

I-Construct Roadshow: building networks and developing opportunities

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The I-Construct Roadshows are a series of 4 unique events taking place across Kent and Essex this autumn with the aim of helping the construction industry and its supply chain within Kent, Essex and East Sussex get greater access to the market, get involved with major projects and develop their business network. The Roadshows will include speakers from Tier 1 contractors discussing the most pressing issues in the sector, representatives from major projects outlining current opportunities for businesses throughout Kent, Essex and East Sussex and public procurement experts speaking about access to public sector contracts.

In addition, I-Construct will be promoting their new supply chain collaboration platform which will help key organisations and businesses develop local and regional supply chains to support the proposed major projects happening across the area. By registering and creating a user profile, members of the platform can conveniently keep up to date with business development opportunities in one place. The platform will also be used by the sponsors of the major projects alongside developers and contractors to build relationships with local suppliers.

Anita Thornberry, Executive Director of the Haven Gateway Partnership says,

“We’re excited about the positive effect our roadshow events will have on SMEs and the supply chain in Kent, Essex and East Sussex. As well as offering an opportunity for face-to-face relationship building, we will be raising awareness of our new supply chain collaboration platform, and I would encourage any business or individual wanting to get involved in major projects in the Kent and Essex areas to attend the free events, sign up to I-Construct, and stay informed.”

The first Roadshow of the series takes place on the 21st of September in Maidstone, with subsequent events held on 28th September in Braintree, 19th October in Orsett, and 9th November in Tunbridge Wells. Interested parties can sign up for the event free of charge on I-Construct’s website:

<https://i-construct.org.uk/>

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