

mtech insight

The Monthly Newsletter from the Offsite Specialists

in brief...



SOCIAL HOUSING EXHIBITION 2010

22 - 24 September, ICC, Birmingham
The business exhibition for providers of social housing
www.socialhousingexhibition.co.uk

We are eagerly looking forward to attending the Social Housing Exhibition in September, even more so since looking back at the work we have done for Housing Associations over the past 4 years it will be like meeting old friends.

In total we have completed in excess of 50 projects ranging from Offsite support on a pilot scheme through to the full implementation of their MMC strategy, but mostly retainer agreements to help Housing Associations become confident in using MMC technologies.

If you are intending to visit the exhibition please register early, it is always a most popular visitor attraction, just go to: www.mtech-consult.com/events and click the link to Social Housing Exhibition.

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offsite online

The smarter way to find Offsite systems

Offsiteonline is a unique reference resource for the most up to date information on companies supplying quality offsite construction solutions into the UK market.

A few of the new subscribers we would like to welcome are:

Supawall featured as a full entry in Building Components

Terrapin upgraded to a full entry in Volumetric Modular

When you need to know which offsite products to use in your construction project Offsiteonline is the expert at your finger tips.

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Mtech are exhibiting at the Irish Sustainable Building Show at Simmonscourt in Dublin from 7th to 9th October 2010. The show attracts Architects, Developers and Local Authorities just to name a few.



Bob Mears will be attending and will be available for meetings at the stand if you have a desperate need to speak to a Pod and Wood Expert. Mtech's stand is adjacent to the Seminar Area, number S48.

We have spoken to the Exhibition Organisers and there is a grant available on a first come basis of £1,000 towards your exhibition costs just visit our website to learn more.

[read more](#)

Myth Busting – You can only use Offsite for buildings

Not true - look at this fantastic image of a bridge under construction using offsite technologies.



Calling for Exhibitors 2011

Innovate Offsite

a guide to Offsite and how it is being made to work today

Earlier this year at the Ecobuild exhibition, Mtech teamed up with Galliford Try and 15 different offsite technology manufacturers, to present the Innovate Offsite feature and create the Innovate Offsite publication, you can download a copy from www.mtech-consult.com.

10,000 of the brochures were printed and have been distributed to contractors, HAs, local authorities, developers and architects from all over the UK. Galliford Try themselves distributed 1500 of them through their regional offices. The whole project was put together at very little cost (£1100 from each manufacturer), except for their time and display product.

We are considering a similar opportunity for a different exhibition in 2011 and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in discussing the idea further.

Funding News



If your company is based in Yorkshire and you are looking to diversify and develop your business then you may qualify for a grant towards our consultancy fees of up to 60%.

Here is a selection of grants that may be relevant to you with Mtech's help:

Proof of Market Grants – market for new technologies

Micro Development Grants – prototype development

Research Grants – innovative technology

Development Grants – pre-production prototype

As usual with grants you have to be classed as an SME which means you employ fewer than 250 personnel and you have an annual turnover of less than £43 million or indeed are not owned fully by a non SME

If you have a project that you think you might benefit from Mtech's help then just give Susie Bell a call on 01743 276041.



Manufacturing Advisory Service funding is back... it can help pay for up to 10 days consultancy from Mtech on any manufacturing related issue. As last year you can claim match funding up to a brilliant £6,000

It can also be used for ISO9000, ISO14001 and OHSAS18000 Management Systems... but beware! The funding will not be around for long so get in touch with Susie Bell on 01743 276041 to find out how we can help you.



Business Link have a new stream of funding available for companies with high potential growth. If you feel your company fits the criteria call Susie Bell on 01743 276041 to discuss how you can benefit from the funding available.

[visit the Mtech funding page](#)

Sydney and Melbourne 16th – 25th July 2010



As you are all aware now Bob Mears will be representing Mtech at Enviro 2010 in Melbourne 21st to 23rd July. Mtech will be exhibiting in conjunction with the UKTI, who have been invaluable in the help and support they have given Mtech.

Enviro 2010 is Australia's top environmental and sustainability exhibition showcasing the largest display of products and technologies that are available to Australian businesses and consumers and help them make informed decisions on sustainable developments.

Bob has been invited to a meeting with The Hon. Mike Rann M.P. Premier of South Australia while in Melbourne.

There is a real interest in new offsite technologies in Australia and this meeting should give Mike Rann an insight in to the UK offsite market which is perceived by Australian Contractors as being leading edge.

From Australia Bob will be visiting Clients in Dubai – but that is another story... you will have to wait until October for that one!

Case Study - Mtech and Crest Nicholson

What was Mtech's Brief?

We were tasked with undertaking a review of proposed building designs for a project in Bath which involved over 2,000 properties from low rise through to apartment blocks up to 13 storeys and to work with the project team to identify Offsite solutions that could be adopted within the development.



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