

# MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA FOR FULL MEMBERS

## Criteria

Listed below are the criteria to be satisfied to secure Federation Member status.

- Business address
- Business Status
- Number of years trading (minimum 2 years)
- Details of Directors and Company Secretary / Partner or Proprietor
- Details of all trading offices
- Company Registration Number
- Public Liability Insurance details
- Construction Skills Registration Number
- VAT Registration Number
- CIS Certificate details
- Stakeholder pension scheme
- Numbers of employed – Direct and LOSC
- Evidence of high trading standards via the provision of references from clients, professionals and accountants

Companies awarded Member status will observe the Code of Conduct.

\* Start-up companies applying for Full Member status will be required to satisfy all the criteria listed above within 2 years of gaining membership.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of the Federation will aim consistently to carry out work in accordance with good practice and standards, to maintain a high level of service to clients and to carry on business with integrity. To these ends Members undertake to:-

- 1 Conduct the firm's affairs with integrity in its relations with clients, employees, sub-contractors and the public in general and in compliance with all statutory obligations.
- 2 Observe recognised standards of good tendering practice and contractual procedures.
- 3 Encourage all clients, including those without professional representation, to

use properly costed schedules and standard contracts.

- 4 Use every endeavour within the limits of the contract conditions to:-
  - (a) Complete contracts on time and within costs limits.
  - (b) Fulfil obligations under contracts.
  - (c) Establish that the client understands the contract and the implications of all variations.
  - (d) Provide value for money.
- 5 Carry out work with the minimum of disturbance to the client and the general public.
- 6 Comply with the appropriate standards of safety and health and maintain a safety policy with which all employees are familiar.
- 7 Apply the National Working Rule Agreement where appropriate or maintain standards not less favourable to the employee.
- 8 Act in accordance with good business practice in dealing with other contractors and sub-contractors.
- 9 To maintain at all times public liability and employer's liability insurances.

## **UK CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COMPETITION LAW CODE OF CONDUCT**

Members of the National Federation of Builders will comply with the following terms of the industry's Competition Law Code of Conduct:

- 1 The UK construction industry is committed to compliance with UK and EU competition law.
- 2 The industry understands that the purpose of competition law is to preserve free, fair and efficient competition for the benefit of all companies operating in the industry and their clients.
- 3 The industry agrees at all times to commit to ensuring the highest standards of competition law compliance within the sector by adhering in all of its business practices to the principle of fair competition and to ensure that construction

companies do not engage in conduct which is anti-competitive.

4 Construction companies must:

4.1 not restrain competition amongst themselves through agreements, arrangements or understandings that restrict competition;

4.2 bid for contracts and tenders independently from and without any agreement or arrangement with their competitors; or

4.3 not exchange competitively sensitive information or engage in discussions that may lead to the co-ordination of competitive behaviour and, in particular, must not share information about current or future pricing intentions for tenders, or any element that might affect prices or pricing practices, including the exchange of cover prices.

5 Construction companies understand that co-operation with a competitor is justified only under the exceptions permitted by the competition rules or where they have been expressly required to enter into such arrangements by the client, for example, certain joint ventures and framework agreements, in which case such arrangements will be fully disclosed to the client.

6 The industry understands that each individual construction company is responsible for its own compliance with competition law and that the consequences of breaching competition law are severe including possible penalties, director disqualification, criminal sanctions and damages actions.

6.1 Construction companies will therefore endeavour to:

6.1.1 ensure that competition law compliance will be achieved through implementing effective competition compliance policies and guidelines throughout their businesses; and

6.1.2 promote an understanding of and compliance with competition law throughout their supply chains, including with their sub-contractors.