



# WELCOME TO CECA

## **About CECA**

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) is the foremost representative body for civil engineering contractors in the UK.

CECA (pronounced 'see- ka') was established in 1996, but its provenance stretches much further back as it was born out of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, which was first established in 1919.

Today CECA has over 300 member companies employing more than 250,000 people and our members deliver around 80% of all civil engineering activity in the UK, work worth around £15 billion every year. CECA members range from the largest infrastructure companies in the UK to smaller specialist SMEs. Our members build and maintain the UK's infrastructure networks in transport, energy, water, waste and communications.

www.ceca.co.uk













Over **300** member companies



Over **250,000 people** employed by members





E

Member activity equates to over **£15 billion** per annum

# REGIONS & DEVOLVED NATIONS

CECA members are supported by a network of six regional offices across England, a national office in Westminster, and offices in the devolved nations of Scotland and Wales.

CECA's regions and devolved nations are:

- CECA Scotland
- CECA North West
- CECA North East
- CECA Yorkshire & The Humber
- CECA Wales
- CECA Midlands
- CECA Southern
- CECA South West



## WHY JOIN CECA?

Being a CECA member connects civil engineering businesses to a strong brand and business network that is recognised as the voice of the infrastructure industry.

- CECA represents members' interests by raising their issues with Government, potential client organisations and stakeholders. Close links have been developed with Government ministers and key decision makers in relevant Government departments, the Scottish Government and Welsh Government, as well as with local MPs, MSPs, AMs and local authorities throughout the country.
- CECA promotes the skills and expertise of members and the vital role the sector plays in the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the UK.
- CECA provides the opportunity for member companies to meet and discuss industry issues with major clients and others who both influence workload and the manner in which the industry operates.
- CECA offers an array of Industry Specialist Groups which share best practice, innovation and encourage cross industry networking.
- CECA provides training and support for skills development, much of which is delivered free of charge.

- CECA advises on legislative matters, and issues affecting the sector.
- CECA provides support to representatives on the Contractors' Legal Group.
- CECA keeps the Dayworks Schedule under review and provides free advice on the content.
- CECA produces an annual Accident Report for civil engineering construction sites.
- CECA advises members on the Construction Industry Joint Council (CIJC) Working Rule Agreement with regular briefings.
- CECA provides members with a free monthly taxation briefing.
- CECA publishes 50 Weekly Updates per annum.
- CECA permits the use of their logo to members which connects their business to a brand that is trusted, impartial and a reflection of quality.
- CECA recognises that its 300+ members are all different, as are their needs and aspirations, hence the broad range of services we offer.

# **CECA SECTOR GROUPS**

## **Open To All Members**

CECA runs a number of sector and issue-specific industry groups which meet regularly throughout the year.

If your company becomes a CECA member, you are entitled to join any or all of these groups to network, hear directly from HM Government, major clients in all sectors, and other highlevel industry stakeholders, and engage in the work CECA does to improve the business environment for our members.

Recent speakers have included the Department for Transport, HS2, Network Rail, National Highways, Tideway, Yorkshire Water, Heathrow, Transport for the North, the Environment Agency, and many more.

**Highways Maintenance** Roads Water  $7 \, \mathrm{m}$ 17 Environment Procurement Energy Training & Development Public Affairs Transport Fairness, Inclusion & Respect Foundations Legal Health, Safety & Wellbeing Rail Coastal & Marine

# **CECA NATIONAL**

CECA's national office at the heart of Westminster provides an overview and influences Government on behalf of members and the civil engineering industry. CECA (Scotland) and CECA (Wales) maintain close links with parliamentarians in the devolved administrations of Holyrood and Cardiff.

Core priorities include:

## Representation

- We develop and maintain close relationships with clients, Government and the media
- We promote members' expertise as widely as possible
- We ensure that Government policy develops in a way that positively supports the interests of members
- CECA sits on the Construction Leadership Council & is represented on CIJC
- We meet regularly with elected politicians, as well as key opposition MPs, civil servants, and other industry stakeholders.

## People

- We work with organisations to ensure members have the best opportunities to benefit from available training funding
- We lobby to ensure both national and local Governments take steps to address the skills gap, attract new entrants to our industry, and upskill the workforce
- We promote diversity through Inspiring Change conferences and awards
- We support the delivery of the industry's Fairness, Inclusion and Respect programme
- We support negotiations for the Working Rule Agreement and ensure CECA member companies are heard in negotiations at all levels of industry







#### Health & Safety

- We are part of the Health & Safety Executive's Construction Industry Advisory Network (CONIAN)
- CECA's Health, Safety & Wellbeing Group lead the conversation in establishing the best standards across industry to the benefit of companies and their employees
- CECA, along with charities suh as Cancer Research and Mates in Mind, deliver the 'Stop. Make a Change' campaign, which promotes industry stand downs to focus on health, safety and wellbeing in which hundreds of thousands of workers participate each year

