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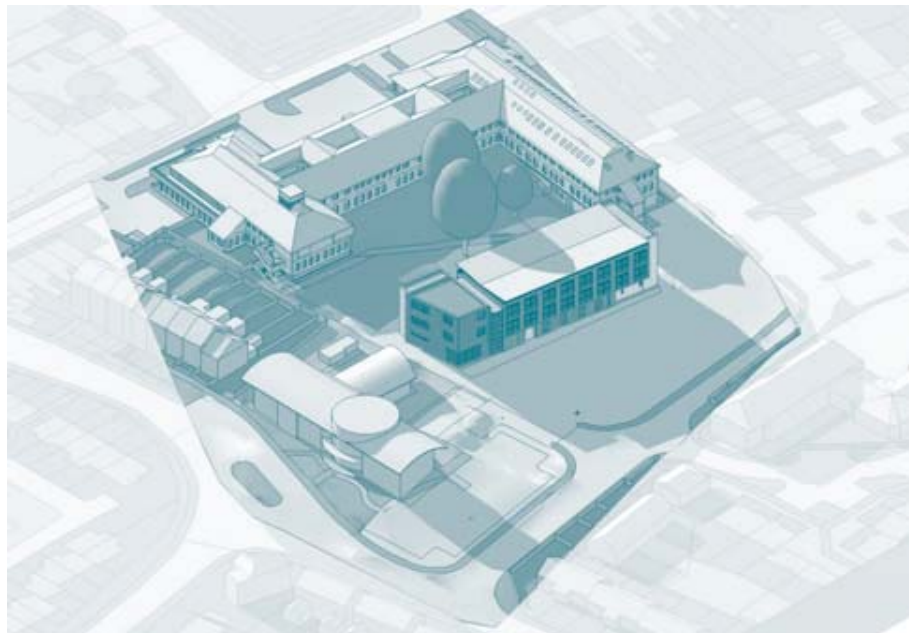
CFSW welcomes new users

Twenty two organisations have now signed a Public Body User Agreement and are eligible to use the framework. Since the last issue of High Vis, five organisations have signed – Avon & Somerset Police Authority, Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, The Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, The Borough of Poole Council and Dorset County Council.

Framework reduces risk and provides stability & value for money in turbulent market

The drive for savings and efficiencies makes frameworks well placed to become higher profile and a preferred mechanism for procurement. CFSW is anticipating an increase in work tendered through the framework over the coming year and an increase in refurbishments over new build.

With current difficult and highly competitive market conditions prevailing, partnership working is more important than ever. Working within a framework model provides reassurances for the client about mitigation of risk, value for money and quality of service, and the framework itself encourages realistic and reasonable pricing, helping to promote a more stable and sustainable economy.



A view of Kingswood Civic Centre and Locality Hub for South Gloucestershire Council, awarded to Wates Construction Ltd

Stop Press: Framework management changes

Robert Lillicrap has left CFSW to take up a new position in the private sector. In the interim, John Delve, Framework Technical Manager will be your contact at CFSW for all technical and framework management queries. All at CFSW wish Robert well in his new role.

The next issue of 'High Vis' will be published during winter 2010 / 2011. If you would like more copies of this issue, please contact Eleanor Thomas.

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James Owen Court – CFSW provides fast track solution for university

The first CFSW project to reach practical completion is James Owen Court, a refurbishment project for the University of Exeter. The tendering process was completed in eighteen working days with Mansell being awarded the project. The framework fast track tender process helped ensure this project was able to finish on time.

The 276 bed student accommodation was rewired and refurbished in just nine weeks, in order to be ready for the new term. The project was heavily resourced with 100 men working 12 hour days, seven days a week. This included an average of 38 electricians and plumbers on site of whom seven were apprentices. Mansell Construction Services Ltd were awarded the contract on 1st June this year and, through working closely with the User, sub contractor MITIE Engineering, and consultants Mace, were able to complete the project on time and on budget. Bernard Ireson, Senior Building Surveyor for the University said that CFSW's pre-selection process ensured that only Providers most suited to the project were put forward. He went on to say, 'We are pleased with the framework process and were truly delighted with the works undertaken by Mansells, we thought the project was almost impossible to achieve but their careful management and quality control delivered the [project] on time and just below budget'. The team performance scores were 95% for Mansell and 94% for the client's team, reflecting the mutual satisfaction achieved.

