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Guidance on how to deal with online bidding is issued by CIC

CIC has issued a briefing note on online bidding, describing the process, listing advantages and disadvantages and giving recommendations about the use of this procurement process. CIC strongly believes that the process of online bidding is contrary to the Latham and Egan principles and goes against the recommendations of the Rethinking Construction and Accelerating Change Reports. However, the briefing note seeks to give guidance to firms regarding this process.

A key recommendation in the briefing note is that if online bidding is to be used, it should be used only for the supply of commodities, and not building design and engineering services or construction services.

The online bidding briefing note has been drafted and agreed by the CIC Online Bidding Response Group, with participation and endorsement from the Specialist Engineering Contractors' Group.

Online Bidding, A CIC Briefing Note can be downloaded free of charge from the CIC website at www.cic.org.uk

Notes to the Editor

CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.

The Online Bidding Response Group was set up in October 2002 and was composed of representatives from CIC Member Organisations and other construction and engineering bodies concerned with online bidding among their members.

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