# A-Plant appoints Fleet Source for nationwide driver CPC training

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Letchworth, August 21st 2017 – Fleet Source (http://www.fleetsource.co.uk/), a leading provider of unrivalled training for the road transport industry, has been chosen by A-Plant to be their main provider for driver CPC training.

A-Plant (https://www.aplant.com/) is the UK's largest plant, tool and equipment hire company, hiring a vast range of non-operated equipment, from power tools, cement mixers and accommodation units to excavators, compressors, scissor lifts and other types of equipment for industry and construction.

THE CHALLENGE:
A-Plant is a FORS (https://www.fors-online.org.uk/cms/) Gold accredited operator and to remain compliant, they have specific driver training requirements, including their drivers being required to undertake Vulnerable Road User Awareness training such as Safe Urban Driving (http://www.fleetsource.co.uk/safe-urban-driving/safe-urban-driving-home/). As well as undertaking mandatory driver training at their dedicated driver training facility at Chesterfield, A-Plant also invests heavily in their staff's continual professional development to ensure everyone is working to their full potential and always improving their skills.

After analysing their transport systems, A-Plant identified areas (e.g. accidents, MPG, fuel consumption, tacho infringements etc.) that they felt further training could be of benefit to both employees and the company - and from this decided what additional courses they needed to implement.

A-Plant required a training provider that could deliver leading edge driver training courses, that cut to the heart of the issue and whose content was engaging, interactive and dynamic, to be able to keep the drivers attention throughout the courses.

Another key requirement was that the course instructors needed to have extensive transport experience, in order to build trust and confidence with the drivers, ensuring the training was as effective as possible. Due to the scale of A-Plant's business, they also needed a training provider that could deliver the training on a national scale.

THE SOLUTION:
Following consultation with Fleet Source, A-Plant appointed Fleet Source as their primary training delivery partner for a number of reasons:

• Their experience in working with clients with large fleets and their ability to deliver large scale training programs nationally

• Helpful, friendly and professional staff who go above and beyond to make driver training painless for them with the amount of complexities involved.

• The ability to hold and deliver training sessions at A-Plant's locations across the country, ensuring minimal downtime for drivers and reduced travel costs.

• They ensure all logistical planning is taken care of, including the set-up of the training room and location, a trainer for the course and all equipment necessary (such as bikes, safety equipment etc).
• Their vast range of courses they can deliver to meet their requirements beyond what other training providers can deliver.

• Flexible to their needs – the ability to book training when required, for varied numbers of drivers at different depots with a fast turnaround.

“After a successful meeting with Fleet Source, we knew that they were the right provider to manage our driver training in-line with our long term projects and help us achieve our training goals. They were professional, helpful and met all of our training needs, so they were the ideal provider to deliver such a vast training program,“ said Shaun Winstanley, Director of Transport Services at A-Plant.

Rebecca Guest, FORS administrator at A-Plant said “The booking process was very simple – we decided what courses to book, contacted our dedicated Fleet Source Client Relationship Manager to find out available dates in which they could send a trainer to our sites and then we confirmed. It really was that easy.“

THE TRAINING:
“I have personally previously been on a Fleet Source course and I found it informative, interactive and extremely well delivered. I have also heard similar positive comments from other staff,“ said Rebecca.

“I have been in contact with Fleet Source for booking training for over a year now and I find them helpful, friendly and professional. We are contacted regularly by their team to make sure everything is going well with their service and to ensure they are meeting all of our requirements,“ Rebecca added.

“I would highly recommend Fleet Source’s training - they have a varied and diverse range of courses, are reliable, always provide a proficient level or service throughout the entire process and are flexible to meet our needs. Plus being the largest provider of Vulnerable Road User training (Safe Urban Driving) in the UK, I had no doubt that they could meet our specific challenges” Rebecca concluded.

Fleet Source has provided over 1,400 A-Plant drivers in 36 locations across the UK with DCPC training since 2016.

“Fleet Source has many years of training experience and we understand that driver training isn‘t a part of our customers‘ every day business,“ said Nick Caesari, Managing Director at Fleet Source. “We therefore build and deliver bespoke training packages to fit our customers‘ needs, and make it easier for them to continue with their day to day business.“

“Our experienced instructors ensure that the attendees are fully engaged in their particular training, that they are learning how to improve their driving skills and to also enjoy the overall training experience,“ Nick added.

To find out about Fleet Source training courses, please visit http://www.fleetsource.co.uk/ (http://www.fleetsource.co.uk/)

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About Fleet Source

Established in 2012, Fleet Source was developed as a concept to deliver something that at the time wasn't available in the sector: services, products and training that were simple, effective and could be applied to any road transport fleet.

Fleet Source is now one of the top ten DCPC providers in the UK (based JAUPT data of volume of courses uploaded in 2016) and delivers an extensive range of DCPC courses to various industry categories. The company has built an enviable reputation on the quality of its courses, its training delivery and course development expertise and delivers whole fleet training to some the UK's largest fleet operators, particularly in the construction sector.

Fleet Source is also Transport for London's primary contractor for the delivery of their funded driver training programs and is now the largest training provider of Approved Vulnerable Road User ("VRU") training in the UK, with over 30 dedicated VRU training sites throughout the UK.

Fleet Source is also part of the FORS (Fleet Operators Recognition Scheme) Community Partnership and is the accreditation body for the FORS scheme delivering over 4000 FORS Audits per annum . As such, Fleet Source has unrivalled understanding of FORS and CLOCS and the requirements of operators in meeting the required best practice standards.

About A-Plant

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A-Plant is proud to be accredited with ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:2007, confirming that we have one of the most robust safety and quality management systems in the industry.

Our fleet of equipment available to hire comprises over 200,000 itemised pieces of plant, tools and equipment. We invest a multi-million-pound figure each year in new equipment and state-of-the-art technology, to ensure A-Plant customers can hire the very latest equipment from world-class manufacturers such as JCB, Hilti and JLG.

We have a workforce totalling more than 3,600 employees, based at locations nationwide, including a support office in Warrington, Cheshire. At A-Plant, we can offer a truly national service, regardless of how specialised or remote a customer's needs may be.

A-Plant forms part of FTSE 100 company Ashtead Group PLC, which also comprises Sunbelt Rentals based in

the USA. Ashtead Group PLC has become firmly established as one of the world's leading equipment outsourcers.

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