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INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WITH INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY, HIGH-QUALITY AND FAIR WORK

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Online forecast tool launched to support investment and jobs within construction sector

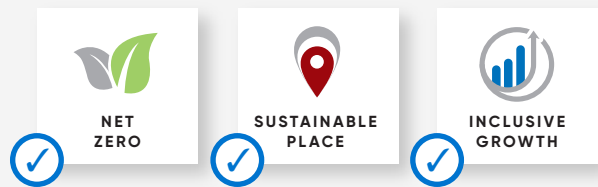


When the Infrastructure Commission for Scotland published its Phase 2 Delivery Findings Report in July 2020, the Commissioners highlighted the need for a robust construction pipeline. And in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in October 2020 the Scottish Construction Leadership Forum echoed the sentiment of the ICS and in its Construction Industry Recovery Plan highlighted the most immediate need to deliver a clear pipeline of construction work.

Through being a key partner in the Scottish Construction Leadership Forum, SFT took responsibility to deliver a Construction Pipeline Forecast Tool. Together with the public sector and representatives from the construction industry, SFT developed the interactive



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website to provide the construction industry with greater clarity and understanding of future public sector construction projects to be delivered across Scotland.

With a current value of just under £8.5bn, the Construction Pipeline Forecast Tool has details of over 1,150 future public sector infrastructure projects and covers many sectors including education, health, housing and flood prevention.

Of the 1,150 project opportunities, approximately 60% are below £2m in value, emphasising the focus on providing opportunities to small and medium-sized enterprises. This will continue to grow as additional contracting authorities join the system going forward and will be updated every six months.

By providing greater transparency on future workload, the pipeline will help businesses plan better and maintain their investment in skills and future training needs. It will also encourage collaboration between public sector organisations through a greater understanding of their respective construction pipelines.

Welcoming news of the pipeline launch, Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, said: "This is a crucial time for business, trade and investment in Scotland and we are pushing forward with an ambitious agenda of recovery and economic transformation. Construction will play a key part in that recovery, delivering critical infrastructure and supporting our important net zero commitments.

"By working together and galvanising the expertise and ingenuity of the construction industry, we can enhance Scotland's economic potential and deliver greater, greener and fairer prosperity.

"This online tool will provide businesses with the pipeline visibility they need to plan investment in skills, labour and materials which will support jobs and business growth. It also delivers new opportunities for small and medium-sized business across the sector by providing visibility of smaller contracts. This key ask from industry has been delivered through the Construction Leadership Forum Recovery Plan – demonstrating how we can work together to deliver the changes the sector needs. This is just the start of an exciting process and I encourage other public bodies to share their data to broaden their market access."