

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SETS TO MAKE MAJOR SAVINGS FROM LOGISTICS GUIDE

Construction Best Practice Introduces Supply Chain Know-how

A new guide revealing the secrets of logistics in the construction industry is set to improve customer service, increase profits and reduce costs. Premiere consultants The Logistics Business has compiled the guide for the Government funded initiative being run by CBP in a follow up to the Egan Report – ‘Accelerating Change’.

Rick Ballard, consultant at The Logistics Business believes that effective supply chain management could bring significant improvements within the construction industry. “With * £30,000 million of public and private sector spending in the UK, significant potential savings could be enormous.

“Prevalent and used to competitive advantage in most other industrial and commercial sectors, the UK construction industry has still to take advantage of developing logistics know-how and hence has yet to reap the rewards. This introduction helps to explain what is involved and how to go about it.”

The handy A4 brochure explains the initial steps that can be taken in order for companies to achieve good logistics, the benefits it brings and the changes required throughout the organisation and its supply chains.

Effective logistics should keep staff engaged on tasks that are adding value to the end result. Simple examples are receiving all materials clearly labelled, with each load sorted for easy checking, controlled movement to point of use and easy selection by the end user. An extension of these ideas would be for, say, internal components of a room to be pre-sorted and delivered into the space where they will be used.

Taking this a step further, the materials could be prepared to size. A key objective is to reduce the amount of thinking time whilst the job is in progress. Taking a process view, most of the thinking should be done during the planning stages.

Ballard continues, “Good logistics ensures that the right items and resources are in the right place at the right time at the lowest cost and it is about to become a skill that construction companies have to acquire to gain competitive advantage.”

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