an ISO 9001 accreditation scheme can transfer to ISOQAR as their auditor free of charge. In addition to this, ISOQAR can also offer preferential rates for further accreditations such as ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 and ISO 27001.

Lee Pearson, managing director of ISOQAR, said: "We have been providing expert services to help businesses achieve and maintain ISO 9001 accreditation for 20 years, including considerable experience in working with those in the construction industry.

"I am delighted that the NFB has recognised this experience by making us a National Associate member. ISO 9001 can bring significant benefits to NFB members, such as opening up new tendering and supply chain opportunities, with the potential to win valuable new business."

Commenting on the collaboration, NFB Chief Executive Julia Evans said: "With operating costs increasing on a day to day basis, providing members with subsidised services is a priority for the Federation.

"Ensuring members operate efficiently and effectively is of equal importance. ISO 9001 is the internationally recognised, independently assessed standard for quality management and we are pleased to offer this certification to members through ISOQAR. It is a pleasure to welcome ISOQAR to the NFB's family of national associates."

For further information on joining the Federation's National Associate Panel please contact Membership Services on 01772 589010 or email membershipservices@builders.org.uk.

For further details of the services provided by ISOQAR please contact 0161 865 3699 or visit www.isoqar.com

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Notes to Editor:

1. 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

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companies, with turnover ranging from below £500k to £500m plus. The NFB provides advice, training and business solutions to ensure members stay up to date.

2. 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.
3. ISOQAR was founded in 1991 as one of the first independent certification bodies in the UK. It now enjoys one of the broadest scopes of accreditation in its industry. In [October 2010 ISOQAR was acquired by the Alcumus Group](#), a multi-disciplinary provider of risk management, compliance and certification services. Today ISOQAR has its own regional auditors throughout the UK and a network of operations across the globe.

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