

MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

> DECIDING ON CONSTRUCTIONLINE . . .

In April 2004 Maldon District Council, abandoned the onerous and time consuming task of managing their own in house list of suppliers and instead, adopted the use of Constructionline. The database has now become their first point of procurement for suppliers for all their building projects.

David Rust, Estates and Projects Officer at the council explains their reasons for choosing Constructionline; 'We decided to look at systems that were coming to the market, and Constructionline, having the backing of the former DTI and also being used by other local authorities and housing societies, appeared to be the most logical choice'.

> INCORPORATING CONSTRUCTIONLINE . . .

Maldon District Council have specified Constructionline as the first point of procurement for construction related projects, using the system for sourcing contractors and building professionals, and for clarification of individual supplier details.

The reasons for using Constructionline are simple as far as David Rust is concerned, 'The old way of drawing up long lists of contractors for tenders was time consuming and expensive. With the use of Constructionline, there is a considerable amount of time saved in the processes this normally entails'. The use of Constructionline has also led the council to appoint contractors they had not previously worked with, giving other local firms the opportunity to work for the council.

> SAVING RESOURCES . . .

As a relatively small authority in Essex, Maldon District Council have an average procurement spend of £600K per year. Despite this, they are still issuing, on average, one tender every two months.

David Rust explains, 'As our Financial Regulations stipulate that contracts under £50k do not require expressions of interest, we now save considerable time with this process. We also save resources searching for contractors and consultants, analysing documentation as well as the cost of placing tender adverts'.

'Our Client Relationship Manager is always courteous and will give advice either over the phone or visit our offices personally', explains David, 'I wouldn't hesitate in recommending the system to other procurers'.



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