

# Simon Mantle Chair - SSIP

# Aim of the Presentation

- To give an understanding of what SSIP is, what it does and how it works.
- To seek your support or endorsement for the and objectives of SSIP; and
- provide the opportunity to ask questions about the forum.

# Background

- Important we **reduce/remove duplication**; because
- It was getting worse, not better – Why?
  - More bidders, bidding for less work
  - Buyers becoming aware of their responsibilities
- Suppliers accumulating several 3<sup>rd</sup> party H&S accreditations
- PQQ seen or used as a barrier to SME's

# Background

- Government Promised action;
  - HM Treasury – **Glover report** Nov 08 – “Accelerating the SME economic engine”
  - DWP – **Donaghy report** July 09 – “One death is too many”.

# Donaghy – Recommendation 8

- *“There should be **standard agreed bench-marks** to test against the myriad of pre-qualification schemes”*
  - sub-contractors should not have to acquire a host of pre-qualifications
- The **Government should take the lead** on this as a major client in public procurement.

# Background

- The result
  - The development of **SSIP** - a solution demonstrating industry taking charge of its destiny.
  - BIS (Formerly BERR) – **PAS 91** – (A Publically Available Specification) Due September 2010.  
Standardisation in Pre-qualification in Construction.

# The Government accepts this recommendation....

- Changes already made to the CDM Regulations simplified competence assessment and discourages unnecessary bureaucracy.
- HSE has worked with SSIP to ensure accreditation requirements are consistent with the stage 1 core competence criteria
- SSIP has established operating protocols.
  - They have appointed independent auditors to audit each member scheme against these protocols.

# What is SSIP?



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- It is an umbrella organization established to facilitate **mutual recognition** between health and safety pre-qualification schemes (wherever it is practicable to do so).

## What is meant by a “scheme”?

- Any organisation who undertakes a H&S competence assessment using the benchmark standard (CDM 2007 core criteria (stage 1)).

# What are the SSIP main aims?

- To encourage and **facilitate mutual recognition** amongst pre-qualification schemes,
- To help and encourage **buyers to recognise SSIP** as an acceptable industry standard,
- To help buyers and suppliers to achieve value for money through **avoidance of unnecessary duplication** or differing requirements,
- To **provide confidence** in stage 1 competence assessments through a consistent, reliable, and quality-controlled standard of vetting.

# What is assessed?

- CDM core criteria – stage 1 only. (Stage 2 is a buyer responsibility).
  - Arrangements for mutual recognition under SSIP relate only to health and safety competence.
  - SSIP members understand that buyers may have a duty to determine a broader range of criteria than those established by CDM 2007 e.g. management of waste.

# What does SSIP membership entail?

- Independently audited annually.
- There must be robust quality control systems in place. (ISO 9001 is a deemed to satisfy)
- Assessors must be competent and have additional important “soft skills”
- Assessing to the “Benchmark Standard”

# Who are



- The Registered Schemes



# Considering or applying for membership



# Who are SSIP

- Forum Affiliate Members



- Co-opted Members



# SSIP Management Structure

**Chair**

**Vice Chair**

**Forum Management Group (FMG) – Meetings held quarterly**

The 4 Founder Registered Members, 5 Elected Registered Members,  
5 Affiliate Members, the HSE (Co-opted Member) and the Past Chair

**Full SSIP Forum – Meetings held quarterly**

(3 weeks following FMG)

Chair, Vice Chair All Registered, Affiliate and Co-opted Members.

**Business Planning  
Working Group**

**Common Database  
Working group**

**Standards  
Working Group**



# One way recognition



# The future

- Centralised verification database,
- Encourage wider membership
  - Especially in-house “schemes”,
- Promote SSIP to buyers and suppliers,
- Embrace trade association schemes e.g. HVCA,

# The future

- Layout the 3 year “Business Plan” – move SSIP to Ltd by guarantee (Not for Profit),
- Drive down costs by reducing bureaucracy,
- Assessors – move to independently accredited and audited. (IRCA).

Thank You