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# **GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION WORKS CONTRACTS: FAIR PAYMENT AND SOCIAL CLAUSES INFORMATION**

## **REPORT No. 1**

(FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2014 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2014)

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1. This report summarises fair payment and social clause information received from the construction Centres of Procurement Expertise (CoPEs). It is the first in a series of quarterly reports and covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. The information contained within this report relates to construction works contracts which have a value greater than £30k, and which were awarded during this reporting period.
2. The data currently collected falls under the following main headings:
  - a. **General Contract Information:** Returns for this quarter indicate that a total of 313 government construction works contracts were awarded with a combined value of £383 million.
  - b. **Tender Information:** Returns for this quarter indicate that:
    - i. one tender had been excluded due to insolvency;
    - ii. no tenders had been excluded due to unsatisfactory performance; and
    - iii. no abnormally low tenders had been received.
  - c. **Fair Payment:** Returns for this quarter indicate that:
    - i. 145 subcontractor payments had been made; and
    - ii. none of the 25 subcontractor payments validated were found to have irregularities.
  - d. **Sustainability (Social Clauses)**<sup>1</sup>: Returns for this quarter indicated that contracts awarded during the period included:
    - i. 2949 weeks of training;
    - ii. 308 weeks of student placements;
    - iii. 8733 weeks of employment opportunities; and
    - iv. 123 contracts with apprenticeship targets.
3. Full detailed information is included in the attached Annex.

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<sup>1</sup> These figures do not include social clause data for the Education and Library Boards.

## TENDER INFORMATION

Number of Contractors excluded due to...	
...Insolvency, etc:	1
...Unsatisfactory Performance:	0
...Abnormally Low Tender:	0
<b>Total Number of Contracts:</b>	<b>313</b>
<b>Total Value of Contracts:</b>	<b>£382,901,223</b>

## FAIR PAYMENT PRACTICES

Fair Payment Charter: No. Of Contracts...	
...required to sign up:	246
...actually signed up:	241
with 'significant' subcontracts:	213
...requirement for SMP <sup>2</sup> Reports:	149
...relevant subcontractor payments:	145
...payments validated:	25
...% of payments validated:	17%
...validated payments with irregularities:	0
<b>Total Number of Contracts:</b>	<b>313</b>
<b>Total Value of Contracts:</b>	<b>£382,901,223</b>

<sup>2</sup> SMP: Subcontractor Monthly Reports

## SOCIAL CLAUSES

Social Clauses:	
...No. Of Contracts with <b>Training Opportunities (DEL)</b> target:	79
...total <b>Training Opportunities (DEL)</b> target (weeks):	2949
... <b>Training Opportunities (DEL)</b> provided to date (weeks):	308
...No. Of Contracts with <b>Student Placements</b> target:	14
...total <b>Student Placements</b> target (weeks):	308
... <b>Student Placements</b> provided to date (weeks):	33
...No. Of Contracts with <b>Work Exp/Employment Opps for Unemployed</b> target:	85
...total <b>Work Exp/Employment Opps for Unemployed</b> target (weeks):	8733
... <b>Work Exp/Employment Opps for Unemployed</b> provided to date (weeks):	276
...No. Of Contracts with <b>Apprenticeships</b> target:	123
...No. Of Contracts with <b>Apprenticeships</b> target achieved:	93
<b>Total Number of Contracts:</b>	<b>313</b>
<b>Total Value of Contracts:</b>	<b>£382,901,223</b>