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Sign up now for our new Retrofit Database

The Building Futures Partnership is working with the Association for the Conservation of Energy and BioRegional Development Group to create a new Retrofit Resource for Hertfordshire.



The Retrofit Resource is designed to support efforts toward making Hertfordshire's built environment more resource efficient and resilient to climate change impacts. The Resource will consist of:

- A new module providing advice on how to achieve a sustainable refurbishment of residential and non-residential properties.
- An online database of companies who provide retrofit services within Hertfordshire, such as installing solid wall insulation.

The **Retrofit module** will guide homeowners and property managers through their retrofit project from design stage through to implementation. It will provide information on various aspects, such as the typical costs and benefits of retrofitting, how to plan your retrofit project, and the practical issues associated with retrofitting. You can view the draft module [here](#).

With an understanding of what retrofitting involves, the **Retrofit database** will allow homeowners and property managers to find and make contact with the companies who can deliver the retrofit services they need, including energy efficiency solutions, renewable heat and power technologies, water efficiency and management solutions, and cooling within buildings – as well as relevant maintenance, survey, audit, assessment and project management services. All the companies listed on the database will be accredited members of the following bodies or schemes, so consumers can be confident they will receive a professional and high quality service:

- CIGA
- Combined Heat and Power Association
- Federation of Master Builders
- Federation of Environmental Trade Associations
- Building Controls Industry Association
- Heat Pump Association
- Micropower Council
- Renewable Energy Association
- Heating Ventilating & Air Conditioning Manufacturers Association
- Solar Trade Association
- Mark Group
- Perma Rock
- Worcester Bosch
- Builder's Merchants Federation
- Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineers
- National Insulation Association
- Insulated Render & Cladding Association
- British Urethane Foam Contractors Association
- Glass & Glazing Federation
- Pilkington
- FENSA
- Microgeneration Certification Scheme
- SIG
- Celotex
- Instagroup

If your company provides retrofit services in Hertfordshire, and are accredited with one of the bodies above, then fill in our short questionnaire on Survey Monkey [here](#) and market your company's services within Hertfordshire for free via a trusted local authority initiative

If you have any queries about the questionnaire or database please contact Jack Carrington at jack@ukace.org.

SustainaBuild – Constructing a Sustainable Future

A consortium led by Climate Energy has been awarded £880k from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to facilitate low carbon economic growth in the East of England.

The three year SustainaBuild project will support 180 construction sector SMEs wishing to expand, diversify and seek certification in the low carbon construction sector. In addition to providing support mechanisms to businesses, the project will showcase an exemplar, low carbon retrofit of a sheltered housing complex in Broxbourne - the Whitehouse, to share best practice and knowledge to SMEs on how overall building performance can be improved post retrofit.

The consortium also includes Hertfordshire County Council, Climate Consulting and Broxbourne Housing Association. The total project value is £2.2m with the project partners match funding to the value of over £1.3m.

The Hertfordshire Building Futures programme will support industry learning and knowledge dissemination from the demonstration project, as well as general publicity and project promotion. The 2013 Building Futures Awards will include a new low carbon retrofit award category for construction sector SMEs to enter.

The European Regional Development Fund supports programmes designed to target employment, small and medium-sized enterprises, innovation and high-tech business investment. A key priority is to ensure sustainable development that supports local jobs and business growth, and which supports the efficient use of resources, the minimisation of waste and the development of low carbon approaches to construction and refurbishment of properties.

For more information on the SustainaBuild project please visit the Building Futures website at www.hertslink.org/buildingfutures.

Upcoming Events

Designing SUDS	CIRIA, London 6 March
Trees in the built environment	CIRIA, London 15 March
How to identify and survey Modern Methods of Construction	BRE, Watford 16 March
Passivhaus introduction and workshop	BRE, Watford 16 March
Ecobuild	Excel, London 20-22 March
Introduction to Renewable	BRE, Watford 28 March
The risks and opportunities of retrofitting historic and traditional buildings in the UK	RIBA East, Cambridge 29 March
Renewable Energy: Lessons from the Community Sustainable Energy Programme (free event)	CSEP, Peterborough 29 March
Localism for Architects	RIBA East, Cambridge 17 May

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