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Dear David,

CPD/Professional College meeting dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012

I refer you to the three action points highlighted within the minutes of the above mentioned meeting between CPD/Professional College and respond as follows:

Action point 1 - the Professional College recognises the benefits of SSIP accreditation for professional construction advisory service providers and will work with CPD to encourage the registration/accreditation requirement by these providers in line with your notice dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 for construction works contracts,

Action point 2 - the Professional College understands that directors of Constructionline will be meeting imminently with the Northern Ireland Constructionline Advisory Committee and the College will write to CPD after this meeting, and

Action point 3 - the Professional College is supportive of social clauses in professional services contracts and is currently working on a voluntary protocol appropriate for these providers.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Bateson  
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## Notification of Changes to Tender Arrangements for Construction Works Contracts

### Changes to mandatory requirements for participation in tender competitions for works contracts up to £4.3M

In line with [Procurement Guidance Note 05/12](#), the Centres of Procurement Expertise (CoPEs) have agreed, in consultation with the Construction Industry Forum for Northern Ireland, that from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013<sup>Note</sup>, contractors wishing to apply to be short-listed for invitation to tender will need to have the following requirements in place before the closing date for the competition:-

- [1] Be registered with [Constructionline](#), have 'Active' status and have at least the minimum Category Value in one of the Work Categories specified for the procurement;
- [2] Have a health and safety management system, satisfying the requirements of the [Buildsafe-NI Initiative](#), and which has been certified by one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> parties listed on [CPD's Website](#); and
- [3] Have a certificate proving valid registration or accreditation as compliant or approved with a Safety Schemes in Procurement ([SSIP](#)) Forum member scheme to demonstrate conformity against the CDM ACOP Core Criteria for demonstration of competence (stage 1).

Currently a contractor who does not meet the requirements set out above may still be able to qualify for assessment by submitting financial details and H&S details in an addendum(s) to its Pre-Qualification Questionnaire or by submitting a CoPE H&S Certificate. Contractors should note that these current arrangements are transitional and that for all competitions issued after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013<sup>Note</sup> such arrangements will not be available. After that date, only those contractors who meet requirements [1] to [3] above prior to the closing date will be considered.

Further information regarding these changes is available from CPD's Website (<http://www.dfpni.gov.uk/cpd>).

**Note** *The 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 is the last date for introduction of the mandatory requirements. In some cases individual CoPEs have already advised contractors that they will be introducing the mandatory requirements earlier and contractors will need to comply with the particular requirements set out in each competition.*