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**NSCC Offers the Solution to Pre-Qualification**

The National Specialist Contractors' Council (NSCC) has announced its support for the Builder's Profile pre-qualification service as the solution to the bureaucracy created by the multitude of paper pre-qualification questionnaires.

At its Annual Lunch on 26 November, which was attended by 150 guests from across the construction industry, NSCC committed to working with the Builder's Profile to provide a green, paperless way for companies to exchange common pre-qualification information. By creating an online profile to send their company information instantly to whoever requests it, Specialist Contractors can save both the time and significant costs currently associated with pre-qualification.

Main contractors and clients also benefit from the Builder's Profile as it delivers the answers to all common pre-qualification questions in a quick and secure way as and when required

NSCC is pleased to be working with the Builder's Profile to offer an industry-wide solution to the duplication that currently exists across the various pre-qualification schemes. Suzannah Nichol, Chief Executive of NSCC, says:

*"After poor payment practices, the most frustrating issue for Specialist Contractors is completing numerous pre-qualification questionnaires which wastes valuable resources that could be used to improve business performance. Over 85% of the questions are not job specific and the fact that they are duplicated by each contractor and client means that NSCC members can find themselves filling in over 100 of these forms each year. We have an opportunity to bring together the many pre-qualification questionnaires within the industry with the completion of one core business profile providing the most commonly requested information."*

NSCC will be formally launching the Builder's Profile to its members with a discounted annual fee in the New Year and will be working with contractors and clients to ensure their pre-qualification requirements are met through the online system.

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Notes to editors:

1. The National Specialist Contractors Council (NSCC) brings together the common aims of 30 specialist trade organisations within the construction industry and is the authoritative voice of 7,000 Specialist Contractors in the UK – [www.nsc.org.uk](http://www.nsc.org.uk).
2. Pre-qualification questionnaires require suppliers to demonstrate that they have the financial and technical capacity to undertake works, as well as appropriate, up to date management systems such as quality assurance; health and safety procedures; environmental policies; and relevant insurances, licences and mandatory qualifications.
3. The Builder's Profile is available in two versions: the Basic service allows the completion of a new profile for each contractor or client free of charge, whereas the Premium version enables the creation of one profile which can be used for all contractors and clients for an annual fee of £275 + VAT (£199 + VAT for NSCC members) – [www.buildersprofile.co.uk](http://www.buildersprofile.co.uk).