

PROVEN PERFORMANCE

*Partnership with the Leicestershire Highways Works Alliance (LHWA)
Driving efficiency in Leicestershire, CIHT Award Submission*

Partnership Leicestershire County Council (LCC), Tarmac
and Leicestershire Highways Operations (LHO)
Main Contractor Tarmac Contracting
Location Leicestershire
Timescale January 2008 - Present

THE CHALLENGE

The LHWA is a long-term £8m per annum contract between LCC and Tarmac. Requiring an effective partnership relationship between Tarmac and the LCC's in-house highway service, LHO, the contract is designed to encourage innovation and efficiency savings by sharing resources, best practice, knowledge and developing multi-disciplined integrated teams.

Tarmac was awarded the contract in January 2008. As well as pavement maintenance works, the LHWA includes a range of environmental works, including grass cutting of highway verges and amenity

OUR SOLUTION

A number of working groups were developed to look at specific areas of the LHWA, from material specification to the processes involved in developing target costs. These groups enable more efficient resolution of issues and promote collaborative working at all levels. They also allow for the introduction of innovative materials.

Officers from both Tarmac and LCC have presented LHWA best practice initiatives to other local authorities in the region at Midland Highway Alliance seminars, including the processes jointly developed for the identification of efficiency savings.

RESULTS AND BENEFITS

The contract has seen approximately £673k in efficiency savings during its first three years.

The 'Roadworks Protocol' has been effectively developed to notify the public about impending LHWA works. Recent surveys undertaken within Leicestershire show high levels of public satisfaction for highways. Grass cutting programmes published on the LCC website to aide public engagement and awareness.

The LHWA has received extremely favourable audits from the Considerate Constructors Scheme, scoring significantly higher than the national average, with special reference being made to the work done in public consultation, the environment and public / private sector partnership working.

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