SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION:
What it means for your business

Sustainability means:
• Financial sustainability for your business;
• Taking care of the people who work for you, and being sympathetic to the people affected by your business;
• Taking care of the environment, including use of natural resources.

Why should your organisation be interested in sustainability?
• Increasingly, demonstrating a commitment to sustainability is required to help secure contracts.
• Using resources more efficiently increases profitability.
• Image and profile in the marketplace is enhanced.
• Sustainability is inevitable.

What can you do?
• Sign up to the Construction Commitments: www.strategicforum.org.uk
• Government wants suggestions on how regulations can be improved. Submit proposals to: www.betterregulation.gov.uk
• Commit to learning more about how your business could benefit by developing sustainability awareness & skills
Sources of information on key aspects of sustainable construction:

**Procurement**

The Office of Government Commerce guidance material:  
www.ogc.gov.uk/ppm_documents_construction.asp

Government’s Common Minimum Standards: http://tinyurl.com/cwg5ro

Construction Clients’ Group best practice guidance:  
http://tinyurl.com/ckttk6

**Design**

Creating Excellent Buildings:  
http://tinyurl.com/dzxpn5

**Innovation**

The Innovation Platform for Low Impact Buildings:  
www.tinyurl.com/4ucnet

The Modern Built Environment Knowledge Transfer Network:  
www.mbektn.co.uk

The National Platform for the Built Environment:  
www.nationalplatform.org.uk

**People (awareness/skills)**

Train to Gain:  
www.traintogain.gov.uk

CITB-ConstructionSkills: www.csskills.org

SummitSkills: www.summitskills.org.uk

Proskills: www.proskills.co.uk

**Climate Change Mitigation**

Act on CO\textsubscript{2} advice line:  
http://campaigns2.direct.gov.uk/actonco2/

Building Regulations:  
www.planningportal.gov.uk

The Carbon Trust:  
www.carbontrust.co.uk

Zero Carbon Hub:  
www.zerocarbonhub.org

**Climate Change Adaptation**

Environment Agency:  
www.environment-agency.gov.uk

UK Climate Impacts Programme:  
www.ukcip.org.uk

**Water**

“Future Water”, the Government’s water strategy:  
www.tinyurl.com/ynk96x

Waterwise:  
www.waterwise.org.uk

**Biodiversity**

Defra information on UK Biodiversity:  
http://tinyurl.com/abohac

**Waste**

Waste & Resources Action Programme, WRAP:  
www.wrap.org.uk

Site Waste Management Plans  
(on www.netregs.com):  
www.tinyurl.com/dxbzcu

**Materials**

Product Roadmaps (Defra):  
http://tinyurl.com/km6yw2

**Further information:**

www.berr.gov.uk/SustainableConstruction

Construction industry Key Performance Indicators:  
http://www.kpizone.com

Business Link is a free business advice and support service:  
www.businesslink.gov.uk

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills  
www.bis.gov.uk

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