#### **Industry Issues**

- CECA supported and encourages the roll out of The Construction Playbook
- Procurement (including PQQs) is a key issue for CECA members. We work to develop policy to minimise bureaucracy and cost in establishing what 'good' looks like and encourage best practice across the supply chain
- We publish the CECA Blue Form, Schedules of Dayworks, and quarterly Workload Trends report, as well as a range of specialised policy reports
- We host 'meet the buyer' events with the largest UK and world-wide clients
- We deliver supply chain conferences for the highways, rail, water and power sectors
- We work in partnership with other trade bodies to identify and address emerging issues in the infrastructure sector and construction industry as a whole
- CECA advises its members on a range of technical issues on a bespoke basis
- We work with members to achieve net zero and reduce carbon emissions as efficiently as possible





# **CECA NORTH WEST**

CECA North West regional office services over 70 members located throughout the wider North West region. We bring a range of benefits and support to our valued membership at local level.

CECA North West delivers activities and events which provide business and social opportunities to enable members to network at a national and local level.

We support your business every step of the way and deliver a vast array of services designed to give you the very best from your membership of CECA.



## **MEMBER SERVICES**

Do you know the range of services that you can get from being a CECA NW member?

### Information

- Free commercial and legal training, webinars and seminars
- Client meetings (from Network Rail NW&C, National Highways, HS2 and Transport for the North to local authorities and private sector organisation throughout the NW), and representing your interests with clients and opinion formers (including MPs, councillors, the media, trade bodies)
- Our national and NW pipeline research, with details of forthcoming contracts and frameworks
- A weekly newsletter with details of events and industry news, plus reports on Workload Trends, industry, legislative and policy briefings
- Membership of all our sector groups
- Close links with other professional bodies as a member of the NW Construction & Infrastructure Alliance

#### Assistance

- Expert legal, training & development, HR and taxation advice as well as access to transport, rail and health & safety specialists
- Assistance with tenders and procurement, and support with social value requirements and quality submissions
- Commercial and contractual support and mentoring
- Support with schools and colleges liaison, links with universities, work experience, and free advertising for vacancies

#### **Events**

- Annual awards, plus annual dinners in Penrith and Manchester, and an annual Golf Day
- Access to CECA NW Foundations seminars, networking and social events for colleagues new to the industry
- All CECA members based or operating in the North West are welcome to attend our Executive Committee meetings, which take place every quarter

## **CECA NORTH WEST MEMBERSHIP**





# **HOW TO JOIN**

## Membership has two defined routes: Full and Associate.

Full Members are deemed to be civil engineering contractors or have within their business profile an element of civil engineering activities as set out in the Full Member application form.

Full Membership provides access to the complete range of products, services and support available from CECA.

Full CECA North West Members, where their work is geographically spread, can also attribute a proportion of the subscription to an additional region/s so that they are able to access the local services of that region.

Associate Membership is open to companies who work in association or on the peripheries of civil engineering contracting and wish to contribute to the industry and exchange mutual understanding, knowledge and expertise.

The CECA North West Executive Committee review the suitability of companies applying for Full Membership - their decision is final and without recourse.

## **Full Membership Criteria**

#### Prospective applicants to become Full Members of CECA NW should:

- Be registered as a Limited Company and have a registered office in North West England.
- Be registered for VAT.
- Be registered with CITB.
- Be engaged in Civil Engineering.
- Have traded for at least 3 years as a Civil Engineering company.
- Have at least one qualified Civil Engineer.
- Have a Quality Assurance System in place.
- Have compliant Health, Safety & Wellbeing and Environmental Policies.
- Have at least 60% of workforce with CSCS or equivalent cards.
- Conform to the general principles of the CIJC Working Rule Agreement and have Contracts of Employment for all employees.

## Associate Membership Criteria

#### The following applies to prospective applicants for Associate Membership of CECA NW:

- Associate Membership specifically excludes any rights to influence or amend existing constitutional matters or the manner, operations or policy of CECA NW.
- Associate Members are expected to contribute to, and benefit from, the mutual exchange of information and expertise with CECA members and thereby broaden and enhance the mutual understanding of the needs and priorities of the industry.
- Associate Membership must never be sought or regarded as a platform or access route to CECA members for marketing purposes. Any Associate Member exploiting membership for such purposes will have their membership terminated forthwith.

- CECA NW welcomes input and initiatives from Associate Members in furtherance of Safety, Welfare, Environmental and Technical Development issues and will be pleased to support such initiatives as appropriate.
- Associate Members will be entitled to attend and participate in all CECA NW seminars, training courses and social events, but will not be eligible to join the Executive Committee. Associate Members may, however, be invited to attend and to contribute to the Executive Committee on matters of specific relevance and expertise.
- Applications for Associate Membership must be accompanied by a paper setting out what benefits the applicant can bring to CECA NW and their expectations of the benefits they will receive from membership.
- Applications must receive approval by the CECA NW Executive Committee.

