SEWSCAP FRAMEWORK NEWSLETTER



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Celebrating the first year of the 3rd iteration..

The award winning SEWSCAP Framework are celebrating its first year of the 3rd iteration of the Framework, and what a year it has been, with great successful and significant challenges, particularly COVID19. The SEWSCAP Framework Team would like to thank all who have supported and continue to support the Framework, and explain how the Framework can benefit and continue to support as we emerge into a post COVID environment.

First, we would like to recap the success of SEWSCAP to date:

•The number of contracts through the cumulative SEWSCAP frameworks has now reached 127, with an outturn value in excess of \pounds 1bn.

•The current forward pipeline has an estimated value of \pounds 580m, with SEWSCAP3 estimated framework lifecycle value to be \pounds 1bn.

•The framework team has now established a strong wealth of knowledge that Public Sector clients can rely upon to support delivery of their requirements.

•SEWSCAP3 has diversified from a Framework predominantly perceived to deliver the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools Programme, to one that not only continues to support the delivery of the Programme, but now includes delivery of diverse projects, such as fire stations; higher education facilities and accommodation; sports academies; office developments; rail projects; demountable / modular solutions; and refurbishments.



What success has the framework to celebrate over the last year?

•Continued success in delivering high performance results.

•SEWSCAP3 became the first framework to become a member of the Supply Chain Sustainability School, which resulted in the School's largest events being held at the All Nations Centre to display how the Framework's Clients and Contractors deliver Social Value, and how it meets the objectives of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015.

•Increase in a more diverse public sector client utilising the Framework.

•Increased recognition as the go to Construction Framework in South East Wales which promotes sustainable collaboration.

•Increased networking with industry bodies to ensure Framework Clients / Contractors are engaged and receiving information on thought provoking sessions, such as the delivery of the Project Bank Account session in collaboration with BESA and SEC, which had the privilege of Professor Rudi Klein who is acknowledged as the leading campaigner against payment malpractice

•Greater engagement with the third sector to integrate them within the supply chain to utilise the value for money benefits and expertise that they have to offer. Evidence of this demonstrated through the re-developed Framework website produced by the Arts Factory, and the supply chain engagement sessions held between the Framework and Social Business Wales, along with the relations developed with charities.



CITB On-Site Skills and Training Hub

• The SEWSCAP3 Framework in collaboration with the Framework Partners, Into Works Cardiff, Cardiff Living and Wates has been successful in securing a grant for £1.2m over the next 3 years to create an onsite training hub to increase the talent pool for job-ready construction workers in South East Wales.

•The mobile onsite training hub will be set up on the former Eastern High site in Llanrumney over the next 3 years.

•The hub will be used for projects procured via the SEWSCAP3 Framework and also those that haven't but are based in South East Wales. •Into Work Cardiff will be delivering this in partnership with their counterparts in

each of the Local Authorities. •The project will aim to deliver:

- \Rightarrow 750 Unemployed individuals to become site ready
- \Rightarrow 750 College Students provided with on-site work experience
- \Rightarrow 225 Site Ready Individuals gain Sustained Employment of which 65 will come from under-represented groups.

The Training App is on its way!

•In collaboration with ISG, and a number of educational and workplace initiatives, the Framework is developing an app that will provide a platform for individuals to use to seek training advice and information, with links to WJEC Accredited Level 1/2/3/4 Construction Course pathway.





•The app will be available for Learners, Parents and Teachers to navigate their route through the construction career journey within the world of work.

•This will highlight how rewarding a career within the construction industry can be and enable job seekers, learners of all levels and educators to collaborate and enhance their educational engagements.

Why SEWSCAP and how will it support coming out of <u>COVID-19?</u>

•Compliant EU Procurement Directives and Public Contract Regulations 2015, which in turn means reduced Client / Contractor costs; swifter route to market; and existing templates of forms of contracts and evaluations on a 24/7 accessible website.

•Free for use by clients, with Contractors paying the framework levy on a project basis, which covers the cost of running the framework, and surplus being invested back into stakeholders and communities.

•Flexibility in the ability to approach the Framework Contractors with traditional or two stage requirements.

•Accessibility to likeminded organisations that share best practice, and become a member of a community that truly deliver objectives and measures that matter for the communities.

Access and benefits of Framework NACF membership, and the wider Framework networking structure of industry bodies, and supporting agencies.
Ability to influence future processes through the attendance of workshops and training opportunities.

•Throughout COVID the Framework has played an active part in ensuring Framework stakeholders have been updated with current developments as they happened through its relationships with key industry bodies, and communicating this via the framework channels, such as emails; twitter; and, website updates.

•The Framework will continue this level of communication post COVID, and will play an active part in feeding back any concerns members may have, and support the industry through visibility of pipelines.

•The Framework proactively engages with the stakeholders to create one community to ensure that no stakeholder feel they stand alone in the current climate and have asked and gained the feedback on challenging questions that members have or been unsure to ask.

