

PDA Urges Accredited Professionals to be Employed On Housing Contracts

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The Painting and Decorating Association (<http://www.paintingdecoratingassociation.co.uk/>) (PDA) is urging the Government to ensure that only painters and decorators accredited to a trade association are used on the new housing projects as part of the Kickstart Housing Delivery Programme.

The Chancellor recently announced new cash as part of the £420 million housing programme in the Budget. The deadline for the bids to be submitted to the Homes and Communities Agency is 8th June.

Paul Marsden, Chief Executive of the PDA (<http://www.paintingdecoratingassociation.co.uk/>) said, "We welcome the new cash funding for social homes but it is important that painting and decorating professionals are used to deliver value for money and high quality finishes inside these new properties.

"It is disappointing that there is still no Government register of approved professionals for public sector contracts to keep out the cowboys and to ensure that the taxpayer receives quality services from painters and decorators.

"The PDA (<http://www.paintingdecoratingassociation.co.uk/>) is urging Government Ministers to intervene and review the specification for these new housing contracts and make sure that only members of reputable trade associations are awarded contracts.

"The concern is that less reputable companies may be employed as part of a bidding war and it will be new tenants who will suffer in the years to come from poor interior finishes, which will cost more money to put right."

Established in 1894, the PDA has 2,300 company members in the UK, which employ around 40,000 professionals.

It is one of the largest trade bodies in the construction and maintenance sector and its members range from sole traders through to large-scale national contractors.

<http://www.paintingdecoratingassociation.co.uk>

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Notes to editors:

The Painting and Decorating Association was established in July 2002, following a merger of the British Decorators' Association and the Painting & Decorating Federation. The British Decorators' Association was originally founded in 1894.

Decorators looking to become members of the PDA are rigorously vetted prior to admission and need to meet set standards in areas including training and experience.

To view the criteria for membership log onto <http://www.paintingdecoratingassociation.co.uk/criteria.asp>

More information on the Kickstart Housing Programme can be found at
http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/kickstart_housing

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