

Federation of Master Builders support construction training



The Federation of Master Builders improves provision of training for the SME construction sector through CITB-ConstructionSkills NI funding

The Federation of Master Builders (FMB) has provided various training courses specifically for the SME construction sector in Northern Ireland. This training has been supported by CITB-ConstructionSkills NI and funded through their Tier two funding scheme.

The training to date has focused on three main areas which were identified as key for the industry from a Training Needs Analysis completed by the FMB in Northern Ireland.

Green Construction

Firstly companies were given the opportunity to attend a four module workshop on Green Construction. The aim of this workshop was to increase awareness of 'green' construction processes and enable companies to successfully implement the recent changes in building regulations. The course also gave attendees an understanding of renewable technologies and the skills to introduce energy efficiency measures into building practice.

Tendering & Procurement

The second training programme was developed to assist SME construction companies with tendering and procurement. The 2 day programme included an introduction to tendering and procurement principles, the pre-qualification process, submitting tenders and bids and managing the construction contract. It gave attendees the necessary skills to successfully bid for and secure construction work. Estimating & Pricing

And the third set of training focused on estimating and pricing work to assist SME companies better understand pricing and ensure optimum use of resource within their company.

Over 140 companies attended the various training courses throughout the province. Feedback from all courses was positive with a number of companies putting into practice the knowledge gained to enhance their profitability and win work.

Maire Nawaz, FMB NI Director said,

‘Training provided through Tier 2 funding by CITB ConstructionSkills NI is very welcomed by the construction industry and especially those working in the SME sector. Tailoring courses specifically for the SME sector means that the content is relevant. Providing funding has encouraged companies to attend. CITB-ConstructionSkills NI working with industry bodies, such as the FMB, has made training more accessible to the industry. FMB has been very pleased with the numbers attending and positive feedback generated. We hope to run more of this type of training in the years to come.’



Tendering training at GRAHAM Construction.