

Useful regional contacts

Building Research Establishment **Centre for Sustainable Construction** helps you to assess and reduce social, economic and environmental impacts and associated costs, and comply with existing and proposed legislation.

www.bre.co.uk/sustainable/

Constructing Excellence is the new combination of Rethinking Construction and Construction Best Practice. Its aim is to deliver better business improvement services to the UK construction industry for the longer term.

www.constructingexcellence.org.uk

The Eastern region office of **Construction Industry Training Board (CITB)** provides assistance in all aspects of recruiting, training and qualifying the construction workforce, and in techniques and initiatives to support employers to improve their overall performance and competitiveness.

www.citb.org.uk

The **Community Carbon Reduction Project, CRed**, is novel and ambitious and intends to put the East of England at the forefront in addressing the world's greatest environmental challenge - changing climate caused by global warming.

www.cred-uk.org

The **East of England Innovation Relay Centre (EEIRC)** is a leading technology transfer consultancy located at St John's Innovation Centre. Its focus is the transfer of innovative technologies across European borders. EEIRC is supported by the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) and the European Commission.

www.stjohns.co.uk/services.html#RelayCentre

Ecobuilding Website by Norfolk CC. The purpose of the website is to encourage visitors to take a sustainable approach to the construction and management of commercial buildings.

www.ecobuilding.org.uk

Environmental Goods and Services East of England. 2500 companies listed. Full contact details. Descriptions of activities and Specialism. Searchable by broad categories or specific keywords. Find local companies of consultants by postcode or county.

www.ecodirectory.org

Easy Access Environmental Management provides guidance and templates to help construction companies, including SMEs, to understand and implement an effective environmental management system (BS 8555).

www.ciria.org

English Partnerships is the national regeneration agency, supporting high quality sustainable growth across the country. We are a key delivery agency for the urban renaissance and the government's new Sustainable Communities agenda. This means working in partnership to help make England a better place to live.

www.englishpartnerships.co.uk

The **Environmental Performance Improvement Club (EPIC)** is a network established by CIRIA with a number of construction clients and main contractors to offer a flexible series of training workshops and demonstration sites.

www.ciria.org

Go-East, the Government Office for the East of England, brings together into a single operation the varied regional activities of a range of Government departments with the aim of making the Region a better place to live and work.

www.go-east.gov.uk

The **Green Register of Construction Professionals** Norfolk County Council are a local branch of the Register, supplying application forms to local construction professionals, and organise local versions of the induction course, top-up sessions and topical seminars.

www.greenregister.org

Managing Sustainable Companies (MaSC) is a set of self-assessment tools that will help you to gauge your current progress on introducing sustainable business practices into your organisation and to improve your performance.

www.bre.co.uk/masc

National Green Specification is developing a readymade Specification of 6000 Green construction products and methods of construction, 1900 recycled, with product information, issues, design guidance, sustainability checklists, image bank, links, bibliography, etc.

www.greenspec.co.uk

Norfolk County Council has become a Beacon Council for Rethinking Construction.

www.norfolk.gov.uk/beacon

Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) brings together public, private and voluntary sector organisations to deliver practical initiatives to allow local businesses to play part in shaping a better world.

www.pect.net

Sustainable Communities in the East of England is an ODPM initiative to transform our communities and reverse the legacy of decades of under-investment.

www.communities.odpm.gov.uk

Technology East Alerts is the Regional Technology and Innovation Portal for the East of England. Use it to find experts and what organisations offer.

www.technology-east.org.uk

UK Centre for Economic and Environmental Development, supported by DEFRA, EEDA East of England Development Agency and GPP Greater Peterborough Partnership. Founded EnCluster.

www.ukceed.org

Urban Renaissance Strategy for the East of England provides guidance to the activities that affect urban areas, the environment and their communities. This strategy is to be supported by a **Regional Centre of Excellence** for regeneration and renaissance.

www.eeda.org.uk

Whole Life Value Framework. BRE questionnaire for architects interested in Whole Life Performance.

<http://tele.bre.co.uk/forms/WLV.pdf>