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Case History - The University of Glasgow

An ancient and lasting pedigree

The University of Glasgow is one of the oldest English language universities in the world and consistently ranks among the best higher education institutions internationally.

Over 23,000 students and 5,000 staff attend the University each year and it continually invests in improving and expanding its teaching facilities.

Applying the filter

In 2010, the University prepared to invite contractors to tender for the construction of a new £9 million Translation and Resource Centre. However, Glasgow's projects team - led by Martin Munro – knew that they would soon be deluged with submissions, all of which would need to be processed one-by-one, before scoring could take place.

“Creating an OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) Notice for a project of this size inevitably attracts a great deal of interest from a wide-range of contractors, and so it had the potential to drown us in administrative work, grinding our selection process to a halt before it had even begun,” said Martin.

The University turned to Constructionline for help.

How did Constructionline help?

Martin added, “We understood that Constructionline’s minimum standards were sufficiently robust enough to act as a filter through which only those submissions that had any real possibility of success could pass.”

Glasgow were able to use the Constructionline pre-qualification questionnaire as its own and use the service as an essential vetting stage for the scores of expressions of interest which arrived.

In addition, Constructionline was also able to select only those contractors which met the University’s other mandatory criteria which included membership of a Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) health & safety accreditation scheme, adequate insurances and client references.

Since Constructionline completed its OJEU work, the University has also used the service to help it tender for work on smaller jobs and maintenance projects.

“Constructionline helped us to save an enormous amount of time and this means our projects can be delivered quicker and at a lower cost than if we had to manage an unwieldy procurement process ourselves,” Martin said.



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Company Profile

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New build

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