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CONIAN: Procurement in Construction



SAFETY
SCHEMES IN
PROCUREMENT
(SSIP) LTD

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SSIP – An introduction



When SSIP was formed in May 2009 it was made up of 3 registered members undertaking Desktop H&S Assessments.



Fast forward almost 10 years and SSIP has 70 members comprising 26 Registered Members, 21 Certification Body Members, 22 Supporter Members and 1 Affiliate Member.



Out of the 65,000 SSIP assessed organisations 51% are micro business (1-9) and 34% are SME (10-49).

Aims and overview of SSIP

SSIP is an umbrella organisation established to facilitate mutual recognition between H&S Assessment Schemes.

SSIP is a not-for-profit organisation.

SSIP has been supported by the HSE since inception (2009) and continues to work collaboratively with the HSE and other key stakeholders

The **strategic aim of SSIP** is to reduce the overall burden and cost of Health & Safety pre-qualification to suppliers and/or buyers.

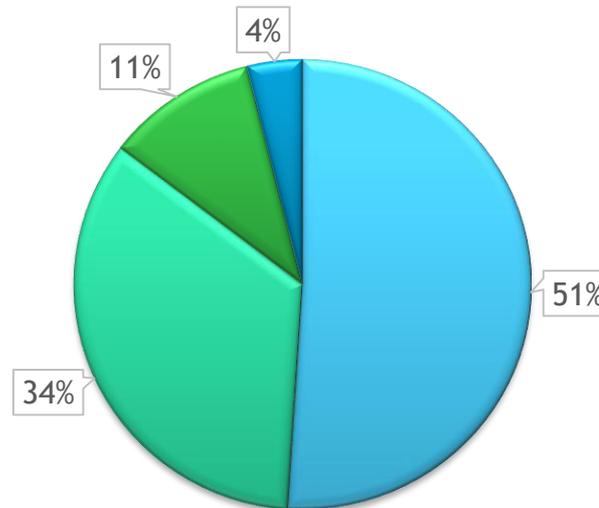
Confidence in theSSIP standard

- ▶ **SSIP supports Procurement in Construction (and beyond) by:**
 - ▶ Assessments are aligned to the SSIP Core Criteria (derived from the CDM 2007 ACOP) and are proportionate to the scope of works and size of the organisation,
 - ▶ All SSIP Assessors hold minimum H&S qualifications supported by appropriate SKE,
 - ▶ Registered Members are audited by SSIP to ensure compliance with our Membership Rules,
 - ▶ Certification Body Members are audited by UKAS as part of their UKAS SSIP Sector Scheme Accreditation.
- ▶ In addition the SSIP Core Criteria is subject to ongoing development to ensure it continues to meet the demands of industry.



Assessment Proportionality

- ▶ Member schemes must be **proportionate** in their assessment process whilst confirming the standards to be achieved have been met.
- ▶ SSIP assessments will take into account the **size** of the organisation and **risks associated** with their scope of work activities.
- ▶ SSIP assessments recognise the reduced documentation requirements for a micro business / SME.



- Micro (0-9)
- SME (10-49)
- Medium (50-249)
- Large (250+ employees)

Mutual Recognition between Schemes

- ▶ A key aspect of SSIP is 'Deemed to Satisfy'
 - ▶ This enables an organisation to only have to undertake one full assessment with any member scheme,
 - ▶ Once approval has been achieved the details will be shown on the SSIP **Portal**,
 - ▶ If a buyer requires a specific scheme the organisation can claim a DtS certificate with any other Registered Member scheme at a reduced fee and without the need to go through another H&S Prequalification assessment
 - ▶ Thus reducing time, effort, cost and bureaucracy

Other Benefits: The SSIP Portal

- ▶ The SSIP Portal is **provided free of charge** to industry, enabling users to simply verify that a supplier holds SSIP member scheme health and safety certification.
- ▶ The SSIP Portal is a 'live' online database detailing over 64,000 suppliers who have successfully completed SSIP member scheme assessments.



Verify an SSIP Certificate

Enter the name as displayed on the certificate provided by the organisation.

