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South West Wales
Regional Contractors Framework

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Supplier Briefing Event

Parc Y Scarlets, Llanelli, Wednesday 10th April 2024

Exhibitors Attending

Business Wales provides information, advice, and guidance you need to sustain and grow your business. There is a range of support on offer including access to information, workshops, online, telephone, and virtual face-to-face advice, as well as specialist support including –

- Business planning and productivity
- Financial management
- Sustainability
- International trade
- HR
- Tendering
- High Growth Relationship Management
- HR/Skills/Mentoring
- Sustainability/Decarbonisation

Business Wales Tendering - If your business is a small or medium-sized enterprise SME (employing up to 250) and wants to improve its chances of winning public and private sector contracts, Business Wales - Tendering may be able to help.

We can:

- explain how the public sector buying system works.
- help you better understand what major buyers are looking for in a supplier.
- offer 1-2-1 support and advice on developing tenders for specific contracts or frameworks.
- help you understand how to work in collaboration with other small and medium sized businesses to bid for larger contracts.
- help guide you through the electronic tendering systems being used by the public sector buying organisations in Wales.
- help get you started on sell2wales.gov.wales the site where the majority of the Welsh public sector advertise their business.

Business Wales - Tendering is free to all SMEs in Wales.

[Homepage](#) | [Business Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

For more information, call 03000 6 03000.

Careers Wales provides a range of free services to employers in Wales and can provide support for recruitment, redundancies, and can help you work with schools in your area.

[Working with schools](#)

Supported by Careers Wales you could make a real difference to the lives of young people, whilst benefiting your business.

[Redundancy support for employers](#)

Find out about the free support we offer to those under threat of redundancy.

[ReAct+ support](#)

Find out about the ReAct+ package to support you with recruitment. This link goes to the Business Wales website.

[Employing young people](#)

Learn about regulations for employing young people including hours of work, age and pay.

[Apprenticeships - information for employers](#)

Find out about funding for apprenticeships in Wales and how to advertise vacancies.

[Employing disabled people](#)

Disabled People's Employment Champions, employed by the Welsh Government, provide a practical guide to employers across Wales on employing disabled people.

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/employers>

Carmarthenshire Communities for Work Plus supports individuals to access employment and training opportunities. The main priority of the programme is to reduce the number of individuals that are unemployed through offering personalised support, creating opportunities that will upskill individuals through basic skills and vocational training support, work tasters, placements, and support to achieve sustainable training and jobs.

Contact details are Communities for Work Plus

Email: c4wplus@carmarthenshire.gov.uk, or

Telephone: 01554 744303

Carmarthenshire County Council Economic Development Team will be on hand to provide information about their ongoing commitment to economic development and supporting businesses Carmarthenshire County council, with the provision of the following grants funded by the UK Governments Shared Prosperity Fund.

Both grants aim to strengthen local entrepreneurial ecosystems and support businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow, and innovate, including through local networks.

Start-up Grant

The Start Up Fund is to support the creation of new businesses in the county, resulting directly in the creation of jobs, therefore improving the local economy.

The Fund will be a business grant scheme, which will include support towards capital expenditure projects and specialist revenue expenditure (not including ongoing running costs), where new jobs are a created and/or safeguarded because of the financial support.

Growth Grants

The grant will support local businesses and Inward investors to grow, prosper and be sustainable. Resulting in the creation or safeguarding of jobs throughout the County, therefore improving the local economy. Whilst priority will be given to the creation of new jobs, it is acknowledged that the safeguarding of jobs under the current economic climate is also extremely important and will be considered accordingly on a case-by-case basis.

The Business Engagement Project is an initiative dedicated to fostering collaboration and growth among businesses based in Carmarthenshire. Our goal is to strengthen our local business community. We aim to empower businesses of all sizes through a range of support including: -

- Business Launchpad Bursary
- Upcoming Workshops
- Access public sector contracts
- Specialist one-to-one support
- Networking
- Simplifying Funding
- Tell us what you want
- Support Partners

Constructing Excellence Wales (CEW) is the united voice of the Welsh built environment sector, representing each part of its supply chain. We work with all different elements of construction with both large and small organisations in the public and private sectors to help the industry to improve its performance to deliver better quality and value for money to its clients and end users.

