

Connaught

Following a successful tendering process Connaught was appointed to provide responsive and planned building maintenance and repairs in schools. Schools are able to spend up to £30,000 without seeking other quotations

In this years Traded Services survey Feedback, Connaught received positive comments throughout the survey in which 57 schools responded scoring *highly satisfactory* with a score of 2.95. Connaught would like to thank schools for their valued feedback.

The dedicated team members for schools are Neil Fox, Partnership Manager; Tim Healy, Project Manager and Leigh Taylor, Project Administrator. All are contactable on Connaught's **FREEPHONE NUMBER 0800 294 1079, dedicated fax number 0113 204 6628 and also their email schoolrepairs@connaught.plc.uk.**

Connaught's team is available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year for all your estimates, emergencies, day-to-day repairs and advice. They can offer a full design service, including drawings, obtain planning applications and designing feasibility studies for SCIP bids.

Connaught are proud to offer a 'one-stop-shop'. All staff are CRB checked, every employee has undertaken many Health & Safety Training Courses, including Asbestos Awareness, Electrical Awareness, Gas Awareness, SMSTS (skills management safety training scheme). Connaught Partnerships Ltd are CHAS registered, ISO 14001 accredited and are qualified to carry out statutory testing, servicing and planned preventative maintenance to meet ALL government guidelines and regulations. Quotations can be supplied. All specialist contractors are registered with SAFE Contractor, which ensures legislation and regulations are complied with rigidly.

Connaught Partnerships Ltd **DOES NOT APPLY MANAGEMENT FEES**, you simply pay for the service you use. All rates have been secured through a competitive procurement process.

Sports Coaches in Schools

Education Leeds has played a fundamental part in setting up a steering group to develop a new coaching system for Leeds. The steering group is made up of representatives from Leeds City Council's Sports Development Unit, Education Leeds, the School Sport Partnerships, Higher Education institutions and West Yorkshire Sport.

The steering group is developing 'Coaching Leeds', a new agency designed as a one stop shop for the recruitment and deployment of coaches to work with schools to deliver your sporting requirements. Coaching Leeds will provide coaching staff of the highest quality and aims to provide a coordinated approach to school sport across Leeds. Coaching Leeds will ensure the safe recruitment and vetting of all coaching staff, establish consistent quality and evaluation procedures and develop coach education opportunities to ensure that coaching staff are of the highest standards for delivery

The Coaching Leeds Project Manager is currently assessing schools' individual requirements for sports coaching and schools should have received a letter requesting this information. If not contact Emma Beith 0113 812 8441 or e-mail e.beith@leedsmet.ac.uk

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Training

There is just one more chance this year for you to attend a briefing session on the new Contract Procedure Rules and that is **Monday, July 12th from 13.30 to 15.30 in the Training room on 8th Floor East, Merrion House.**

The session will be delivered primarily by Philip Robson, Team Leader and Ian Westlake, Trainee Procurement Officer from the Commissioning, Procurement and Business Development Team and Iain Dunn, Category Manager from the Corporate Procurement Unit.

It will cover the details of the revisions to the rules alongside case studies. Also included will be an in depth look at the contracts schools should use, how to access and use them. Finally, we will give an overview of the training that Commissioning, Procurement and Business Development can provide to support you in the implementation of the new Contract Procedure Rules.

If you wish to attend then please contact Sheila Goodwin 0113 2475596 or e-mail sheila.goodwin@educationleeds.co.uk

Trade Waste - AWM

Just to draw your attention to the fact that the trade waste contract pricing schedule for this financial year has been agreed. The contract is currently with AWM. The pricing schedule can be accessed by using the following link: <http://www.leedsadviceforschools.com/bulletin/AWM%20Prices%202010-2011.pdf>

Bogus Selling Techniques.....and yet more scams!

Thanks to the schools in Leeds, West Yorkshire Trading Standards and Hertfordshire Council we have collected several incidents of bogus selling techniques. These include scams around job adverts, supplies for schools, educational materials, electrical testing, repair of potholes and energy installations – all of which can now be seen on the bulletin board on our website.

www.leedsadviceforschools.co.uk

West Yorkshire Trading Standard's advice is '*If your school has been duped into such contracts, please contact your legal department within the Council for further advice and guidance.*'

Copier Paper

Due to various events around the world such as the earthquake in Chile, bad weather conditions in North America and workers strikes in Finland the supply of paper to the UK is reducing and this is consequently increasing the price of paper in the UK.

Schools should be aware that over the coming months the price of paper may rise considerably.

Details of the Leeds City Council arrangement for recycled copier paper, with Antalis, can be found on the Contract Information System <http://cis.leeds.gov.uk/ContractViewPages/ViewContract.aspx?contractID=103762>

MIS Information Day

On 26th March, Education Leeds held a Management Information Systems (MIS) event at Space@Hillcrest.

The event was attended by approximately 80 delegates from over 40 schools. A number of suppliers provided information about their products and services, including Leeds Learning Network, Capita, GroupCall, Connect-Up and Schools ICT Services.

Feedback was good. Delegates made recommendation that future similar events should take place to raise awareness and to showcase solutions to enhance the school infrastructure. For further information, please contact Data Management on 0113 2477165 or by email dms@leedslearning.net

Update on the current procurements in schools

Catering: Royds are still in the tendering process to find a provider; Bankside Primary have started the tendering process to seek a provider for their catering service;

Cleaning: Following a successful tendering process a contract has been awarded to Mitie to carry out the cleaning at Benton Park.

The tendering process is still ongoing at Meadowfields and Chapel Allerton

Grounds Maintenance: Following a successful tendering process contracts have been awarded to Countrywide at Meadowfields and Bedford Mowing were successful at Brighshaw. The tendering process is still ongoing at Otley Prince Henry's

Traded Services Forum

As mentioned in the Spring newsletter, we are always interested in recruiting Headteachers, Bursars, Finance and Premises Managers from schools to the Traded Services Forum. We are particularly interested in recruiting representatives from primary schools. If anyone is interested in joining or would like further information please contact Sheila Goodwin on 0113 2475596 or e-mail sheila.goodwin@educationleeds.co.uk

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder, the mobile phone contract is managed by ICT services and if schools wish to use this contract then the contact is Cath McRobbie on 0113 3862439

Contract Management

Are you having difficulties with poor performance by some of your contractors? We can facilitate meetings with contractors and help with monitoring action plans. Please contact Sheila Goodwin or Ian Westlake on 0113 2475268/2475596 for further information.

Healthy Schools SLA

Schools need to be aware of Healthy School's first Service Level Agreement which is now available on the Commissioning, Procurement and Business Development's website www.leedsadviceforschools.com. This clearly sets out the charges to schools from September 2010.