

STREETSCENE STOCKPORT

> REDUCING DUPLICATION . . .

In the current climate, reducing costs and increasing efficiency is on top of everyone's agenda, however, construction suppliers are still completing realms of paperwork to apply for just one contract.

Streetscene Stockport, part of the Stockport and Trafford Strategic Alliance Partnership, together with CECA, are addressing the duplication issue in the industry by using Constructionline to streamline their pre-qualification processes.

They were keen to take advantage of all available resources when advertising OJEU contracts and Kevin Melling, Head of Service explains, 'We introduced Constructionline primarily to incorporate a new approach to pre-qualifying suppliers for OJEU notice work. By using Constructionline we maintain our current pre-qualification standards, remove the need to duplicate unnecessarily and ensure all suppliers within our supply chain are pre-qualified'.

> REDUCING COST . . .

When recruiting suppliers, Stockport highlight their required financial boundaries at the advertising stage, so only contractors with the required skill sets and financial capability are invited to tender. The contractor's technical capacity is scored at the PQQ stage and all the details are checked on Constructionline. By doing so, Stockport Streetscene are reducing duplication by not asking their OJEU applicants to provide information already held on Constructionline. Also, registered contractors are able to proceed to the next stage of the process efficiently.

Kevin confirms: 'Tendering costs for the strategic alliance were significantly reduced as a result of implementing the procedures discussed above. Furthermore, as consequence of the work undertaken our own wholly owned operational service, Solutions SK Ltd (formally Stockport Direct Services) have registered on the database as a contractor and are reaping further benefits this way'.

> SAVING RESOURCES . . .

'The time and resources saved, the level of confidence with the data collected on our behalf, and the benefits Constructionline brings by reducing the burden of duplicating data, confirm that we made the right decision in adopting the service' – concludes Kevin.



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Kevin Melling
Head of Service
at Streetscene Stockport