CITB is the industry training board for the construction sector in England, Scotland, and Wales. It's our job to help the construction industry attract talent and to support skills development, to build a better Britain. Our purpose is Support the construction industry to have a skilled, competent and inclusive workforce, now and in the future. What we do:

- Inform and enable the right people into construction
- Develop a training and skills system to meet future needs
- Support the industry to train and develop its workforce

Website: www.citb.co.uk

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Community Benefits / Social Value expert representatives from the regional Local Authorities will be on hand to discuss the community benefit and social value requirements of the new framework and outline the support available to the sector in achieving and monitoring meaningful targets.

Cyfle Building Skills Shared Apprenticeship Scheme provides a service which supports young adults into sustainable employment within the construction industry. This will help young people further their careers and their chances of gaining employment. They will have the opportunity to gain apprenticeships and achieve qualifications at level 2, 3 & into higher apprenticeships at level 4/5.

Cyfle Building Skills Employs Shared Apprentices in the following trades:

Bricklaying, Plastering, Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, Painting & Decorating, Maintenance/Multi-Skilling, Technical.

The Shared Apprenticeship Scheme allows apprentices to complete a full apprenticeship program by working with a number of different employers, to gain the skill sets they require to become qualified.

[Shared Apprentice Scheme - Cyfle Building](#)

Onsite Hub for the Construction Industry Cyfle Building Skills, on behalf of the Region, launched an innovative new programme in 2021 that offers 1,600 fully funded onsite work placements within the construction industry over the next four years.

Funded by the Construction Industry Training Board's (CITB) Onsite Experience Commission, the programme is designed to help tackle the skills gap within the construction industry and will allow Cyfle to develop the first construction Training Hub in South West Wales across the five Local Authority areas within the Region.

The programme offers Construction Opportunities to 1,600 individuals including Onsite experience placements and associated training, and reskilling opportunities. A mentoring programme has also been designed to help individuals take the next step into a career in construction, ensuring they benefit from the Onsite Experience, which will also support the programme.

The programme is open to individuals of any age who are considering a career in construction either as a first job or by retraining from a different profession. It will look to promote social mobility and provide opportunities to those under-represented within the industry, as well as those not currently in education, employment or training (NEET).

[Onsite Hub - Cyfle Building](#)

Carmarthenshire Construction Training Association Limited (CCTAL) is a training association established in Carmarthenshire in association with a diverse and dynamic range of construction companies and local training providers.

The voluntary partnership aims to offer a mutual support infrastructure to member organisations and provides a support structure for the training and development needs of its association members, as well as opportunities, training and advice for apprentices and trainees within the construction industry across the Carmarthenshire region.

CCTAL works closely with local colleges and training providers to identify training needs within the industry, and where possible, endorse the achievement of recognised qualifications to training for future generations.

<https://www.cctal.co.uk/>

Swansea Bay City Deal is an investment of up to £1.3 billion in a portfolio of major projects and programmes across the Swansea Bay City Region, which is being funded by the UK Government, Welsh Government, public sector and the private sector. Over the 15-year lifespan of the portfolio, the City Deal will boost the regional economy by at least £1.8 billion, while generating over 9,000 jobs.

The Swansea Bay City Deal is being led by the four regional local authorities - Carmarthenshire Council, Swansea Council, Neath Port Talbot Council and Pembrokeshire Council - together with the Swansea Bay University and Hywel Dda University Health Boards, Swansea University, the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, and private sector partners.

[Home | Swansea Bay City Deal](#)
citydeal@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

University of Wales Trinity Saint David's Construction Wales Innovation Centre (CWIC) has been funded to offer a new training programme which we've called Construct Net Zero Cymru (CNZC). CNZC is made of two distinctive projects that will focus on broadening our understanding of the green agenda as well as develop practical training skills.

Not Business As Usual is a practical approach to promoting a greater awareness of the principles and techniques used in the design, construction, and maintenance of a variety of low-carbon construction methods, with a particular focus on the building fabric. Training will be offered to participants from Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.

Efficiency Without Compromise is a Passivhaus training project that will create a greater awareness of the principles and techniques used in the design, construction, and maintenance of a variety of existing schemes in Carmarthenshire.

<https://cwic.wales/construct-net-zero-cymru/>