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Procuring for Whole Life Value:

how do we effect real change?

Despite numerous reports and considerable effort since 1945 and, more recently, after the excellent reports from Latham (1994), Egan (1998), Wolstenholme (2009) and Farmer (2017) effecting change in the construction industry has proved problematic as a result of a culture of (reckless) lowest first-cost procurement and serial risk-dumping, on the advice of the legal profession, among others. Yet doing it differently is seen by most public (and many private) procurement officers as the biggest risk of all.

Now we have a comprehensive report on the key activity of procurement by Ann Bentley, RLB Global Chair and member of the Construction Leadership Council. *Procuring for Value* was published by the CLC in July as an action plan in support of the Construction Sector Deal.

There have been innovations around procurement in the past, including the NEC contracts, PPC 2000 and the IPInitiatives programme, supported by the Edge. In the future our departure from EU will undoubtedly change procurement practice again, possibly for the better. But right now the Edge sees this report as the game-changer we have been waiting for and invites you to discuss how we might drive real cultural change and reform the expensive and extraordinarily wasteful processes that constitute public procurement today.

Chair: (tbc)

Speakers: Ann Bentley, Chair of RLB, Board Member of CLC and author of the Procuring for value report

Louise Lado-Byrnes, IPInitiatives, Collaboration without barriers

Kevin Murray, Crown Commercial Services

Peter Runacres, Argent and, formerly, a member of the Movement for Innovation Team

Venue: Building Centre, Store Street, London WC1E 7BT

Timing: Debate 6.00 (for 6.30) – 8.00 pm
 Drinks and networking - until 9.00 pm

This event is by invitation only. Please come and contribute to the discussion. To attend please register by each attendee's name on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/edge-debate-85-procuring-for-whole-life-value-tickets-49942156334>

Note: The Procuring for Value report is available from the Construction Leadership Council at: <http://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/news/procuring-for-value/>

