

Select Committee Commissioning & Procurement Briefing Paper

- Amey/Enterprise is contractually bound to use Kent companies and suppliers to supplement its term maintenance contract. With the exception of occasional specialists we use Kent based companies for all our operations. This includes, for example, traffic management, civil engineering, highway repairs, lighting, drainage and structures projects.
- We also use local suppliers for materials, albeit some are national companies, e.g. Travis Perkins
- Our operational sub-contractors are all procured using the ISO9001 approved process, which ensures proposed suppliers are fully checked and verified to ensure financial, safety and process compliance
- Our sub-contractors are contracted using the NEC framework with appropriate reference to our main contract terms and conditions
- Where typical H&T works are used a schedule of sub-contract rates is used, which link to those agreed as part of the main contract. Annual rate reviews are undertaken.
- As with the main contract, all works are procured on a 'no order – no work' basis. This ensures that the clients requirements are fully understood and can be appropriately permitted
- Our supply chain is treated in the same way as our staff operatives including H&S and quality standards.
- Our suppliers are also measured on the same OPM's as operated in the main contract. These include safety, quality, programme and customer satisfaction measures
- We are committed to specialist local industry too – Royal British Legion Industries supplies most of the road signs we install. We are currently working with the probation service to provide general labour to support both offender rehabilitation and to increase productivity in areas such as clearing of public rights of way.
- We have also introduced a technical review group, which allows any member of our team or supply chain to promote innovation. This process is documented and fully supported by KCC, who sit on the review panel. To date our supply chain has contributed significantly with ideas to improve crash barrier maintenance, pot hole repair, hedge and verge trimming, prevention of gully cover theft and pavement waste recycling. We have implemented or carried out trials on over 90% of all the ideas raised.
- Our supply chain has contributed to our initiatives to promote and improve operational safety. In September 2013 our supply chain attended our annual safety review and several other events to ensure a consistent approach to operator and public safety
- Through our Working Better Together Initiative with KCC we have reviewed process maps and devised pragmatic and workable solutions that deliver value to all major stakeholders.
- We have spent over £54m with our subcontractor supply chain to date on the contract, utilising organisations of various sizes, with the vast majority of these being based within Kent.
- We also carry out monthly audits on our operatives and contractors alike to ensure compliance with HAUC standards of site management and safety.
- We use local companies for operational training and this ensures all aspects of our business is delivered for Kent by Kent workers and suppliers.