



Frameworks get go ahead

At its meeting in September, the MHA Executive board approved the extension of the MSF2 framework for another year. This means the framework continues through to June 2018. At the same time the board agreed that work should start on determining what should replace MSF2 when it does end. A series of workshops and other events are being planned to find out if there is a need for a new framework, what authorities want to see in the framework in terms of social values etc. and what industry thinks. A report on the way forward will be taken to Executive Board in March. 2017. Look out for details of the events on www.mhaweb.org.uk or contact john.hooper@leics.gov.uk

MHA/MSIG closer working relationship

Executive Board also gave approval for the MHA manager to explore options for the two improvement groups working more closely together, beginning with a joint meeting next Spring.

Carbon Footprint

Following the release of PAS 2080 AECOM have been commissioned to carry out a study into how MHA authorities are responding to the Construction UK challenge to reduce our carbon footprint by 30%. The idea is to have a workshop to identify what is currently done and to see what can be done collaboratively to help improve the situation. Anyone interested in being involved should contact peter.barclay@leics.gov.uk

DfT Self-Assessment Workshop

A very well attended workshop took place at the end of October, led by Matthew Lugg, who went through the DfT Self-Assessment questionnaire, giving advice on how to respond to each of the questions. Feedback confirms that the participants found it very useful and further workshops are being planned. Contact martin.carnaffin@nottsc.gov.uk for details.

Display your Quality Charter with pride

By effectively managing processes designed to deliver quality compliance and understanding their commitments, MSF2 contractors can be confident of meeting both the needs of the framework and their customers.

Eurovia are displaying the charter on their site noticeboards including the Seymour Link Road site.

You can download a copy of the charter from the [MHA website](#).



An introduction to the Learning Management System and the blended learning approach



A range of learning, training and development opportunities are available through the MHA's Learning Management System (LMS).

Members can access online courses and face to face learning events provided by the MHA skills community, sector partners and MHA members.

Our work with Virtual College and sector partners means that learners have greater access to online training.

Below Mohammed Admani's testimony demonstrates the benefits of online learning.

"I started on the Leicestershire County Council Trainee Technician Scheme run by MHA in October 2012 with no prior experience of Civil Engineering. Whilst on the trainee scheme I completed an HNC in Civil Engineering and went to do a BEng Civil Engineering Degree (part time) which I'm due to complete in July 2017.

As part of my course I studied civil engineering contracts, including NEC3 contracts but I wanted to further my practical knowledge of NEC3 and was recommended to attend a face to face learning event provided by the MHA.

I was one of the first learners to register and complete the virtual e-learning course - Introduction to Engineering Construction Contract. The course itself is simply structured with seven videos ranging from 15 to 45 minutes with a test at the end.

Despite having previous knowledge of NEC3, I found the course extremely useful and a good refresher. The content was good with helpful graphs and illustrations and made you think about how to apply the contract.

I'm now booked on to the face to face learning events Part 1: Communications, early warning and the programme and Part 2: Compensation events and payment."

Mohamed Admani

What's new?

- [AECOM's presentation](#) to the framework community board in September on the recent release of PAS 2080
- A range of new [health and safety alerts](#) have recently been added to the website
- A new MHA learning and development [Competency Framework template](#) is now available



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