Organisation Name

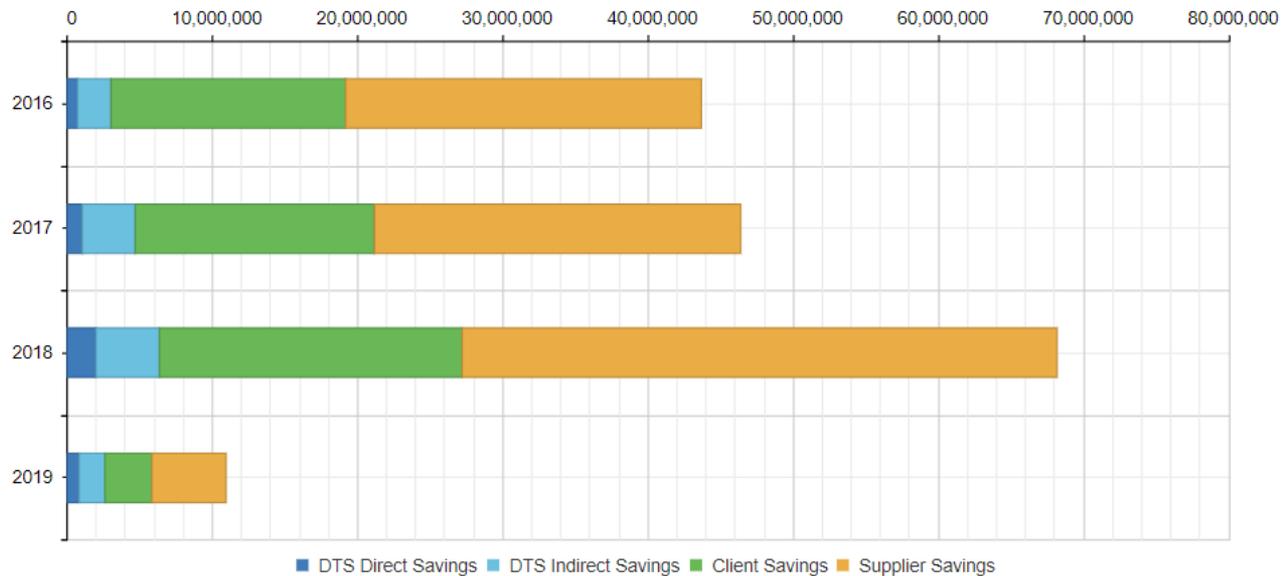
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Validated Savings to Industry

