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Project bank accounts

Project bank accounts enable faster payments through the construction supply chain, sometimes as quickly as 5 days from the due date. Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office, has announced that Â£5.2bn of government construction projects are now being paid through project bank accounts.

Construction Workers Compensation Scheme

The Construction Workers Compensation Scheme (TCWCS) was launched on 4 July 2014 to compensate construction workers â€˜blacklistedâ€™ by contractors. The scheme is funded by eight main contractors that used the services of The Consulting Association (TCA), which held records of more than 3,000 people. It is open to applicants until 30 June 2016.

Right to Build

The government is seeking 'vanguard' local authorities to test the new 'Right to Build' for self builders and custom builders.

Structural steel regulation

From 1 July 2014, the harmonised standard, BS EN 1090 Execution of steel structures and aluminium structures, made it an offence to supply fabricated structural steelwork or aluminium to site that does not conform to the standard and carry the CE mark.

Letter of intent

Are letters of intent a necessary expedient, or just a poorly understood alternative to a proper contract? The debate rages on the discussion page. Let us know your views.

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