

## Challenges:

One of the initial sustainability challenges faced by ACS Construction Group Ltd was securing engagement from internal stakeholders at a senior level. This was followed by the challenge of obtaining budget approval to support early steps in carbon reduction, particularly in relation to Scope 3 emissions. As tender requirements increasingly incorporated sustainability weighting alongside financial cost, this provided an opportunity to strengthen focus and secure support for sustainability initiatives.

From a procurement perspective, balancing sustainability with commercial pressures remains a key challenge. The construction sector operates on tight margins, and proposing more sustainable solutions with higher upfront costs can be difficult.

Another significant challenge is the complexity of measuring and reporting carbon data. The organisation has faced difficulties due to limited systems for accurately capturing carbon usage, particularly in relation to materials transported to site.

## Impact:

The Supply Chain Sustainability School has helped ACS Construction Group Ltd take a structured approach to sustainability by supporting initial benchmarking of organisational knowledge and capability, followed by the development of a clear Action Plan. This has enabled the organisation to identify gaps highlighted through pre-qualification feedback and focus on relevant assessments to improve sustainability knowledge.

The Action Plan has also supported internal communication, allowing clear direction on priority areas for improvement. Engagement with webinars has been particularly valuable from a procurement perspective, highlighting how long term sustainability strategies can also deliver cost savings, for example through the use of solar powered generators in place of diesel alternatives.

E-learning modules have supported understanding of complex topics such as Scope 3 emissions, helping the organisation build confidence in measuring and managing carbon data.

## Value gained:

Membership of the Supply Chain Sustainability School has significantly increased sustainability knowledge across ACS Construction Group Ltd. This has enabled improved responses to pre-qualification questionnaires, resulting in stronger scores against tender evaluation criteria.

Prior to engagement with the School, there were gaps in key knowledge areas such as fairness, inclusion and respect and modern slavery. Access to the School's resources has helped address these gaps, providing a competitive advantage in tendering.

## Fact box



### Company

ACS Construction Group Ltd

### No of employees

100+

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### Services

Energy infrastructure and commercial buildings

### About

*ACS Construction Group Ltd is a specialist engineering company delivering a wide range of engineering projects.*

With increasing client requirements for solutions such as low carbon concrete, the organisation is now better positioned to meet expectations through knowledge gained from webinars and learning resources.

ACS Construction Group Ltd is also developing a Net Zero Action Plan and has benefited from attending webinars such as practical guidance on Scope 3 emissions, supporting improved understanding of data collection and measurement.

## **Future proofing:**

ACS Construction Group Ltd plans to further align with the Supply Chain Sustainability School by increasing colleague engagement with webinars and learning resources to build sustainability knowledge across the business. Additional practical and locally focused events, particularly tailored to small and medium sized organisations, would further support ongoing development.