

## Equality, Diversity & Inclusions and Skills, Employment and Education

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Meet the Contractor – EWC and MWCC 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 "Equality, diversity and inclusion **is critical to our success.** 

"We need to attract new people to the industry to ensure we have access to the widest possible talent pool, and to do that we need to draw those skills from all parts of society.

"It is important that **HS2** as a company represents the many and varied communities that it will impact."

Mark Thurston, HS2 Ltd CEO



## Our goals and measures of success

Be an exemplar of EDI practice

Most diverse workforce and leadership

Improve participation by underrepresented groups

**Change the infrastructure industry** 

Build an accessible and inclusive railway

Deliver significant improvements compared to other rail services

Change lives within disadvantaged communities

Business, education, training and employment opportunities

Developing EDI practices to improve contracts opportunities



#### What we expect of our supply chain



#### Crowders video

#### **ROOTS ALONG THE ROUTE:**

Impact of HS2 Inclusive Procurement approach on SME's <a href="https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=HS2+EDI">https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=HS2+EDI</a>

Improving your chances of winning HS2 contract:

- Collect & report on diversity data
- Challenge your Tier 1 with innovative approach to EDI
- Show practical commitment and outcomes on EDI
- Establish EDI as continuous improvement, not a tick box



## Equality Monitoring video

#### Get On Board:

What, why equality monitoring is important <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2Mr5g]6b3l">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2Mr5g]6b3l</a>

### Skills, Employment & Education



## **HS2 Strategic goals**



#### **Catalyst for growth**

Be a catalyst for sustained and balanced economic growth across the UK.



#### **Capacity & connectivity**

Add capacity and connectivity as part of a 21st century integrated transport system.



#### Value for money

Deliver value to the UK taxpayer and passenger.



#### Customer experience

Set new standards in customer experience.



Skills & employment Create opportunities for skills and employment.



Health, safety & security standards

Set new standards in health, safety and security in the construction and operation of the railway.



Sustainable & a good neighbour

Create an environmentally sustainable solution and be a good neighbour to local communities.

## Skills, Employment and Education (SEE)

To create sustainable job opportunities for young people, local people and those from diverse groups

To foster and develop talent to create an engaged and highly-skilled workforce for the delivery of HS2

To be an exemplar of equality, diversity and inclusion practice

## The importance of SEE and EDI

Demonstration of how you would deliver SEE outcomes supports your bid Builds the capacity of the supply chain to demonstrate good SEE and EDI performance SEE forecasting and EDI are tools to identify and mitigate potential risks/ impact

SEE and EDI are a solution to infrastructure sector talent and skills gap

SEE and EDI attract new people from diverse groups into the industry Strategic objectives on SEE and wider public interest in jobs and skills creation

# What is needed to demonstrate practical SEE outcomes?

## **SEE output areas**

#### Apprenticeships



#### Worklessness



#### **Education and careers support**



## **SEE Output Examples**



#### Worklessness

Educational and career support

- Apprentice starts
- Existing apprentices

- Workless job starts
- Workless graduate starts

- Support for NCHSR
- Professional status
- Schools engagement
- Placement positions

## Training a new generation

The National College for High Speed Rail will attract new talent and train the existing workforce with over 1,000 graduates a year.



**Birmingham Campus** 



**Doncaster Campus** 

## Improve your chances of winning contracts





Be willing to ask for support



Develop an understanding of SEE & EDI



Be open to recruiting in a different way

#### SEE and EDI are a 'golden thread' Integrated into workforce requirements

- Tier 1 suppliers will provide clear guidance for the supply chain's SEE and EDI requirements including the support that will be available to aide compliance and successful delivery.
- Tender documentation will ask Tier 2 & 3 bidders to demonstrate a clear and firm commitment to SEE and EDI including monitoring and verification data, and how they will obtain the full cooperation of subcontractors and suppliers.

