



ACTION PLAN



LEADING THE INDUSTRY

**Build UK brings together
the contracting supply chain
in construction.**

By leading on key industry issues, Build UK has the ability to create the conditions for supply chains to thrive and thereby improve the delivery of projects to the benefit of the industry's clients.

With 27 of the industry's largest Main Contractors and 40 leading Trade Associations representing 11,500 Specialist Contractors, a strong executive team led by Suzannah Nichol MBE, and a strategic Board of Directors composed equally of Main and Specialist Contractor representatives, Build UK offers a real opportunity to transform the sector.



THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSTRUCTION

UK construction is a £125 billion industry contributing almost 10% of GDP. It employs over 3.1 million people, about 1 in 10 of the working population, and generates almost £3 for every £1 invested, driving growth and economic success.

But construction's impact is wider than the economy: it is essential to the function of everyday life. It enables manufacturers to produce and deliver their products, schools and universities to teach and hospitals to operate and provides offices to work in and homes which put a roof over people's heads.

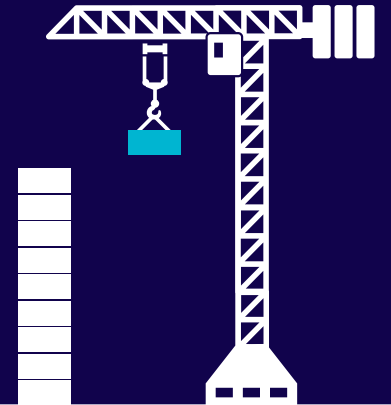
Quite simply, construction is what everything else relies on.

DELIVERING CHANGE

Construction is faced with a number of long-standing issues that require a bold new approach in order to tackle them.

By bringing the supply chain together, Build UK is ideally positioned to promote collaboration and provide industry-wide solutions for the benefit of everyone. Agreeing and implementing best practice can drive a lasting culture shift that will improve productivity, deliver growth and make the industry fit for purpose.

Contributes almost 10% of GDP



Employs 1 in 10 of the working population



£3 return for every £1 invested



IMAGE OF CONSTRUCTION

Construction is a diverse sector which offers a huge range of job opportunities: anyone, whatever they want to be, can find a rewarding lifelong career. The industry needs to actively compete to recruit and retain a workforce capable of delivering the wide range of projects required across the UK.

Build UK will focus on inspiring young people and those looking for a change of career to choose construction whilst at the same time motivating the workforce to stay within the industry.

THE INDUSTRY'S SKILLS NEEDS

With an increasing demand for construction projects, it is essential that the industry knows what skills are required and when and where they will be needed. A comprehensive training and qualifications structure capable of delivering the necessary skills together with an integrated relationship between the education system and employers is critical.

Build UK will ensure that the outcome of construction training and qualifications delivered by or on behalf of the industry meets the needs of employers and that sufficient employment and apprenticeship opportunities are available to maintain a skilled and professional workforce.

EFFECTIVE PRE-QUALIFICATION

Clients and contractors require assurance that the construction supply chain on their projects is competent. Companies also need to provide information in order to operate effectively. The industry needs to establish an efficient and effective means of fulfilling these requirements which will release valuable resources to improve productivity and output.

Build UK will develop and implement a solution to the current bureaucratic and repetitive process of pre-qualification that meets the needs of clients and other stakeholders and is beneficial to the construction supply chain.



HEALTH AND SAFETY PERFORMANCE

Continuously improving the management of safety and the impact of its activities on workers' health is essential for any world class industry. A consistent approach to recognised standards across construction will enhance performance, facilitate a more efficient use of resources, and allow the industry to focus on eliminating, reducing and managing risks at all stages of a project.

Build UK will identify where common standards would significantly improve health and safety performance and it will take the opportunity to address some long-standing customs to eliminate waste and demonstrate the value of sharing best practice in reducing accidents and ill health.



FAIR PAYMENT PRACTICES

Fair and transparent payment practices are essential for a successful construction industry with a strong and sustainable supply chain capable of meeting its clients' needs. Determining appropriate business models that deliver outstanding performance and productivity will enable businesses of all sizes to confidently deliver an excellent level of service each and every time and will result in first-class projects.

Build UK will bring together the contracting supply chain to consider what best payment practice in construction looks like and present appropriate business models that will result in a thriving construction industry capable of delivering the necessary infrastructure and built environment across the UK.



OUR VISION

One organisation bringing together **Main and Specialist Contractors, providing a strong collective voice from the contracting supply chain, offering influential and dynamic leadership, and creating the conditions for supply chains to thrive.**

OUR MISSION

Build UK will:

- ▶ Provide **leadership** for a vibrant and diverse industry
- ▶ Demonstrate the **importance of construction** to the UK
- ▶ Improve the **image** of the industry
- ▶ Enable the **right skills** in the right place at the right time
- ▶ Facilitate **collaboration** within the supply chain
- ▶ Develop and implement **best practice**



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