



YORbuild breaks the £150m barrier in just 6 months.



Public Sector Clients in Yorkshire and the Humber have quickly taken advantage of the YORbuild Framework.

Following the launch of the YORbuild Framework on 4th December 2009 during the first 6 months of the framework over £150m of projects are signed up to be procured via YORbuild with an additional £125m of projects in the opportunity pipeline. Public Sector Clients in Yorkshire and the Humber have quickly got to grips with the number of value added benefits of the YORbuild Framework in addition to the excellent range of Contractors and procurement process efficiency that the framework brings.

YORbuild's Development and Performance Manager Lee Parkinson commented "The engagement of the YORbuild Framework by Public Sector Clients within Yorkshire and the Humber has been excellent. Users of the framework represent the broad spectrum of Public Sector Bodies from Local Authorities through to Charities with major and minor project requirements. User feedback is very positive indeed which reflects the high level of planning and effort which went into the frameworks development. In addition the progress that the YORbuild Framework has made in developing its value added offer is significant and this has been recognised through the award of National Skills Academy for Construction Status alongside other quality marks which the framework will carry in the near future."

The range of projects procured via the YORbuild Framework reflects the competency and capacity of the Contractor Partners and the process flexibility that framework offers. Indeed, a welcome bonus for the framework has been the recent round of Homes and Communities Agency funding for new build social housing which has brought close to £40m of projects to YORbuild. One of the HCA's key drivers for the allocation of funding was the ability of the landlord to deliver employment and skills outcomes as part of the build process and YORbuild's integrated employment and skills planning model delivered on this criteria exceeding the HCA's aspirations. In addition to individual authority Users of the framework YORbuild is close to closing agreements with Client Consortia organisations in the education and health sector which will bring significant demand opportunity to the YORbuild Framework.

For further information about the YORbuild Framework visit www.yorbuild.com

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The integrated employment and skills planned model developed by YORbuild has been recognised with the award of National Skills Academy for Construction Status from Construction Skills.

A key strategic theme of the YORbuild Framework is the delivery of employment and skills outputs through the construction process. The Framework Management Team consider employment and skills as the four key delivery criteria in addition to time, quality and cost. To ensure that employment and skills outputs are delivered through projects procured via YORbuild an integrated model based upon the principle of Employment and Skills Planning was included in the framework agreement and is subsequently applied to the call off of individual projects.

The integrated employment and skills planning model has been developed in collaboration with Construction Skills and has been shared with other Clients on a national basis as an exemplar in the delivery of employment and skills outputs. YORbuild was invited to present its integrated employment and skills planning model at the launch of the Homes and Communities Agencies client guidance event in December 2009 and the YORbuild Framework has recently been central to a case study developed by Cambridge Policy Consultants for the Department for Business Innovation and Skills.

The award of pilot National Skills Academy for Construction Status from Construction Skills provides additional resources to the Framework Management Team through the provision of a dedicated Employment and Skills Coordinator to drive the application of Employment and Skills Plans and also to be a catalyst in accessing support and resources to aid the framework and its supply chain in the delivery of employment and skills outputs.

Steve Housden Regional Strategy Advisor for Construction Skills has worked closely with the Framework Management Team through the development of the integrated employment and skills planning model. Steve commented “The development of the integrated employment and skills planning model for the YORbuild Framework is an excellent example of how Public Sector Clients can bring about real employment and skills outcomes through procurement. YORbuild provides a user ready model which Public Sector Clients can access and be certain that their investment in construction projects bring about employment and skills outcomes.”

West Yorkshire Police sign up to YORbuild

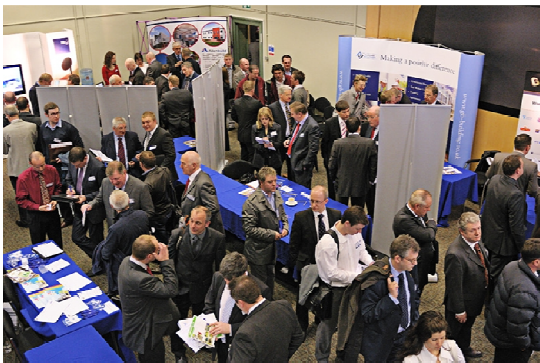
West Yorkshire Police have signed up to their first project to be procured via the YORbuild Framework.

The force is currently delivering an extensive estates development programme and has selected YORbuild to procure its Custody Evolution Project across three sites in West Yorkshire. Andy Balmond Senior Buyer at West Yorkshire Police is leading the procurement process working closely with the Framework Manager for the West Area of the framework David Galloway of Leeds City Council. “It has been excellent to access the YORbuild Framework which has enabled our project to have a swift procurement process with a good range of Contractors under a collaborative form of contract” commented Andy.

YORbuild opens the door to over £150m of business opportunities for the regional supply chain.

More than 350 SME's from across the Yorkshire and Humber region recently took advantage of the chance to meet face to face with the main contractors on the YORBuild Framework.

Construction Target organised an exclusive Meet the Buyer event in Leeds with the sole purpose of ensuring local SME's gained access to procurement opportunities within the construction sector currently worth a cumulative value of £150m. Construction Target is a business support initiative funded by Yorkshire Forward led by the new regional Construction Sector Network hosted by Leeds Metropolitan University. The initiative has been established to assist regional construction businesses win more contract opportunities in the current challenging economic climate.



Over 30 Contractor Partners from the YORbuild Framework were present at the event and were keen to hear from local companies who could potentially form part of their future supply chain.

Scott Corey, Framework Manager of Willmott Dixon said of the event "it provided an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss the current issues facing existing and

potential supply chain partners from within the Yorkshire region and beyond. It gave Willmott Dixon the opportunity to discuss our commitments to members using the YORbuild framework and how they could engage with ourselves and other framework partners. It also gave us the chance to explain the social and sustainable working commitments required by Willmott Dixon and YORbuild which allowed visitors to understand how they can play their part in raising the standards throughout the region for the life of framework."

Building and maintenance leader at Rok, Andrew Stubbs, said: "We are grateful to the organisers of this event for providing us with a great opportunity to meet local suppliers we will potentially be working with on contracts awarded to us under the YORbuild construction framework. Forms and emails are no substitute for meeting people face to face and these contracts are all about close working relationships and partnering so it was really useful to make connections so that when we start a new project with someone, the faces are already familiar."

Attendees were provided with first hand information across a range of issues including how to improve opportunities to secure business via the YORbuild Framework. Further YORbuild Meet the Buyer Events are planned to be held across the region later this year to ensure that all of the sub-regions are engaged on a similar format.



For more information about the newly established Construction Sector Network visit www.constructionsectornetwork.org



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YORbuild offers significant improvement and efficiency for Public Sector Clients based in the Yorkshire and Humber region but its not just about procurement. YORbuild also aims to bring about real change through the delivery of projects by adding value to the procurement and delivery process. The following figure sets out the themes that form the basis of the YORbuild Framework Management Strategy:

<p>Supply Chain Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparent approach. • Local sourcing. • Effective measurement and management.
<p>Employment and Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive intervention. • Linked to project award / delivery. • Effective measurement and management.
<p>Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical project based effort. • Zero waste to land fill / carbon reduction. • Effective measurement and management.
<p>Economic Regeneration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus upon recycling the local £. • Encouragement of social enterprise. • Effective measurement and management.



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Welcome to YORbuild

The YORbuild Framework is attracting high levels of user demand due to its flexibility, excellent value added processes, alignment with best practice and of course process and procurement efficiency. Current users of the YORbuild Framework include:

YORbuild Partners

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