

## ASTON UNIVERSITY

### > SIGNIFICANT SUMS . . .

Aston University serves over 7,500 undergraduate and 2,500 postgraduate students annually.

Spending an average of £2 million on construction services every year, Aston operates a significant estate of teaching and research facilities as well as student accommodation.

### > ADDING VALUE . . .

With substantial amounts of new build and maintenance work to manage, Aston University adopted Constructionline as part of their process to assess potential Suppliers.

Aston's Estates Purchasing Officer, Peter Frazier explains: "It gives us confidence about the quality of firms that we work with as well as speeding up our procurement processes, saving us time and money as a result."

Peter soon found that Constructionline's realtime monitoring tools could provide them with instant notifications of the status of their framework contractors which meant they no longer had to chase them for updates on certifications or their financial performance. However, when Aston needed to advertise tenders above the EU's OJEU threshold under the Restricted procedure, it found it was still stuck with a time-consuming pre-qualification system.

"We explained the issue to our Client Relationship manager," explains Peter, "who said that Constructionline was offering an OJEU service which could help us save enormous amounts of time preparing questions and evaluating the responses."

Constructionline provided Aston University with a process that saved time and resource whilst still complying with OJEU regulations, by simply using its own PQQ as a template.

Suppliers registered with the system needed only to submit their Constructionline registration number, while those that aren't registered are assessed by the service's pre-qualification specialists.

"By using Constructionline we've benefited and so have the contractors that are already on the system", says Peter.



### // COMPANY PROFILE

**Areas of operation:**  
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**Type of work:**  
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