- CFSW completes 1st year of operation.
- 45 projects have been tendered through the framework
- The combined value of tenders is over £200 million
- Over 20 Users signed up to use CFSW



James Owen Court – procured through CFSW's mini competition process in eighteen working days and refurbished in just nine weeks.

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Devon County Council

Team Performance scores now inform new CFSW projects

- Each framework Provider's Team Performance scores are now being used as part of the selection process at mini competition stage one.
- There are two immediate benefits: firstly framework Users can see how Providers have performed on other framework projects and secondly Providers and Users are encouraged to work closely together.
- KPI scores are exceeding CFSW targets: Users are currently scored at 84% and providers at 83% while the target for both is 75% demonstrating real co-operation between all parties to secure well managed projects
- As more projects approach and achieve practical completion, KPIs will become increasingly important to clients, providing a picture of Provider performance at all stages of a project

'MyPlace' Paignton, reaping the benefits of framework working

'MyPlace' is an innovative project to provide local young people in the Torbay area, as well as visitors with a whole range of sports, outdoor pursuits and performing arts activities. It is funded by the MyPlace BIG Lottery Fund on behalf of the Department of Children, Schools and Families.

As part of the development, high quality accommodation units will be developed in keeping with the site's early nineteenth century Grade II listed Parkfield House.

Working with Kensington Taylor, CFSW ran the mini competition stage one between the 8th – 15th February 2010. The shortlisted contractors tendered at stage two between 22nd February and 15th March 2010 and the project was awarded to Interserve Project Services Ltd 13th April 2010, a mere eight weeks after initiation.



MyPlace Paignton: Torbay's flagship youth and visitor facility

The 'MyPlace' Parkfield project in Paignton came relatively late to CFSW at RIBA stage F/G and the project team worked hard during the Pre-construction phase to value engineer various elements of the design to achieve the User's budget.

Interserve Project Services Ltd were awarded the contract by Torbay Council and Kensington Taylor are the consultants.

The success of the value engineering during the pre-construction phase is reflected in the team performance KPIs with both the Provider and User teams scoring 99%, reflecting an excellent start to this progressive and innovative project.

Framework actively promotes higher levels of new apprentices.

CFSW encourages apprenticeships to support training and employment in the construction sector. Pearce Construction (Barnstaple) Ltd, a member of Builders Consortium South West has submitted the first report to CFSW whereby recent success on the framework has enabled them to employ two additional apprentices on block release from Petroc College, North Devon as a result of framework tendered projects.

Richard Bevan, Project Manager for Pearce Construction said, "Securing two projects via the framework has given us the confidence that our apprentices will be able to complete their training." He went on to say that the company is keen to commit to apprenticeships but providing continuity of work in the current economic climate has been difficult over the last couple of years, "If an apprentice starts with Pearce Construction, we want them to be able to finish their training with us".



Carlos Colome and Alex Taylor, apprentices to Pearce Construction (Barnstaple) Ltd, a member of Builders Consortium South West.

There is a drive to exceed the national average for the number of apprentices employed on CFSW construction sites. Further news will be reported in our next issue.

Some facts and figures about apprenticeships

- 81% of consumers favour using a company which takes on apprentices
- 88% of employers who employ apprentices believe they lead to a more motivated and satisfied workforce giving other employees the opportunity to mentor and support them.
- Employers who take on 16-18 year old apprentices only pay their salaries; the government pays for their training.
- 80% of employers who employ apprentices believe they make the workplace more productive and 83% rely on apprenticeships to provide the skilled workers they need for the future .
- Recruiting apprentices is a straightforward process, and CFSW partners have access to advice from Marise Mackie based at Devon County Council, tel: 01392 384730
- For information on the national apprenticeship programme visit:

www.apprenticeships.org.uk