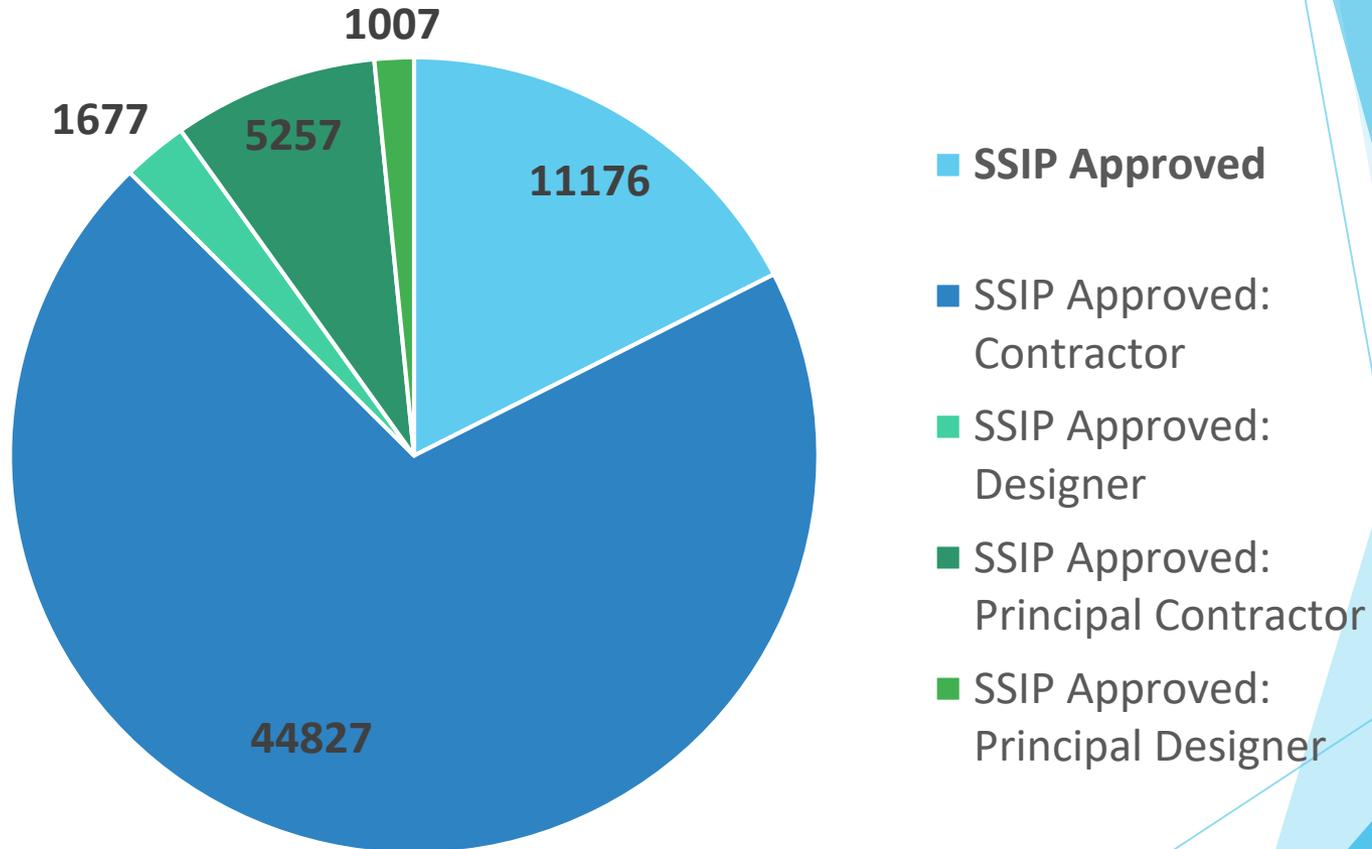


Total Savings
£169,095,050.00

Total DTS
£16,599,575.00

Total Client & Supplier
£152,495,475.00

Beyond Construction: 63,944* SSIP Portal Entries



* Figures valid 03.07.2019

A new Common Assessment Standard...

During 2019, **Build UK, CECA** and industry partners are delivering on an action in the current **Construction Sector Deal**, by introducing a **Common pre-qualification Assessment Standard**.

Aims and overview of the Common Assessment Standard

The Common Assessment Standard has been developed by Build UK/CECA with the support of both member organisations and external bodies

The Common Assessment Standard is *not a new scheme* - it is intended to be the industry-agreed construction prequalification standard for assessment schemes.

Build UK/CECA will eventually take a step back and the Common Assessment Standard will be overseen by an **Industry Oversight Body** that will include even more industry stakeholders

The **strategic aim of the Common Assessment Standard is to do away with the burden and cost of excessive pre-qualification to suppliers and buyers.**

Overview of the Common Assessment Standard

Assessors must meet agreed *criteria* in order to be
Recognised Assessment Bodies

Assessment via any Recognised Assessment Body will be fully
recognised by any other Recognised Assessment Body

In addition to the questions, the Common Assessment
Standard has *question assessment criteria* for both
desktop and site-based audits

The questions cover a range of general, essential pre-
qualification buyer enquiries and are based on the widely
recognised **PAS 91** question set

There are significant exemptions from the questions – e.g. for
micro businesses, helping to deliver **proportionality**

The Common Assessment Standard

The **Common Assessment Standard** *includes* health and safety and it **recognises SSIP member scheme assessment as exemption from the bulk of health and safety questions** (via an SSIP certificate).

The Common Assessment Standard (a further industry development of **PAS 91**) aims to be the **‘one prequalification scheme, many providers’** solution long requested by both buyers and suppliers. The Common Assessment Standard covers:

- Identity
- Financial
- Corporate & Professional Standing
- **Health and Safety (SSIP Assessment + 4 additional questions)** – ‘Section 4’
- Environmental
- Quality
- Equality
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Information Security and GDPR
- Building Information Modelling (BIM)

There are currently 3 Recognised Assessment Bodies: Achilles, Constructionline and CHAS - and more are expected shortly.

There are two types of assessment: **desktop** and **site-based** and it is potentially applicable *beyond construction* (e.g. maintenance, services, utilities)

AM I EXEMPT FROM ANSWERING SECTION 4 OF THE COMMON ASSESSMENT STANDARD IF MY ORGANISATION ALREADY HOLDS A VALID ASSESSMENT WITH AN SSIP MEMBER SCHEME?

Yes! - If you hold a valid assessment/UKAS-accredited ISO 45001 via an SSIP Member Scheme you are **exempt** from answering *44 out of the 48* Health and Safety questions...

The 4 supplementary questions in the H&S section are:

1. Who is responsible for H&S within your company? i.e. name of H&S contact who should be a director of the business.
2. Does all your workforce (including those who are self-employed), who are working on construction sites undertaking a recognised construction occupation, hold CSCS or CSCS partner scheme cards? ***Advisory***
3. Is your company part of any fleet operations/management scheme? ***Advisory***
4. Do you have a drug and alcohol policy? ***Advisory***

SSIP and the CAS offer *complementary industry solutions*

*“We hope the CAS will embrace the excellent work of SSIP which has been achieved by both our members and also the increasing number of organisations who have demonstrated compliance with the SSIP Core Criteria. SSIP will continue to support SMEs and micro businesses to demonstrate compliance with health and safety legislation in a **proportionate, achievable way, as supported by the HSE.**”*

Eleanor Eaton, SSIP Chair, June 2019

*“As the CAS develops, buyers and suppliers will see early and continued benefit from CAS recognition of the health and safety assessment standards **already established by SSIP.** SSIP and the CAS are thus complementary approaches to **saving buyers and suppliers time and money**”*

Paul Reeve, ECA, June 2019