

CFSW Update, August 2008-

Construction Framework South West activities are on schedule and during the last few weeks two key publicity events have taken place and the Tender Process has commenced.

During July two successful briefing sessions were held for contractors at the Bristol Hilton Hotel and Exeter Racecourse at which the CFSW team explained the background and development of the Framework including key dates and information about the Restricted Tender Process. A colleague from the established Improvement & Efficiency South East (IESE) Framework operating in South East England reported the benefits felt after just two years operation of a regional construction framework.

Consultants were invited to later briefing sessions for background. The feedback from the briefings has been extremely positive and there is clearly a great deal of support among contractors for a region-wide building construction framework in the South West. The presentations can be seen in full on the CFSW website at [www.cfsw.org.uk/contractorbriefing.htm](http://www.cfsw.org.uk/contractorbriefing.htm) as well as questions raised by contractors and the CFSW team's responses.

The Tender Notice for CFSW was posted 21<sup>st</sup> July 2007, on the Devon Tenders website ([www.devontenders.gov.uk](http://www.devontenders.gov.uk)) and we are pleased by the number of Expressions of Interest registered. The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008, and the Pre Qualification Questionnaire is available from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 with a deadline of noon 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Everyone who has registered an Expression of Interest will be electronically notified when the PQQ is issued and any updates about the Framework or the tender submission process will be posted on the CFSW website.