Becoming a member of CECA connects civil engineering businesses to a brand that is trusted, strong, and influential.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Whether you are wishing to join us as a Full or Associate member or just want to find out more then please contact the CECA North West office for more information - we are always happy to hear from you.

To apply for membership, you can complete the application form opposite and send it to us with your supporting documents. Application must be made by a senior member of the organization. Electronic versions are available for download at www.ceca.co.uk/north-west or alternatively e-mail alison.shea@ceca.co.uk

#### **Subscription**

Membership runs from January - December each year. (Applications can be made at any time during the year and charged on a pro rata basis).

Full membership subscription is collected in a fair and equitable manner to reflect the size and turnover of each member company.

Where members indicate that they are operational in other regions/nations the single subscription can be apportioned internally by CECA so that they can access the other region's services and no additional subscription fee is required. Maximum subscription fee-paying members get automatic CECA coverage across the UK.

Each individual Full member is deemed to be a member in their own right (irrespective of any member holding/owning company or association with any group of companies). If the company can prove they are part of an existing member group/owning company they will be entitled to a 10% reduction off the standard subscription fee when **one or both** of the following criteria apply:

- Has a separate brand and identity from its holding/owning group
- Competes for business in its own right and in its own name

The turnover for Full membership is derived from the annual turnover from the company's last set of audited accounts for civil engineering as defined below:

Roads, Bridges, Drainage, Sewerage, Sewage Works, Piling, Sheet Piling, Foundations, Coastal Defence/ Protection, Marine Engineering, Bulk Earthworks, Remediation, Highway Maintenance, Surfacing, Telecommunications, Ducting & Cabling, Pipelines, Pumping Stations & Mains, Rail, Private Sector Infrastructure & Groundworks, Reinforced Concrete Structures, Tunnelling, Pipe Jacking, Cofferdams and Caissons and Specialist Civil Engineering Services.

#### Bands and membership fees:

Turnover up to  $\pounds 2.7m$  - Fixed Fee  $\pounds 1,261 + VAT$ Turnover between  $\pounds 2.7m$  -  $\pounds 66.7m$  - Calculated at 0.0467% of turnover +VAT Turnover above  $\pounds 66.7m$  -  $\pounds 31,156 + VAT$  (Maximum fixed fee - UK coverage) Associate membership is a fixed fee at  $\pounds 1,261 + VAT$  per region.

For more information please contact Alison Shea: alison.shea@ceca.co.uk

# **CECA NW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM** Complete the form below and send it to us with your supporting documents.

Name of Company	
Form of Membership Application     Full Membership Application     Associate Membership Application	
Contact Name	E-mail
Address	
Telephone No.	Website
Names and duties of all Directors, Company Secretary, Partners, etc	
Brief description of the types of work you undertake (please include indicative scheme values)	
Civil Engineering Turnover for the last two years Y/E: Turnover:	Y/E: Turnover:
Company Registration No.	Date of formation, and/or number of years trading
VAT Registration No.	CITB Registration No.
We have read, and will comply with the criteria for membership (please tick) We enclose a copy of the <b>Company Health &amp; Safety Plan</b> (please tick) We enclose a copy of the <b>Company Environmental Plan</b> (please tick) We enclose a copy of the <b>Quality Management Statement</b> (please tick)	Name: Date:   Signature:

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

We maintain a code of conduct that we expect our members to comply with; these have been written by our members and endorsed by our Board of Directors and Executive Committee Members. These are that members should:

- Acknowledge the advantages of trading relationships being conducted in a fair and transparent manner.
- Recognise the confidence that is engendered by collaborative working by all members of the supply chain together with the promotion of a culture of mutual trust, which benefits all participants and the client.
- Treat their own supply chain fairly & equitably by choosing and negotiating forms and conditions of contract with equal treatment for all, and which identify, assess and allocate risk fairly.
- Commit to ensuring that all payments for work undertaken throughout the supply chain are paid when due.
- Provide and maintain a safe working environment for all, taking account of the CECA Health and Safety Action Plan and Strategy.
- Undertake any project with a responsible attitude toward the environment, the local neighbourhood and sustainability issues.

- Endeavour to meet the CECA aspiration of a 100% fully qualified workforce.
- Work with, and provide sufficient and accurate information to, supply chain partners in an open, fair and collaborative manner:
  - promoting the benefits of team-working.
  - establishing clear and effective lines of communication.
  - providing and encouraging early involvement of relevant supply chain partners to discuss client requirements and identifying solutions.
- Work together to deliver projects in accordance with an agreed programme within time, budget and standards of quality by sharing information on progress and establishing systems for monitoring and reporting performance.

Printed on 100% Post-Consumer Recycled Paper

LinkedIn: CECA North West Twitter: @CECANW

CECA North West, F48, The Innovation Centre, Keckwick Lane, Daresbury, Warrington WA4 4FS

1.15

www.ceca.co.uk/north-west