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CIC invite all to use free online IT Auditing Tool

The Construction Industry Council with the support of the IT Construction Best Practice Programme have developed a **Free** online auditing tool for Construction Consultancy Practices. This tool provides the opportunity for practices to assess their IT strategies and information on how to maximise its potential.

From an extensive consultation period it emerged that Construction Consultancy Practices were not fully benefiting from having a business orientated IT strategy or were even aware of its capabilities. It can maximise value to businesses by increasing profit margins, potentially reducing staff turnover and ensuring practices stay ahead of the market.

The CIC IT Audit Tool has been designed to be eminently user friendly; it comprises of three, short, simple self-assessment questionnaires which enable a review of companies IT usage. Once one or more of the questionnaires are completed a short report suggesting specific recommendations for the next stage of your organisation's IT development is produced. The tool includes a simple-language glossary of IT terms, and case studies showing the positive results a strong IT strategy can achieve.

The Audit Tool will bring value to all construction consultancy practices, but special care has been made to ensure that the Tool is appropriate to the needs of small and medium sized organisations. Through research it was ascertained that SME's find it harder and more costly to implement an IT strategy so the ability of small numbers of staff making use of IT to assist your processes is of extreme importance.

Whether an individual is an IT novice, IT manager, practice manager or office manager, the Tool should meet their requirements.

The tool is accessible for free on the CIC website www.cic.org.uk/itauditool.html. If you would like further information please contact Catherine Moss at cmoss@cic.org.uk.

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