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Construction Industry Publications publishes definitive DVD guide to CDM 2007

Construction Industry Publications has published a definitive DVD guide aimed at helping the industry cope with changes to the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM 2007). The biggest changes are for clients and for the new dutyholder, the CDM co-ordinator. The contractor community's main changes will be in what they can expect from clients, designers and CDM co-ordinators and clarification on duties to co-operate and to co-ordinate, including worker consultation and engagement.

The key aim of CDM2007, which came into force on 6 April, is to integrate health and safety into the management of the project and to encourage everyone involved to work together.

The changes are designed to ensure that:

- It is easier for duty holders to know what is expected of them and to fit within a range of contractual arrangements
- The focus is on planning and management and not unproductive paperwork
- There is effective team co-operation and co-ordination
- There are clear guidelines on assessing competence

The Construction Confederation's DVD guide - published by Construction Industry Publications (CIP) - includes a pull-out summary chart of what all duty holders should do at different phases of the Project

Shelley Atkinson-Frost Director, Health and Safety at the Construction Confederation and a member of Construction Industry Advisory Committee CDM Working Group said: "This is the definitive guide to CDM 2007. It is aimed at all those who play a part in implementing the regulations both duty holders and workers. "The new CDM regulations focus on effective management of all construction projects from design concept onwards. The key aims of CDM2007 are to integrate health and safety into the management of the project and to encourage everyone involved to work together. They therefore strengthen the need for competency and good communication, co-ordination and co-operation between all duty holders.

“There are many new requirements under CDM 2007 and this guide provides a simple and comprehensive package detailing the rights and responsibilities of all those involved. It is relevant to large and small organisations and includes real life examples of implementing CDM along with industry analysis.

“CDM 2007 seeks to make a step change in the management of construction projects resulting in improved health and safety performance as well as project performance. The information in this guide will assist all of us to make this happen.”

Stephen Williams, Chief Inspector of Construction at the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) said:

“I welcome clear and simple industry produced guidance that compliments the Approved Code of Practice and the suite of guidance published by our own Construction Industry Advisory Committee CDM Guidance Working Group. I therefore support this comprehensive package of information and guidance for all duty holders.

“We should all ensure that the key messages contained in CDM 2007 reach the widest audience in a consistent and meaningful way. Duty holders need to be aware of their responsibilities under the new Regulations and all have an important role to play in promoting the effective communication, co-ordination and co-operation that lies at the heart of the new Regulations.”

The CDM DVD costing £65 (plus VAT) is available from CIP - Tel: 0870 078 4400
Email: sales@cip-books.com Web: www.cip-books.com.

Notes to editors:

1. The Construction Confederation is the main representative organisation for building and civil engineering contractors within the UK construction industry, one of the largest and most diverse sectors within the British economy.
2. The Confederation consists of:
 - a. British Woodworking Federation (BWF)
 - b. Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA)
 - c. Major Contractors Group (MCG)
 - d. National Contractors Federation (NCF)
 - e. National Federation of Builders (NFB)
 - f. Scottish Building
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- 4. CIP has also published specific CDM guidance for principal contractors. Copies of the '*Guidance for Principal Contractor Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM) 2007*' are available from Construction Industry Publications (CIP) priced £20.

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