

National Skills Academy for Construction (NSAfC)

A First for the East Midlands

A unique East Midlands Property Alliance (empa) project led by Scape System Build in partnership with the EMCBE (East Midlands Centre for Constructing the Built Environment) has been approved and awarded funding by Construction Skills and goes live today.

A 'National Skills Academy for Construction' (NSAfC) status has been given to the empa project as part of a national programme of such Academies, but this is the first of its kind for a regional framework agreement.

33 so far of a total of 46 local authorities in the East Midlands are participating together in empa in order to procure construction projects across the region in a series of collaborative framework agreements.

Contractors selected to the framework have started to deliver the many and varied capital projects members wish to build, ranging from £10k to £30m in value, for their local authority and other public body clients across the region. We have a projected combined capital investment of in excess of £200m each year for the next 4 years.

The NSAfC will identify skills and training needs for the supply chain used for each project, and then by working with local trainers will seek to progress skills, competencies and qualifications for as many individuals as possible and for as long as they are assigned to each project. The Academy will also provide opportunities for Clients to attend training events to increase their technical skills and abilities to deliver projects.

The targets and expectations are challenging, but essential to the overall strategy of raising the levels and standards of skills in the construction sector, and engaging the local communities.

More information can be found at www.emcbe.com

East Midlands Centre for constructing the Built Environment is an organisation funded by East Midlands Development Agency (emda), is an important initiative for the region's construction industry and works very closely with empa to deliver training and skills improvements to empa clients and the empa supply chain. The aims of EMCBE are to provide the strategic leadership for the region's construction industry, become a focal point for its improvement, be the communications hub for co-ordinating and disseminating the work of existing sector related groups and organisations and become the regional champion for improving skills and performance and the long term development of the sector.

EMCBE is already working closely in partnership with: EMDA, Regional Learning Skills Councils, CITB-Construction Skills, Construction Industry Council, Regeneration East Midlands and East Midlands Regional Assembly as well as other regional agencies and bodies.



Stakeholder Conference

Friday 5 February 2010

9am-1pm at the
National Space Centre, Leicester
www.spacecentre.co.uk

- 09.30 **Welcome & Introduction**
Councillor Ross Willmott, Leader of Leicester City Council
Lynn Cave-Vice Chair of empa
Head of Property Leicester City Council
- 09.45 **empa - Review of the Year**
Alan Coole, Development Manager, Scape
- 10.15 **empa - Making a Difference for Clients –The story so far...**
Richard Baggaley, South Holland District Council
with Steve Elkin, Willmott Dixon Construction
- 10.45 **empa and the Social & Economic Agenda**
Nicki Jenkins, Head of Economic Development
Nottingham City Council
- 11.30 **Looking for Sustainable Solutions**
Chris Ward-Brown – emda
- 11.50 **Making the Case for Efficiency Savings**
John Ioannou - OGC
Head of Commerical Delivery - Construction
- 12.20 **KEYNOTE: How far can we go?**
Richard Hanson Chair of empa
Service Director (Property) Notts CC
- 12.40 **Wrap-up & close**
Mark Robinson, CEO Scape
- 13.00 **Lunch & networking**
The Scape Team & empa Board members will be available during and after lunch to answer your questions.

Who can attend :

Chief Executives, elected members, property and procurement officers of Local Authorities and other public bodies in the East Midlands region.
Invited guests

To register

Complete the attached registration form and email to:
empaEvents@scapebuild.co.uk

Meet the Buyer Events

Various 'Meet the Buyer' events have been arranged by the contracting partners on the Scape/empa frameworks.

The events provide an opportunity for supply chain companies to meet representatives from the main contractors and clients.

Successful events have already been held in Lincolnshire, Derby and Leicester.

Future Events

Northampton – 10 February 2010 at the Saints Rugby Ground,
Nottingham – 23rd February 2010 venue tbc

Events start at 9:00 and conclude at 5:00pm - no registration required.

If you're interested in holding a similar event in your areas please contact :

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Build East Midlands

In conjunction with the meet the buyers events, supply chain companies are being encouraged to register on the Build East Midlands website which has been developed by empa. Companies who wish to express an interest in working on any of the projects put through the Scape/empa frameworks must be registered on www.buideastmidlands.co.uk .

Registration does not guarantee work but enables the companies to promote their services.

Go2 Collective Project Portal

The project portal has been developed with Go2 Frame, empa and Scape to provide a means of monitoring the performance of projects put through the Scape/empa frameworks.

Step 1 - Clients self-register to input their initial project data and select a preferred contractor.
Step 2 - The project is approved
Step 3 onwards - Client and contractor continue to input project data until the project is completed.

To register go to : <http://www.live.go2collective.com/>