

## WEST LoTHIAN COUNCIL

### > SIMPLIFIED PRE-QUALIFICATION . . .

The Constructionline database has become an integral part of West Lothian's procurement procedure, and has fully replaced the old way of maintaining in-house 'Standing Lists of Suppliers'. This has simplified the procurement processes and provided a substantial saving in procedures for the council.

West Lothian Council's contract officer, David Jones, explains, 'The service that Constructionline provide incorporates our own pre-qualification procedures, with the added benefit of significant financial and resources advantages.'

### > WORKING WITH CONSTRUCTIONLINE . . .

West Lothian Council joined Constructionline in July 2000, and have been using the system for sourcing all of their construction suppliers ever since. David Jones adds, 'All of West Lothian Council's standing orders state that all contractors and consultants should be Constructionline pre-qualified before tendering if they are to be considered'.

The use of Constructionline has also resulted in the council using contractors that were previously unknown to them, ranging from small local one-man-band to larger organisations. 'On the whole, this has been a successful venture'.

### > SAVING RESOURCES . . .

West Lothian Council has an average procurement spend of £22 million per year. Despite the relatively high construction spend, the council has to meet the efficiency targets set by the Government, and the use of Constructionline helps achieve this.

David Jones, explains, 'Using Constructionline means that the council doesn't need to maintain its own 'Standing Lists of Contractors'. This provides a substantial saving in procedures for the council.'

The experience of using Constructionline has been very positive for West Lothian Council. The system has managed to meet and rise above their expectations and answer their procurement requirements with minimum disadvantages.

'The Constructionline team have always been extremely helpful in all aspects of client relations, providing us with an excellent service. I have no doubt in recommending the system', concludes David Jones.



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