Here at CIPS, the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply, we are acutely aware of the pressure procurement teams in the construction sector have come under during the COVID-19 crisis. With supply and labour shortages, making sites safe for works to continue, and long, complex supply chains - it's been far from easy.

In order that we can give you construction specific, world-class procurement support, we established the CIPS Construction Leaders Group. A cluster of senior leaders from major construction firms, who work with us to drive excellence and professionalism in procurement and supply capability. As a result we are able to provide the most up-to-date and relevant news and resources for the construction sector.

Another significant event that has shaped the construction industry in recent years, was the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in June 2017 where 72 people sadly lost their lives.

The subsequent inquiry highlighted some inadequacies in the construction sector. Poor procurement was identified as one of the reasons for the fire. This resulted in a new working group that CIPS was invited to chair.

We discussed in depth what needs to change, why safety cannot be compromised for commercial gain and how can it be prevented from happening again.

The outcome was a balanced approach to decision making at every stage of procurement. Starting with our Procurement Construction Competency Tool, which allows you to benchmark and assess yourself and your teams against the desired standards. Should you have a skills gap to fill, CIPS training and accreditation ensures individuals are appropriately trained.

Supporting the Construction Sector

Coronavirus News & Resources

- Construction Post Covid19
- Risk and Regulation
- Procurement Standards
- CompeteFor - An online platform linking businesses to contract opportunities
- Post-Covid Recovery
- Procurement Team Challenges
- Impact on Construction
- Purchasing Boost Dampened
- Commodities Indices

Grenfell Tower News & Resources

- Setting the Bar report
- Setting the Bar summary
- Lessons from Grenfell
- Competencies must improve
- New Procurement Framework
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Alongside supporting the construction sector, the profession and the construction firms, CIPS are fully committed to supporting individuals achieve their potential.

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