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OLYMPIC GAMES 2012 **CONSTRUCTION** COMMITMENTS

SEC Group sees the Olympic Games 2012 as a unique catalyst for improving the industry. The event offers the opportunity to showcase the very best of Britain. The construction industry expects to make an outstanding contribution that delivers sustainable, exemplary projects with long term benefits for the local community and the nation.

To meet these challenges the Strategic Forum for Construction's 2012 Task Group in conjunction with the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and the Department of Trade and Industry has produced **'2012 CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS'**.

This set of groundbreaking commitments covers six key areas of the construction process and is designed to promote collaborative working and ensure the successful delivery of the Games infrastructure, buildings and subsequent legacy. Areas covered include:

- ***Client leadership;***
- ***Procurement and Integration;***
- ***Design;***
- ***Sustainability;***
- ***Commitment to People;***
- ***Health and Safety.***

There is specific reference to 'fair payment practices, such as payment periods of 30 days, no unfair withholding of **retentions, project bank**



accounts, where practicable and cost effective, and will include mechanisms to encourage defects free construction. The duties of each project team member will be identified and shared at the outset of the project and appropriate insurance policies, such as **project insurance**, put in place'.

The 'Commitments' document is unique in terms of the scope of partnership and collaborative working between industry and Government. The 'Commitments' should reinforce and underpin the Olympic Delivery Authority's procurement policies.

At its launch the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport - Tessa Jowell MP pledged " to make best practice standards obligatory on Olympic and other public sector contracts. We are determined to ensure that we have in place the structures to make Olympics 2012 the best games ever, delivered to the highest standards in design, health and safety and sustainability. By working together with the industry, I am convinced that we can build inspirational venues for 2012."

The full '2012 Construction Commitments' document can be found at www.strategicforum.org.uk.

Olympic Delivery Authority Procurement Policy Consultation Exercise

Subsequently the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) has published its draft Procurement Policy for public consultation. It confirms that the ODA subscribes to and will adopt the general principles in '2012 Construction Commitments'.

The Procurement Policy has been prepared using best industry practice and public procurement principles, as codified by the Office of Government Commerce and tailored to meet the specific needs of the ODA. It is structured to assist the ODA to comply with the Public Contracting Regulations and the requirements of OGC Gateway™ Reviews which will be undertaken at key stages throughout the programme.

The Procurement Policy is **open to public consultation until the 2 October 2006**, after which it will be revised and re-issued.

The ODA has invited comments on the draft policy. This can be viewed on their Website under 'ODA Procurement Policy Consultation'

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