

Doing well at school – easy as LABC!

More schools and colleges will be rebuilt or refurbished in the next five years than in the previous 25 years. Such is the Government's determined and ambitious Building Schools for the Future programme, which is aimed at bringing about a better learning future for our children and thereby raising educational attainment

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LABC is already playing a major role in this exciting multi-billion pound programme by delivering cost effective quality

Building Control services through multi-disciplined design and construction teams.

If all the stakeholders – including Government, PfS, (the delivery authority) and the LEA's and LEP's – are to realise their ambitions, and for BSF to achieve its objectives, then success will only be achieved in a spirit of co-operation and partnership which is the very basis of the LABC Partnership Authority Scheme.

The partnership scheme enables any LABC customer to work with their preferred local authority for Building Control approval anywhere in England and Wales.

LABC has always had a very strong and supportive relationship with LEA's, colleges and universities by working closely with their designers and contractors in interpreting educational building standards requirements and helping to deliver projects to a high quality on time and within budget.

It does this by drawing on its significant resources across the UK who are experienced in plan appraisal

and site inspection services for exciting new educational developments. These designs are now required to meet ever-demanding compliance standards in fire safety, sustainability, carbon emissions, acoustic performance, accessibility and last, but not least, excellent design which embraces modern methods of construction and off-site construction.

Primary schools, secondary and City Technology Colleges are all now aligned with the BSF programme, together with other more established funding routes, for individual educational developments.

PFI is a vital mechanism in programme delivery and LABC is currently involved with many of the bidding and appointed teams and are thereby able, through such partnerships, to bring a significant measure of added value whilst ensuring regulatory compliance.

Similarly, for further assurance, we are able to offer the opportunity for developers, designers and contractors to take advantage of LABC Latent Gold – the 10-year latent defects warranty for new commercial and public buildings, including schools and colleges. This unique affordable warranty is only available in conjunction with LABC.

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Where building systems and off-site construction are involved in your proposals, LABC National System Type Approval is a major advantage in ensuring guaranteed acceptance by speeding up solution solving and reducing design and construction times.

The Government's abiding mantra – 'Education, Education, Education' – will not only seek to develop quality learning opportunities for our children but will provide a unique opportunity for your organisation, working in conjunction with LABC, to prove, develop and display our combined learning abilities and skills in delivering high quality and sustainable schools and colleges fit for the future.

Let LABC assist you in winning and delivering projects in Building Schools for the Future.

To find out more, please speak to one of the LABC Business Development Team (details below) or contact your nearest Local Authority Building Control Office.

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